



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- **Dec 18:** Chorus Concert 6:30pm
- **Dec 19:** Early Release @1:50pm
- **Dec 22-Jan 6:** No School / Winter Break
- **Jan 19:** MLK Jr Day / No School
- **Jan 22:** Imax Family Movie Night
- **Jan 31:** Pirate 5K
- **Feb 7:** Character Counts Run



**Show your
School Spirit!**

Monday—Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

As we are in the final week of school prior to the Winter Break, we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. Enjoy this time with your family and may you make many wonderful memories.

We had hoped to be able to send devices home for the holiday break, but this will not be possible. We wanted to be sure we had everything in place as best we could prior to holding meetings and allowing the devices to go home. Once the software was initially installed we began running our own trials to check for issues. This process took several days and we had connection problems to work through. The goal is for your child to take the device home and be able to access our school internet (for filtering purposes) from any Wi-Fi location. Last week, we were able to download the latest upgrade and run successful tests. As this recently occurred, this did not allow time to hold all the necessary meetings to allow devices to go home over the break. In order for your child to take a device home (grades 1-5 only at this time), it is mandatory that one of the child's guardians attend one of these meetings.

The meetings will be held in the Galley and are scheduled for:

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| Wed. | Jan. 7 | 9:30 – 10:30 am |
| Thurs. | Jan. 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm |
| Fri. | Jan. 9 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm |
| Tues. | Jan. 13 | 9:30 – 10:30 am |
| Tues. | Jan. 13 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm |
| Thurs. | Jan. 15 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm |

Last Chance Meetings:

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| Tues. | Jan. 27 | 6:30 – 7:30pm |
| Thurs. | Jan 29 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm |

More electronic news: In coming weeks your child will be given a user name and password that will allow them to download most of the Office 365 Applications on up to 5 devices. For example, they could download Word, Power Point and One Note on their school device, a home computer, an iPad, a windows phone and one other device. This will help them keep up with all their documents no matter where they are. My understanding is also that if a new device will be coming into the home that this would allow you to download the office products onto that machine. More information will come, but we wanted to get this to you before the break in hopes of saving you some money.

We are still searching for furniture for our school. As we expand we are looking for furniture to be used in offices and in casual meeting places. Office furniture and items that may be found in waiting rooms are in need. If you are replacing any home furniture or know of an office that is replacing any furniture please let us know.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members of the Principals Math Challenge; Ranya Benchabourne, Nora Menon, Giles Pickens, Brady Ohlson, Connor Lewis, Isabella Mullan, Nathan Wade, Fletcher Reston, Sam Pehr, Liam Callaghan, Connor Grooms and Mr. Farnum.

Finally, Friday, Dec. 19 is the last school day prior to beginning our Winter Break. School will be dismissed an hour early on that Friday. Dismissal will be at 1:50pm.

Students return to school on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Captain Allen Anderson

LOST AND FOUND

Please check our lost and found for any missing items. Any items not claimed by Thursday afternoon will be donated.

YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN SPANISH!



L.E.E. is a program offered to all regular and extended day students. L.E.E. will encourage the students to develop a love for the language, while offering intensive language instruction.

Classes meet twice a week after school for 15 week session. Classes meet at the school immediately after dismissal. For more information, please visit <http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Palencia-Elementary-Weatherstem/1463939643869641>

VISITING OUR SCHOOL?

Reminder: all visitors to our school must be an approved volunteer. This applies to all events including field trips, class parties, luncheons, or any other reason you would need to enter the school during the school day.

Please apply at <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteers/>. Also, please be prepared to show your photo identification to the receptionist upon entering the school. Thank you.

WEATHER

Did you know you can get live weather updates directly from our weather station here at PES? Simply text **Palencia** to (904)429-3709.

ART ROOM NEWS

Art to Remember Orders have arrived! Mrs. Walczak and our volunteers will be delivering them to classrooms on Tuesday for students to take home. If you prefer to pick them up yourself, please email me and we will have your order ready at the front desk.

Thank you for all your support! Don't forget The Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest(K-5) is due on January 9th and are to be mailed to the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in Tallahassee. We have so many talented artists that I am sure they have a great chance at winning! [Kids Get a Plan webpage](#) [More info](#)

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday full of joyous family fun! ~ Ms. Wardley



PES Artist of the Week:
Brayden, 2nd Grade
Ms. Palmatier's Class
Title: "Portrait with Quilt"

**Check out our Art Room
Webpage for more info!!!
[My website!!](#)**

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

DAVIDSON REALTY KICKBACK NIGHT RESULTS

We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors at Davidson Realty and Davidson Cares, as well as Mojo's BBQ, for the great fundraiser coordinated last week. The event raised \$880 for our students at Palencia Elementary! Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.



TARGET REDCARD – HOLIDAY SHOPPING HELPS PES!

If you frequent Target for your holiday shopping, please consider registering your Target REDcard through the Take Charge of Education program...Palencia Elementary can receive up to 1% of your purchases. To date, 45 REDcard holders have designated PES as the school to benefit from their purchases. Nearly \$1,700 has been donated to our school since it was built, including a donation of over \$900 in August! For more information, visit www.Target.com/tcoe or call (800) 316-6142. The school ID for PES is 152842.

BOX TOP REMINDER

As we head into the busy holiday season, please remember to keep collecting those Box-Tops and sending them in with your little pirate! The next contest will end in February, and the top class in each grade level will earn a sweet treat to enjoy. For more information about BoxTops and how they work, [click HERE](#).



COMING IN JANUARY...THE PIRATE 5K

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1st Annual Pirate 5K on Saturday, January 31, 2015. This will be a chip-timed race. Registration is now open, and more information is available at the event website, www.thePirate5K.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available, too!

STAY CONNECTED

Have you "liked" us on Facebook yet? We post quite a bit of current information there, including reminders as various activities get closer on the calendar. Click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page so you can "like" us and keep up! While you're online, bookmark our PTO website, too: www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 17 – Chorus Performance at 9 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 18 – Chorus Performance at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 19 – **Early Release Day** and Sumo Wrestling Event between Capt. Anderson & First Mate

For a complete calendar of events, [visit the PTO Calendar Page](#).

THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!

Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary School? Visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com/sponsors.html to download the sponsorship brochure for more information. We hope that you will find a level of support that is appropriate for your company. For more details, please contact Traci Lewis at (904) 687-3499 or send an e-mail to pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com.

Thank you to Wyatt Lightsey for donating
our PES Christmas tree this year!



Principal Anderson and Wyatt, December 2014