



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## Calendar of events:

- **Feb 13:** Father/Daughter Dance  
Mother/Son Night
- **Feb 16:** Presidents Day/No School
- **Feb 24:** FSA Info Meeting
- **Mar 5:** FSA Testing—4th / 5th
- **Mar13:** Planning Day / No School
- **Mar 16-20:** Spring Break
- **Mar 26-27:** FSA Testing—3rd /4th
- **Mar 31-Apr1:** FSA Testing—3rd/4th  
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## Show your School Spirit!

Monday— Red  
Tuesday—Black  
Wednesday—Green  
Thursday—White  
Friday - Spirit Wear

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

We hope everyone is having a wonderful week and that you are all staying warm. Some weeks we do not get the newsletter out until Wednesday for a variety of reasons. This week we are sending it out on Wednesday as I am writing this section after attending the FSA informational meeting held at Mill Creek Tuesday evening. On Tuesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the last of these meetings here at Palencia Elementary. There is a flyer about this and the others opportunities to attend this meeting attached. The meeting is full of good information for our families of our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. I would recommend attending this meeting for families that have students in one of these grades as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in preparation for next year. Besides good information and sample items, there is an opportunity to ask questions of the subject area experts. Handouts and other resources will be provided to guide you in helping your child. Additionally, we will be opening our computer lab at 5:30pm the evening of our event to allow our parents an opportunity to take the practice test for yourself. At the end of the meeting, a brief survey was taken and all the parents in attendance found the meeting to be either moderately or (the majority of the votes) very informative.

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the *St. John's County Character Counts* run this past Saturday held here at PES. We would also like to send a very special thank you to both the Las Calinas and Kennsington neighborhoods for your support and allowing us to run through your neighborhoods.

**Testing** - In the past we have closed the building to all volunteers during the weeks of testing. As the format has changed and someone in the school will be testing for several weeks we will only be closing certain decks during their testing time. Please be sure to read your teachers communication. As well as future editions of this newsletter for more information.

The School Improvement Survey is now available. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey to help us guide the direction of our school. It can be found at <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86KMnmmM>

As I am sure you have noticed our communities are growing. Not only are our communities growing, but all of St. John's County seems to be booming again, especially in the northern half. This brings to question where will be put all the additional students? Please know there is no plan for any rezoning or opening of any new schools. As we here at PES grow, I will share any information as I receive it. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday as we celebrate Presidents Day. We hope you enjoy your three day weekend.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the Principals Math Challenge: Edmund Pattishall.

*Captain Allen Anderson*

## Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media Center News



### Read Across America Book Swap

The Pirate Cove is proud to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Seusstastic Book Swap** during "Read Across America Week." It all starts on **February 19, 2015**. Students can bring any new or **gently used** children's books to the Media Center **8:10-9:00 each morning** from February 19 -March 2. Starting **March 2**, students can choose new books from the exchange collection **during their Media Resource time**. The exchange will end March 10, 2014 just in time for Spring Break.

### February AR Challenge - I Love a Series

In order to accommodate all ages and reading levels, this challenge has two options. If the student reads a book with **50 or less pages**, then they need to **read 4 books**. If the books are **50 or more pages** then you need to read **3 books** in the series to meet the challenge. To qualify for the challenge, students must read within their ZPD (reading range set by STAR Test) and pass the AR tests with a 70% or higher. Teachers will use a short form to sign-off on the student's successful completion of the challenge. Finally, students can come to the media center to pick up their reward. Students will have their names announced on WPES and be given an "I Love a Series" Brag Tag.



### Yearbook

Do you have photos of a class or school event? We would love to add them to the yearbook. Please add your pictures to the following link: <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/yearbook>. You can also purchase your yearbooks at this link for \$20.

### Attention All Movie Making Pirates!

The Jim Harbin Student Media Festival is a movie making competition for students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade sponsored by The Florida Association of Media Specialists. We will be holding **Jim Harbin Media Festival meetings in the PES Media Center** each **Tuesday from 3PM to 4PM** until the March deadline. The deadline for entries is March 12, 2015. **In March there may be other meeting times in order to meet the final deadline. Permission slips are in the media center.** Please address questions to [shannon.ayrish@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:shannon.ayrish@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or [jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.us](mailto:jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.us).



### SSYRA - Battle of the Books

We will be picking our battle team in early March. Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> who have read at least 10 Sunshine State books and have passed the AR tests are eligible to test for the team. The battle practices will start after Spring Break on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The Battle will be held May 12.

Order your PES  
yearbook now!  
Price goes up after  
March 25th!

## TEST PROCTORS NEEDED

To sign up, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Ahoy! Future Palencia Elementary School Kindergarten Parents!



### Pre-Kindergarten registration schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 12, 2015	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, May 8, 2015	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### You will need to bring with you:

- ◆ Original Birth Certificate
- ◆ Form 680 Immunization Record
- ◆ Current Physical - within one year of the start of school August 10, 2015
- ◆ Residency Documents - See our website <http://www.pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

For more information please contact :  
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email: [CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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# PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## MOTHER/SON AND FATHER/DAUGHTER EVENTS

The Annual Mother/Son Fun Night at Rebounderz and Father/Daughter Dance at the Palencia Club are **this Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**! Tickets for the Father/Daughter Dance have officially sold out, but tickets for the Mother/Son event are still available at \$16 per jumper (non-jumpers are free). Visit the event page [HERE](#) to register for the Mother/Son event.

## SPRING SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION DINNER

Mark your calendars and save the date! **On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will host our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Social and Silent Auction Dinner, a special event for adults only.** The event will be held at the Palencia Club and seating will be limited. Proceeds will be used to purchase reading and writing programs to benefit all the students within the school. Tickets will be on sale soon...keep checking this page of the weekly newsletter as well as Facebook and the PTO website!

## SPIRIT WEAR WINTER SALE

There is still time to place your order through the **ONLINE Winter Spirit Wear Blowout Sale** on the PTO website! Shirts are only \$10 each, but the sale is limited to current inventory only...once a size is sold out, it will no longer be available. Visit the Spirit Wear page to view the sale today!



## BOX TOP CONTEST #3 IS UNDERWAY!

Please remember to keep collecting those BoxTops and sending them in with your little pirate! Contest #2 ended last week, but the third and final contest for this school year has even higher stakes...classes who collect 500 Box Tops will receive a popcorn party, classes with 750 Box Tops will earn an ice cream sundae party, and those who collect 1,000 Box Tops will celebrate with a pizza and movie party! For more information about BoxTops and how they work, click [HERE](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, Feb. 13—PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR
- Friday, Feb. 13—Father/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Night
- Monday, Feb. 16—Presidents' Day—No School
- Thursday, Mar. 5—FSA Testing—4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing
- Friday, Mar. 6—PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR
- Friday, Mar. 13—Teacher Planning Day—No School for Students
- March 16-20—SPRING BREAK!
- Mar. 26-27—FSA Testing—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Mar. 31 and Apr. 1—FSA Testing—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Our school nurse, Jessica Nalley, could use some assistance with sorting clothes that have been donated to the clinic and the school. If you have some time to volunteer, please stop by and see her for instructions. Thank you!

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

THE PALENCIA CLUB

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# Community News

## Have-a-Heart Pet-Parade!

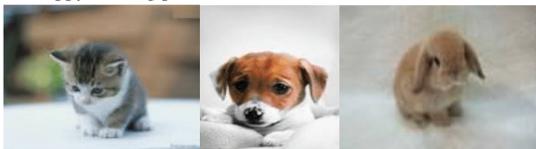
Keilana McGreevy will donate the supplies to **Humane Society**. It is on February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00-11:00. You and your children can gather at the field where the Boosterthon was. We hope you have lots of fun! And remember, the pets will thank you!

Dear Parents and Kids,

**DID YOU KNOW** about 2.7 million pets have been turned down into animal shelters in the United States? You and your child are invited to the first "Have a heart Pet-Parade!" So bring your pet! It is to raise awareness of how many pets out there are in an animal shelters, not having owners. However, to enter please bring an item of pet supplies to donate, we mostly require:

- Gentle leaders (Medium and large.)
- Kongs
- Cat toys without cat nip
- Dog Treats
- Towels, wash clothes, and white bath towels
- Feliway spray
- Food for birds and small animals
- Fresh Veggies
- Timothy hay
- Puppy training pads

**Event Date  
is Feb 21st!**



## CHOCOLATE AND BEYOND A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County is proud to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Chocolate and Beyond event. This celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 2 – 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C in St. Augustine. Guests will enjoy tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. A silent auction, 50-50 chance, and contests will also be part of this fun and exciting afternoon. Tickets (\$10.00 in person, \$12.00 on-line) can be purchased on the RSVP website ([www.rsvpstjohns.com](http://www.rsvpstjohns.com)), or at Whetstone Chocolates (King Street and Anastasia Blvd locations), Cold Cow Ice Cream, and TD Bank in St. Augustine.

### *Adventures in the Estuary Summer Camp*

For more information please visit: <http://gtmnerr.org/Summer-Camps.php> or view the [Summer Camp Flyer](#) !



WJCT is kicking off the new year with the PBS KIDS Writers Contest, a national initiative designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning.

Research shows that creative writing can enhance and improve a child's literacy development, and through this Contest, WJCT is helping prepare children for learning and success in school.

To visit the 2015 WJCT PBS Kids Writers Contest web page and check out a variety of resources [CLICK HERE!](#)

## 2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR DRAWING REGISTRATION DATES



**SUMMER GAMES**  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR

Begins March 2 at 8 a.m.

Closes March 13 at 5 p.m.

### REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

Online at [www.sjcf.us/youth](http://www.sjcf.us/youth)

Solomon Calhoun Center  
904-209-0395

Ketterlinus Gym  
904-209-0377

Recreation & Parks Main Office  
904-209-0333

Or Contact [Jamie Baccari](#) | (904) 209-0377

## St. Johns Reads 2015: Last Train to Paradise

This 10th Annual St. Johns Reads selection is a Florida themed book - Les Standiford's *Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flagler and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Railroad that Crossed an Ocean* is sure to be a crowd pleaser for this year's program. We encourage community members to join us in reading this year's selection and to participate in a variety of events including book discussions, films, and presentations that will feature various elements of Florida's history. Les Standiford will be speaking at the County Auditorium on Saturday, February 28 at 2pm. This program is free and open to the public. For more information please see the [Menu of Events](#) for this year's program.

### For Parents & Teachers Only:

## Seven Tips for Creating a Safe Cyber Environment

A [Free](#) Presentation by FBI Agents  
Currently Working in the Field of  
Cyber Crime



Also learn the perils associated with

- \*chatrooms
- \*online gaming and
- \*social websites.

**Thursday, February 12, 2015  
6:30pm**

**Sebastian Middle School Auditorium**

*For your convenience:*

**\$5 Chili Dinner Available at 5:45pm,  
SMS Cafeteria.**

SMS student presentation: Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Sponsored by the SMS PTO.*