



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- **Feb 25:** FCAT Writes—
NO VISITORS
- **Feb 28:** Tennis Social
- **Mar 4/5:** 1st Grade Play
- **Mar 7:** PTO Meeting
- **Mar 8:** Daylight Savings Ends
- **Mar 14:** Teacher Planning /
No School
- **Mar 17-23:** Spring Break
and the Davidson Cares 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,

The past few weeks have been very exciting here at PES. It started as we sent out the laptop carts to all the upper grades. Use of technology to enhance the learning process has been a part of the culture here at PES from the first day that the doors opened last year. The move from iPads to laptops has been a pretty easy transition for these students and teachers. It has been wonderful to see all the students engaged on the same learning as opposed to working around the schedule caused by shared devices.

The excitement continued as we celebrated our Teacher of the Year (TOY), Mrs. K. Worthington, and our Rookie Teacher of the Year (RTOY), Miss R. Royal, at the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year Banquet last week. We have a school full of excellent teachers so to be selected for this is quite an honor. The highlight of the evening is the announcing of the TOY and RTOY for the whole county. We were all very excited to hear that Miss Royal has been named the RTOY for St. Johns County. Way to go Miss Royal!!!!

During the month of March you may notice our teachers wearing jeans on a regular basis. I am a firm believer in dressing in a professional manner, but for the Month of March our staff will be wearing jeans as we join the fight against cancer. Our staff has a 'Relay for Life' team that will be participating in the World Golf Relay for Life event on March 29th. To raise funds for this fight our teachers will be making a donation to the team for the privilege to wear jeans for the month of March. I hope you will support our team, as well as other teams, on March 29th at Mill Creek.

Do you Tweet? So do we! We are piloting the use of twitter as a communication tool for our schools. I have set up two accounts that will be utilized by our school.

@palenciacaptain is an account that I will use to share information and good news concerning our school. **@palenciaschool** is an account that will be used to share news concerning our school from a student's perspective. I hope you will follow each of these accounts. I am excited about these tools as a quick, easy way to share information.

Join me in congratulating our newest members of the Principal's Math Challenge. Our newest 'Math Mateys' are Sam Zangrilli, Cierra Wise, Kayla Lahey, Brionna Reeves, Keilana McGreevy, Georgia Berger, Gracee Winerton-Ros, Malcolm McEwan, Evan Hodac, Cory Pagano, Carter Gramlich, Charlotte Fritz, Adah Lisk, Addie Giles, Baylor Vu and John Jones. Congratulations!!

Captain Allen Anderson

School News

NO ACCESS – Next Wednesday the 4th grade will be taking the FCAT Writes Assessment. During this test, as well as during the FCAT, we will not be allowing any visitors or volunteers in the school. The only exception will be for those that have signed up to proctor the administration of the test. If you typically volunteer in a teacher's class you may want to contact them to see if there is another day for you to volunteer. Thank you for your understanding.

Cold and flu season is hitting hard and the Resource classes are feeling the pinch! Please consider donating boxes of tissues, bottles of hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes to the Resource teachers...supplies are running low and the germs are running high!

Do you know how to play Chess? Then you might be interested in the PES Chess Crew. We still have a few spots left for our Pirates that already know how to play the game. The chess Crew will meet each Tuesday from now until March 11th after school until 4pm. Please pick up permission slip in the front office. A \$5 charge applies.

Vote Now! Go to www.davidsoncares.com to vote for PES to receive grants from the Davidson Cares fundraiser. One vote per day.

PTO NEWS



There are still spaces for the upcoming Tennis Social!

SERVE IT UP... FOR PES!

Friday, February 28th 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Palencia Tennis Courts

5 p.m. check-in and warm-ups begin
Round Robin Play

Admission:
\$35 per person for tennis participants
\$25 per person for spectators

Prizes will be awarded for tennis participants

Admission includes dinner, DJ entertainment, raffle prize drawings and the opportunity to bid on items in an amazing Silent Auction!

All proceeds will benefit professional development for teachers at Palencia Elementary School

Special Thanks to the Palencia Tennis Center for Contributions to this Event!

Childcare for ages 4-12 will be offered from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Palencia Swim & Fitness Center: \$10/first child, \$7/second child (25 children max); e-mail heather@murrayinternationalgolf.com to RSVP

For more information or to register, visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com

Tennis Contests Include:
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Lottery Registration Announcement:

Registration for St. Johns County's 2014 Super Summer Spectacular Summer Program will begin online March 3-14. The lottery drawing will take place March 28, with results being mailed by April 5. St. Johns County Recreation and Parks Department hosts the Super Summer Spectacular program for children ages 5-12 that emphasizes outdoor activities and includes exciting field trips and swimming sessions. For more information regarding lottery registration, or the Super Spectacular Camp Program including camp locations, dates, and fees please visit www.sjcf.us/youth or call 904.209.0377.

Would you be interested in becoming a surrogate parent for an ESE student?

A surrogate parent is a person who acts in the interests of an exceptional student in the ESE process. You do not have to be an expert for be a great surrogate parent. The role of the surrogate is to participate in the ESE process, help make decisions, make sure the student's educational needs are met and to make sure the student's rights are protected. A surrogate parent is appointed for a student if the child's parent is unknown or cannot be located or if the child is a ward of the state. Please consider being a surrogate parent. The training will be Feb. 27, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. at the school board office at 40 Orange Street. Please contact Sarah Coffin at 547-7712 if you are interested in attending.

Adventures in the Estuary Camp

Adventures in the Estuary Camp is a fun and educational way for your child to discover the importance of the coastal community, explore the many habitats found at the GTM Research Reserve, and even participate in research projects just like the biologists who work here! All sessions will be balanced with camp games and crafts that support the learning themes! This year we're dividing our age groups into separate months. June is for 7-10 year olds and July is for 10-12 year olds. Each week will focus on a specific habitat that comprises the estuarine ecosystem (Beach, Estuary, and Uplands).

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