



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- Feb 19: Spring Picture Day
- 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,

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>

If you have a student that attends a school on an Out of Zone Waiver, the window is now open to file this waiver for next year. A copy of Out of Zone waiver is attached for your convenience. If this applies to you, be sure to submit this soon as this window is not open very long,

District Leadership has prepared presentations to help our families prepare for the FSA. The presentation will start at 6:30 and conclude at 8:00. It will consist of a writing and ELA session followed by a mathematics portion. Time for parent questions has been built into the process. Please try to attend one of the following events:

February 19th – Valley Ridge

February 24th – Palencia

St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) Chair, Bev Slough, will host a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Creekside High School. This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Technology, growth, capital funding and advocacy will be the focus of this meeting and each topic will be covered by Slough or SJCS D administrators. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner will provide remarks at the start of the meeting. There will also be time allotted for questions and comments from attendees.

“Our school district has realized a 5 percent increase in students this year alone,” said Slough. “We continue to grow at a rapid pace and must figure out ways to fund new schools to accommodate our children. This can only be done by working together as a community, and determining ways that each one of us can help.”

The northwest portion of St. Johns County is one of the fastest growing areas in the region. Slough periodically holds Town Hall meetings to ensure that parents and children are informed with correct and accurate information.

Captain Allen Anderson

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media Center News



Read Across America Book Swap

The Pirate Cove is proud to announce the 2nd 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-12th 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 or jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.us.



SSYRA - Battle of the Books

We will be picking our battle team in early March. Students in grades 3rd-5th 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.

Spring Individual
Picture Day is
Thursday!

PRE-PAY ONLY
Please submit
your order form
& payment on
Thursday.

Order your
PES
yearbook
now!

Price goes up
after
March 25th!

TEST PROCTORS NEEDED

To sign up, go to:

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 :

Cindy Williams at (904) 547-4017 or
email: CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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[http://
stjohns.weatherstem.com/
palencia](http://stjohns.weatherstem.com/palencia)

Or on Twitter at:

[https://twitter.com/
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PTO NEWS & EVENTS

HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

It's that time of year again! Voting is underway at www.DavidsonCares.com, featuring videos online produced by teachers at area schools. Palencia Elementary has SIX videos in the running this year! Visit the Palencia page directly HERE (bookmark it so you can find it easily). Please share this information...our family and friends can vote once each day with a valid email address.



SPRING SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION DINNER

Mark your calendars and save the date! **On Friday, April 17th, we will host our 1st 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! 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

Thursday, Mar. 5—FSA Testing—4th and 5th 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—3rd and 4th Grade Math
Mar. 31 and Apr. 1—FSA Testing—3rd and 4th 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

THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!

ST. JOHN'S PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY | **PALENCIA BUSINESS CENTER** | **Design extensions** | **BH HS** | **Bartram Dental Center**

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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.

Community News

Have a Heart Pet-Parade!

Keilana McGreevy will donate the supplies to **Humane Society**. It is on February the 21st, 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! **All are invited!! Bring your pet dressed up for the Pet Parade!!**

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!" You & your pet can play games, do the parade, and have fun! 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



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 22nd 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), 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

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.

HELP SAVE OUR SHORES!

Help the beach by cleaning and spreading awareness to save the beach!

**Date & Where: February 28th, 2015 at Vilano Beach,
Meet us by the boardwalk at 10:30 and it goes to 11:30.**

Purpose: To help the beach by either cleaning up the beach or walk half a mile on the beach to spread awareness. This way we can also save animals from danger!

Guess what? You and your family are all invited!
Anybody is, we are also pet friendly!

Hosted by: Mia Scott and Katarina Stojanovic,
Our project to save us, animals and the beach from pollution.

Please come to save the beach! Thank you!