



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we had this past weekend. This edition of the newsletter begins with a few reminders of upcoming events from past editions:

Out of Zone Waivers are now due

Please take the School Improvement Survey. It can be found at <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86KMnmmM>

There are two important meetings happening this evening (Tuesday, Feb. 24).

- **Florida Standards Assessment Meeting, 6:30 pm at Palencia Elementary**
This meeting is to show parents how to help their students prepare for the FSA. We will have the computer lab open at 5:30 for parents to experience the FSA for themselves. Please enter the front of the building to go to the Computer lab at 5:30 and the Cafeteria doors for the 6:30 Presentation.
- **School Board Member Bev Slough will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at Creekside High School at 7pm to discuss growth and other issues affecting our school district.**

I hope you are able to attend one of these meetings.

We are about to begin a lot of assessments. Almost every week someone is taking some kind of assessment. In years past we would close the school to all volunteers during FCAT days. We greatly value and appreciate all our volunteers and would like them to continue to be in our building. This year we will only be closing individual decks during testing. This first deck closing will occur next Thursday, March 5th, from the start of school until noon. This will only include Yellow and Orange Decks as our 4th and 5th graders take the FSA Writing Assessment. Thank you for your understanding and please watch the Pirate Press for future closings.

We have been invited by the St. Augustine Swashbucklers (the Pirates that have adopted our school) to take part in their activities during the Seafood Festival. Please hold the date of Sunday, March 8th open. We will be asking families to volunteer to help with the activities run by the Swashbucklers. A portion of the proceeds collected will be donated back to the school.

Enjoy your week,

Captain Allen Anderson

FSA WRITES

March 5, 2015

4th and 5th grade

Next Thursday, March 5th, the 4th and 5th grade will be taking the FSA Writes Assessment. During this test, volunteers and visitors will be limited for these grade levels. 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.

Parents: Please send your child to school on time, well rested, and well fed as testing will be done the first part of the day.

We are still in need of proctors for this test. If you are interested, please sign up using the link below.

LOSE SOMETHING?

Please check our lost and found this week as any items left after Friday will be donated.

Order your PES yearbook now!

Price goes up after
March 25th!

Check our local weather at:

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

Or on Twitter at:
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Or on Facebook at:

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TEST PROCTORS NEEDED

To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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/](http://www.pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/)

**Your kindergartener is encouraged to come to registration!
We would love to see what they already know about
numbers and letters!*

*Assessments will also be conducted during the summer break.

For more information please contact :

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

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media Center News February 17, 2015 Edition



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 books from the exchange collection **during their Media Resource time**. The exchange will end March 10, 2014 just in time for Spring Break. **Look for a fun-filled week of Dr. Seuss activities to be announced next soon!**

Pirate Cove Media Center Website

Our Media Center Website has been updated to include many of your favorite “Library Events.” Please visit <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media> and see what’s new. A few highlights include...

~[The Media Center Calendar](#) – dates that classes go to media resource are listed so that you know when to send library books in to school.

~[AR Challenges](#) – find out our latest challenges and what’s coming up

~[WPES News](#) – watch some of you favorite shows from the morning news, including Birthday Book Club

~[Pirate Cove Connection Newsletter](#) – find the latest media center news and subscribe

February AR Challenge – I Love a Series

We have had 20 students earn their brag tags so far this month! Keep reading Pirates. This challenge has two options. If a 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 soon. 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 on March 10. The battle practices will start after Spring Break on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The Battle will be held May 12. More details can be found on the Media Center Website by clicking the link above.

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.



TRADESHOW THIS THURSDAY

PES Corporate Sponsors Paula Fallon and Christine Matthaehi with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices are pleased to announce that the **Palencia Home Expo** will take place this Thursday, February 26th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the PES MultiPurpose Room. Stop by to visit with a variety of vendors representing everything from home improvements and interior design to pest control and pool cleaning!

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. **Ticket sales will begin this week...watch the PTO website for information!**

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

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

THE PALENCIA CLUB

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.

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 11:30 and it goes to 12:30.

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!



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!](#)

SPRING HORSE LOVERS DAY CAMP 2015 with PATRICIA CONWAY

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2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR DRAWING REGISTRATION DATES



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](mailto:Jamie.Baccari@sjcf.us) | (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.

Adventures in the Estuary Summer Camp

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

CHOCOLATE AND BEYOND A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Progra (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.