



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- **Feb 6:** Box Tops Contest #2 ends
- **Feb 7:** Character Counts Run
- **Feb 10:** Jump Rope for Heart
- **Feb 13:** Father/Daughter Dance
Mother/Son Night
- **Feb 16:** President's Day/No School

****Please review the attached district letter regarding class sizes for the 2015-2016 school year****

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

We hope everyone had a wonderful three day weekend. We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to everyone that participated in or helped with the First Annual Pirate 5K. The run and walk were great successes. As an occasional runner, this was one of the best events I have participated in. The community was wonderful and very supportive. PTO and First Place Sports did such a good job, one would never have guessed that it was the first time we had held the event. Thanks again to everyone who participated. Pictures from the event are linked to the PTO Facebook page.

Our staff was very busy on Monday as we hosted an In-service day here for all the Digital Pilot Schools. The day was split between training sessions and time for teachers to share successful practices. This was a very rare opportunity for teachers from around the district to gather and share ideas and best practices. I would like to thank our PES Staff for their willingness to provide much of the training and for facilitating the group sharing sessions. It is wonderful to work with so many amazing leaders.

Speaking of Leaders, yesterday we kicked off the PES Student Leadership Group for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. We had a lot of fun as we learned about leadership, introductions and the purpose of the group. We are very excited about the future of this group. If your child would like to participate we will take applications until this coming Tuesday. Applications can be obtained from your child's teacher or the front office.

Last week we finished the Digital Meetings for all parents. As explained, one of the topics covered in these meetings was insurance to cover a device in case of damage. Insurance is offered for both in school only and for those that would like to take a device home. We will be accepting registration for this insurance until the end of February. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Saturday, February 7th is the Third Annual Character Counts run held at our school. This race is a 6K run and a 3K walk. For more information go to:
<http://www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html>

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the Principals Math Challenge; Addison Marchio and Ryan Sturm. Each grade level has three forms of the test to work from, the following students have passed an additional form of the test: Ryan Sturm, Nathan Wade, Fletcher Reston, Christine Savo-Matthews, Sam Pehr, William Callaghan and Connor Grooms.

Finally, attached to this edition of the Newsletter you will find a letter inviting you to an informational meeting given by our Directors of Instruction. There are 4 meetings scheduled with the last being held here at PES. I plan on attending the first meeting to provide more information in a future edition of the newsletter, but with all the changes in State Standardized Testing, I would like to encourage your attendance to one of these meetings.

Captain Allen Anderson

ART ROOM NEWS

There are so MANY great reasons to celebrate our artists!!!

First congratulations to Julia who won the Severe Weather Awareness poster contest and an IPAD MINI!! The fourth and fifth graders got to be a part of a special assembly today all about Severe Weather Awareness Week (this week) and to congratulate Julia! Thanks to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the great learning opportunities and the exciting assembly!

I am also so excited to see our artists get to publish and share their artwork on Artsonia! I love the wonderful comments from families and parents recognizing and reinforcing their child's creative talents. If you have not gotten a permission form or an email concerning Artsonia, please let me know- jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thank you to Donor's Choose and everyone who donated to help us get Lego for art! We are having SO much fun studying the elements of art and creating interesting compositions using the Lego. This month, we are studying Piet Mondrian. His artwork is the inspiration for our Lego Mondrian Art and Math Projects! We could always use more Lego- (the classes tend to run out of the primary colors for our Mondrian project) so if you have any that your child does not use anymore- we would welcome any donations!

Do you Shake Your Art? Well vote for our video on Davison Cares and you can see how we 'shake' our art with iPads! We could win a set of iPad minis to use in art!!! Click here to vote once a day- per device!

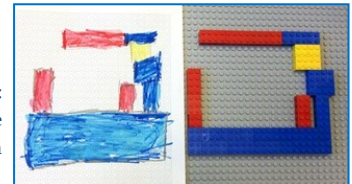
<http://davidsoncares.com/palencia-elementary-school.aspx>

Mark your calendar for our Night of the Arts on May 7th! Check out our Art Room web page for more Art Room Updates!

<http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wardley-j/>

Also- great job to Ms. Kastor's class who earned free art day for super behavior in art!

Artist of the Week:
Lawson- 1st Grade
Abstract Lego Mondrian



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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Check our local weather at:

<http://stjohns.weatherstem.com/palencia>

Or on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/PalenciaWxSTEM>

Or on Facebook at:

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



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Only one more week until our FUN Jump Rope 4 Heart Event! We have already raised OVER \$2500 online.

Way to go Palencia Pirates!

The students are working hard to learn new tricks in the jump rope, and this week we are practicing the long rope and THE VERY FUN DOUBLE DUTCH. Parents you don't want to miss this fun day of jumping. Come and join us Feb 10th. (see the schedule for times)

Schedule: February 10th

5 th grade	8:45-9:30
4 th grade	9:35-10:15
3 rd grade	10:20-11:00
2 nd grade	11:05-11:45
1 st grade	12:30-1:10
Kindergarten	1:15-1:55



PTO NEWS & EVENTS

LAST CALL FOR BOX TOP CONTEST #2!

Please remember to keep collecting those BoxTops and sending them in with your little pirate! The next contest will end **THIS FRIDAY, February 6th**, 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.](#)



THE PIRATE 5K & FAMILY FUN RUN—A GREAT SUCCESS



There were more than **380 people participating last Saturday!** Many thanks to all sponsors and participants and volunteers for helping to make this inaugural event a complete success. It started off chilly, but the morning turned out to be beautiful and we were fortunate to have the company of a great pirate crew to help with the festivities as well. Event photos and the link to the online results will be updated soon at www.thePirate5K.com.

MOTHER/SON AND FATHER/DAUGHTER EVENTS SCHEDULED

The Annual Mother/Son Fun Night at Rebounderz and Father/Daughter Dance at the Palencia Club are scheduled for **Friday, February 13th**! Tickets for the mother/son event are \$16 per jumper (non-jumpers are free), and tickets for the father/daughter event are \$25 per father and \$20 per daughter. [Visit the event page HERE](#) to register for either or both events. The Father/Daughter Dance is close to capacity, but there is still plenty of space left for the Mother/Son event at Rebounderz...make your reservation today!

SPIRIT WEAR WINTER SALE

The **ONLINE Winter Spirit Wear Blowout Sale** on the PTO website is still going strong! 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!](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART will take place at Palencia Elementary on **Tuesday, February 10th**. Please consider donating your time to help PES students! [Click HERE to visit the Sign-Up Genius link.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, Feb. 6—Box Top Contest #2 Ends
- Saturday, Feb. 7—Character Counts Run, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10—Jump Rope for the Heart
- 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

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.

Community News

Have-a-Heart Pet-Parade!

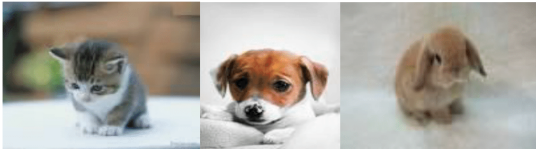
Keilana McGreevy will donate the supplies to **Humane Society**. It is on February 21st, from 10:00-11:00. You and your children can gather at the field where the Boosterthon was. We hope you have lots of fun! And remember, the pets will thank you!

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!**



2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR DRAWING REGISTRATION DATES



SUMMER GAMES
ST. JOHN'S 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.

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 13th.

Sponsored by the SMS PTO.



HELP YOUR STUDENT ENTER THE JAGUARS GARDEN ESSAY CONTEST IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRESH FOR FLORIDA KIDS

WHO:
Elementary school students in Nassau, St. Johns and Duval counties.

PROMPT:
In 300 words or less describe (A) what you have learned about food from your school garden or (B) why you think it would be fun and interesting to have a school garden.

PRIZE:
The student who writes the winning essay will receive a school visit from the Jacksonville Jaguars and a football prize pack! Judging criteria can be found in the official rules.

HOW TO ENTER:
Parents and teachers, help your student submit his or her essay by emailing contest@jaguars.com, visiting www.jaguars.com/essay or by mailing the essay to Jacksonville Jaguars, ATTN: Lauren Baker, 1 EverBank Field Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

DEADLINE:
All essays must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015.



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