



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Davidson Cares** Voting. We did a wonderful job and we were well represented during the entire contest. Early on, it was discovered that there was a way for people to accumulate many votes in a day. It was very evident that something was going on as we scored a very large number of votes very quickly. Davidson Cares was made aware of this and attempted to correct the issue. Last week we as a school made a big push to return to first place with only a couple of days left. Long story short, again someone found a way to get us a lot of votes in a short period of time. This was quickly recognized and we were taken off as an option to vote for as a solution was sought. We have not heard what the outcome will be as of yet, but we will respect the wishes of Davidson Cares. We are very grateful for their support of the schools in this area. Regardless of the outcome this event will serve as a valuable lesson for all of our students. This real-life experience will serve as a practical example of being a responsible Digital Citizen. We have a regular segment of Digital Citizenship on our morning news show.

Thank you to everyone for your help and support during the Florida Writes Assessment that took place last week. I was able to talk to some of our students about the test. They felt that they were well prepared for the test and most seemed positive about their scores. With this in mind, during testing we do not allow any volunteers or visitors on campus. The only exception is test proctors. Please understand that this will be the case for the entire time we are **FCAT** testing from April 22 - May 2. This covers all grade levels regardless if they are testing or not. We will be conducting the test in several locations around the building so it is important that we maintain testing conditions throughout the entire building. Thank you for your support and consideration.

Once again PES will be featured on the "**Cool Schools**" segment of the local Fox morning Show. This Friday we will be the feature school as we highlight several of our programs. One of the segments will feature our donations to the "Good Will Bag-it-up" program. Please help us in this cause by sending in any articles of clothing that you could donate. Despite the current weather this is the time of year for Spring Cleaning. :)

Before I close with the list of the newest member of the **Principal's Math Challenge**, I would like to share how proud I am of our school. The Principal's Math challenge is nothing new for us. I have been doing this school wide since I was A.P. at Mill Creek (one of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders recently showed me his bracelet from then) five years ago. I have been so impressed with the number of students and staff that have passed this challenge. This is to help students with fluency and is designed so that there is no time allowed to "figure the problem out", they must know their facts. This year is one of the most successful years of this program. We have new students passing the test on a consistent basis and students trying to pass the test for the next grade level. Several faculty members have passed the test including 100% of the cafeteria staff. I am so very proud of the work of our teachers and students as they work towards this goal. If you would like to give it a try I have included a copy of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade test for you to try. Be sure to have someone time you as the time limit is 2 minutes.

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### Calendar of events:

- Mar 7: PTO Meeting
- Mar 9: Daylight Savings
- Mar 12: noon-5pm  
Kindergarten Registration
- Mar 14: Teacher Planning /  
No School
- Mar 17-21: Spring Break
- Mar 24: Classes Resume /  
Boosterthon Pep Rally



Daylight Savings  
Time Begins March 9

Remember to set your  
clocks forward one hour.

*Show your  
School Spirit!*

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

# School News

Join me in congratulating our newest members of the Principal's Math Challenge. Our newest "Math Mateys" are Olivia Peoples, Garrett King, Quinn Miko, Daniel Lockhondwola, Pierce Wise, Wyatt Faircloth, Adah Lisk, Baylor Vu, Addison Giles, Carter Gramlich, Charlotte Fritz, Avery Al-icea, Gracie Weiler, Carson Stanley, Devan Shah, Gracie Compton, Claire Walczak, Adam Asadi, Alexis Tesori, Karthik Mohan, Kristen Staver, Pierce Wise, Bryce Cronk, Bryce Bates, Aligah Lalmansingh, Payton Lewis, Kathryn Lahey and Jake Paczkowski. Congratulations!!

*Captain Allen Anderson*



**Important Reminders** - This weekend daylight saving time ends so please re-member to move your clocks ahead Saturday Night. **SPRING FORWARD!!**

**Morning Drop-off** begins at 8:10am. Please remember staff is not on duty until 8:10am so there is no supervision provided. Only Patrols and students in special groups meeting with teachers should be dropped off prior to 8:10am.

**Spring Break** begins for Students on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> is a normal dismissal time. We look forward to the students return on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention 5th grade parents** – Please see the attached Pacetti Bay Middle School Course Registration Form. Please fill this form out in its entirety and return to your 5th grade teacher by March 7, 2014.

**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!



## PTO NEWS

Do you want to serve on the PTO with a specific duty as a chairperson? Contact Laurie Hunt at [pes.ptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:pes.ptopresident@gmail.com) by March 30th for more information about how you can help make a difference!



THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!

Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary School? Click [HERE](#) to download the sponsorship brochure for more information. We hope that you will find a level of support that is appropriate for your company. Please contact Traci Lewis at (904) 687-3499 or send an e-mail to [pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com](mailto:pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com).

## Gifted Parent Advisory Council

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students.

The next Gifted Parent Advisory Council meeting will take place March 25th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Media Center of Ocean Palms Elementary School.

Thank you for helping to make St Johns County Schools a parent friendly environment!

## 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](http://www.sjcf.us/youth) or call 904.209.0377.

## 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).

Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082  
904.823.4500 [www.gtmnerr.org](http://www.gtmnerr.org)



**St. Johns County Fire Rescue**  
**is now offering Free Smoke Alarms!**  
(See attached flyer for more info)

## Be a Girl Scout!

Join the fun.  
Girl Scout Recruitment Event.  
Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2014  
6:00 – 7:30PM  
The United Way Building  
117 Bridge Street St Augustine, FL



## 4th Annual Walk & Wag Dog Fair!!!

**WHAT?** For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, **kids have organized** a Dog Fair benefitting Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue. There will be music, vendors, snacks, water and many, many cute pups for your furry family member to play with!

**WHERE?** Check in at Palencia's Café on the Green! (Palencia Village Drive, off US 1, across from International Golf Pkwy)

**WHEN?** Sunday, March 9th, 1:00- 3:00

**WHY?** Kids care about animals and are making a difference in their lives!

**HOW?** Just bring your favorite pup & \$20! (tax deductible)

*Ayla's Acres is a non-profit 501(c) tax-deductible organization.*

*For more information on the event, please call: 904-718-7445.*