



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## Calendar of events:

- Mar 5: FSA Testing—4th / 5th
- Mar 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour!
- 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,

This week we begin Florida Standards Assessments. Our fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the writing portion of the FSA this Thursday. Due to this assessment, we will be closing the Yellow and Orange Decks (both second floor decks) to all volunteers this Thursday until noon. With the change in testing our hope is to only have to close certain decks at certain times. Please continue to read the newsletter for future deck closings.

There have been a lot of changes this year as far as assessments and I would not be surprised if we have a few more by the end of the year. One thing that has remained the same is that the Language Arts FSA is criteria for promotion of Third Grade only. As discussed at Open House, if a child in Third grade scores a level one on the Language Arts section of the FSA, there are other processes for the child to demonstrate mastery for promotion. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact any member of administration or Ms. Raikes, our guidance counselor. We would also encourage our families to check out the link to the recent FSA meetings on the district home page.

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

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. We asking families to volunteer to help with the activities run by the Swashbucklers. We have agreed to help this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun family event. A portion of the proceeds collected will be donated back to the school.

We need your help. We are in need of some families to help with the Seafood festival as well as test proctors for many upcoming assessments. Please see the PTO webpage to sign up for one of these opportunities. <http://palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com/>

Please don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour this weekend.

Enjoy your week,

*Captain Allen Anderson*

# **FSA WRITES**

**March 5, 2015**

This 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. Reminder: electronic devices are prohibited during the assessment.

If you are interested in proctoring for a future test, please sign up at:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-test/23812457](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-test/23812457)

## **PIRATE COVE CONNECTION**

Please go to <https://www.smores.com/rdn6x-pirate-cove-connection?ref=email-content#w-4507045724> to see media center events.



**Palencia  
Tri Club**  
Tuesdays  
3-4pm  
Starting March  
24th!

Order your PES yearbook now!  
Price goes up after  
March 25th!

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Calling all Dollar Store Shoppers! The music department is on the hunt for some pool noodles, white rags, metal buckets, crayons, coloring pencils and glue sticks. We will be grateful for all donations! Also, next time you are out for Chinese food, could you ask for an extra pair of chopsticks? These are great for some of our activities and we can never have enough! *Thank you so much! Mrs. Dowdie*

## **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/>

*\*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](mailto:CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

Check our local weather at:

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

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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](http://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.



### The Davidson Cares' Leprechaun Chase is a 10k/5K & Kid's Fun Run

Runners, walkers, strollers and dogs are all welcome! The kid's mile long fun run will take place before the race kicks off at 9 am! All children participating in the fun run will receive a gold medal with Davidson Cares' mascot, Ernie the French Bulldog, on it! The Fun Run will cost \$5. Please email Peyton at [pdavidson@davidsonrealtyinc.com](mailto:pdavidson@davidsonrealtyinc.com) to sign up! There will also be a fun leprechaun to chase, as well as food provided. Thank you to Title Sponsor Charles Schwab! Make sure to stick around for the winner of the First Annual Davidson Cares' Cooler & Cocktail Raffle! Chip timed, open to all ages.



### SPRING SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION DINNER

Mark your calendars and save the date! **On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will host our 1<sup>st</sup> 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—4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
 Mar. 31 and Apr. 1—FSA Testing—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

***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](http://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](mailto:pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com).**





## MODEL CAMP

BOYS & GIRLS

### "4-Day Spring Break"

**★ Mar. 16 - Mar. 19**  
(10am - 2 pm)

FASHION SHOW  
DRESS COOL  
BEAUTY SECRETS  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
HIP HAIRSTYLES  
RUNWAY  
MANNERS  
TV

Children: Ages 5-8 / Preteen: Ages 9-11

**292-4366** PRICE: \$250.00 (non-refundable)  
limited to (15) students

\$100 deposit to reserve your spot payable to:  
SESSIONS STUDIO - 12627 San Jose Blvd. - #401  
- Jax., FL 32223. Or, charge by phone.

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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

HIDEAWAY FARM 370 STOKES LANDING RD ST AUG, FL 32095



FOCUS IS ON TEACHING RIDING SKILLS & SAFE HORSE HANDLING  
IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER ON WELL SCHOOLED HORSES.

FRI 3/13 MON 3/16 TUES 3/17 WEDS 3/18 THURS 3/19  
9 AM UNTIL 1PM • \$65 per day

For More Info on Horse Camp and Lessons Call, Text or Email  
**Patricia Conway 904-806-2528 [patcnwy@yahoo.com](mailto:patcnwy@yahoo.com)**

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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.sjcfl.us/youth](http://www.sjcfl.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@sjcfl.us) | (904) 209-0377

**SUMMER GAMES**  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR

## 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](#) !

## SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program were passed out at all schools during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Applications were due back to science teachers by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15 at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Small classes of 12 - 14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, stand up paddleboarding, etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing John Gordon at [john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us).