



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Eat More Chicken!!!! We made a lot of cows happy while benefitting our school. The turnout at PES night at Chick-fil-A last week was amazing. It was great to see so many of our families there. I heard many stories of the efforts families took to make it to this event. Please know that we greatly appreciate your support of our school.

Needs Assessment Survey Results are in! Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our Needs Assessment Survey. We are very thankful for your input. The survey results came back very favorable for the efforts that our school is taking for the education of our students. Please know that we will always strive to improve. There were two topics from the survey that I would like to address. The first is communication. This is an area in which we always try to balance between those that feel we communicate too much and those that would like more. As a school, our primary means of communication is through our newsletter, the 'Post', that we send out bi-weekly. Next year we are going to change the format to that of a weekly newsletter. The 'Alert Now' automated phone message service is another primary way in which we will communicate. Please know that we try very hard to only use this system when it is absolutely necessary. The goal is for our families to listen to this when you hear that is it us. The other area we would like to address is the school vision and mission statement. Our staff survey showed the same results. We have begun the process of refining this and will continue to do so during the upcoming year. If you are interested in helping with this, I would encourage you to join SAC or simply attend our SAC meetings.

We have received a hydroponic garden that is ready for assembly. We would like to have this up and ready for the start of the new year. The system needs some cleaning before it can be used. If you would be willing to help with this project please let me know. This could also be a great project for a student that needs service hours or a scout troop.

Scheduled FCAT testing was completed today. Our students did well and we will be eagerly awaiting the results. Results for third grade should arrive just prior to the end of the school year. Subsequently, fourth and fifth grade results will arrive during the summer. Scores will be available for pick up or online once they have been released. Each student will be given a code to check scores online.

We are continuing to do make-up testing so we will continue to keep the school under testing conditions. Once this is complete we will send another email out to families letting you know that we are open for volunteers once again. Thank you all so much for your support and cooperation during this time.

Our Battle of the Books team is ready to defend out Title of the Battle of the Books team for the Southern county schools. Our team has worked very hard and should do very well. Mrs. Ayrish and Mrs. Degutis have done a get job preparing the team. If you have any of the Sunshine State Young Readers books we would love to have them. These books make great novel studies for classes in future years. We would like to build a library of books to be used for Whole class novel studies and these books are a great place to start. If you have any of these books please turn them into the front office.

Captain Allen Anderson

Calendar of events:

- Apr 22-May 7: - FCAT Testing
NO VISITORS
- May 2: Extended Day fundraiser -
Parent's Night Out 6:45-10:00
- May 12-16: Book Fair and
Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13: Night of the Arts
- May 14: Donuts with Dads
- May 15: Muffins with Moms
- May 19: Field Day K / 2nd
- May 20: Field Day 1st / 3rd
- May 22: Field Day 4th / 5th

*Show your
School Spirit!*

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

A message from Coach Brougham ~ Creekside High School is hosting a 5K/1mile fun run/centipede team race on Friday May 16th beginning at 6:15pm. If our school have more than 25 registered participants for the 5K, we will earn \$5 back to our school for each participant. For more information go to www.runningoftheknights.com Come join in the fun!

A note from Nurse Nalley ~I know it is almost the end of the school year but the clinic could use donations for the following "new" items. Anything will help and I will be stocked for the new school year.

- Kleenex • Clorox wipes • Bathroom size cups • Snack size Ziploc bags • Boy underwear size 6-7, 8-10
Girl underwear size 10 • Boys large socks or men small**

You can also drop off gently used, clean clothes or pirate wear can to the clinic. (Girls and Boys Size 4 to 16)

To sign up, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F44ABAB28A64-needs1

Girls on the Run is doing a donation drive for the S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue Shelter of Northeast Florida. We are so excited to help the efforts of this shelter by collecting various items they can use to house and take care of pets until they are adopted. Starting Monday, April 28 until Friday, May 9, students can bring items to school. We will take all the donated items to the shelter after this date. There will be a box designated for donations on each deck and one in the front office as well. Some of the items the shelter needs are:

- Towels • Sheets • Dry or canned cat and dog food • Leashes/collars
Scoopable cat litter • Cat litter trays • Plastic garbage bags**

Thank you so much for anything you may be able to donate. We appreciate your help!

PTO NEWS

Field days are going to be held on:

- Monday, May 19th
K and 2nd
- Tuesday, May 20th 1st and 3rd
- Thursday, May 22nd 4th and 5th

Times are listed below in the sign up genius
To sign up, go to:
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Teacher Appreciation Week
May 12—16th
See your homeroom parent for gift ideas and suggestions!

Kid's Night / Parent's Night Out
Friday, May 2nd
See attached Flyer

EPI School Packs for 2014-15
Look for these brochures to come home this week!!

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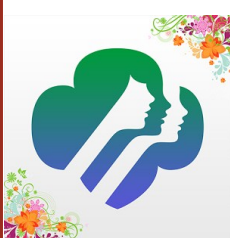
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Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary School? Click HERE to download the sponsorship brochure for more information. We hope that you will find a level of support that is appropriate for your company. Please contact Traci Lewis at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

SPMS BASKETBALL CAMP

Switzerland Point Middle School will be hosting its Annual Summer Basketball Camp for boys & girls ages 6 – 14. The camp will have three one – week sessions June 9-12, July 28-July 31, and August 4-7. This is a fun filled camp where “Teaching Never Stops”. Don’t be left out of this year’s camp because the camp fills up fast. Please check your child’s school for a brochure or the website at Switzerland Point Middle School. Questions/concerns, please call Coach Singleton (Terrance.Singleton@stjohns.k12.fl.us) at 287-2626 or 547-8650.

Also, we are seeking donations or prizes for the students. (Example: gift certificate, T-shirt, coupons, drinks or candy). If any area business can contribute it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.



Her summer adventure at Camp Kateri has finally arrived! Enriching activities like camping, hiking, canoeing, singing, dancing, art, challenging games and natural exploration will set an exciting backdrop for her to explore, identify and honor the unique set of skills and qualities that make her, her. She’ll discover new talents and interests and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Camp Kateri is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. You do not have to be a Girl Scout to enroll.

Learn more at: www.campkateri.girlscouts-gateway.org or by contacting Camp Director Lindsay Fox at lfox@girlscouts-gateway.org or 904.406.7102.

2014 PACETTI BAY FOOTBALL CHEER TRYOUTS

For all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls

Tryout Day is Friday, May 9th at 5pm at PBMS Gymnasium

If interested, please have your child pick up a registration packet from her teacher.

For more information please contact: Colleen West, Head Coach

904.392.8443 or colleenwest@bellsouth.net

Donnette Webster, Coach

904.824.6254 or donnettewebster@yahoo.com



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THE HARLEM WIZARDS ARE COMING!



Tickets are on sale now for a new, exciting event at Pacetti Bay Middle School. ~ **The goal?** ~Raise money to buy new computer stations for student use. ~ **The event?** The Harlem Wizards, a two-hour basketball extravaganza, much like the Harlem Globetrotters, only more exciting.

The Wizards perform May 23 at 7 p.m. in the school’s gymnasium.

The Pacetti Bay PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) decided to host the Wizards performance after realizing the school needed help in updating systems that were new when the school was opened in 2005. ~ After eight years and use by thousands of students, it’s time for new technology in our classrooms. ~ Because the PTSO regularly funds many project requests from the school (an updated security system, classroom projectors, book purchases, and reading incentives to name a few), they felt the task of bringing new technology to our students was a natural goal for their organization.

Just who exactly are these basketball wizards coming to display their magic for us? ~ While their performance is popular in the Northeast where they’ve enjoyed 50 years of history, their presence is a new experience here in Florida, explains PTSO President, Debbie Adams. ~ That’s what makes this event even more exciting. According to The Wizards organization, for the first time in our state we have a chance to see “amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. It’s two hours of family time where parents, grandparents, and kids can all laugh together. Throughout the game, fans experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing and aerodynamic athleticism combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction and participation.” But the fun doesn’t stop there. The Wizards are also known for their post-game performance—they call it “the cherry on top of the sundae” because the players stay until every autograph has been signed. Fans of The Wizards sum up the entire show as “awe inspiring.”

**Tickets can be purchased through the Wizards’ website at www.harlemwizards.com. ~ Prices for students are \$12 in advance or at the door. Advance tickets for adults are \$15; \$17 at the door. Courtside plus, which is the VIP section and includes dinner and a meet and greet, are \$35 each. Reserved seating is \$20. ~ Only 800 tickets will be sold to see The Wizards work their magic, so be sure to order yours today!

Please join 3rd grader Josh Elias and his family at the Palencia Street Fair this Sunday, May 4th from Noon-5:00.

The Elias Family will host their annual Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise money for pediatric cancer research. This will be their 5th time hosting the stand which has so far raised over \$7,000 due to generous community support to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Please help "have a cup to find a cure"!!



PALENCIASM

2014 Street Festival

To Benefit Daniel Kids

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Noon – 5:00pm



Fun Activities for All Ages! Come Join the Fun!

Come enjoy a Spring fashion show, "try-scuba" lesson from iDive, food vendors, live music from the Ouija Brothers and local musicians, craft vendors, XStream DJ – Doug Foss, face painting, live performances from local dance, gymnastics, yoga and Taekwon-do studios, bouncy houses and Games2U just to name a few of the fun attractions at this year's Street Festival! Admission is **free and open to the public**.

Come Support Daniel Kids!!

Proceeds from the event will benefit Daniel Kids, a not-for-profit, organization that provides services for children. Daniel serves nearly 2,000 children and their families every day through a variety of innovative and nationally-recognized programs. Daniel offers an array of quality, efficient and effective mental health, social services and educational programs aimed at enhancing the lives of children and families in our community.

Palencia is located on U.S.1 North at the intersection of International Golf Parkway. The main stage of the festival is located at 605 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine, Florida.

Palencia is a Hines Community located on U.S. 1 in northern St. Johns County just 20 minutes south of Jacksonville and 5 minutes north of historic St. Augustine. It offers a rare combination of environmentally sensitive and sophisticated master planning of 2,300 scenic acres along the Intracoastal Waterway. A championship golf course and magnificent clubhouse are among the numerous world class amenities.

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Creeks Athletic Association

April 22, 2014



Creeks Families,

Creeks Soccer is selling tickets to the US Men's National Team game against Nigeria on Saturday, June 7th. We will be sitting in sections 232 and 232 of the stadium. This is the last warm up game before the team heads to the World Cup.

Let's do our part and help fill the stadium. If you or a group of your friends are interested in purchasing tickets for the game, please contact us at usasoccertix@creeksoccer.com

Payments for the game can be made in cash and/or checks for \$52/each. If you would like to pay with a credit card the price will be \$55/ticket to cover the additional fees. If you have a group that wants to attend together, we can accept multiple forms of payment while still allowing you all to sit together to enjoy the game.

Tickets are available to anyone. If you're ready to place an order or have any questions, please contact usasoccertix@creeksoccer.com

Thank you,
Creeks Soccer

CAA SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS 4TH ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE KNIGHTS

4th annual Running of the Knights on Friday May 16 at Creekside High School.

To register or to learn more about the Creekside High School Athletic Club's RUNNING OF THE KNIGHTS please go to www.runningoftheknights.com

It is finally Spring and the days are longer so what better way to spend this extra daylight time than to join in the fun at the

This is the Creekside High School Athletic Booster Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, all funds collected help to support every sport and the band at Creekside High School.

This event offers something for just about everyone in the community, a Centipede Team Race, a one mile fun run, a 5K Run/Walk race plus a family friendly festival with food, games, music, and more. The Centipede team race is the only Centipede Race in the Jacksonville area and consists of five or more participants who run or walk while connected together as a unit. This fun division also has its own award categories such as Most School Spirit, Fastest Times and Most Creative.

Booth space is available in our exhibitor area for interested vendors. Non-profit organizations who would like to showcase service opportunities for students are also welcome to apply. Information can be found on our website under Sponsors.

www.runningoftheknights.com

There have been quite a few new activities and games added this year such as Giant Hamster Balls, U-Launchers, Booger wars, Beat the Bucket, plus a St Johns County School Challenge where any St Johns County elementary or middle school that registers 25 or more student runners will earn \$5.00 per participant to be awarded to their respective schools. Why not create a centipede team and earn some money for your school too?

Also rolling out new this year is, It's Your Race - a mobile app that will keep participants up to date on race information including the course map, race results, sponsorships, etc.

Registration fees for the 5K and the Centipede Race are \$30 per person through 5/12 or \$35.00 from 5/13-5/16. The fun run cost is \$10.00 per person. All participants preregistered by May 12 will receive the event tee-shirt.

Please register today at www.runningoftheknights.com

REMINDERS:

Just a friendly reminder that the annual meeting of CAA will take place on Sunday May 18 at 7pm at the Veterans Park meeting room. Election of our new board will take place. Nominations close on May 11.

Also CAA is offering college scholarships to up to three graduating seniors.

Please go to www.caaleague.org for more information.



TUESDAY MAY 13

GIFTED PARENT

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents, Teachers and Staff Are Invited

This is the last of four meetings throughout the year where parents are encouraged to come and share information about the Gifted Program.

3:30-4:30

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**All school levels and
all areas of the
district are welcome**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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