



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- Apr 20-21: FSA READ—5th
- Apr 29-30: FSA SCIENCE—5th
- May 1: Goodwill Bag It Up Event
- May 5: Donuts for Dads
- May 6: Muffins for Moms
- May 7: Night of the Arts
- May 12: Battle of the Books
- May 25: Memorial Day / No School

Attn: 3rd / 4th grade parents:

It is imperative that you update your child's information. Please see the attached instruction sheet to update the form in HAC.



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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,

Good News – We now have a PSA assigned to our school. This PSA is only assigned here in the morning which is our most concentrated time. We are very thankful to have her with us and the PSA attendance has made a huge difference. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we worked to get a PSA assigned to our school.

The construction across from Avilla is impacting our bikers and walkers. Until the entrance to the new development is paved, we will continue to have a staff member helping our students get through that area. We are in communication with the site manager over both projects and they have been very informative with the school. The impact to the school should be minimal from this point forward.

We pulled results from the School Needs Assessment Survey. There are a couple comments that were common that I would like to address. Testing was a common theme in both the parent and the teacher survey. The comments were concerning too many standardized tests. The testing that we are seeing currently is a result of legislative mandates. Groups from all over the state have voiced concern over the amount of testing. As a result there is legislation moving through the branches of our state government to reduce the amount of testing given to our children. St. Johns County School has a Coordinator of Government Relations that works in Tallahassee to keep us up to date on current legislation and how it impacts our students and schools. Please watch future editions of the Pirate Post for any further updates on testing. The other concern was concerning traffic. As stated above, we now have a PSA assigned to our school and we have seen a wonderful improvement. Thank you to everyone who filled out the Survey, we have shared this information with the School Advisory Council and will use it as we direct our school.

Yesterday an email was sent to many of our families that participate in a local sports organization. This communication stated that portables would be installed this coming summer here at Palencia Elementary School. This is not the case, while we continue to grow we are not on the list to get portables this coming year. We are projected to add portable classrooms during the summer of 2016. Until then we will be utilizing Associate teachers to meet the requirement of the Class Size Amendment. I do anticipate several of our classrooms having Associate Teachers in them.

We have sent an Alert Now to our 3rd – 5th grades to go into the Home Access Center (HAC) and update the Student information. Please be sure to do this, even if there are no changes there are a couple of 'clicks' that need to be done so we know it has been updated.

Kindergarten - 2nd grade students need to return the Student Information Sheet that was sent home. It is very important that we have updated information on all our students. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Cindy Williams at 547-4017.

Enjoy your week,

Captain Allen Anderson

Please remember to get your tickets for the Silent Auction and Dinner. See the PTO website for details.

PIRATE COVE CONNECTION—Media Center News

Please visit the [Pirate Cove Connection](https://www.smores.com/xanab) for more information about the media center at PES!
Pirate Cove Connection <https://www.smores.com/xanab>

We are excited to welcome all rising 6th grade families to our [Pacetti Bay 5th grade Open House Thursday, May 28th](#). 5:30 – 6:00 meet and greet with our 6th grade teachers. At 6:15 p.m. parents are welcomed to attend our informational orientation that will be held in the auditorium. We are looking forward to seeing you soon. Go Wildcats!

FSA Proctors needed! Please sign up at:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C48AEAB2AA7F94-test/23812457



The free throw contest is still going on with coach between the Orange and Green decks. So far, Orange is in the lead, but it's a close game! The Palencia Pirates Relay for Life event will be on Sat April 25th from noon until midnight at the World Golf Village (at the pond of unity). We are in need of donated canned or bottled drinks to sell as a fundraiser at the event. Anyone that would like to donate drinks can drop off at parent drop off or in the front office. For more information, to join our team or make a donation, follow this link to our team page: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/palenciapirates> The Money Wars fundraiser helped us raise over \$400 towards our goal of \$1500! J Thank you for your support!

Thank you so much! ~Heather~

Community News

The following schools will be offering meals throughout the summer for any parents who are in need of food for their children. (all children must be with an adult.) Times vary by location. Please contact a United Way operator by dialing 211 for more information.

Pedro, SAHS, Tech HS, Ketterlinus Elementary, Southwoods, Crookshank, Webster, Osceola

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Pre-Kindergarten registration schedule is as follows:

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Palencia's Night of the Arts Show will be held on Thursday, May 7th. Students are busy finishing their masterpieces and choosing their best artwork for the art show. EVERY student will have one piece of artwork on display. Times and more information will be coming soon so mark your calendars!

If you are as excited as I am and can't wait to see your child's masterpieces- you can always go online to our Artsonia Museum page and view artwork there. Student's need permission forms to publish their artwork, so if you do not see their name listed, please email me. THANK YOU!!! Please check our art room web page for more updates and information. ~Ms. Wardley

<http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=139692>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need volunteers for the art show- we need help framing artwork, labeling artwork and setting up, manning the Artome table on May 7th.

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM Pre-applications for the summer Marine Science Program were sent to all elementary and middle schools in the district to be passed out during the week of February 23rd. However, if your child did not receive a pre-application, they may still apply. You can download a pre-application, get all parent information, and view a video of the program by going to the Gamble Rogers Middle School website and clicking on the Marine Science link. Any questions can be answered by emailing John Gordon at john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through eight and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

Three 8 day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School School with bus transportation provided. The three sessions are June 8th to June 18th, June 22nd to July 2nd, and July 6th to July 16th. Small classes of 12 – 14 students are separated by grade level.

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. Students access various marine environments while kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, biking, snorkeling, surfing, windsurfing, sailing, and SUP's (stand up paddleboards).

If your child is selected for the program, a final application form will be mailed out from the district office in April.

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

SPRING SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION DINNER

This Friday, April 17th, we will host our 1st Annual Spring Social and Silent Auction Dinner, a *special event for adults only*, at the Palencia Club. Seating is limited. Proceeds will be used to purchase reading and writing programs to benefit all the students within the school. **The deadline for ticket sales is 12 noon on THURSDAY, April 16th...click HERE to purchase your tickets now!**

If you know of a business or individual who would like to donate an item or a gift certificate to the silent auction, please send an e-mail to mtaylorstrout@aol.com as soon as possible. This is a great way to market various products and every item helps the kids at Palencia Elementary School!

2015-2016 PTO OFFICERS—OPEN POSITIONS

Are you interested in being a PTO officer for the 2015-2016 school year? If so, please contact Necole Neal at necoleneal@aol.com for more information!

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

There is still time to place your order through the **ONLINE 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 from now through May 15th! 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

April 17—Spring Social & Silent Auction Dinner (Adults Only)
April 20-21—FSA Testing—5th Grade Reading
April 22—Earth Day
April 29-30—FSA Testing—5th Grade Science
May 1—Goodwill Bag-It-Up Day
May 1—PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m. in the MPR
May 4-8—Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5—Donuts for Dads (Book Fair)

May 6—Muffins for Moms (Book Fair)
May 7—Night of the Arts Event
May 12—Battle of the Books
May 13—Chorus Concert, 9 a.m.
May 14—PES Business Appreciation Breakfast
May 14—Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.
May 15—Box Top Contest #3 Ends
May 19—Spirit Night at McDonald's (Kickback Event)

For a complete calendar of events, visit the PTO Calendar Page

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