



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## Calendar of events:

- Apr 29-30: FSA SCIENCE—5th
- Apr 30-May 6: Book Fair
- 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

## REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Mojo's order forms due Friday!
- ⇒ Bag it Up is Friday!



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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,

As we approach the end of the school year there are many activities to be aware of, this week is no exception. Here are some important reminders:

Today and tomorrow we finish 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA testing  
The Book Fair is this week  
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is this Friday  
Good Will Bag-it-up collection is this Friday  
Teacher Appreciation week is next week

One more event reminder is the Community Connections Meetings hosted by School Board Members. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more information and the dates for these meetings.

We have made a little change to help with the students that live in Las Calinas and Kennsington. We have added supervision points to help students all the way through the gate leading to the field. Our goal is to remind students to walk bikes through this area and then go directly home. As a reminder all students must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Any student not wearing a helmet will be asked to walk their bike all the way home.

Construction began today on some of the fences around the school. The biggest change will be seen around the Palencia / Avilla bike rack. This fence is for the protection of our students and additional safety of the bikes that are stored there during the day. We understand that this will cause an inconvenience on rainy days dropping off or picking up bikes. There is a gate that is being installed for parent use only. We will unlock the gate for parents to drop off and pick up bikes on rainy days.

The weather has been wonderful lately and it is only getting warmer as we head into the summer months. Please help your students remember the dress code as they prepare for school. A couple of things to remember are that shorts are to be no more than 4" above the knee (a good rule of thumb is that they should be fingertip length when the arms are held to the side), tops must cover the shoulder. If you have any questions please refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#) page 13. Shoes should be safe for all types of physical activities. Even if P.E. is not scheduled for that day, classes go out to recess on a daily basis.

We have sent an Alert Now to our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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" to be done so we know it has been updated.

K through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members of the Principals Math Challenge; Chase Wise, Alexander Martinez, Adam Asadi, Nate Mericle, Julia Fedchenko, Abigail Turner, Grace Zenler, Ella Willard, Natalie Ingram, Claire Madson, Tommy Hosking, Baylor Vu, Kai McGreevy, Hannah Smith, Gabe Ohlson, Emal Kashif, Bri Reeves, Lexie Rupp, Alex Temple, Leonard McCarthy, Eli Edwards, Sophia Pehr, Lauren George, Micah Mazzotta, Bridget Klauk, Kaden Hove, Steven Lin, Reagan Neace and Keilana McGreevy. Baylor Vu and Kai McGreevy also passed the challenge for their next grade level!!!!

*Captain Allen Anderson*

## PIRATE COVE CONNECTION—Media Center News

FRA Voting, Book Fair Details and More in this week's Pirate Cove Connection

<https://www.smores.com/3216b>Book Fair Volunteer Sign-up 10% Off, Sign-up here...<http://tinyurl.com/lh4mwc2>


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!



Thank you so much to everyone that came out and participated in our relay event at the World Golf Village this past Saturday!

Despite the crazy weather and being shut down a little early, the event still raised \$37,110.99!!!

Our Palencia Pirates team was just shy of our goal and raised \$1,237.41!! I will be putting together a video slideshow of pictures from the event and will send out the link soon.

Go Pirates!!! ~ Mrs Heather Caldwell

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten registration schedule is as follows:

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)

## Community News

Saint Johns County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for: School Crossing Guards. For more information please visit [www.sjso.org](http://www.sjso.org) or call (904) 209-1565

## Art Room News

We are so excited for our Night of the Arts NEXT WEEK! We will

have artwork on display in the cafeteria and in the main hallways. Our Art/Garden club will have a table set up for face painting and fresh herbs/produce from the garden.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECYCLED FASHION SHOW-

Email me with student name, teacher and parent contact information

Have recycled costume and finished by this Monday, 5/4/15 and attend a dress rehearsal ON STAGE Monday after school and Tuesday 5/6/15 with costume from 3:00-4:00pm. If you would like your child to attend, please email me and be sure they have transportation home at 4:00pm. (Parent pick up in front of school).

Thank you! ~ Ms. Wardley

## First Coast Kids Triathlon

May 28 3, 2015

Everbank Field

Sign up at [www.kidstriathloninc.org](http://www.kidstriathloninc.org)

**Saturday,  
May 2, 2015  
5K/10K/15K  
and 1 mile Fun  
Run**

Located at:  
HHS Community Building  
6195 South Main Street  
Hastings, FL 32145  
<http://www.racesmith.com/races/SpudRun.html>

Community Partnerships Equal Big Impact  
for Safer Cycling

Velo Fest Community Initiative, St. Johns County Sheriff Office and St. Johns County Library, with financial support from the Barbara A Kay Foundation and Flagler Hospital, are proud to be bringing back the "Bicycle Rodeo" to St. Johns County.

Saturday May 9, 2015 11:00am – 1:00pm Velo Fest Bike Rodeo  
Vilano Pier, Contact Heather Neville

# PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Homeroom parents will be sending out emails with ideas for how to celebrate our teachers at PES. Please keep an eye out for this message and help make our teachers feel appreciated!

## NIGHT OF THE ARTS—THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Next Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, is the school's annual Night of the Arts event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a wide variety of activities happening...each child will have a piece of art framed and on display in the school, the book fair will be open for family browsing, a fashion show is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the MPR, along with a 5th Grade Bake Sale and Lemonade for Literacy to help the children of Zambia! Your family can pre-order Mojo's BBQ dinner platters by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to be taken home or enjoyed in the MPR that evening. **For more information, download the flyer HERE.**

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers are needed for a variety of time slots to assist with the upcoming **Book Fair** (April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>). **Please visit the Sign-Up Genius link HERE to reserve your volunteer time today!**

The annual **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** is scheduled for this Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have assisted the school as a volunteer in any capacity this year, you are invited! Please RSVP to Susan Solms at (904) 547-4010 or send an email to Susan.Solms@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

## 2015-2016 PTO OFFICERS—OPEN POSITIONS

Are you interested in being a PTO officer or committee chairperson 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—FINAL WEEKS!

Please remember to keep collecting those BoxTops and sending them in with your little pirate from now through May 15<sup>th</sup>! 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 29-30—FSA Testing—5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

May 1—Goodwill Bag-It-Up Day

May 1—Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & PTO Meeting

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, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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)

May 25—Memorial Day (No School)

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

THE PALENCIA CLUB

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## Wiffle Ball Camp!

Ages 5 - 14

Location: 155 SR 207 St. Augustine, FL 32080

Time: 9:00 am - noon

Fee: \$100 per camper (\$75 if 2 or more)

To register contact

Nate Fudala: [nfudala@wiffleworks.com](mailto:nfudala@wiffleworks.com)


Or call 513-535-4707



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



These engaging classes include individualized skills instruction, independent reading in great books, and a skilled and encouraging teacher.

**Program for three- and four-year-olds:**  
Children in this program learn letter recognition and beginning phonics and develop the motivation and love of reading that make learning to read easy and successful. This program lays the foundation for a strong start in reading.

**Program for entering kindergartners:**  
Students in this program learn beginning reading skills and develop a love of books. Your child will learn letter recognition, phonics, and sight words, and will learn to read simple words and sentences.

**Program for entering first graders:**  
Students in this program learn to read independently. Your child will learn phonics and sight words, improve comprehension and gain the skills and confidence needed for success in first grade.

**Program for entering second graders:**  
Students in this program become fluent independent readers. Your child will make significant gains in phonics and word-attack skills, fluency and comprehension, and will develop confidence and a love of reading.

**Program for entering third graders:**  
Students in this program become strong independent readers. Your child will develop the comprehension, fluency and long-word decoding skills needed to read longer fiction and non-fiction books with ease, and will build confidence and a love of reading.

**Program for entering fourth and fifth graders:**  
Students in this program make substantial gains in comprehension, long-word decoding skills, fluency and reading speed, and learn the best way to read fiction and non-fiction, including textbooks. Your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, be more successful in school and become a strong, enthusiastic reader.

**Programs for entering sixth-eighth graders and entering ninth-twelfth graders:**  
Students in these programs make substantial gains in comprehension, double their reading speed, and learn the best way to read textbooks, take notes and study for tests. As a result, they complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades and enjoy reading more.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER**  
**Call (800) 964-9974**  
Monday-Friday 8a.m. to 9p.m. and Saturday 9a.m. to 4p.m.

# Summer Fun

## PANTHER CUBS CHEER CAMP

When: June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Times: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Nease High School Ages: Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Cost:** \$100.00 **Activities:** This camp is a five day program focusing on the introduction of basic skills and techniques used in youth and high school cheerleading. A warm-up with skills and techniques will be presented so campers can continue improvement at home. Panther Cubs will be separated into groups according to age and skill level and taught the material they will need in order to cheer at a NHS Varsity Football game during the 1<sup>st</sup> half and halftime. Additional drill sessions will allow campers to develop skills in the areas of motions, jumps, tumbling (for those who have it coming in), and stunting. All technical and routine teaching will be taught by the Nease High School Cheerleading Program Coaches as well as the Nease High School cheerleaders.

Please bring a copy of your insurance card on day one.

[www.neasecheer.org](http://www.neasecheer.org)



## 2015 Summer Team Registration

Please visit our team website at [www.palenciapiranhas.org](http://www.palenciapiranhas.org) to sign up now!

New swimmer evaluations are performed by appointment ONLY.

Please contact Coach Lauren at [lrobbins412@yahoo.com](mailto:lrobbins412@yahoo.com) to schedule your evaluation.

New swimmers evaluations are performed

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm (by appointment only)

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:30pm (by appointment only)

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30pm (walk in only)

Non-Resident Fee Apply

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.