



Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- **August 31:** Boosterthon Kick-off
Pep Rally
 - **Sept 1:** Curriculum Chat K-2nd
 - **Sept 4:** College Football Spirit
Day
 - **Sept 7:** Labor Day / No School
 - **Sept 11:** Boosterthon Fun Run
- [2015-2016 SJCS D Calendar](#)



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Show your School Spirit!

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

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our first round of Curriculum Chats last night. Next week we will hold these talks for Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. As a reminder, the Chats begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Please be sure to arrive early as there is a lot of information to be shared and parking is tight.

After the Chats next week, we will post information that was mentioned at the Chats about testing and the upcoming ½ cent sales tax election on the school website.

Thank you for your patience as we get things back into a routine this year. Our arrival and dismissal appear to be flowing well. I would like to ask your assistance with students following the dress code.

Please be aware of the following items found on page 12 of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Girls - Tops should cover the entire shoulder
- Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 4" above the top of the knee. (a great rule of thumb is that shorts and skirts should be fingertip length or longer)
- Boys - No hats

All students - Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Please remember that our classes have recess everyday so tennis shoes are highly recommended.

Reminders:

If you are a parent of biker or walker we use a messaging system to inform you of these dismissal changes. If you have not already done so, please subscribe by **texting '@pesbl' to 81010**.

At any time you are picking your child up from the parent pick up line, please stay in your car and follow the line of cars. The line takes a little extra time at the beginning of the year, but once we are all back into a routine it will flow pretty quickly. Parking in one of the parking lots and walking up to pick up a student is not allowed during the dismissal time.

This year we are offering insurance on the devices that your child uses during school. This is a benefit for you as your child is responsible for the device. This is no different than replacing a textbook that is under the care of a student. The insurance also provides the student an opportunity to take the device home on a daily basis or as needed/desired, including weekends and holidays.

We will be offering Rosetta Stone this year. We would like to make this a long lasting program so our students receive the benefits of studying a foreign language. In a couple weeks we are going to ask for a \$14 donation to help offset the costs of this program. We will wait a couple weeks, so our families are not hit with everything at one time.

I look forward to seeing many more of you this coming week at the next round of Curriculum Chats.

Captain Allen Anderson

School News

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media News for August is available at

<https://www.smores.com/htr2q>

Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

Plan to attend an informational meeting
for families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students

Thursday, October 1st, R.B. Hunt Elementary School

Tuesday, October 6th, Valley Ridge Academy

Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School

Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School

Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School

6:30 – 8:00 PM

What is FSA? Did FCAT Go Away? How can I help my child?

If you've asked any of these questions, please plan on attending an FSA informational presentation. Each evening will begin at 6:30 and conclude by 8:00, and will consist of a writing and

ELA session followed by a mathematics portion.

Time for questions will be built into the process.

For more information call 904-547-7503.

Reminders:

To attend school functions during the school day you must be an approved volunteer.

~[Apply here to get approved](#)

Early Check Out: For the safety of all students, children may not be checked out of school after 2:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and 1:15 on Wednesday.

Change in Afternoon Transportation: If you need to change the way your child goes home in the afternoon, we must receive a written note or email from your listed email address to your child's teacher AND to transportationchangespes@stjohns.k12.fl.us before 2:00 pm (1:00 pm on Wednesdays). We cannot accept phone calls for those changes. Changes in afternoon transportation should only be for emergency situations. Thank you for your understanding.

Please refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#) for the district policies involving attendance, dress code, acceptable use procedures, and many more.

Community News



Language Exploration Enrichment For more information email us at: LEESTjohns@aol.com or leave message with:

Donna Guzzo OR Janet Robles 657-1918

or visit <http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/>

Creeks Baseball Club (CBC) Announces Fall Registration

Please visit www.creeksbaseballclub.com/events/fall-instructional-program-2015/



to register and to find out more information.

For other opportunities with the Creeks Athletic Association please visit <http://caaleague.org/>



Sonics Fall League

August 11th—
November 19th



Night At The Farm, August 29-August 30, 2015

Come spend the night at the Florida Agricultural Museum and enjoy the thrill of outdoor camping. Guests are asked to arrive at the museum at 4 pm to begin the evening's adventures. After you set up your own tent, dinner will be served. Following dinner, the evening's events will begin. Take a walk and a tractor ride around the property to help feed the farm animals, and step back in time at the 1890s homestead and country store. Later we will do some stargazing.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for the name of our five week old Cracker calf. We know a camp out wouldn't be complete without a bonfire and s'mores. So pull up a bench and begin to form new friendships around the camp fire. It's a great way to spend time at the museum in a more personalized setting. Sunday morning we'll have breakfast with our farm animals then take down our tents and say goodbye to our new friends.

Please bring your own camping equipment as the museum does not have any for rent. Coolers with drinks and snacks are permitted -- however, please no alcoholic beverages; this is a family friendly event.

The cost is \$40 per person, cash, check, Discover, MasterCard, American Express and Visa are accepted. Advance reservations are required. Breakfast and dinner are included with your admission fee. Please contact Debbie Milner at dmilner@floridaagmuseum.org for more information.

The museum is always looking for volunteers. If any of this sounds fascinating to you and you would like to become a part of Florida's historical past this is the place for you. For information, call 386-446-7630 or dmilner@floridaagmuseum.org

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

Due to overwhelming response, we have ordered more spirit wear! Stay tuned for upcoming purchase opportunities!



BOOSTERTHON IS COMING...

This year's first big fundraiser for the school is the Boosterthon Fun Run! It's a nine-day program with a Pep Rally kick-off on August 31st. Families will have time to collect pledges for each lap the students run, and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on September 11th. Our goal this year is to raise funds for musical instruments and to repair the sound system in the cafeteria. More information will be coming soon...we appreciate your support!



MEET MR. SLATE

You may have already noticed the rock sitting to the left of the school's main entrance. Please meet "Mr. Slate!" This is a new fundraiser for PES. Families and groups will have

the opportunity to paint messages on Mr. Slate for just \$20 per day. **For more information, click HERE.** Celebrate a birthday, commemorate a special occasion, recognize a special staff member or teacher...the choice is yours!

POPS FOR TOPS!

Box Top Contest #1 begins on **Tuesday, August 18th.**
The class collecting the most Box Tops in each grade level will earn a Popsicle Party!

The deadline for Contest #1 is Friday, October 9th!
For more information, visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com and click on the tab marked "Kickback."

BOX TOPS EDUCATION! ALL LABELS MUST BE "BOX TOP" BRAND AND ARE ONLY ACCEPTED IF THEY HAVE NOT REACHED THEIR EXPIRATION DATE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, Aug. 31: Boosterthon Kick-Off Pep Rally
- Tuesday, Sept. 1: Curriculum Chat K-2nd (6:30 p.m.)
- Friday, Sept. 4: College Football Spirit Day
- Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day - No School!
- Thursday, Sept. 10: PTO Meeting, 8:40 a.m. in the MPR
- Thursday, Sept. 10: NFL Football Spirit Day
- Friday, Sept. 11: Boosterthon Fun Run

View the complete events calendar [HERE](#)

THE PALENCIA CLUB 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 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.