



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- **August 14:** Meet & Greet
- **August 17:** Box Tops contest #1 Begins
- **August 25:** Curriculum Chats
3rd-5th grades
- **August 31:** Boosterthon Kick-off
Pep Rally
- **Sept 1:** Curriculum Chat K-2nd
- **Sept 7:** Labor Day / No School

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Show your School Spirit!

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

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Yesterday we achieved a first for Palencia Elementary school. For the first time we had a first day dismissal that was not a Rainy Day dismissal. We hope this continues and that we get through the first couple of weeks with normal dismissal. Looking at the forecast, we will be very fortunate if this happens. Rainy Day dismissal mostly impacts our bikers and walkers as we move them to parent pick up. 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 '@pesbi' to 81010.

At any time if 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 does 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 also staggering dismissal times for groups of students. This is for the safety of our students and only adds 4 minutes to the dismissal times.

Yesterday your child should have brought home a lot of forms to be filled out and returned. As a parent of two students, I understand the financial strain associated with the return to school. Please know that we try to keep these costs to a minimum. I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items. 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 as needed/desired including weekends and holidays. The other item has to do the Rosetta Stone program that we have 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 of 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.

Reminder that students are not to enter the building until 8:10 am. The only exceptions to this are patrols and students in morning care. Students are not allowed to wait in the office for the bell to ring.

As this is the first week of school we are allowing parents to walk their children to class. Please know that as of next Monday, no one is allowed in the building unless you are an approved volunteer and have a picture ID. This is for the safety for all our students and part of the Jessica Lundsford Act. The link to become an approved volunteer can be found on the school website.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to the upcoming SAC meeting on Monday. We will be discussing the New Vision and Mission Statement as well as getting input on the School Improvement Plan.

Yesterday was a great start to a school year. We hope the days get even better as the year progress. This is going to be a great year!!

Captain Allen Anderson

School News

The St. Johns County School District's (SJCS) bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year were approved by the School Board at their May 12 meeting. The routes are available online at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/routes.

Parents without access to computers may visit any of the county public library locations, and staff will assist them in locating the website.

The Transportation Department will operate 175 bus routes and transport approximately 60 percent of the district's students twice a day. For additional questions or information, call the Transportation Department at 547-7810.

Perfect Attendance Spells Success

(PASS) program awards I-Pod Shuffle (Nano) to students

Sometimes, students need a little extra incentive to push themselves. And kids like cool prizes! Put the two together, and you have a winning combination.

Beginning on August 17th all students participating in PASS who reach the program's goal of Perfect Attendance* each quarter will be placed in a drawing to win an I-Pod Shuffle. Students achieving Perfect Attendance for the entire school year will be entered into a final drawing at the end of the school year for a Kindle. **Students with early dismissals and tardies will not be entered into the drawing.**

Prizes provided by Shannon Millican of The Horace Mann Companies, one of our district business partners providing auto, home, life and retirement services. For more information, call (904) 810-5636 or email shannon.millican@horacemann.com.

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.



Sonics Fall League
August 11th—November 19th

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.



Reminder: 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.

PTO NEWS & EVENTS



AHOY, MATEYS!

Come aboard for the Parent Meet & Greet as we set sail on another exciting school year...
A Hearty Welcome & Refreshments Await!

Join us on
Friday, August 14th
at 8:40 a.m. in the MultiPurpose Room

Captain Anderson & Palencia Elementary PTO look forward to welcoming old & new friends. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to purchase your family's PES spirit wear!

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Volunteers are so valuable to our students and staff at PES, but it is important to make sure you are registered with the school district if you plan to spend any time on campus as a volunteer or a visitor! **Click HERE to visit the Volunteer page of the PES PTO website for information on how to make sure you are registered...** it only takes a few minutes to submit your volunteer registration form!



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. A

reservation system is in the process of being set up, and families/groups will have the opportunity to paint messages on Mr. Slate for just \$20 per day. Celebrate a birthday, commemorate a special occasion, recognize a special staff member or teacher...the choice is yours! Once the system is up and running, we will notify everyone via Facebook and the PTO homepage...keep an eye out!



The 3rd Annual
Palencia Elementary
FORE! The Kids
GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Palencia Club
600 Palencia Club Drive
St. Augustine, FL 32095

1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Four-Person Scramble

To Register Online, Visit
www.PalenciaForeTheKids.com

THE PALENCIA CLUB PRECISION IMAGING CENTERS HONDA OF THE AVENUES

BUG OUT SERVICE PALENCIA Markland Anh Vu, M.D. Arthur Rutenberg Homes
Palencia DENTAL HAZEL PARTNERS, LLC State Farm EMERALD AXA ADVISORS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, Aug.14:** Meet & Greet, 8:40 a.m., MPR
 - Monday, Aug.17:** Box Top Contest #1 Begins
 - Monday, Aug.31:** Boosterthon Kick-Off Pep Rally
- View the complete events calendar on the PTO website [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.