ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

<u>August 25</u>: Curriculum Chats
 2rd Eth grades

3rd-5th grades

- <u>August 31</u>: Boosterthon Kick-off Pep Rally
- Sept 1: Curriculum Chat K-2nd
- <u>Sept 7</u>: Labor Day / No School

2015-2016 SJCSD Calendar



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<u>Show your</u> <u>School Spirit!</u> Monday— Red Tuesday—Black Wednesday—Green Thursday—White Friday - Spirit Wear It has been a great first week back to school. It is always delightful to have children back in the building. It has been wonderful to walk into classrooms and watch the teachers as well as the students. Most classes look as though they have been together for months. I know you have had a lot of papers to go through last week and there are more this week, so I will try to be short.

Next week we will have our first of two Curriculum Chats. Curriculum Chats are an opportunity for the teachers to share expectations and happenings in their class for the year. This is an important meeting for you to attend as it will answer many of the questions you may encounter during the year. This year the district has given teachers additional material to cover, so time will be short. Please plan to arrive a little early to have plenty of time to get to the classroom. Please know this is not a time for parent conferences or to drop in and out, these are important informational meetings. Each teacher will have sign-ups available for parent conferences which will be held on Oct. 21st and 28th.

Curriculum Chats:

Tuesday, August 25th - 6:30 pm. Grades 3-5 Tuesday, Sept. 1. - 6:30 pm. Grades K-2 We hope to see you there.

Also, last week there were many forms asking for money. As a parent, I understand the financial demands that the start of the school year brings. Also, Boosterthon is only a couple weeks away. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We prefer Boosterthon to be at the beginning of the year as it includes lessons on good character. With Boosterthon, we also try to encourage others to sponsor the students rather than the parents. This week we are asking again. We held off on this intentionally trying to spread things out. The PTO was kind enough to front us the money for the subscription for Rosetta Stone. We are asking for a \$15 donation from each family to help us replenish these funds. We would like to build this account so we will have the funds to continue this program for years to come. Please fill out the attached form and make the check payable to PTO. Thank you for your support.

There is lots of important information yet to be shared, but I will save that for upcoming editions. Please be sure to read the newsletter each week.

Captain Allen Anderson

School News

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media News for August is available at <u>https://www.smore.com/htr2q</u>

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* <u>each</u> <u>quarter</u> will be placed in a drawing to win an I<u>-Pod Shuffle</u>. 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 <u>shannon.millican@horacemann.com</u>.

Community News

Exploration Enrichment 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 <u>www.creeksbaseballclub.com/</u> <u>events/fall-instructional-program-2015/</u> to register and to find out more information.

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



Sonics Fall League August 11th—Novemebr 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. ~<u>*Apply here to get approved*</u>

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

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!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Aug. 25: Curriculum Chat 3rd-5th (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
Mon., Aug. 31: Boosterthon Kick-Off Pep Rally
Tues., Sept. 1: Curriculum Chat K-2nd (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
Tues., Sept. 4: College Football Spirit Day
View the complete events calendar HERE



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.