



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- **October 8:** SAC Meeting @ 4 pm.
All parents invited.
- **October 7,8:** Meeting of District Principals at Palencia
- **October 9:** Art to Remember
Packets go home.
- **October 12:** Deadline for first
Box Top Collection Contest
- **October 13:** Palencia Communi-
ty's Fall Street Festival & Mil-
itary Appreciation, Noon to 7 pm
- **October 15:** Kindergarten Field
Trip to the Farm
- **October 19:** Deadline for Gifted
Screening Referrals
- **October 22:** End of 1st Quarter

Data Collection: Over the past few weeks, teachers have given students two different on-line assessments for diagnostic and formative information. One test was Discovery Education's **Think Link** assessment. This test, similar to the FCAT assessment, is used district-wide to determine students current performance level on grade-level benchmarks. It will be given two more times this year to gauge student progress and will be used as part of the annual evaluation for teachers in Kindergarten through third grade. (FCAT results are used as the performance measure for teachers in grades 4 and 5.)

The second test given was the Renaissance Learning's **STAR** assessment. This assessment is a wonderful diagnostic tool for our teachers and gives them pre-scriptive information to assist in developing individualized learning paths for all of our students. Neither of these assessments are used for "grading" or report card purposes.

Parent Conferences: Based on all the information that has been gathered, teachers will be reaching out to all parents to set up individual conference times during the month of October. Teachers look forward to sharing information about your students' "next steps" in learning and where you can help at home.

Kudos to our cafeteria volunteers! I cannot say how much we appreciate our wonderful parent cafeteria helpers. These dedicated individuals are getting to know our students well as they assist in the lunchroom. They open milks and catsup packets, help our little ones to recycle and clean up after them selves, and even assist in the serving line. If you would like to join this dedicated crew, please contact volunteer coordinator, Shanna Klauk:

pes.ptovolunteer.coordinator@gmail.com

~ Captain Don Campbell

Meet our Physical Education Expert



We are off to a great start in Physical Education here at Palencia. I have really enjoyed getting to meet all our students. They are energetic and eager to learn.

I want to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jenny Brougham. Prior to coming to Palencia, I worked at Timberlin Creek, Julington Creek, and Durbin Creek Elementary Schools. Before coming to St Johns County Schools, I worked at Bishop Kenny High School as a teacher and coach for 5 years. I currently coach girls' soccer at Mandarin High and we are getting ready to start our season. Outside of school, I am married and have two boys, ages 9 and 4. My oldest, Jakob, is a student here. We are both excited to be Palencia Pirates!

PES students are currently working on their overhand and underhand throwing skills through centers and games. During our ROW (Resource on Wednesdays), they are practicing golf skills using the SNAG GOLF equipment provided by The First Tee. Please remember that it is necessary for the students to wear appropriate clothing and shoes (sneakers that tie or have Velcro closures) during PE class. Students are encouraged to bring a labeled water bottle, hats, and sunglasses.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in helping out in PE please don't hesitate to contact me. broughj@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Looking forward to a great year,

Extended Day News

The Extended Day program will be doing a "**Teddy Bear Drive**" for children at Wolfson's Children's Hospital. We will be collecting "like new" Teddy Bears who need a good home from October 1st-October 19th. You may drop off teddy bears at school or on October 13th at the Palencia Fall Festival.



The Extended Day program will be providing activities, field trips and care for any children who need this during the days that the public schools are closed for holidays or teacher planning. The only days during 2012 that we are closed are: Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving Holiday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For days that school is closed, we provide our services and programs at Village Academy North where we have a multi-purpose room set up for the students.

A Bulls-eye for Palencia



Did you know that Target supports Education?

If you have a Target charge card- and choose Palencia Elementary- our school will receive up to 5% back on all of your purchases! In just two months, our school received \$110.55. Just go to: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home> for more information about this program.

Classes and Clubs

Messages from the Music Teacher

I am very excited with the enthusiasm for Pirate Chorus! We are currently up to 60 members! Way to go, Pirates! However, 60 is the most we can have without being too large of a group. Therefore, any new registrations submitted will go on a waiting list and as space becomes available those students will be able to jump on board with the Pirate Chorus. Thank you for the support and excitement!

Third grade parents: An email went out to you on Monday to ask if your student would be participating in the evening performance of the third grade musical, "The Environmental Show" on November 1st at 6:30pm. If you did not receive the email or a paper note about it, please contact Mrs. Dowdie or send a note with your student as to whether or not he or she will be able to take part. Thank you! ~ Mrs. Dowdie

Safety Leaders

Our patrol group met recently to discuss the important role they have to serve and protect as safety leaders. There is now a link on the school website for safety patrols. This site provides detailed information about the rules and responsibilities for our safety leaders. <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/safety-leader-roles>

Green Team Globe

Our "Green Team" began Sept. 13th. These 4th and 5th grade students are the Environmental Leaders for Palencia Elementary. This month, the students are learning all about the process of recycling. The Green Team students will be creating environmental presentations throughout the year that they will present in classrooms starting in October. Look for a regular articles from various Green Team members to begin in the next couple of weeks.

News Crew

The Palencia Elementary School Pirate News show, "**PESP News**" started this week. The show is scripted and produced entirely by 4th and 5th grade student leaders. Mrs.. Tahan has been busy working with district staff to help train our computer technicians, switchboard operators, videographers, and news anchors.



Flagler College Cheerleading Camp for Kids

Saturday, October 6 to Sunday, October 7, 8 am to 5 pm at the Flagler College Gym. Kids grades K-5 can learn sideline cheers, dances, age appropriate jumps, bumbling and stunting. Taught by the Flagler Cheer Squad and 2 head coaches ~ Coach Kristen Villacci and Coach Nicki Hicks (207-615-7093).

Register online today, October 5th and your cost is only \$100. Register the day of the event and the cost is \$125. To learn more and register go to: <http://flaglercheercamp.eventbrite.com>.

Youth Basketball

Youth Baseball is back! Join the SJC Recreation and Parks Dept. Youth Basketball League. Registration begins October 1, tryouts are Nov. 3rd. Visit www.sjcfl.us/youth for more info.



PTO News Flash

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Please plan to attend the general PTO meeting on Friday, October 12th at 8:45 am in the MPR. There will be a treasurer's report, project updates, committee reports and volunteer opportunities. This is a great way to stay informed and discover how you can help to make a difference for PES.

Hopefully you're receiving the many emails communicating volunteer opportunities such as lunch duty, event steering committees and Helping Hands! We're using the Sign Up Genius application to manage online sign ups. Didn't get the email?? Please register your contact information on the PTO website. Everyone is invited to get involved!

So far, 5,155 Box Tops representing \$515.50 have been collected for PES! The money raised will purchase a new program called the Mileage Club that Coach Brougham has asked for. Congratulations to Ms. Royal and Ms. Case whose classes have both won popsicle parties for collecting at least 500 Box Tops! This first contest ends next Friday, October 12. Be sure to send in your Box Tops next week!

Save the Date! October 25th is Pirates and Pancakes. Give yourself a break in the kitchen and bring your family to enjoy breakfast for dinner to benefit the vegetable and hydroponic gardens. The Pirate Chorus is performing and the book fair will be open. Turn in your reservation form and payment to-day!

Always Check out the PTO website for more info on our fundraising projects, volunteer needs and meetings. Together we are stronger!

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