



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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### Calendar of events:

- **November 5:** Picture Retakes
- **November 12:** Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL
- **November 13:** SAC Meeting 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited.
- **November 15:** 4th grade Musical Performance 6:30 pm
- **November 19:** Interims issued.
- **November 19:** Grandparents Thanksgiving Luncheon
- **November 21 -23:** Thanksgiving Break

**Pirate VIPS:** We have a lot to be proud of here at Palencia Elementary but one of our most important “treasures” is our fabulous PTO board. With your help, this group of 21 proactive and dedicated individuals has accomplished so much in our first nine weeks of school. Here are just SOME of their activities...

They incorporated as a PTO, wrote bylaws, developed a financial budget and a master calendar for the year. They solicited 32 corporate sponsorships along with 9 in-kind sponsors—who have donated \$30,600 to Palencia Elementary. They created a web site, established Facebook and Twitter accounts, sent out email blasts and contribute regular articles to the Palencia Press, Pirate Post, and World Gold Village. They collaborated with Nease HS to produce a music video: “*I’m a Pirate and I Know It.*” They organized homeroom moms, got volunteers for the cafeteria, and established the Helping Hands group. They started a Playground campaign, organized a clothing drive, collected and counted box tops. Last, but not least, they coordinated a 4-day Grand Opening that raised \$11,792 and a Pancake dinner that raised \$3000. PTO gave over \$7000 to teachers for their classrooms, donated \$500 each to the Green Team and Coach Brougham’s Mileage Club and purchased Composting bins for the future garden. Thank you PTO for your incredible support!

**SACS Accreditation Survey:** As noted in a previous newsletter, our district is undergoing accreditation this year through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As part of this accreditation, we need at least 20% of our parents to complete stakeholder surveys. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey for us if you have not already done so. The survey is located at: <http://advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4625647>. If you are not able to complete the survey online, please contact Mrs. LaBello at (904) 547-4013 and we will arrange to deliver a paper copy to you.

**Picture Retakes:** This Monday, Leonard’s Studio will be back at Palencia for picture retakes. If you would like your child’s photos retaken, contact your child’s teacher and he/she will make sure your child gets to the photographer.

~ Captain Don Campbell



## Meet Mrs. Hackney, Instructional Literacy Coach

Greetings!

What a blessing and a joy it is getting to know all my fellow pirates. With such a great student body and wonderful staff, this ship is sure to embark on many great adventures in learning over the next months. My role as our Literacy Coach is to provide instructional support for teachers and students by helping teachers implement successful instructional strategies in the classroom. I consult with teachers to plan research-based remediation tools for students who need additional help and enrichment ideas for students who need a challenge. This year I am learning and growing along with the teachers as I help with the implementation of our new Pearson digital tools.

This is my nineteenth year in education and my fourth year serving as Literacy Coach. I started my teaching career at Paxon Middle school in Jacksonville. I was then afforded the opportunity to teach at Osceola Elementary here in St. Johns County. My family moved to Putnam County where I worked as a Behavior Specialist. After several years in Putnam county, we moved back to the St. Augustine area. I taught at Mill Creek and Wards Creek before becoming the Wards Creek Instructional Literacy Coach. I am so happy about my newest transition now to Palencia Elementary. I look forward to sunny skies and clear sailing as we steer our young passengers toward a bright future.

## Cafeteria News

Your child's school day just got healthier! School lunches now include more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods; only fat-free or low-fat milk; "right-size" meals with portions designed for a child's age; and less saturated fat, trans fat and sodium. The changes in school meals, the first in 15 years, are based on the latest nutritional guidelines.

Here are some important facts about the new school meals:

- ♦ The new school lunch provides 1/3 of the *average* daily calorie needs for kids by age.
- ♦ Some highly active students, like athletes, may need more calories. Some schools may offer second helpings of fruits and vegetables. A second carton of milk may also be an option. Schools can also operate afterschool snack and supper programs. Students and/or sports teams can also bring food from home.
- ♦ In practice, many students are being served the same amounts of protein as before under the new standards.

Your child can learn good habits for life by making healthy food choices and getting proper exercise now. This year is a transition year as schools implement these new standards and work together with parents to ensure that every child in every community across America has access to healthy and nutritious meals. Encourage your child to try new foods and to eat the healthy food offered at school. Reinforce healthy eating by offering similar new foods at home.

Keep updated on the changes at [www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday](http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday).

Help your Child understand good eating habits with this fun Web site:  
[www.dole.com/DoleSuperKids](http://www.dole.com/DoleSuperKids)

Regards,

Kathleen Damiano; Cafeteria Manager



## Caught on Camera



## Pirates and Pancakes

Thanks to Nicole Sawyer and Jennifer King for their drive and dedication in organizing our Pirates and Pancakes dinner. These wonderful ladies planned a fun social event that included not only the tasty dinner and beautifully arranged bake sale, but entertainment by our Pirate Chorus!



## 50th Day!

Can you believe it—October 30th was the 50th day of school! Our Kindergartens celebrated this milestone with a tribute to the 1950s! Only one day later—they jumped even further back in time—to chase Pirate treasure.

## Pirate Sightings on the 31st



## Hands On Problem-Solving

Our 4th and 5th graders practice team-work as they discover collaborative solutions to problems.





## PTO News Flash

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**Our Wonderful  
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Give yourself a round of applause for the successful Pirates and Pancakes Dinner benefitting the hydroponic and vegetable gardens. Palencia Pirates fed about 450 people and raised about \$3000. We're so proud of our talented Pirate chorus and the outstanding artists from the Cave of Art. Plus, shopping at the Media Center Book Fair made this a super evening. Thank you teachers, students, event volunteers, and bakers.

Tuesday, November 13 is Spirit Night at the Murabella McDonalds. Our friends at McDonalds donate 10% of the proceeds made between 5 and 8 pm that night to PES. Dine in or Drive-Thru—it all counts. Plug it in your calendar today!

Save the date—do you enjoy tennis? Do you enjoy socials? Then you'll enjoy *Racquet Up for Reading!* It's a tennis social at the beautiful Palencia Tennis Center. The Tennis Center donated court time and their Professional Tennis Staff's time to help the PTO raise money for our PES Media Center. You're invited to play tennis where we may measure the speed of your serve, invite you to play with wooden racquets or challenge you to play the Pro. If you prefer to just socialize, then we welcome you to enjoy a playful evening with DJ music, tasteful tapas, and a fabulous silent auction. The adult evening is a way for you to "ACE" it for our student readers. Holiday sweaters and bells not required!

Stay in touch with us on Facebook; we have a public page and a group, so join both. Also, for more information about how to get involved with PTO committees, details on PTO events and volunteering at PES, can be found at [www.palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com](http://www.palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com).

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