



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- **December 3:** Kindergarten Field Trip to the Castillo & Carousel
- **December 6:** Pirate Players Performance @ 6:30 pm.
- **December 10:** SAC Meeting at 4:00 pm. All parents invited to attend.
- **December 18:** *Racquet Up for Reading* at Palencia Tennis Center. Social Hour starts at 5:30 pm.
- **December 20:** PES Chorus Winter Concert 6:30 pm.

Good News: Melanie Tahan, our Media Specialist, won a \$1000 Horizon Grant for literature sets which will be housed in our school library and used by teachers and students in grades K-5. These guided reading sets will be used to differentiate instruction for students, to promote literacy throughout our school, and to help support the new Common Core standards. Guided Reading Literature sets help engage students through Literature Circles and Book Clubs, and emphasize making connections through cross-curricular content. Read more about our goals to build a Power Library at Palencia Elementary on page 2.

Did you know? Congratulations to Mrs. Brougham's PE students who participated in the Stack Up challenge on November 15th. They helped set a New Guinness World record for cup stacking that day!

Final Bike Brigades Our Bike Brigades have been a wonderful success helping students to learn to ride their bicycle safely to school. However, the students needing assistance have dwindled and all students are now safely riding their bicycle to school. Therefore, starting January 7th, we will no longer be providing Bike Brigades either in the morning or afternoons. We encourage parents who have been assisting with our Bike Brigades to continue if they wish. We would also like to thank our teachers who gave up their valuable planning time to provide this service to our school. Thank you Bike Brigade Teachers!! Job well done!

Missing Anything? With the weather getting colder, we are accumulating a very large collection of sweaters and jackets! We also have lunch boxes, scarves and a pair of glasses! We have been displaying these on the stage at lunch. Please remind your child to look for any items that have gone "missing" from your house. We will be making a large donation to Good Will of those items we can't find a home for next Friday.

~ Captain Don Campbell

Why Racquet Up for Reading?

Are you wondering why *Racquet Up for Reading* matters?

School libraries in the U.S. spend only an average of \$12.06 per student per year on library media—that's merely two-thirds the cost of a single fiction title (\$17.63) or about one-third the cost of a single non-fiction title (\$27.04). Budget reductions from the state in recent years have shrunk those library book budgets even further which means that community support of our libraries is more vital than ever. Racquet Up for Reading is a great way to help build our beautiful new Palencia Elementary library.



Twenty-four statewide studies have shown that students' academic success is fostered by a well-funded school library media program. Here are some examples of research in support of helping to fund school libraries:

- ◆ A school library program that is adequately staffed, resourced, and funded can lead to higher student achievement regardless of the socioeconomic or educational levels of the community.

Scholastic Library Publishing. 2008. *School libraries work!*. Danbury, CT: Scholastic Library Pub.

- ◆ Students at schools with better funded LMCs tend to achieve higher average test scores, whether their schools and communities are rich or poor and whether adults in the community are well or poorly educated.

Lance, K. 1993. *The impact of school library media centers on academic achievement*. Castle Rock, CO: Hi Willow Research and Pub.

- ◆ Between the elementary and middle school levels, there was a similar increase in the strength of the relationship between library spending and writing performance. Elementary schools that spend more on their libraries average almost 10 percent higher writing performance, and middle schools that invest more in their libraries average almost 13 percent higher writing levels.

Lance, K. 2005. *Powerful libraries make powerful learners: The Illinois study*. Canton, Ill.: Illinois School Library Media Association.

Even if you don't want to play tennis we hope you will come socialize for a good cause! Let's support our Palencia elementary readers and teachers by showing we care about READING! Contact **Kassi O'Brien** at 904-891-3835 or **Melanie Tahan** at: tahanm@stjohns.k12.fl.us if you have any questions.

*** If you enjoy tennis and have some time free, our PTO is looking for one more tennis volunteer for a student workshop here at PES on December 17th and 18th. Sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FAAA929A46-tennis>

St. Augustine Little League



St. Augustine Little League offers various divisions and playing levels in Little League Baseball and Girls Softball.

Registration for the 2013 spring season is now open. Registration is online only at www.mysail.org. The registration fee is \$70.00 per child with a discount if you register early. For questions, please email: information_littleleague@yahoo.com

PES ARTISTS at the Ampitheater

Congratulations to PES 4th and 5th grade students Sarah B., Poppy M., Shelby H., Maggie C., Penelope V., Jenna V., Leah C., Jessica V., and Kyle K. for participating in the Friends of the Saint Augustine Ampitheater's (FOSAA) "Paint Out". Along with the supervision of Mrs. Wardley and Mr. Farnum they painted a large whitewashed board with a Palencia Pirates Winter theme that will be on display during the 6th annual Winter Wonderland at the St. Augustine Ampitheater. For their participation FOSAA will be donating \$200 to Palencia for art supplies. Congratulations!



Palencia Holiday Run

Come have fun running with your family and help other families! Tomorrow, December 1st, Palencia Fitness Center will be the starting and finish line for a **5K Run** starting at 10 a.m. and a **Mile Fun Run** at 11 a.m. All kids will receive a medal for running the race, and refreshments and music will be waiting at the finish line. To participate, please bring canned foods for local food banks and unwrapped toys for needy children. To pre-register, contact Marybeth@810showroom.com. You may also register on the day of the race.



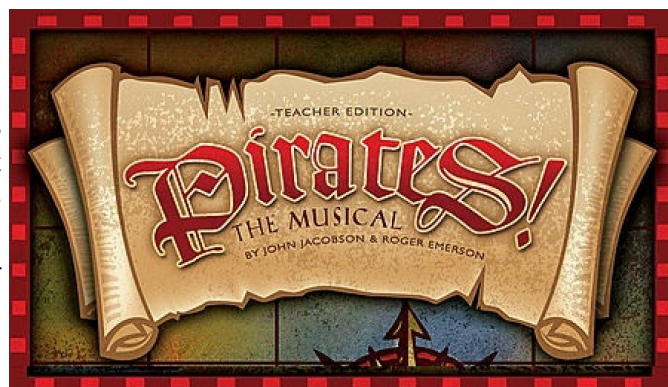
The Green Team Globe

Did you ever wonder how we use most of our water? Toilets? We use 26.7% of our water when we flush our toilets. The water that's in the toilet is potable water. There are new efficient toilets that use less water. Turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth and you can save up to 8 gallons of water. You can use rain barrels to collect water to water plants. Have you ever seen flowers on the beach? Those are called native plants and don't need a lot of water.

This article is brought to you by Ellie O'Donnell, Green Team Student.

Performance Postponement

Putting together a musical production is exciting, but it is also a lot of work! Mrs. Dowdie regrets to inform you that the 5th grade's play: *Pirates! The Musical*, is still in rehearsal and will not be ready for performance this month. The decision was made to postpone the musical until later in the spring. Stay tuned for the new production date!



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**Our Wonderful
Sponsors!**

Our fourth grade team would like to tell you about a cause that is near and dear to our hearts. The Bayview Nursing Home in St. Augustine is in great need of personal care items and entertainment. Six years ago, Mrs. Simpson started collecting items for the home after hearing about the needs of our local seniors. Each year, Mrs. Simpson's class has collected and delivered approximately 700 items to Bayview residents including 150 blankets to keep these seniors warm during the cold winter months. We would like to continue this project here at Palencia as a fourth grade team.

We will be collecting items from the entire school starting November 26th through December 13th. The list is divided by grade level, so we do not end up with an enormous amount of one or two items and miss giving items that are in great need.

Please send your donation with your child to school. Teachers will sit the items outside the classroom door following morning announcements. A team of helpers will go by each classroom to pick up the donations daily. In December, a group of our fourth graders will be visiting Bayview to bring our collection and perform for the residents.

We hope that you all will be able to donate to this worthy cause. The kids at Palencia are very excited about the opportunity to pay it forward and share their talents and kindness with others. Thank you in advance for your support!

Warm regards,
The Fourth Grade Team

Donation List by Grade Level-

All items must be new including blankets and comforters:

Kindergarten & 1st- Shampoo, Conditioner, and New Blankets/Comforters

2nd Grade- Combs, Brushes and New Blankets/Comforters

3rd, 4th and 5th- Body Lotion, Liquid Body Soap, and New Blankets/Comforters

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