



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



Calendar of events:

- **January 13:** Last day for AR goals in 2nd quarter
- **January 16:** SAC Meeting @ 4 pm—everyone welcome.
- **January 16:** Report Cards go home
- **January 21:** NO SCHOOL—M.L. King Day
- **January 22:** NO SCHOOL—Teacher Planning Day
- **January 24:** Read Around Publix 5:30—7:30
- **January 16 & 24:** 3rd grades visit Whitney Labs
- **January 30:** School Assembly: JAX Symphony Ensemble
- **February 9:** CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K Run/Walk 2 pm
- **February 12:** End of 2nd Box Top collection contest.
- **February 18:** NO SCHOOL: Presidents Day
- **February 26:** FCAT Writes for 4th grade

Happy New Year: On behalf of this Palencia pirate ship, I wish you and your family good health and prosperity in 2013!

Charting our Course: Hopefully you are well on your way to success with those New Year's resolutions! Our SAC group helped our school community reflect and focus our energies this year by creating and approving Purpose, Mission, and Vision statements for our school in December. Read more about these on page two of this issue.

New Semester: This week is the beginning of the 3rd quarter marking period. Report Cards for 2nd quarter go home Wednesday.

Please vote! The video contest for funding from Davidson Cares is very close. Please vote daily for one of our four worthy causes at: www.davidsoncares.com

Upcoming Events: We need to celebrate reading! Students meeting Accelerated Reader (AR) goals will be acknowledged and rewarded in the coming week. In addition, we will be teaming with Publix to offer a "Read Around Publix" event on the 24th! Finally, don't forget to sign up for the school district's Character Counts Run/Walk which will be held right here at Palencia Elementary on February 9th!

~ Captain Don Campbell



Setting a Purpose, Vision, and Mission

After brainstorming and discussion in November, Palencia's School Advisory Counsel approved the official Purpose, Vision, and Mission statements for our school at their December meeting. These important statements encapsulate who we are at Palencia Elementary, and will help us chart our course going forward in this new year!

Our Purpose

Palencia Elementary children come to school excited to be innovative learners and leaders, to be respectful while individual needs are being met through a fun, engaging and rigorous curriculum provided by caring teachers and staff.

Our Vision

At Palencia Elementary we provide a welcoming environment that nurtures leadership-building, fosters a caring, inclusive setting, and creates joyful passion for life-long learning while combining the best of traditional instruction with contemporary technology.

Our Mission

Our mission is to build relationships with our community and local businesses, as we strive to develop educational programs that are environmentally conscious, aligned with district curricula, equitable and enriching for both students and faculty, yet inspiring creativity and driven by data.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

The holidays were made much brighter for the 32 children we were able to help by providing them with toys, clothing and food for Christmas. Thank you for your generous support and care for our school community! Children were adopted by PES homeroom classes, Palencia community groups, a group at Flagler Hospital and PES staff members' families. Many thanks for the items donated from the Palencia Fun Run and thanks to Jared's Galleria of Jewelry for supplying teddy bears for our gift bags. Hopefully, we will be able make this an annual tradition here at Palencia Elementary.

Read Around the Grocery Store

Palencia Elementary and Publix will be partnering to celebrate reading with a night of Reading Around the Grocery Store on Thursday, January 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Parents and students are encouraged to come to the Murabella Publix to participate in a variety of fun reading stations throughout Publix. Children may participate in as many stations as possible to receive tickets that will enter them in drawings for \$5.00 book vouchers to be used at the spring book fair. Examples of station themes include "Real-Life Reading," "Reading to be Healthy," "Reading with Math," "Reading With Technology" and more. We hope you will come out to help us celebrate the love of literacy.

Students in the News

Two 5th grade students from Mrs. Holmes & Capelli's class were published in St. Augustine Record December 25th for their holiday stories! **Timothy Colbert** took 2nd place in the Youth Division for his story; *The Best Christmas Ever!* **Cooper King** received Honorable Mention for his fantasy tale: *Christmas Dinner*. Congratulation to these talented authors.

Another of our 5th graders, **Eva Karjono** will be showcased this evening playing her violin at for an Exhibition of Art hosted by Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach. You are invited to come hear Eva at 5:30 pm.

Spelling Bee Winners

On December 7, 2012 we held our very first fifth grade spelling bee! We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated and represented their classes: **Mallory Pace, Kenzie Smith, and Sara Booth** from Mrs. Cooper's Class; **Haley Siebert, Erin McCormick, and Jenna Valle** from Mrs. Fedak's class; and **Caitlyn White, Maya Albold, and Sam Youngston** from Mrs. Holmes & Capelli's class.

Congratulations to the winner of the spelling bee, Sam Youngston, who will represent Palencia Elementary at the St Johns County Bee on January 16, 2013!



Girls on the Run Coming to PES

Don't forget that *Girls on the Run* will be coming to Palencia Elementary this Spring! The Lime Green Registration flyers went home this week and registrations are due by **January 18th**.

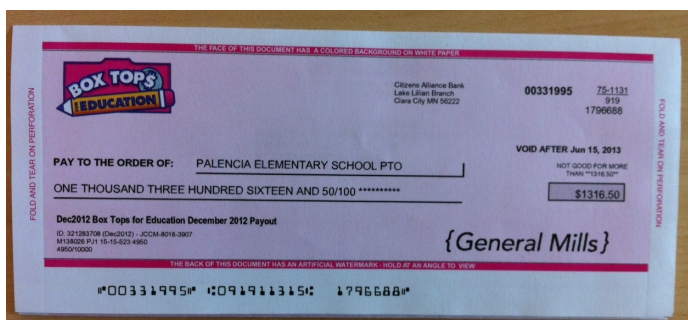
Visit our Website at: www.gotrneflorida.org for more information!



Big Bucks for Box Tops

In December, we received our first check from our Fall Box Tops Collection. Your efforts through October 12th earned us an amazing \$1316.00 which have already been allocated to several worthy causes: the Physical Education Mileage Club, the Media Center Accelerated Reading Program (awards), the Morning News team, and the Lego Lab.

We are currently in our second contest period which will end on February 12th. So far this period we have collected 2760 Box Tops—\$276.00 worth, but we can accomplish more! Keep clipping and send them in! As always, thanks for supporting our school.



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PTO News Flash

Who says in tennis “LOVE” means nothing? The PTO is delighted to announce that Racquet Up for Reading, which was held on December 18th, raised nearly \$4,000! This wonderful event benefited the Media Center. Ms Tahan, PES Media Center Specialist, is thrilled to enhance the library offerings to satisfy our voracious readers. Thank you to all who attended Racquet Up for Reading! Together, we continue to make a difference at PES!

The lovely evening, attended by jolly guests and tennis enthusiasts, was simply, AWESOME! Compliments of Bozard Ford, attendees enjoyed delicious fare catered by A1A Ale Works and court refreshments were complements of Coffee Perks. A DJ, complements of Bartram Dental Center, had us get our groove on, on and off the courts. The silent auction was over the top with incredible items from very generous local businesses.

We sincerely appreciate PES Business Sponsors and The Palencia Tennis Center. Many Thanks to Tennis Court Sponsors: BNI, Jim White Insurance, Murray International Golf, North Florida Emulsion, Village Chiropractic and Coffee Perks.

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