



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

Calendar of events:

- **February 9:** Fam Jam Party!
Noon—5 pm
- **February 9:** CHARACTER COUNTS! Run/Walk 2 pm
- **February 11:** SAC Meeting at 4pm.
- **February 12:** End of 2nd Box Top collection contest.
- **February 13:** Jump Rope for Heart
- **February 13:** Vision Screening for 5th grade
- **February 13:** Interims Issued
- **February 18:** NO SCHOOL: Presidents Day
- **February 19:** Spirit Night at Zaxby's 5—8 pm
- **February 26:** FCAT Writes for 4th grade

Show your School Spirit!

Monday—Red
Tuesday—Black
Wednesday—Green
Thursday—White
Friday - Spirit Wear

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Celebrating Digital Learning:

I so enjoyed seeing many of you Tuesday evening at our Digital Learning Night. We were able to discuss so many facets of your child's digital learning experience and explain how to utilize our digital tools from home. We also talked about requirements for sending in your child's personal digital device for use at school. If you missed this event, the PowerPoint used that evening can be accessed from our school web site!

Children enjoyed so many fun and educational activities on Wednesday, *National Digital Learning Day*. They participated in a QR scavenger hunt and World Education Day activities, developed digital book reports, and Skyped other classes near and far. Ask your children about special events they participated in that day!

We won!

A big thank you to all who voted in the Davidson Cares contest. Mrs. Stewart will be awarded her grant for more Kindergarten leveled reading books and the school will also get additional funds. Now we need your voting help for two more contests! Please see the articles on page 2 & 3 about helping Mrs. Banks win a car and our school garner a recycling award!

Upcoming Events from our wonderful PTO:

Tomorrow is a big day on our campus—our **Fam Jam** AND the **Character Counts Fun Run**. Learn more about these on Page 4.

Friday, February 15th 6pm-9pm, is our **Father/Daughter dance** at the Palencia Club. PTO is excited to announce that this event has already **sold out!** There are still a few reservations available for the **Mother Son Dinner** that same evening at Donovan's Irish Pub. Enjoy a Pirate themed evening there with a special kids menu, games and lots of laughs!

Finally, February 19th from 5—9 pm is **Spirit Night at Zaxby's**. Skip the kitchen and get some chicken! Our friends at Zaxby's in St Augustine are donating a percentage of the evening's sales to our PTO.

~ Captain Don Campbell

February Lunch Menu: [Click Here](#)

Readers are Leaders!

In this issue we are acknowledging our **4th grade students** who met their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals in the first semester.

Congratulations to: *Adam Bernstein, Kimberly Brooks, Katie Harman, Caroline Hunt, Garret King, Allie Larrimore, Macy Ledford, Malcolm MacEwan, Sydney Ott, Aiden Parke, Gavin Paull, Olivia Peoples, Emma Queener, Aidan Rogers, Michael Xidea, Billy Childres, Toby Mann, Hunter Moser, Anne Nichols, Lily Sara, Andrew Sprecher, Katie Stratton Halie Woody, Cecil Allen, Aaron Brennan, Grace Jackson, Jennah Long, Sydney McClure, Ashley Miller, Kelsey Priest, Augusta Rose, Riley Smith, Dylan Stedman, Evin Waddy, Jordan Wright, Nathanael Brittain, Katherine Anne Davis, Anthony Dorr, Max Jackson, Chloe Miko, Ashley Stanley, Kyleigh Wood.*

The Blood Alliance Needs Your Help...

The Blood Alliance is conducting a blood drive at the Character Counts Run/Walk on February 9th from 12 PM-4 PM. Please consider giving the gift of life-saving blood on Saturday!

Palencia Inventors get International Recognition!

Two 2nd grade students, **Abby Thibodeau** and **Emily Bradshaw**, from Mrs. Harrington's class, took the runner-up award for their invention in a contest sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute! These students joined hundreds of others from around the world to research, create, and advertise their personal inventions. Their invention was the ecofriendly *Trashport*. To see the video and Powerpoint they created go to: http://en.community.epals.com/student_media_galleries/m/smithsonian-invent-it-challenge-2012/348729.aspx

Two other students, **Lexi Bernstein** and **Emma Haralson**, also won a special i-nnovate award from the judges for their entry of *i-Animals*. Congratulations to these creative students!

Hardship Waivers

The Hardship Transfer application process will begin on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, the new application will be live on the St. Johns County School District website: www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/os/schoolserv/transfers.

If you have a child here at Palencia on an approved 2012-13 Out of Zone Hardship, this waiver will expire at the end of this school year. If you would like for your child to still attend Palencia next year and you are on an Out of Zone waiver you must apply again for the 2013-14 school year.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Abbatinuzzi at 904-547-7583, and, as always, feel free to call Cindy Williams at 904-547-4017.

Help Mrs. Banks win a car!

Mrs. Banks, one of our wonderful Kindergarten teachers, is one of nine finalists in the Bozard Car Give-away Contest! Please help her win a brand-new Ford Fusion Hybrid car by going to:

<http://www.news4jax.com/entertainment/contests/-/475398/18309400/-/uvsj3o/-/index.html>

The contest only runs until 2/15 so vote today!!!!

Sweet Support For Volunteers

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Ponce de Leon Mall. Guests will enjoy tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. A silent auction, raffle, and contests will also be part of this fun and exciting afternoon.

Hosted by The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County, proceeds from Chocolate and Beyond benefit the volunteer program and the Early Learning Coalition of Putnam and St. Johns Counties through book purchases. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased on the RSVP website (www.rsvpstjohns.com), or in person at Whetstone Chocolates (King Street and Anastasia Blvd locations), Cold Cow Ice Cream, and TD Bank (U.S. 1 South location) in St. Augustine. Call RSVP at 904-547-3945 for more information.

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ESE Survey

The Florida Department of Education is conducting a survey designed to provide the state with information on how well schools are supporting parents' involvement in their child's education. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), states must report this information to the federal government on an annual basis. All parents of children with disabilities and a current IEP (PK to 12th grade) are invited to participate in this survey. The survey is opened from February 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Please visit www.esesurvey.com to complete the survey.

Sebastian MS hosts 5th grade Parent Night

Thursday, February 28th is 5th grade parent information night at Sebastian Middle School, for those students zoned to attend there next year. The event starts at 6:30pm, followed by an ice cream social. They will be discussing the exciting new academy and programs that will be available for SMS students in the 2013-14 school year. A 5th grade student visit/tour will take place in May, date TBD.



Getting Green for going Green!

There are financial benefits to "Going Green." Our school will save over \$10,000 in waste collection fees through our recycling efforts this year! In addition, our school has entered a Recycling Award competition sponsored by the **American Forest & Paper Association**. In addition to a monetary award if we win, there is a prize for being "Fan Favorite." We already know that we are good at voting (thanks again for your support with Davidson Cares!), so please vote for us as a model recycling school at:

<http://www.paperrecyclingawards.com/voting/school>

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Fam Jam Q & A

When is Fam Jam? Tomorrow, Feb. 9th, 12—5 pm on the Palencia campus.

What activities will be available outside?

12:00—5:00: Laser Tag; Human Hamster Ball Relays; Booger Wars; Angry Birds in U-Launchers. Check out www.G2U.com for videos of these crazy games!

2 pm: Run or walk the Character Counts 6K/3K Fun Run. Sign up on race day.

What activities will be available inside?

12:30: Sparky the Balloon Guy performance. Our friend Sparky will be delivering a kid friendly show that will reinforce the message of good character and emphasize safety tips. The kids will laugh out loud and some may even make it on stage to help out Sparky!

3:30pm-5pm: Palencia's Got Talent!! It's a student show case featuring 20 acts of very talented children. You'll hear singing and playing of instruments, watch dance routines and listen to a monologue.

Will Food Be For Sale?

We will have Pulled Pork Sandwich meals from Tailgater Toby for sale as well as hotdog meals. There will also be Fresh Kettle Corn, Kona Ice snow cones and Dunkin Donuts.

Will I need to bring money?

It's up to you. The outdoor games, such as laser tag, require purchase of a wristband. You may purchase wristbands on event day for \$12. Each wristband equals 5 games.

What about Parking?

If you're coming by car, please park at the former Food Lion parking lot. There may be parking on Shannon Road too. If you're close by, please travel by bicycle and park at the bike racks.

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