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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Calendar of events:

- <u>April 22 25</u> FCAT Math assessments: Grade 5
- <u>April 24:</u> EARTH DAY celebration activities
- <u>April 25</u>: Kindergarten Play: *Squirm* 6:30 pm.
- <u>April 26:</u> Arts Alive at Nease High School 6 pm
- April 29–May 3: Book Fair
- <u>May 2</u>: Class Pictures
- <u>May 2</u>: Evening of the ARTS & Spaghetti Dinner 5– 8 pm.
- <u>May 3</u>: 2nd Grade Flea Market
- May 6: Field Day Kdg. & 1st
- May 7: Field Day 2nd & 3rd
- May 8: Field Day 4th & 5th

Show your School Spirit! Monday— Red Tuesday—Black Wednesday—Green Thursday—White Friday - Spirit Wear **Thank you:** We are so grateful to our Palencia community for the support we receive on a regular basis. After a very successful Boosterthon, which raised over \$23,000 for our playground, parents also contributed generously to our Goodwill drive. We exceeded the participation criteria needed to earn a \$1000 donation to the school and will be drawing for winners of the Disneyworld and Alligator Farm tickets. Now we are hoping for your generosity in support of *Relay for Life*. We will have a PES team this year raising money for the American Cancer Society. Please see the article about this on page 3.

Book Fair... and More—Our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair is

April 29th-May 3rd. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading and maybe pick up some great books to read over the summer. You can contribute books to your child's classroom library or the library media center itself. Please sign up on our website if you can volunteer some time to help at the Book Fair.

But wait, there's more! Our wonderful PTO, along with Art teacher, Jamie Wardley, Lego Lab assistant, Krystina Nelson, and Media Specialist, Melanie Tahan, have joined forces to plan a special "Night of the Arts" on Thursday evening that week. Mark your calendar for our night event on **May 2nd**, where the whole family can join us for a Spaghetti Dinner, enjoy the Art Show exhibit, visit the Lego Lab to see student creations, and shop at the Media Center Book Fair from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Box Tops: The 3rd and final Box Tops contest is now through May 17. Be sure to continue to send in your Box Tops so that we can finish strong in our collection efforts!

Captain Don Campbell

April Lunch Menu: Click Here

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Green and Growing!

Our Green Team enjoyed the spring sunshine last week as they helped plant some of our new garden beds. These new gardens were the brainchild of our Cafeteria Manager, Kathleen Damiano, who hopes to have students participate in not just the growing, but the cooking and eating of their own produce. Mr. Knight, our Maintenance Coordinator, built the beds and a planting bench, which were funded by our PTO. Vegetables, such as potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, and watermelon along with herbs were planted. There is even a traditional Apalachee Indian garden of corn, squash, and beans.



Save the date - Internet Safety Presentation

Nease High School will be hosting National Speaker, Theresa Payton, on **April 27th** from 10 am to noon for a presentation on Internet Safety: CyberBullying and Identity Theft. Payton is the former White House Chief Information Officer to the President and has been named won of the top 25 "Most Influential People in Security." Payton will be discussing: digital safety, children's identity theft, technology's role in children's lives, cyber bullying, and sexting.

To register online for this very valuable workshop, visit www.CommunityEmpowermentSeries.com

Shamrock Soccer Camps

Flagler College will be offering three Soccer Camps this summer for boys and girls between the ages of 5—18. Camp dates are June 21–25, June 27—July 1, and July 4—7. For more information, contact Camp Director, John Lynch, at 819-6254 or visit <u>www.flaglerathletics.com</u> and click on camps.

Summer Dance Camp



Creekside High School's *Knights Dancers* will be having their 2nd annual KnightsDance Camp from July 29 to August 1. This is a children's DANCE CAMP, led by our LEGO Lab instructor, Mrs. Nelson-Armstrong! To register, please go to: <u>http://blogs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/files/2011/06/2013-Dance-Brochure-final.pdf</u>

For questions, contact: Krystina.Nelson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Money Wars!

Please support our Palencia Pirate Relay for Life crew! The *Relay for Life* event, which raises funds for cancer research, will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 3 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Sunday morning at Mill Creek Elementary School. Everyone is invited to come walk the track and help celebrate life with our cancer survivors.

As one of our fund-raisers at Palencia Elementary, we are holding "Money Wars" between the four decks. Students are encouraged to collect change for this challenge:

<u>Monday</u> 4/22 - bring **pennies** <u>Tuesday</u> 4/23 - bring **nickels** <u>Wednesday</u> 4/24 - bring **dimes** <u>Thursday</u> 4/25 - bring **quarters** <u>Friday</u> 4/26 - **dollar** day!!!



The deck that collects the most money will win an ice cream sundae party!!!

To join our team, make a donation online, or for more information on the World Golf Relay for Life visit their website: <u>www.worldgolfrelay.com</u>. Be sure to select the Palencia Pirates team.

***Also, the Palencia team will be requesting donations of canned soda, bottled water and other drinks to sell at the event as an additional fundraiser. These items can be dropped off in the office or at the front of the school during morning arrival or parent pickup.

Arts Alive

Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment at the Arts Alive finals at Nease High School on April 26th at 6 pm. 14 students throughout our school district were chosen: seven from high schools, six from middle and homeschools and one elementary student, our own Eva Karjono! Congratulations, Eva.

Leadership Opportunities with Pacetti Bay PTSO

The Pacetti Bay Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) Nominating Committee is getting ready for the 2013-2014 school year. We would like to let parents of rising 6th graders to know of the opportunity to play an important role in the direction the PTSO takes to make next year as successful as possible.

Please consider being an instrumental part of your child's Middle School years and volunteer to be on the PTSO Executive Board. We have the following positions open for next year:

- Business Partner
- Recording Secretary
- Correspondence Secretary

If you are interested in any of the positions or would like more information please contact Debbie Adams at dadams2@att.net or Becky Lawson at beckyandjim96@bellsouth.net.

Thank you in advance for your support of Pacetti Bay and the PTSO Executive Board.

~The PTSO Nominating Committee

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PTO News

Thanks to the support of generous families and sponsors, the students successfully earned pledges worth **\$23K** through the Boosterthon! The funds will benefit the building of Phase 1 of the playground. Please collect and turn in the pledges! At the Fun Run, the students were pumped up running to the latest hits, participated in silly games such as wacky dance moves and of course felt extremely motivated to run at least 25 laps. Anyone see Flash Farnum running with the 3rd grade? In fact, the majority of students ran over 30 laps!! It was a school celebration- great job everyone!

Your wonderful support of PTO sponsored events and programs allow the PTO to support many areas of PES. Thank you for helping the PTO to make a difference. See your dollars at work:

- Donated \$7,400 to our teachers for their needs
- Donated \$3,000 to Vegetable Garden
- Donated \$500 to Coach Brougham to start the Mileage Club
- Donated \$500 to the Green team to start their efforts
- Donated \$450 to the Lego Lab
- Donated \$600 to the Drama Club
- Donated \$1,800 to the Art Dept.
- Donated \$4,175 to Media and AR
- Donated \$500 to the News Team
- Purchased compost barrels for the cafeteria for \$1,000

