



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

*Pirate's Post***Calendar of events:**

- May 4/5: Relay for Life
- May 6: Field Day Kdg. & 1st
- May 6: Principal Input Gathering 3:15 pm
- May 7: Field Day 2nd & 3rd
- May 8: Field Day 4th & 5th
- May 9: 5th grade Field Trip to Pacetti Bay: 9:30 am
- May 9: Parent orientation at Pacetti Bay 6 pm
- May 14: Gifted Advisory Meeting @ Julington Creek Elementary, 3:15 pm
- May 14: Chorus Concert 6:30 pm
- May 16: 5th grade Field Trip to Sebastian Middle 9:30
- May 16: Staff Talent show 6:00 p.m.
- May 17th: Volunteer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

**Show your
School Spirit!**

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

A Full Calendar: You will notice that our calendar is jam-packed these days as we count down toward the end of the school year. I saw many of you last night for our Art Show/Spaghetti Dinner. Tomorrow, some of our Pirate Crew will be participating at the Relay for Life. Please consider joining them at Mill Creek Elementary in support of this worthy cause. Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. "Our teachers ARRR great!" and our wonderful PTO has many special treats planned for them. We will also be having Field Day celebrations for all of our grade levels. The following week, you are invited to come see our Chorus on stage Tuesday and talented staff performances on Thursday. There's a lot going on—and that is just in the next two weeks!

A Personal Note: As most of you know, I announced this week that I will be retiring in September after 42 years in public education. It has been a wonderful experience but it is time to spend time with my own grandchildren, travel and take care of my 90 year old mother. I am so blessed that she is still around. I have seen many changes in education but truly believe that your children are going to be so well prepared for their future because of the direction Palencia Elementary and the St. Johns County Schools are taking. And I know the new "Captain" will continue our culture and traditions. If you would like to have input into the characteristics of the new principal, **there will be an information gathering session on Monday, May 6th at 3:15 pm in our school's cafeteria to gather that input from staff and parents.** If you cannot attend this meeting, you can email your characteristics to forsont@stjohns.k12.fl.us by Wednesday, May 8th. As I tell all my friends, the 9 years I have spent in St. Johns County have been the highlight of my career. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your principal of this fabulous new school.

Captain Don Campbell

May Lunch Menu: [Click Here](#)

News from Coach Brougham



It is the end of the school year and that can only mean one thing for PE... FIELD DAY! We start with our special Field Day activities on *Monday* with *kindergarten* and *first grades*. Tuesday is for second and third grades and we will finish with fourth and fifth grades on Wednesday.

We still need more volunteers. If you haven't registered yet, on Sign Up Genius, it is not too late. The more volunteers we have the smoother it will be. Each grade level will come out to the PE area for a two hour time block. We will have 12 stations for each class to rotate through during that time. They will have fun doing relays, team work activities, and enjoying a cold treat!

Please make sure your child wears the appropriate clothes and shoes, and bring water. Sunscreen, hats and sunglasses are also encouraged. If you can't volunteer, but want to come out and watch your child enjoy their first field day at Palencia, check in at the front desk and then head out to the FUN!

Palencia's Got Talent!

Thursday, May 16th, at 6:00 pm is not a night to be missed! Join us to watch our teachers and staff perform. After performing, the grade levels will engage in a little friendly competition by seeking out donations from the audience. All funds generated will go toward teacher supplies. Bozard Ford Lincoln will MATCH all donations received that evening!

Parent Information Evening for future PBMS Parents

Next Thursday, May 9th, is "Get to know Pacetti Bay day!" In the morning, our 5th graders zoned to attend that school will visit the Wildcat campus for an orientation. Parents are invited to a meet and greet in the evening at 6:00 pm.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2013



Relay for Life is THIS Weekend

A team of Palencia teachers are helping to make a difference this weekend by teaming up to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

The upcoming Relay for Life event starts this Sat at 3pm and goes all night until 9am Sun. At the event, our team will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Saving lives from cancer starts one team, one participant, and one dollar at a time. Our team is doing our part to make sure that cancer never steals another year of anyone's life.

Please join us! Students and their families are encouraged to come by and support the team and take part in the fun activities! It will be held at Mill Creek Elementary and there will be music, games, refreshments and fun for all, all day and night! You can also purchase a luminary bag that you can decorate to remember

those we have lost to cancer for \$1. They will be lit up with a candle inside and remembered during the event all around the track starting at 9 pm. For more information, please contact our team captain, Heather Keisler at keisleh@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 377-4435 (cell) We hope to see you out there!

“Like” Bozard and Earn Cash for PES!

From now until **May 10th**, there is an easy way to help Palencia Elementary School earn money to help fund the new playground!!! Go to the Bozard Ford Lincoln Facebook page and “Like” it. Add the comment: “Palencia teachers ARRR Great!”

For every PES “Like and Post,” Bozard will donate \$2.50 to our school! Forward this email to your co-workers, family and friends, heck... your entire contact list!! It only takes a moment to “Like and Post” and it will greatly benefit our kids!! Remember, we only have until next Friday, May 10th, so log in now at: <https://www.facebook.com/#%21/bozardford?fref=ts>

Summer Camps at Hang Time Athletics

Hang Time Athletics, located at 108 Liberty Center Place near the St. Augustine Outlets, provides gymnastics, tumbling and karate in our area. They are offering four weeklong camps for girls and boys ages 5 – 13 this summer with fun-filled days of skills, drills, games, crafts, wacky Wednesday water play and more.

Hang Time Athletics is offering a “give back” program to Palencia Elementary School. For every student who registers for camp and mentions Palencia Elementary, the school will receive \$5.00. For every new athlete that registers for monthly classes and mentions our school, we will receive \$25.00. So—Be sure to mention Palencia Elementary when you register for one of these camps! Camp Registration information and forms can be found at: www.HangTimeAthletics.com.

4th Grade Recycled Fashion



Palencia students celebrated Earth Day with a variety of activities, but some of the most fun involved repurposing trash into creative art ... or clothing! Our fourth graders made some great looking outfits from shopping bags, boxes, even Capri Sun pouches. Then they had the opportunity to model their creations at the 4th grade Fashion Show. We have some talented designers!

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Awards, Awards!

Congratulations to **Sir Carter**, who represented our school Monday at the district Tropicana Speech Contest and took 3rd place. Sir's speech, titled "My Nana" was an informative speech on Alzheimer's Disease. Congratulations also to those 5th grade students who participated in the Nordic Math Content, a biannual math challenge for elementary students. **Hailey Bradshaw** and **Robert Wiesner** earned National Honor Roll status, an honor earned by only two other Florida students. Sir Carter, Eva Karjono, Michael Savo-Matthews, Samuel Youngston, Emily Maglin, and Ryan Regan also earned Honorable Mention Awards.

PTO News

Mark your calendar and make plans with your family to attend one of the final events for this school year! **Peanut Putter**, a family putting competition at the World Golf Hall of Fame's 18-hole putting course, is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is just \$5 per person...no reservations are required, just pay when you arrive. All children who turn in a completed scorecard will receive a special surprise. Extend your afternoon and enjoy a meal at Murray Bros. Caddy Shack, as 10% of sales between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. will benefit Palencia Elementary.

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