



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

Calendar of events:

- May 18: School District STEM Fair 1– 5 pm
- May 19: Peanut Putter PTO Golf Event 3- 6 pm
- May 23: 101 Dalmatians Musical 6:30 pm
- May 27: No School – Memorial Day
- May 29: Drama/Chorus Year- End Event 6:30
- May 30: Mrs. Simpson's Play 6:30 pm
- May 31: 5th grade Recognition Ceremony 9 am
- May 31: 2nd grade Field Trip
- June 1: Feel the Wheels Event 10–4 (See flyer)
- June 3: 5th grade field trip to Universal
- June 4: Last Day of School – release at 1:50 pm

Show your School Spirit!

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Cheers to a wonderful crew! This past week was Teacher Appreciation week and our teachers felt very cherished (and well fed) with the outpouring of cards, flowers, and food from our parents and students. Thank you!

And the amazing Resource Team: A special “shout-out” to our wonderful resource teachers who have gone above and beyond all year and particularly over these past weeks. Congratulations to Melanie Tahan, our Media Specialist, who coached our Battle of the Books team to a first place finish and helped our students win many awards with their Jim Harbin videos. Thank you to Jenny Brougham, our PE teacher, who organized three wonderful Field Days of cooperative play. Kudos to Mrs. Wardley for her wonderful Art Show exhibit and to Mrs. Nelson for her Lego exhibits. Finally, Mrs. Dowdie is an inspiration to us all with her many, many student performances of music and drama; she will combine the two next week with her first ever musical—101 Dalmatians. Thank you, thank you ladies!

A New Captain: As you know, Allen Anderson will be taking the helm July 1. Please read on for his first message!

Captain Don Campbell

Palencia Families,

Do you remember being a child in the days prior to your birthday, Christmas or other gift-receiving occasion? That feeling of great anticipation and excitement for an upcoming event? That has been my feeling for the past few days! It is hard to express my excitement about coming to Palencia Elementary. In the coming days, I will be sending information about several “Meet and Greet.” I look forward to meeting many new families and reuniting with those that I worked with in the past.

Allen Anderson, Captain-to-be

Victors in "The Battle!"

Congratulations to the Palencia Elementary Team for winning the 2013 South County Battle of the Books! The battle was held at Sebastian Middle School on May 9th. "It was so exciting to see the energy and enthusiasm of all the students that participated," stated Lou Greco, Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services. Mason Elementary and The Webster School tied for second place.

This year's Battle of the Books Team consisted of: Ashley Stanley, Michael Xidea, Heba Haq, Maya Albold, and Malcolm MacEwan. These students prepared by reading this year's Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books and winning our school contest for knowledge of the stories. After being chosen for the school team, they deepened their book expertise through re-reading and after-school study with sponsor, Melanie Tahan. Ms. Tahan was as excited as her students about the win. "I've placed 2nd and 3rd at my previous schools, but this is my first win. We will be displaying our trophy proudly!"

PES Students Win District Level Jim Harbin Awards



The Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) created the Jim Harbin Student Media Festival in honor of Jim Harbin, a former consultant with the Florida Department of Education. The festival encourages students in grades K-12 to create original student-generated film productions in a variety of categories. Entries are submitted to the SJCSO competition and any first place winners are then eligible for further competitions in the State of Florida as well as with the possibility of national and international awards.

This year, Palencia Elementary School (PES) won placements for an impressive total of twelve different productions at the district level for grades K-2 and/or 3-5. Entries submitted by PES included the categories of: book trailer, comedy, documentary, drama, instructional, music, public service announcement and news show. Students were guided this year through the production process by Ms. Melanie Tahan, Ms. Kristin Harrington and Mrs. Janine Beaulieu. To highlight the many student productions and their awards, students and their families were invited to celebrate at the PES Film Festival Night.

*The following videos were awarded **1st place** and will move to state competition:*

Matilda Book Trailer - Lindsey Harman, Emily Bradshaw, Abby Thibodeau

Recycling PSA - Kennedy Cato, Emily Bradshaw, Abby Thibodeau

Tooth Fairy Questions Comedy - Kennedy Cato, Emily Bradshaw, Abby Thibodeau

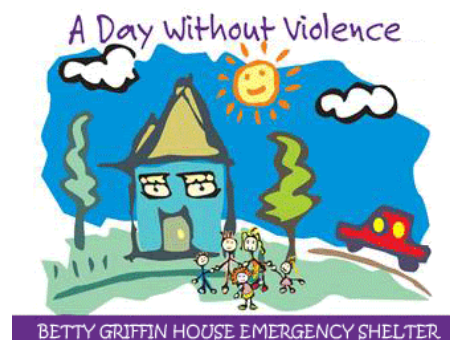
Numbertastic Music Video - Emma Kleist, Ranya Banchaaboune, Heba Haq

Homophones...What Are They? Instructional - Lindsay Harman, Abby Thibodeau, Madeline Gerosa, Jackson Klauk, Hampton Riedl, Keval Patel, Emma Haralson

My Musical Documentary - Eva Karjono, Bryce McClure

Art Calendar Winner

Congratulations to Georgia Nichols, who won a place in next year's "A Day without Violence" calendar sponsored by Betty Griffin House. Georgia's art was chosen from over 700 elementary, middle, and high school entries throughout our school district.



SPMS Basketball Camps

Switzerland Point Middle School will be hosting its Annual Summer Basketball Camp for boys & girls ages 6 – 14. The camp will have three one – week sessions June 10-13, July 29-August 1, and August 5-8. This is a fun-filled camp, in our air-conditioned gym, where "Teaching Never Stops." In addition to drills and skill practice, there are daily competitive games as well as free-throw, hot shot, and knock-out contests.

Don't be left out of this year's camp because the camp fills up fast. Please check Terrance Singleton's web-site at Switzerland Point Middle School to sign up. Questions/concerns, please call Coach Singleton (singlet@stjohns.k12.fl.us) at 287-2626 or 547-8650.

Parenting Strategies Course

St. Johns County School District is once again offering the popular **Redirecting Children's Behavior** course! This series of five classes presents non-violent strategies that foster appropriate behavior in children. The following topics are explored: assessing and building relationships, styles of interaction and results to expect, handling emotions during heat-of-the-moment exchange, diagnosing motivations that lead to misbehavior, appropriate redirection strategies, improving self-esteem, fine-tuning communication skills, and creating problem solvers.

These classes are free of charge. The certified instructor for the course is George Freeman, a behavior analyst who serves as a Program Specialist for SJCS. He has taught the Redirecting Children's Behavior course since 1999 and values its techniques and philosophy. There are five 3-hour classes (one night per week). Participants **must attend the first class** to be eligible for the remaining classes. The course will be taught at the Fullerwood Center auditorium (10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine FL 32084). Participants must arrange for child care on their own. Special accommodations must be arranged with Nancy Morrison at 547-7672 the week before the first class session. Participants completing all 5 classes will receive a certificate from the International Network for Children and Families in collaboration with the St. Johns County School District.

The course is open to school district staff and to the public. Seating is limited. To register, please contact Jill Bullard at jill.bullard@stjohns.k12.fl.us 547-7712. If you leave a voice message, be sure to spell your name and provide a phone number or email address. Please be sure to indicate which session you would like to attend (Summer or Fall). Seats will be held until 5:45p during the first session – and then made available to those on the waiting list.

Summer Course Dates

Class 1..... 530p-830p, Tuesday, July 9, 2013
 Class 2..... 530p-830p, Tuesday, July 16, 2013
 Class 3..... 530p-830p, Tuesday, July 23, 2013
 Class 4..... 530p-830p, Tuesday, July 30, 2013
 Class 5..... 530p-830p, Tuesday, Aug 6, 2013

Fall Course Dates:

530p-830p, Tuesday, September 17, 2013
 530p-830p, Tuesday, September 24, 2013
 530p-830p, Tuesday, October 1, 2013
 530p-830p, Tuesday, October 8, 2013
 530p-830p, Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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PTO News

WE DID IT! We're thrilled that the PTO met our goal to build a playground! All your hard work paid off! Thank you for supporting PTO sponsored programs, like Boosterthon, and attending events like Pirates and Pancakes and the Father Daughter Dance. It's through your generosity and kindness that the playground will be built this year! A BIG thank you.

Equally important are the fantastic volunteers who shared their time to ensure activities were successful. We thank you for so much, like: carting tents, mopping floors, decorating tables, making food, organizing silent auctions, and leading events, to name a few jobs. We welcome everyone. This year was great...next school year will be exceptional!

Important Info & Dates:

- ♦ Kids had a growth spurt? We're taking donations of gently used field trip shirts, PES spirit wear and uniform shirts at the front office beginning May 17th. Donated items will be cleaned and sold at very reasonable prices. Proceeds will benefit PES Families in need.
- ♦ The Peanut Putter Caddy Shack Restaurant Night on Sunday, May 19th. 10% of food sales will be donated to PES. Who wants to cook anyway???
- ♦ FORE! The Kids Golf Tournament on Monday, September 16th at The Palencia Club. Save the date! Seeking Captains of a foursome. We have 22 Captains signed up to date. Limited to 30 teams. Our PTO web page: <http://palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com/>

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