



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Calendar of events:

- May 31: Bricks for Kids Movie Night in PES cafeteria 6:30
- June 1: Feel the Wheels Event 10–4 (St. Augustine Outlet)
- June 3: 5th grade field trip to Universal
- June 4: Administrator Fun Day and Cookout
- June 4: Last Day of School – release at 1:50 pm
- June 17: Palencia Office moves to Nease High School
- August 19: Back to School!

Show your School Spirit!

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

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Our inaugural voyage is coming to an end and we will reach port this coming Tuesday. As this is the final Captain's Log from me. I want to thank all of the parents, community members, staff and students for allowing me to serve as your Captain in our inaugural year at Palencia Elementary. Many days I felt like Columbus sailing off in uncharted waters but knowing there was gold to be found. I can't thank our crew enough for not thinking about mutiny and throwing me overboard!

As we begin to see our achievement results come in, I couldn't be prouder of our students and staff for taking learning seriously and trying their hardest to be the best that they could possibly be. I know the ship will continue to sail on course with Mr. Anderson and the Palencia staff. Some day, I will be reading national headlines about this school.

I have been so blessed to be part of this wonderful learning environment. I leave you with my favorite quote, "May God bless you and keep you; May His countenance shine upon you and give you peace now and forevermore; And may the wind always be at your back."

*Captain Don Campbell
(aka Captain Salty Dog)*

The Nurse's Notes

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind you that your child's medication should be picked up from the clinic by Wednesday June 5th. SJCS policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to make arrangements to pick up your child's medication since medications MAY NOT go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after Wednesday June 5th will be discarded according to policy.

You will find medication forms for next year on the Palencia website. As you know, medication orders must be completed every school year whether your child remains in the same school or goes to another. If your child has a physical examination during the summer months, this is a good time to get the medication forms completed.

For your convenience, the clinic will be open beginning Thursday August 8th to accept your child's medication and completed medication forms.

If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic prior to Wednesday June 5th at 904-547-4019 or email jessica.nalley@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Ready for the Big Lights!



PES's first musical was a smash hit! The Drama Club, under the direction of teachers Kate Dowdie, Katrina Worthington, and Krystina Nelson, performed *101 Dalmatians* May 23rd and 24th to great accolades and resounding applause. The singing and performances of the many soloists, including Margaret Cox, who played Cruella de Vil, were truly inspired. "Best performance I have ever seen from an elementary group!" declared Martha Campbell, spouse of proud principal, Don Campbell.



Goodwill Winners

Goodwill presented our school with a check last Wednesday for \$1000.00 as a thank you for your participation in their clothing drive last month. The Palencia Elementary community brought in more contributions than any school, other than Libery Pines Acacemy this year.

In addition to the cash donation, Goodwill also gave away free tickets in a school-wide drawing. **Jaida Thompson** from Mrs. Kerekes Kindergarten class won four tickets to DisneyWorld and **Aiden Stivers** from Mrs. Bozard's 2nd grade classroom won four tickets to the Alligator Farm. Lucky students! A big thank you to Goodwill industries.

PES Hosts S.T.E.M. Fair

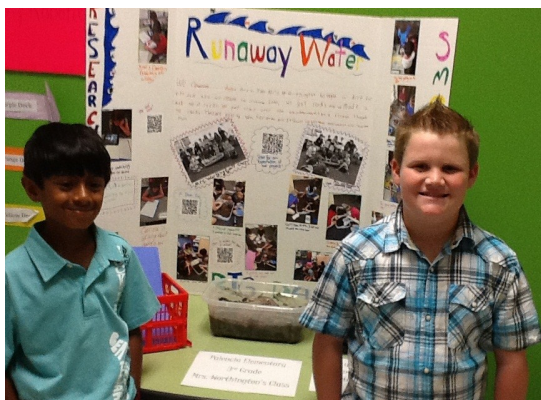
The school district's first Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) Fair was held May 18th at our school. Over 80 school finalists were displayed along with presentations from National Geographic and interactive displays by Northrop Grumman. Our Palencia finalists were:

Runaway Water **Mrs. K. Worthington's class**

Can Pens Take the Heat? **Tobi Peacock**

Which Color Melts M&M the Fastest? **Will Moss**

How Long Should You Brush Your Teeth? **Bradley Elias**



We will Miss You, Ms. Tahan

We are so proud of Ms. Melanie Tahan, our media specialist, who was promoted last week to the position of *Director for Instructional Technology, Media Services, and Textbooks* for the school district. That is a BIG title and an even BIGGER role to fill in our growing district of over 30,000 students. Ms. Tahan leaves big shoes to be filled and we will miss her greatly. That feeling is mutual. Ms. Tahan writes, "I wish the PES staff and families all the best as I head off on my new adventure with SJCS. I will miss being a pirate and have enjoyed helping open up our school library and developing new programs within it."

Gifted Parent Survey - 2013

Parents of gifted students in our district are invited to complete our online survey about educational opportunities provided to your child. This survey will provide us valuable information that will be utilized by schools and the district as we continue to improve our program. The survey can be accessed by visiting: <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n2KH5n4K>.



Incoming Captain Anderson puts his stamp of approval on the Palencia Ship.

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PTO News

The last Box Tops tallies are in and we have a final total of \$3100.00 earned—an amazing total for a school of our size! A big thank you to Margaret Snow for her excellent job managing this program. **Ms. Case, Ms. Banks, and Ms. H. Worthington's** classes were the leaders in collections for the year. Thanks to all of you for your support. Start saving up that Box Top gold for next fall!

The PTO wishes to thank volunteers, donors and supporters for making a difference at PES this year. It is with your gift of time and your generous financial support that we were able to meet our goal: to build our students a playground! We invite everyone to join a PTO committee, roll the sleeves up and get to work again in August.



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