



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

This has been an amazing week and there is so much good news to share!

To start, let's close out the Boosterthon for the year. **We made our school goal!!!** It looks like between Boosterthon and a Grant from Davidson Realty we will be able to buy all of the Science kits we need to complete the series. This is amazing news, as I had planned this to be a two to three year purchase plan. The kits have a lot of consumable materials so there will be a yearly cost to replace the supplies, but it will not compare to the initial set up cost. We also met our goal to get pledges from all 50 states. Ms. Fuller and I will be SUMO wrestling for the students as a reward for reaching this goal. This will be happening later in the year and we will be sure to announce the date. To close out Boosterthon, I would like to share a short story. One of the things that I like about Boosterthon is the lessons that they provide to our students, which always promote good character and citizenship. This year one of the lessons was titled, Plug In, which promoted plugging in to help your community. One of our students took this lesson to heart and was sad to see all the trash around the community park. So, she decided to spend her recess time cleaning up the park so everyone could enjoy it.

Last week we announced our Teachers and Volunteers of the Year. Below are the announcements with a short statement about the person.

Congratulations to Sean Farnum, Teacher of the Year. Mr. Farnum is always energetic and positive with his students. He is always looking out for their needs whether they are academic, behavioral, social, economical, etc. He creates innovating and exciting lessons for his students. He shares his knowledge, experience, and energy with his peers and administrations. He is always looking for new ways to improve his teaching.

Congratulations to Sabrina Delatorre, Rookie teacher of the Year. Sabrina is a natural teacher. She is always giving 110% and always finding ways for her students to succeed. She has passion and genuinely cares for her students. It shows in everything she does. She is always willing to lend a hand to help anyone.

Congratulations to Mrs. Char Retkowski, Adult Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Retkowski is often viewed as an employee of the school as she is always here helping out. She serves in the Galley, Media Center, helps with special Projects, is a problem solver and generally helps anywhere she can. While writing this article she was found serving lunch as the galley crew was short a person today.

Congratulations to Ms. Meg Dowdie, Youth Volunteer of the Year. Meg has helped with many special projects around the school. She assists with the Chorus and Drama Clubs and her art work can be seen around the school. Also, during the writing of this she was found creating artwork for the music room.

Calendar of events:

- Oct 27-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 31: Halloween—Dress Like a Pirate
- Nov 2: Daylight Savings (Fall back)
- Nov 6: Meet the Author
- Nov 6: Picture Re-takes
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day / No School
- Nov 13: Chick Fil A Night
- Nov 24: Grandparent's Thanksgiving Event (grades K,2,4)
- Nov 25: Grandparent's Thanksgiving Event (grades 1,3,5)
- Nov 26-Dec 1: No School / Thanksgiving Break

Show your School Spirit!

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

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School News

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PIRATE POST

Congratulations to Mrs. Judith Elias, Senior Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Elias has graciously donated 200 hours to our school in the past year and a half. She can usually be found helping in her grandson's class. She is also one of our Tide Tuesday volunteers. We are very thankful for all Teachers and volunteers. Without many hands our school would not be as successful as we are. We always have room for more help as well.

I would also like to share another heartwarming story. I was in a meeting early this morning, when another Principal arrived late. She told me she could not get out of her car because a teacher had called the radio station and requested a song for a student. It was one of our teachers!!!! The teacher and student had lunch together yesterday and the favorite song was shared. The teacher took this information and called the station. We are so very fortunate to have teachers with that kind of dedication to our students.

Reminders:

- **Friday is Pirate Day at PES.** We will all dress like a Pirate and take a school wide picture at the new park.
- We are looking for any **Veterans** that would like to share about their experiences to our classes on Monday, Nov. 10th. We are hoping to increase our students' awareness of the meaning of Veterans Day.

Captain Allen Anderson

RED RIBBON WEEK



We are in the middle of Red Ribbon Week!

The themes are as follows:

Wednesday: DRUGS AND I DON'T MIX! (dress mismatched)

Thursday: THINK! WEAR PINK! (also for breast cancer awareness)

Friday – Halloween, Dress like a Pirate “DRUGS DON'T RATE, BE A #1 MATE!”

Students were given a bracelet on Monday with a number on it. Each day we are announcing a number for a special prize! Students are encouraged to take this year's theme home with them and to create a picture that captures what the theme means to them. Pictures may be featured on the announcements. Students will participate in a special project in art class. Please help us get the message across to our students that we want to be Leaders of Good Character in our community and stay drug free!

Shannon Raihes, Palencia Counselor

Did you know you can get live weather updates directly from our weather station here at PES. Simply text **Palencia** to (904)429-3709. I also like to send the Sky Movie back home to my family where the expected high this weekend is 39 degrees.



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Palencia-Elementary-Weatherstem/1463939643869641>

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that in order to participate in any of our special events, attend field trips, watch performances, visit the classroom, or have lunch with your child, you **MUST** be an approved volunteer. You can find the "School Access" form located on our school website and on the Home page of the [St. Johns County School District website](#).

Please keep in mind that the approval process could take up to 4 weeks, but for faster processing please include ALL information, including your middle name. Please share this information with grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings over the age of 18 who plan to visit PES, and always remember to sign in at the front office and show your ID before entering the building. If you have any questions regarding your application or volunteer status, you may contact Mrs. Solms in the front office. If you have previously made an application to be a school volunteer, **YOU DO NOT** need to complete another application. The Volunteer Access form is good for three years and the front office will automatically update your clearance when it has expired. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

PTO NEWS & EVENTS



BOOSTERTHON PLEDGES DUE TOMORROW

Our school did an amazing job at the Boosterthon Fun Run last week! The enthusiasm and energy everyone displayed was wonderful, and we should all be proud of what we've accomplished.

Pledges from the Boosterthon Fun Run are due TOMORROW, Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Our goal is to have 100% of pledges turned in...please help us make this happen! Each student who turns in 100% of his/her pledges on Wednesday will be entered into a drawing for a family fun night at Rebounderz. Remember that cash and check can be sent in using the envelopes distributed last week, or credit card payments can be made at FunRun.com (there is a \$2 service fee for credit card payments).

PES SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A

Join us on Thursday, November 13th at the St. Augustine Chick-fil-A between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A portion of all sales during those two hours will be donated to Palencia Elementary...dine-in and drive-thru included! Give your kitchen the night off and have fun!

GRANDPARENTS DAY – ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE DISTRICT BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED

Grandparents Day luncheons will be held Monday, November 24th for Grades K, 2 and 4 and Tuesday, November 25th for Grades 1, 3 and 5. If you think your child's grandparent(s) will want to attend, please get them to register as volunteers with the school district now so they can avoid the rush as we draw closer to the event...we don't want anyone getting left out! Volunteer approval via a background check is needed for anyone visiting the school or participating in any school-related trips or activities. For more information, [click HERE](#), and to register with the school district online, [click HERE](#).

COMING IN JANUARY...THE PIRATE 5K

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1st Annual Pirate 5K on Saturday, January 31, 2015. Registration is now open, and more information is available at the event website, www.thePirate5K.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available, too!

STAY CONNECTED

Have you "liked" us on Facebook yet? We post quite a bit of current information there, including reminders as various activities get closer on the calendar. Click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page so you can "like" us and keep up! While you're online, bookmark our PTO website, too: www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Boosterthon Fun Run Collections Due – Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Veterans Day – No School – Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – Thursday, November 13, 2014

PTO Meeting – Friday, November 14, 2014

Grandparents Day Luncheon for K-2-4 – Monday, November 24, 2014

Grandparents Day Luncheon for 1-3-5 – Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Thanksgiving Break – No School – November 26-28, 2014

For a complete calendar of events, [visit the PTO Calendar Page](#).



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YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN SPANISH!



L.E.E. is a program offered to all regular and extended day students. L.E.E. will encourage the students to develop a love for the language, while offering intensive language instruction.

Classes meet twice a week after school for 15 week session. Classes meet at the school immediately after dismissal.

REGISTRATION ENDS: November 21, 2014.

For more information , please visit <http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/>

ART NEWS

Students are almost finished with their amazing ART TO REMEMBER masterpieces! This fundraiser helps us raises funds for much needed supplies like clay, glaze, paper, paint and MORE. Students will be bringing home a flyer and envelope around October 30th and will have until **November 7th** to send their orders back to school. You can also place orders ONLINE this year (preferred method).

Thank you in advance for your support of our art program!

Also thank you to our amazing PTO and Ally Walczak for supporting this program.

If you want to stay up to date and see more of our art program, check out our school Art Room webpage! <http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wardley-j/>



MAP or Meet the Artist Program—We are looking for volunteers for this exciting program! No art knowledge or experience required! Please email me if you are interested in becoming your child's Meet the Artist volunteer!

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

PES Author Visit with Melinda Long on Nov 6, 2014. Buy the books, meet the author, and have your books signed!

Youth Basketball League

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 7 and 14 who just can't stop bouncing that basketball? Would you like a way for them to develop their basketball skills? Then join the SJC Recreation and Parks Department Youth Basketball League. We run co-ed developmental leagues for children ages 7 & 8, and competitive leagues for boys and girls ages 9-14. Registration opens October 1 and ends November 1, team tryouts will be held November 2. Registration fee is \$30 visit sjcfl.us/youth for details or contact Brian James at (904) 209-0365 or bjames@sjcfl.us



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The Zoo for You!

As many of you know, our Halloween event is a fun and safe way for the entire family to enjoy this season. It's geared towards families with children aged 2-11 years old. Young ghosts and goblins can wander the wild walkways and encounter costumed animal keepers with creepy creatures and candy. The night concludes with a special Alligator Feeding show and a raffle drawing at 7:15 p.m.