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# **Palencia Elementary Pirate Post**

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# THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

## Check Out What Is Going On at PES

#### **Calendar Of Events**

JAN 12: PTO Meeting

JAN 15: NO School

**IAN 17**: Dist. Spelling Bee-

IAN 17: Meet & Greet

IAN 18: Meet & Greet

**IAN 19: Report Cards** 

JAN 20: Pirate 5K

**IAN 22: SAC Meeting** 

**IAN 25: Family Bingo Nite** 

IAN 29: No School

#### 2017-2018 SICSD Calendar



**Show Your School Spirit!** 

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

# **Welcome Back Palencia Pirates**

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. It was so amazing to see all of our Pirates return. We are happy to share with you that in the weeks ahead we will welcome Ms. Maya Mehanna to our pirate crew as our new Assistant Principal. Both Principal Goodrich and Assistant Principal Mehanna would like to invite you to join them during a meet and greet on either January 17th or 18th from 6pm –7pm.

-Here is Ms. Mehanna's message to all of us.-

**Dear Palencia Pirates & Pirate Families,** 

I am excited about the opportunity to be the assistant principal of Palencia Elementary in January! Currently, I teach 5th grade at Hartley Elementary and have been in this position in St. John's County for 4.5 Years. Including my current position, I have worked in education for 17 years. My career started in Atlanta as an elementary school teacher and during my 11 years in Atlanta I taught middle school and served as the Director of Education. After meeting my husband, I made the move to St. Augustine and instantly fell in love with this community. I worked as an educational consultant for one year before landing a job in St. John's County at Hartley Elementary. I am passionate about working hard to make a difference in education, about identifying the potential in every child, and collaborating with a dedicated staff to create a positive learning environment for everyone. In addition to being passionate about education, I love to do anything outdoors, go running, and I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and my dog. I can't wait to meet all of you in January.

Sincerely,

Ms. Maya Mehanna

# Coach Brougham & Coach McMahon

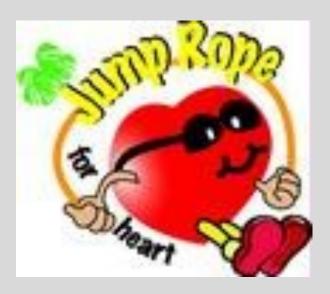
# P.E. News

PES PE classes meet outside year round. Please dress your children appropriately for all kinds of weather.



Mark your calendars! Jump Rope for Heart is coming soon!

Information packets will go home on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.





# CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk 2018

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. Registration fees are as follows:

6K-\$25 before January 1; \$30 January 1 – February 2; \$35 on race day 3K-\$20 before January 1; \$25 January 1 – February 2; \$30 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at <a href="https://www.racesmith.com/races/">www.racesmith.com/races/</a> CHARACTERCOUNTS.html.

Race proceeds will support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. Last year these schools were Ocean Palms Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, Valley Ridge Academy and Timberlin Creek Elementary. All race registrants will receive a tech t-shirt and lots of other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative dog tag which is the fourth design in its series.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCSD, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSD became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

#### When

February 3, 2018 - 9:00 AM

#### **Where**

Palencia Elementary School 355 Palencia Village Drive St. Augustine, FL 32095





# **PTO NEWS & EVENTS**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 12th - PTO Meeting at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

Wednesday, Jan. 17th - Meet the Principal from 6-7 p.m. in the Media Center

Thursday, Jan. 18th - Meet the Principal from 6-7 p.m. in the Media Center

Saturday, Jan. 20th - Pirate 5K and Fun Run at 8 a.m. - REGISTER NOW! PRICE



# Saturday, January 20, 2018 starting at the Palencia Club

5K Begins at 8 a.m. One-Mile Fun Run Begins at Approximately 9 a.m.







#### All proceeds benefit the building of a playground sunshade for Palencia Elementary School

Packet pick-up on Friday, Jan. 19th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Race Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Chip timed event

 Event shirts and pirate finisher medals for all participants Online registration closes January 18<sup>th</sup>!

### Register online at www.ThePirate5K.com





## Join us for Family Bingo Night at PES!

Thursday, January 25th, 2018 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

in the School Cafeteria

Cookies will be served, and prizes will be awarded!

There is no cost for admission, but a \$2 donation per family would be appreciated to assist with event materials.

Top collecting class in each grade will receive a **BOPPING BALLOON for each student.** 





Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary School? Visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com/sponsors.html to download the sponsorship brochure for more information. We hope that you will find a level of support that is appropriate for your company. For more details, please contact Amanda LaConte at (513) 376-1669 or send an e-mail to pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com.