



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

Aug 16: Kindergarten's first full day

Aug 16: PTO Meet and Greet
Breakfast, Cafeteria, 8:30am

Aug 26: Boosterthon Kickoff

Aug 28: Curriculum Chat
First and Third grades, 6:00-7:00pm

Aug 29: Curriculum Chat
Second and Fourth Grades
6:00-7:00pm

Sep 2: No School / Labor Day

Sep 4: Curriculum Chat
5th Grade, 6:00-7:00pm

Sep 6: PTO Boosterthon Fun Run,
Information forthcoming

Sep 9: Curriculum Chat,
Kindergarten, 6:00-7:00pm

Sep 10: Fall Individual Photos,
information forthcoming

Sep 10: Interims Issued

Dear PES Pirates,

Welcome back Palencia Elementary families! I hope you had the best summer ever filled with family, friends and tons of great memories.

Teachers, staff, & PTO have been working very hard planning, registering new families, and getting the facility ready for our students' first week of school. Please take some time to welcome our new families; not only to the neighborhood but also to our wonderful school.

Safety is the #1 priority in St. Johns County Schools. The district continues to be hard at work collaborating with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and making safety adjustments to our buildings and policies. We welcome and encourage our families to volunteer in our schools, engage in celebrations and special events. To do so, all visitors must be approved volunteers. To receive approved volunteer status please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>. We cannot do what we do without you!

There are many ways to stay informed. Keep an eye out for this Pirate Post newsletter published every other week. School messenger emails or texts will be used for school-wide information that comes up in between scheduled newsletters. Teachers will also send frequent communications specific to your children and academics. It is important that your email address and your cell phone numbers are current in our system to ensure consistent communication. Make sure to gain access to Home Access Center (HAC) <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>. This is an online tool for parents to monitor attendance, access report cards, assessment scores and much more for K-5. Urgent messages (ie: inclement weather, transportation delays, etc...) may be sent through text message and/or email. Visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/> to make sure you have the proper settings for school communications.

As many of you know, the first two weeks of parent drop off and pick up can be longer than usual. Thank you in advance for your patience. We will make every effort to tweak procedures as needed to ensure efficiency and safety. Carpooling, biking/walking, or taking the school bus if available is always encouraged. Please note that there are two separate parent drop off and pick up lines. Those using the Palencia parent drop off/pick up will enter the school property on Palencia Village Drive. Those using the Kensington / Las Calinas parent drop off/pick up will enter school property on Regalo Road (previously Shannon Road). We also ask that you make rainy day dismissal plans with your children if they will be biking or walking to school.

Again, welcome or welcome back to Palencia Elementary. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We take this responsibility very seriously and will take every opportunity to fill their days with strong academic experiences, exploration, character building, and friendships.



Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich



School Hours 2019/2020 School Year

Student arrival: 8:00 - 8:20am

Students are considered late after 8:25am

Student dismissal: 2:45pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
1:45pm (Wednesday)



Bus Riders

Students must ride their assigned bus and get off at their designated stop. Students are **not** allowed to ride alternate buses or get off at another stop for a sleepover, party, or other personal reasons. Need to request a transportation waiver? Applications are available at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation



Student drop-off and pick-up

Palencia Families -

For morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up please utilize the Palencia Village Drive entrance.

Kensington & Las Calinas Families -

For morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up please utilize Regalo Road (formerly Shannon Road) to access the back entrance of our school.

Please contact us with any specific questions! Looking forward to an amazing year!

School Access & Volunteers

New Volunteers

All Parents, Grandparents, and other family members who would like to attend school functions like: **class parties, Grandparents Day, drama performances, field day, birthdays or any other fun activity at school, YOU MUST BE AN APPROVED VOLUNTEER!**

Please fill out the application as soon as possible. The complete process can take 4-6 weeks to clear the Sheriffs office and School District.

[Click HERE for Volunteer Application](#)

Current Volunteers

Your volunteer status is good for three years once it has been approved. If you are concerned that your expiration is coming up please do not submit another application online. Instead email Mrs. Meghan Wright at meghan.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us and she can check your status. This is going to be another fun filled year and we can't wait to see all of our volunteers return to the school and classrooms.

Welcome to Palencia



I am excited to join the terrific staff at Palencia Elementary School as the Pirate Cove Media Specialist. I am returning to the school library profession after a short break, prior to that I worked in Duval County. I completed my master's degree in school librarianship at Old Dominion University in Virginia. I am married with two wonderful children and enjoy spending time outdoors with them! Happy Reading!



Ms. Heather Flowers—Media Specialist



Hello Pirate families!

My name is Haleh Paciotti and I am so excited to be a part of the Palencia Elementary staff and serve as the Instructional Literacy Coach! This is my 2nd year as a Saint Johns County educator but my 16th year teaching. I began my career in Frederick, Maryland where I taught grades 1, 3, and 4. During this time I earned my Master's Degree in Reading Specialization and Educational Leadership. Shortly after graduate school I accepted a Literacy Specialist position working with teachers and students in grades kindergarten through 5th. I served as an elementary assistant principal my last 4 years in Maryland before moving to sunny Florida!

When I'm not at school I enjoy spending time with my husband, 3-year-old daughter, and soon to be newborn son. We love being outside and exploring all that Jacksonville and Saint Augustine have to offer as we "dig our roots" in our new hometown.

I look forward to working with students and their families this year!

Ms. Haleh Paciotti
Instructional Literacy Coach



From The Desk of Cafeteria Manager

"Healthy Thoughts Comes From Healthy Mind"

Hi, I'm Savita Singh, your Cafeteria Manager at Palencia Elementary. I'm responsible for serving on time, healthy and nutritionally balanced food to our students to make sure their growing needs are supported by quality nutrition. I have six years experience working as a food service manager in St. Johns & Duval County Public Schools. I have three awesome Pirate crew members, Ms. Nehxhi, Ms. Mandy and Ms. Mindy who have wonderful hearts covered in awesome sauce with a splash of sass and a dash of love for our students. Our priority is to make sure no student goes hungry followed by service with a smile and quality customer service.

Starting this school year there are some changes in how you can monitor your child's lunch activities and load funds. PayPam is no longer in use. It has been replaced with [SchoolPay](#).

[Pay](#) where you can keep track of your child's lunch activity and load funds. The instructions to access [SchoolPay](#) are available on the Palencia Elementary School website. You can also call me if you need help.

Did you know about Reduced and Free meal program? You will find the reduced and free lunch form in your child's first day folder.



Savita Singh
Cafeteria Manager



Where young sprouts learn and grow.

Garden Club- Healthy Growing Healthy Eating

We participate in Garden club activities to plant the seed of healthy growing and healthy eating habit in our students early on. It's nice to see students participate in this program and gets the opportunity to learn about healthy eating while watching the seeds of the vegetables they planted grow and harvest. Interested in your child's participation in Garden Club? Stay tune for more info. "You are What You Eat"



Counselor Cornor

Welcome Back!!!

I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed their summer and was able to relax and enjoy every moment! At Palencia we are excited to welcome back returning students, as well as new ones as our community continues to grow. My name is Mrs. Ellis and I am the School Counselor. As a previous elementary and Exceptional Student Education teacher, I have various experiences working with students. I am looking forward to working with your child this year, providing support to ensure their social, emotional, and academic success! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Here's to a great school year!!

Tiffany Ellis
Palencia Elementary School Counselor
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PTO NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 16th—Parent Meet and Greet Breakfast in the MPR at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, August 26th—Boosterthon kickoff

View the complete events calendar
HERE

Things to do

- Join us for the Parent Meet and Greet Breakfast to hear about the new school year from Captain Goodrich and your PTO Officers!
- Sign up for the PES Parent Pirate Crew
- Reserve a Rock for your child's birthday
- Get pumped for our Wild West themed Boosterthon weeks!

PES PARENT PIRATE CREW

Please join the PES PTO Parent Pirate Crew!!!
(New in 2019-2020)

Be Involved!

- Flexible level of commitment.
- We'll notify "Parent Pirate Crew" when we need help, you tell us if you can!
- Join PTO even if you can't attend monthly meetings or chair an event.
- Help periodically as you can! Many hands makes light work!

Be Informed!

- New PTO communication method.
- Quick news blast updates on your mobile device.
- Stay involved with requests for upcoming schoolwide needs.
- Stay easily connected with PTO information, events, news, and reminders.

PES Parent Pirate Crew NewBlast Examples:

- Reminder! Teacher Appreciation week is next week.
- Muffins for Moms at the bookfair is tomorrow am.
- Volunteers Needed: Our Souper Bowl is this Friday for our teachers.
- We need 3 dozen cookies, please respond if willing to volunteer.

How to Join:

- Text "@pesptocrew" to 81010
- Follow the prompts to finish joining!
(You MAY be asked to reply with "Yes" or "Your Name & DOB")
- Configure Remind app preferences to be notified of messages via the app, text, or both



PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP!!



Click here for more information



2019-2020 PES SPIRIT WEAR SHIRTS

GO EXPLORE	SEAS THE DAY	PIRATE LIFE - GREY	PIRATE LIFE - RED
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

ALSO AVAILABLE AS A BUNDLE
2 T-SHIRTS & HOODIE \$50

PES Hoodie \$25

Think Green \$15

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