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Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

Oct 9: Brusters Ice Cream

5:30-7:30pm

Oct 10: PTO Meeting, Cafeteria

8:35am

Oct 11: Field Day 3rd, 4th, 5th

8:45am-10:00am 4th Grade

10:15am-11:30 3rd Grade

12:15pm-1:30pm 5th Grade

Oct 14: Hurricane Make-up Day

Students in school

Oct 16: PES Spirit Night at YourPie! 4:00-9:00pm

Oct 21-25: Fall Book Fair

Oct 22: Leonard's Photo Retakes

Oct 22: 5th Grade Spelling Bee

Cafeteria, 8:45am

Oct 29: Report Cards Issued

Oct 31: Dress Like a Pirate Day,

School Picture

Nov 4: SAC Meeting, 4:00pm

Media Center

Nov 11: Veteran's Day - No School

Nov 25-26: Grandparents Day

Hello Palencia Elementary Families,

As this first nine weeks comes to a close, the teachers, staff, and I couldn't be prouder of the student growth we've watched unfold before our eyes. Each week, deliberate scheduling allows grade level teacher teams to meet for an hour to specifically examine how students are progressing, to sync up their acuity regarding what mastery of curriculum (standards) looks like through student work, to review student tests to determine where pockets of misunderstanding may lie, and to determine next steps in enriching or extending knowledge for students who already mastered grade level content. I so enjoy listening to the teachers celebrate student success and I take pride in teachers' commitment to making sure ALL students demonstrate proficiency on essential standards. Our teachers are, indeed, passionate about what they do.

You may have heard teachers refer to these meetings as the PLC (Professional Learning Community) process. A basic principle of the PLC process is teachers working collectively will serve our students better than teachers working alone. Teacher teams capitalize on each other's strengths to benefit the grade level student population as a whole. You may have heard your little one say "we switch classes" or you may have heard a teacher mention "flexible grouping" at Curriculum Chat. For example, a gifted certified teacher may work with a handful of students in other classes who show the need for more challenging material on a given topic. Or let's say the majority of the class scored well on an end of unit test, but two students in the class earned lower scores. Those two students may attend re-teach sessions with another teacher on the grade level who had a different approach delivering the information, or with another teacher with a different teaching style. The idea is that we will not give up on students. If what we tried at first was unsuccessful, we try something else.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to schedule a face to face **conference** with your child's teacher. It is through parents and teachers working hand-in-hand that students benefit the most.

I look forward to welcoming many of you here this Friday for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade field day. Fingers crossed the fields dry up from this week's rain.





Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich

School News



Field Day, Friday, October 11 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

4th Grade - 8:45am - 10:00am

3rd Grade -10:15am-11:30am

5th Grade - 12:15pm-1:30pm



If you are interested in volunteering for field day, we would love your assistance!

Field Day Volunteers Needed







Music Room Update

The recorder order is being placed this week and we cannot wait to get them! If you ordered a recorder, your child will be issued one at the music class following the delivery and will be instructed to put his or her name on the recorder's case immediately. Please remember the recorders are supposed to "live" in the children's backpacks—they can take them out to practice but should put them back afterwards so they have them for class. We will have a set of extra recorders in the music room so that no one will miss out on this educational opportunity.

Thank you! Mrs. Dowdie

LOST & FOUND

With the recent weather, and that yet to come, our students are in need of their warm jackets, gloves and hats. Please remind your students to be mindful of their items and if something gets lost, check the lost and found in the cafeteria!

Please consider using SchoolPay to pay for items such as Field Studies, Fair Share for Art and Chorus, Birthday Book Club, damaged library books and adding money to lunch accounts!

Look for this logo on Palencia's website!





Out of Town

Important Reminder



If you're going to be out of

town for any reason, please make sure to notify the FRONT OFFICE and TEACHER! Please include dates, name and contact information for the adult who will be responsible for your child during your absence. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

Fall Individual Photo Retakes & New Student Photos



Tuesday, October 22



New Pirate Spotlight:

Hello Palencia Parents.

My name is Tim Duncan. I am excited to be joining Palencia this year as a 5th grade Math and Science teacher. I am married (to my high school sweetheart) and have 2 boys whom attend Wards Creek Elementary School. After visiting St. Augustine, my wife and I decided we were being led to make a move from Tennessee to here. So after a year of planning and hard work, we made the move and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have three obsessions: baseball, loud obnoxious punk rock & heavy metal music and dark chocolate. When I get the chance, I love to go kayaking and camping and can't wait to explore more of this beautiful area. I can't wait to get to know everyone better, so if you see me out, please say hi.

Mr. Duncan

5th Grade Teacher

Save The Date

Grandparents Day at Palencia: Nov. 25-26

"All grandparents must be pre-approved asmvolunteers prior to the event. Event details forthcoming.

Grandparents can complete a volunteer application at: https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/"

Attendance Changes
Parents: we have a new, special
email address for you to use when
your child is absent from school.
Please send your notes to:

absencenotespes@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Thursday, October 31st is DRESS LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

This Palencia tradition will feature a school photo with all students and staff. Remember to "Dress Like a Pirate" on the 31st!



Counselor Corner



October is a busy month that focuses on Drug and Bullying Prevention, Unity, and Character Counts. At Palencia, our staff is dedicated to teaching our students about these important topics by integrating them into their daily life. By instilling the concepts represented in these campaigns, we are creating caring, empathetic, and healthy-minded children.

We are excited this year to be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, on October 23rd-30th. This important week began in 1985 in response to the death of DEA Agent Kiki Camarena, in Mexico. It is an opportunity to show support for being drug-free, as well as talking to your child about making healthy choices. The Red Ribbon symbolizes that you are talking a pledge to remain drug-free. It kicks off on Unity Day, represented by the color orange, that teaches kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students will participate in various dress up days to promote anti-bullying, anti-drug use, and unity. Following is the schedule:

Red Ribbon Week Oct.23rd-30th

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 24th</u> - Rally in Red Against Bullying and Drugs - <u>Students wear something red today</u>. <u>Pillar of Character</u>: Respect

Friday, October 25th - Sock it to Drugs Day - Wear Crazy Socks

Pillar of Character: Responsibility
Drug Awareness Assembly—All Grades

<u>Monday</u>, <u>October 28^{th -}</u> Team Up Against Bullying and Drugs - Students wear their favorite team jersey. <u>Pillar of Character</u>: Fairness

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 29th-</u>The Life You Save Could Be Your Own - Superhero Day (no masks please) <u>Pillar of Character</u>: Trustworthiness

<u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 30th - My Future is Lookin' Bright! - Wear bright clothes and sunglasses.</u> <u>Pillar of Character</u>: Citizenship

Have a great day! Mrs. Ellis Palencia School Counselor

Clinic Reminder—Head Lice Awareness

It is that time of year again when we should remind our children that sharing brushes, head-bands, scarves, hats and other personal items of that nature is not a good idea. Please reinforce this at home and check your child's head frequently!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 9th - Brusters Spirit Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10th - PTO Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the MPR

Friday, Oct. 11th - Field Day for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade (see calendar for exact times)

Wednesday, Oct. 16th - Your Pie Spirit Night 4-9 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21st - Fore! The Kids Golf **Tournament**

October 21st - 25th - Book FairThursday, Oct. 24th - Math Night 6 - 7:30 p.m. (Mojos pickup from 5:30-7:30 p.m.)

View the complete events calendar HERE

<u>Things to do</u>

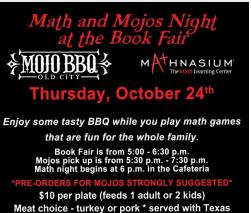
- Come to Spirit Night at **Brusters** on Wednesday
- Come to the PTO **Meeting Thursday**
- Sign up to play in the





Sign Up to Volunteer for Field Day for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade October 11



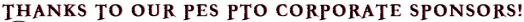


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