



## Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Upcoming Events

**Sep 26:** PTO Spirit Night at Urban Air, 6pm - 8pm

**Oct 7:** SAC Meeting, 4pm  
Media Center

**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 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, 4pm  
Media Center

**Nov 11:** Veteran's Day - No School

Hello PES Pirate Families,

The **Boosterthon** was a HUGE success! Beyond pledging upwards of \$95,000, our children benefitted from working together as a class and as a school for common goals. Social relationships were strengthened, students participated in an hour of physical activity, and reward incentives will continue to be unfolded in the weeks ahead. (i.e. – Pizza parties, silly sock days, extra recess time, and turning their principal into a human ice cream sundae!) This is all part of PTO's drive to raise money to replace dated technology in our classrooms and to provide our school with playground enhancements. THANK YOU parents, for your help kicking off this school year in such a spirited and supportive way.

Each grade level held **Curriculum Chats** in late August and early September. Teachers were proud to share with parents a glimpse of what the current school year has in store. This is also a valuable time for parents to get a feel of their child's teacher's personality and background, learn more about how students will be assessed on skills taught, and on-going parent involvement opportunities. I was surprised that our turnout was so low, however. This community is so committed. I know we can do better! Here are grade level parent attendance averages:

Kindergarten – 46%

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 49%

First grade – 47%

4<sup>th</sup> grade – 24%

Second grade – 48%

5<sup>th</sup> grade - 45%

Does anyone have any ideas on ways to boost parent attendance at events such as this? I'm open to ideas!

The state of Florida has designated this week as **Celebrate Freedom Week**. During this week, our children are hearing excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and are learning about values on which our country was founded. Please take a moment to speak with your child about citizenship and what it means to live in a Free Nation.



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



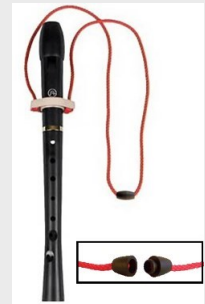
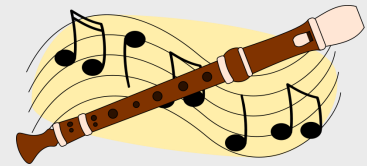
If you are interested in volunteering for field day, we would love your assistance!

### [Field Day Volunteers Needed](#)

## Music Room Happenings

Palencia Elementary is adding a new musical avenue of study this year: the recorder! Our third, fourth and fifth grade students will begin learning how to play this versatile woodwind instrument this fall. Recorder order forms have been distributed to all the involved students, but if your child's form was somehow misplaced, we are sending one electronically with this Pirate Post. Please be sure to complete the form and have your child return it before Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you! Mrs. Dowdie



## Dress Like a Pirate Day

Thursday

- October 31 -



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!

**SchoolPay**<sup>®</sup>  
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Out of  
Town

### Important Reminder



If you are 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

Tuesday, October 22



# Making a Difference

## K-Kids

## Getting Involved



Palencia is proud to announce that we are now members of Kiwanis International. We have twenty-three fifth graders that are representing our school with the goal of serving our community. Our school sponsors are third grade teacher Mrs. Laura Simpson, and our guidance counselor, Mrs. Tiffany Ellis. Our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Savita Singh, will also be attending meetings to support our students. Mrs. Mary Warren, retired SJCS D Guidance Counselor, is our sponsor with the local St Augustine Kiwanis Chapter. She was instrumental in getting K-Kids started here at Palencia, along with our school principal, Mrs. Catherine Goodrich.

K-Kids is the largest service organization for elementary students in the world. There are more than 36,000 elementary school students serving their communities through Kiwanis. You will be hearing about our community service projects throughout the year. Our projects will include: collecting diapers for local foster children, collecting new blankets and toiletries for the BayView Nursing Home in St. Augustine, and cleaning-up our local beaches.

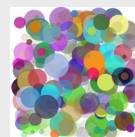
# Media Center News



**Book  
Tasting**



Upper Elementary students are being treated to a book "tasting" in the Pirate Cove Book Café. While listening to calming fine dining music, our students are rotating through different book genres at each table while filling out their "menu" (notes about the books/genres they are discovering). This is a great opportunity for students to read genres they may not usually choose and discover something new!



Our students in lower elementary grades are celebrating Dot Day and stepping into the world of augmented reality. After reading The Dot and discussing ways to "make your mark", our students designed their own dots and then used the Quiver AR app to see the dots become 3D. Our students not only loved creating their own dots, but also sharing and helping their fellow students use the app to view creations.



# Counselor Corner



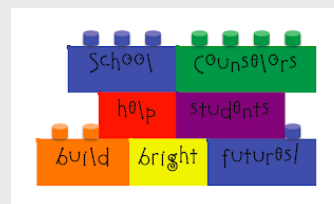
Hello Pirate Families!!

Since 1998, St. Johns County Schools have used the Character Counts! National character education program. The month of September's Character Counts trait is Fairness. At Palencia, we are working with students to instill this positive personal trait. This is a difficult trait to teach, as most children equate fair with equal. While fairness does sometimes mean equal, often it does not. It means it is leveling the playing field and making sure everyone has what they need. Teaching this skill is difficult since it is an abstract concept. One way to start is by having a discussion with your child. Talk to them about what fairness means and how it doesn't always mean that everyone gets the same things. According to *Psychology Today*, fairness is equality, deservedness and need. Equality is that everyone is presented the same opportunities for success. Deservedness, the idea that people get what they deserve. Need is the idea that people who are less able should be given what they need to exceed. Fairness is the interplay of all these ideas that will help create a better understanding of this trait. Last of all, be a good role model. You are the biggest influence on your child.

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, 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!

Keeping Everyone Healthy, Nurse García



# PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, Sept. 26th** - Spirit Night at Urban Air 6-8 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 7th** - SAC Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Media Center

**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)

**View the complete events calendar [HERE](#)**

## Things to do

- Come to Urban Air for Spirit Night THIS THURSDAY
- Get your Fun Run pledges in
- Sign up for the PES Parent Pirate Crew

**URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK**

# SPIRIT NIGHTS

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHILE HAVING FUN!  
FAMILY, FRIENDS & FANS ARE INVITED!

Thursday, 9/26/19 6:00pm-8:00pm

DATE TIME

SLAM DUNK TUBES

WARRIOR COURSE DODGEBALL

TRAMPOLINES BATTLE BEAM

# 20%

OF THE PROCEEDS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!

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## 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!!**

## 2019-2020 PES SPIRIT WEAR SHIRTS

GO EXPLORE SEAS THE DAY PIRATE LIFE - GREY PIRATE LIFE - RED

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Think Green \$15

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