

Hello PES families,

The first nine weeks comes to an end on Friday, October 13th. This first quarter has been filled with positive experiences and the children sure do seem to be settled into the new school year. We are fortunate to have outstanding teachers and staff at Palencia Elementary School. I believe a large contributing factor to a teacher's job satisfaction is how supported they feel by both their school's administration and the parents of the students they serve. If your teacher is meeting or exceeding your expectations, please be sure to convey that to her/him in your own words. If there are areas for improvement (which is inevitable during the six years a student will spend here at school), please reach out to discuss the matter with the teacher. Our teachers care very much about their students' academic success and overall well-being. If additional supports are needed, know that's okay. The administrative team (myself and the assistant principals), school counselor, instructional literacy coach, school resource officer, etc....are here to help. Life is complex. It's important all students know there are multiple caring adults that are here, should a need arise.

I am sad to announce two resignations. Mr. Teddy Thomas, our maintenance manager, and Ms. Mallory Suppa, our music teacher, have decided to leave the field of education. Mr. Thomas' last day will be Monday, October 9th. Ms. Suppa's last day will be Thursday, October 5th. We are thankful for all they've done to improve our school and enrich students' lives during the time they have been here. Mr. David Ash will be our new maintenance manager. Mr. Ash has worked for St. Johns County School district for over 18 years in a variety of roles within the district's maintenance department. He has been cross training with Mr. Thomas part of last week and this week. Our music teacher position is currently posted. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do encourage them to apply.

Dress like a pirate day is around the corner! On Tuesday, October 31st, we welcome students dressed as pirates for the day. This school tradition has proven to be something we all look forward to. Group photos are taken. No other costumes on this day, please.

Hope you are enjoying the cooler temps as much as I am.

Together in Education,

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