



November 14, 2023

THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

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FIRST MATE LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 16:
Interims Issued

**Monday, November 20 &
Tuesday, November 21:**
Grandparents Day

November 22-24:
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, December 6:
PTO Meeting @ 8:40am

Thursday, December 21:
1 hour early dismissal

December 22-January 3:
Winter Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

January 4-5:
Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

January 8:
Classes Resume for Students
Second Semester Begins

Hello Pirate Families!

It's a wonderful time of year to be a Pirate!

As we begin the month of November, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the happenings at Palencia Elementary School. Last week, our students took part in our annual "Dress Like a Pirate Day." The faculty and students came dressed in their favorite pirate attire. The day was filled with energy and excitement. It was a fun day for our students and a great way to show our school pride!

Also, last week our 2nd graders participated in a "Mad Scientist Day" and grade-level classrooms enjoyed a variety of fall learning events. How wonderful it was to have so many families join us. As I walked around the campus, I saw lots of smiling faces and a variety of educational activities. Our students were so engaged and excited to share what they were learning. From bright colored slime to pumpkin seed math activities, it was a captivating and memorable week! We are so thankful to all who made this time so special for our teachers and students.

Friday, November 10, 2023, was a student and teacher holiday in honor of Veterans Day. Though our students and staff were not on campus, I hope everyone took some time to reflect on how blessed we are to live in a country where our freedom is protected and cherished. We are so incredibly grateful to all the men and women who have served and are currently serving in the military. We want to thank you and your families for your bravery, sacrifice and service.

Palencia Elementary School will host Grandparents Day on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Our students and staff are so excited about this special event. Grandparents enrich our lives with love, wisdom, and happiness. We are so honored to have them on campus to share the day with us.

Finally, during this month of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank our faculty and staff for their continued dedication and commitment to our students and families. They go above and beyond each day to teach and inspire our children. We are so appreciative for all they do. I also, want to thank our PTO and families for their ongoing support. I continue to be amazed by the generosity and kindness of this wonderful school community.

I hope everyone takes some time this holiday season to enjoy your family and loved ones. This is a wonderful time of year to appreciate the fall weather, remember what we are grateful for, and cherish those who enrich our lives.

Together in Education,

Theresa Cooper, Assistant Principal

(904) 547-4010

NOVEMBER 2023

For the Love of Literacy

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE

Fifth-grade students have a lot to celebrate this month after the classroom spelling bee competitions were held on October 25. Three champions from each fifth-grade class will advance to the Palencia Elementary School school-wide Spelling Bee, which will be held on Thursday, November 16.

CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE

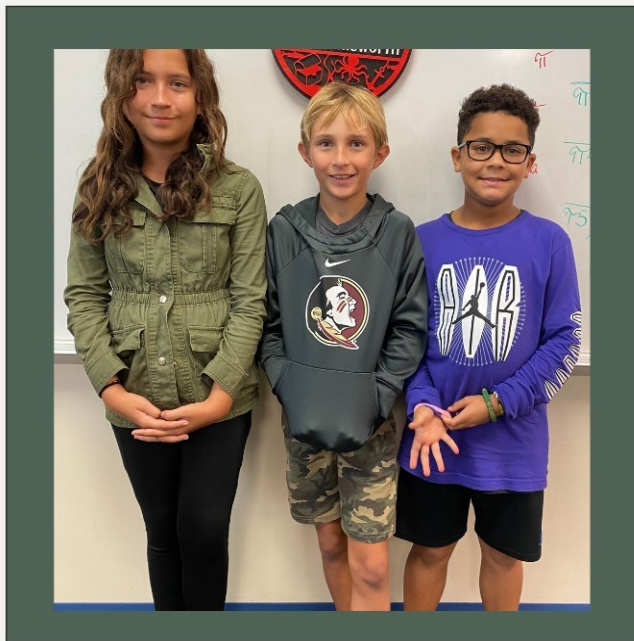
Grade 5



Once winners are established from each St. Johns County K-8 and elementary school, student representatives will compete in the county spelling bee at First Coast Technical College on December 13, 2023.



Classroom Spelling Bee
Champions



MS. MORPHEW & MS. BRUINSMA

Joshua D.
Aiden H.
Aidan L.
Colin M.
Lucas M.
Madison W.

MS. GARDNER & MS. WADSWORTH

Zoe A.
Veronica B.K.
Caden D.
Alinna G.
Jack G.
Ronit M.



Classroom Spelling Bee Champions

MS. HUGHES & MR. CLARK

Everleigh C.
Reagan D.
Zachary G.
Jerrett L.
Elijah R.A.
Sarah T.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Thank you to our Active Duty and Veterans

HAPPY NOVEMBER,

A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO THE K-KIDS CLUB FOR PUTTING TOGETHER AN AMAZING WALL OF HEROES IN OUR CAFETERIA IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY. WE MANAGED TO COVER AN ENTIRE CAFETERIA WALL! THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WHO SENT IN A COLORED FLAG, SUBMITTED A PICTURE, AND WROTE LETTERS (CLOSE TO 100) TO LOCAL VETS. THE CAFETERIA IS BEAMING RED, WHITE, AND BLUE! WE WILL BE DONATING THOUGHTFUL NOTES TO VETERANS TO A FEW DIFFERENT RETIREMENT HOMES AND ASSOCIATIONS THIS WEEK AS WELL.

"WE DON'T KNOW THEM ALL, BUT WE OWE THEM ALL." -UNKNOWN

CARLY GORDON
SCHOOL COUNSELOR





We had a successful first quarter of relays, fitness, and games focusing on safe movement and fair play. We are building on that with a focus on proper throwing techniques in different games and activities. While we endured a lot of rainy days in September, we experienced many beautiful days of play in October. The fall and winter daily weather forecasts are important to pay attention to as we meet our PE classes year-round in our outdoor classroom. Please make sure your child/children come to school prepared with jackets and safe shoes for both recess and physical education participation. Safe shoes cover toes and heels, have flat rubber soles, and closures so they don't fall off. Crocs are not safe shoes.

Looking ahead to the new calendar year, we will host our entire school for the Kids Heart Challenge on Monday, February 12th. This new event will serve as an opportunity to partner with the American Heart Association in their education and fundraising goals. Students will rotate among different exercise and activity centers with their grade level peers throughout that day. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

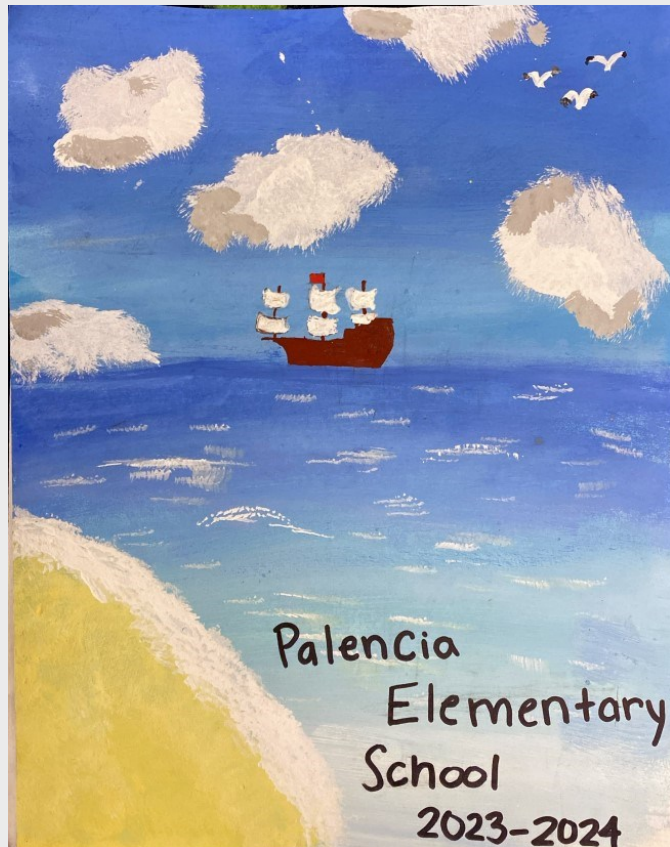
Wednesday, March 6th has been set for this year's district wide Character Cup event. Last year our team of Palencia students won the whole competition, and we are excited to participate again. We will be looking for a team of 5- fifth grade girls and 5- fifth grade boys to represent our school in this athletic competition focusing on the pillars of character. More information and applications will be available January 8th.

Thank you for your support!

Coach Brougham and Coach McMahon



Yearbook Contest Winners!



Yearbook Front Cover

2023-2024 WINNER:



Cardyn H.

5th Grade—Ms. Morpew's Class

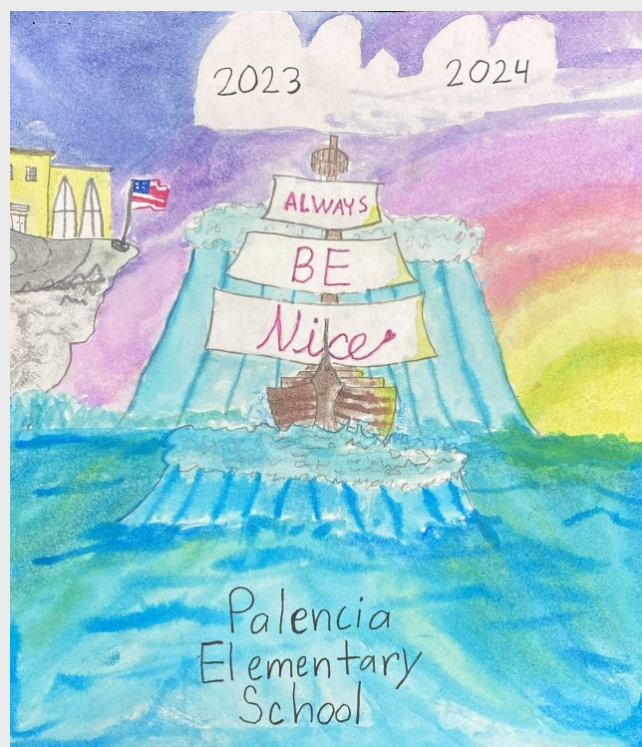
Yearbook Back Cover

2023-2024 WINER:

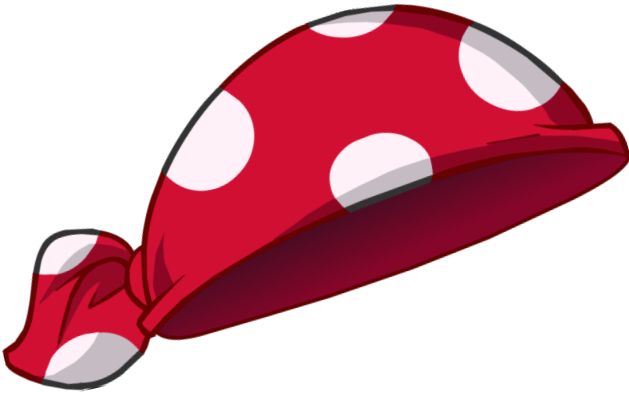


Violet E.

4th Grade—Ms. Roldan's Class



Dress Like a Pirate Day 2023-2024







<https://www.newworldsreading.com/>

The New Worlds Reading Initiative was brought about by the Florida Legislature beginning in July, 2021. The goal of the program is to aid families with information and free grade level appropriate books for students who are below grade level in reading. The initiative hit some early bumps in the road, as local school districts were asked to support the launch without funding.

Over this last summer, regional partners were identified to apply for grant funding to extend the reach of the New Worlds program into local communities. INK was awarded the grant to be the regional partner for St. Johns County.

We are hosting our FIRST EVENT on Thursday evening, November 30th in the Nocatee area. The event will be held at The Link, 425 Town Plaza Avenue, Ponte Vedra (32081), beginning with dinner and activities at 6:00pm. The event will conclude by 7:30pm.

We are asking for your help in getting the word out to families with VPK – 5th grade students who are currently below grade level in reading based on FAST assessment results.

The event will include:

- Free books for each student attending
 - Dinner will be served for each person pre-registered for the event (adults and children)
 - Volunteers will host book reading circles for the students while parents/adults learn more about the New Worlds Reading Initiative
 - Adults will have an opportunity to apply for their student to qualify for the program, receiving free books delivered directly to their home, along with other tools for parents to aid in their student's growth
- The event capacity will be 200 attendees, including all adults and children

Two stipends paid by INK are available for each Media Specialist

- Promote the event (\$75 if your school has at least 5 families pre-register to attend)
- Attend the event (an additional \$50)

I will be sending a digital flyer out on Monday to each school that can be used to promote the event. The flyer will include a link for online registration. Additionally, I will send a short blurb that can be used in an email or newsletter to get the information out to the target audience in your school.

We look forward to working with you and your families, with the ultimate goal of reducing the number of our students below grade level in reading! As a former middle school math teacher, I know what a difference having solid reading skills early can make in the academic success of our children-

Please feel free to email or call me directly with any questions. As we are just getting this effort off the ground, any ideas you may have in getting this out to the right families is greatly appreciated!!!



SANTA SUITS



ON THE LOOSE 5K

RUN | WALK | JOG

DECEMBER 9TH, 2023

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350 A1A BEACH BLVD



Register at:
www.racesmith.com



Pirates Need to Know...



IMPORTANT WEBSITES AND LINKS

SJCSD Website

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

PES Website

<http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

PES PTO Website

<http://palenciapiratespto.com>

PES Attendance Policy

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/>

PES Attendance Form

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: <https://flfast.org>
- Or at the direct link: <https://fl-familyportal.camblumast.com/>

What Information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What Information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.



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**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2023**

at Nease High School
8:30am - 2:30pm

SJCSD will be hiring for
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However, the high needs
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- Exceptional Education
- Mathematics
- Spanish
- Elementary

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initiated by one of our high school students

WE WILL DO MATH OLYMPIAD PRACTICE

on the following dates

2023

September 30 from 1 PM to 3PM
October 28th from 10 AM to 12 PM
November 18th from 1 PM to 3 PM
December 16th from 1 PM to 3 PM

2024

January 27th Time TBD
February 24th TIME TBD
March 23rd TIME TBD

ST. AUGUSTINE LIBRARY -
SOUTHEAST BRANCH

6670 US-1, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Contact matthew_j@orlandomathcircle.org for more
information



PTO NEWS

Grandparents Day—2 day event
Monday, November 20th

PTO Meeting
Wednesday, December 6th @8:40am

PTO Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th @8:40am

Family Bingo Night
Wednesday, January 25th

GRANDPARENTS DAY

PALENCIA PIRATES PTO

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S GRANDPARENTS DAY DATES:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
KINDERGARTEN 1ST GRADE 4TH GRADE	2ND GRADE 3RD GRADE 5TH GRADE

Our students would like to invite their Grandparents (or Grandfriends) to join them at school to celebrate Grandparents Day!

- Attendees must have a valid School Access Form and be approved by SJCS.
- (No exceptions will be made).
- Invitees will participate in fun activities with the students.
- Participation is for grandparents only due to capacity and safety limitations.
- Even if your student does not have a visitor, they will still participate in all activities.
- ASL interpreters can be provided upon request.
- Please direct any questions to: pes.ptogpd@gmail.com

TICKETS: \$8 PER GUEST

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT: [PALENCIAPIRATESPTO.COM/GRANDPARENTS-DAY](https://palenciapiratespto.com/grandparents-day)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, FAQ'S AND SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND ON THE PTO WEBSITE

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PALENCIA PIRATES PTO

**Art rocks > Birthdays rock > Music rocks
Pirates Rock > Schools rock > Sports rock >
Students rock > Teachers rock**

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STEP 1: SCAN here to book the rock or visit palenciapiratespto.com

STEP 2: contact Jessica for rates & availability

Bryce Brushworks
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jessica@brycebrushworks.com

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PALENCIA PIRATES PTO

BOUNTIFUL SUNDAYS
3rd Sunday of every month

PROCEEDS FROM SALES GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THE PES PTO PIRATE'S BOUNTY PROGRAM

Pirate's Bounty

clothing | food | essential items
for Students In Need

Your Donation Matters

All donations fund food bags, clothing, and other necessities for PES students in need. To sponsor a child it costs \$33 a month | \$150 half-year | \$300 whole year
Any \$\$ amount is appreciated!

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