



**January 17, 2024**

## **THE PIRATE POST**

### **Palencia Elementary School**

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**MS. COURTNEY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

## **THE CAPTAIN'S LOG**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesday, January 17:**

**Report Cards**

**Monday, January 22:**

**SAC Meeting @4:00pm**

**Thursday, January 25:**

**Family Bingo Night @6:00pm  
PES Cafeteria**

**Saturday, February 3:**

**Character Counts! 6K/3K Run  
@9:00am**

**Wednesday, February 7:**

**PTO Meeting @8:40am**

**Monday, February 12:**

**SAC Meeting @4:00pm**

**Monday, February 19:**

**Student/Teacher Holiday**



Happy New Year, PES families!

I must reiterate how much young children bring me joy. Okay, for example, overhearing conversations between the students about this cold weather has been entertaining. Little ones who are native to Florida sometimes appear to be in a mild state of shock when arriving in the morning. Students who moved here recently from up north are casual and happy-go-lucky navigating temps in the 30s. Their pure interactions with each other, trying to understand their classmate's different experiences, can honestly be a model for us adults when we find ourselves struggling to take the perspective of one another. After over three decades working with children, I am still reminded to be intentional listening to and learning from little ones.

Report cards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks are available today. Remember to sign the report card envelope and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow. Your child benefits more than you know when you, as their parent and lifelong teacher, engage in goal setting / coaching / affirming conversations about their success and progress in school.

Mark your calendars for the **Kids Heart Challenge**. We are excited to partner with the *American Heart Association* this year and bring our students new information and activities in place of our traditional Field Day. We will kick off our event with education and fundraising opportunities beginning Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and invite all Palencia Elementary students to participate in a large variety of challenge activities on **Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a great way to celebrate *Heart Month* and be part of a *Legacy of Lifesavers*! Many volunteers will be needed to manage the different centers so be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius from PTO.

If you have not yet had a conference with your child's teacher, this halfway point is an excellent time to check in. Conferences can be held via phone, virtually, or in person. Simply check the box on the report card envelope if you would like to schedule something.

Together in Education,

Catherine Goodrich

Principal Palencia Elementary School

(904) 547-4010

January 2024

FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY

# Celebrate Literacy Week



JANUARY 22-26

## MYSTERY READERS!

Listen for our mystery readers on the daily morning news! They will share short biographies of individuals who have overcome challenges!

## LITERACY WEEK 2024

"Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is January 22- 26. Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire Florida's students and families to make reading part of their daily routines," reports the Florida Department of Education. Our own Palencia Pirates are so excited to build resiliency through reading this month!

## LITERACY WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Monday, January 22:** Create a "shelfie" of a book character who inspired you!

**Tuesday, January 23:** Bring a book buddy (a small stuffed animal). Get comfy and read with a buddy today!

**Wednesday, January 24:** Read a book about someone who overcame a challenge.

**Thursday, January 25:** Let your inner "shelf" shine! Bring a flashlight to school and read a story with a flashlight!

**Friday, January 26:** Pirates "ARRRR" Readers! School-wide, PES Pirates will "Drop Everything and Read" together!

# COUNSELOR CORNER



## **Happy New Year!**

I hope everyone had a memorable holiday. It was nice to come back and see all the smiling faces, hear about their holidays, and notice how tall everyone got in such a short timeframe.

During the third quarter, I will be teaching guidance to kindergarten and 2nd grade. It's been a lot of fun meeting everyone this year and cultivating relationships through class guidance. Although I work with many students individually, it's so nice to know that I have interacted with every child in the school. I've noticed more hellos and waves in the hall this year and I hope they have gone home and discussed their affirmations and how to stay safe with you. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Carly Gordon  
School Counselor

## **Is your child anxious?**

One of my favorite emails each day is a freebie from Big Life Journal ([biglifejournal.com](http://biglifejournal.com)). The company creates guided journals for kids and have a parent portal that helps with age-specific printables and activities. If you are looking for some freebies and tips, make sure to sign up for their daily email. I highly recommend their journals for kids; the prompts encourage empathy, reflection and teach practical tools for tough situations.

I have included one of the freebies this week- Tips on helping anxious children feel confident. Anxiety looks different on everyone but it's a real thing and we can all use some refreshers or tips to help us as parents.

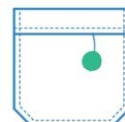


# How to Help Your Anxious Child Feel Confident

If your child struggles with anxiety, here's a practical tip to boost their confidence and ease their worries:

## Create a Confidence Bead:

Sew a small bead into the bottom of your child's pocket and explain its purpose. Whenever they feel anxious, they can put their hand in their pocket, touch the bead, and quietly repeat a confidence mantra like, "I am strong, I am brave, I can do anything."



## The Power of the Bead:

This bead becomes a source of safety and self-assurance for your child. When they feel anxious, they can rely on their confidence bead to bolster their spirits and give them extra strength throughout the day.

This tangible tool can provide comfort and a sense of empowerment, helping your child manage their anxiety and build confidence as they face their daily challenges.

As your child touches the bead, have them focus on how it feels. What is it feel like to squeeze the bead? Does it feel cold? Can they roll the bead between their fingers Can they alternate the fingers they use?

These thoughts can help to ground your child during moments of feeling anxious in addition to repeating a mantra or calming thought.

Here are a few more thoughts your child can think about. They can repeat any of these mantras to themselves as they feel the bead between their fingers.

- \* "I am safe, and I am okay."
- \* "I can breathe, and everything will be fine."
- \* "I am strong, and I can handle this."
- \* "My feelings are temporary; they will pass."
- \* "I am in control of my thoughts and feelings."
- \* "I am capable of handling new situations."
- \* "I trust in myself and my abilities."
- \* "I can focus on my breath and relax."
- \* "I am free to be myself, and that is enough."
- \* "I let go of what I can't control."
- \* "I am resilient, and I can overcome challenges."
- \* "I am a good friend to myself."





## **Congratulations to our Character Counts **Citizenship** Pillar Recipients from November**

### **Kindergarten**

Grayson G.  
Audray K.  
Khloe B.  
Nixon S.  
Harper C.  
Lennox Y.  
Aurora B.  
Acelyn J.  
Lela A.

### **1st Grade**

Braelynn T.  
Nyah H.  
Brody W.  
Greta B.  
Anna G.  
Jackson B.

### **2nd Grade**

Eduardo A.R.  
Gael R.  
Isabella O.  
Ayla W.  
Lexi G.  
Carson S.  
Aryan S.  
Louis C.  
Wyatt W.  
Leyla G.  
Kian M.



#### **Citizenship**

Follow laws and respect  
authority. Strive for the  
well-being of your community.  
Protect the environment and  
participate in democracy.



# **Congratulations to our Character Counts **Citizenship** Pillar Recipients from November**

## **4th Grade**

Jaxon D.  
Decker C.  
Sydney B.  
Vincent G.  
Mackenzie C.  
Kalista K.  
Aviana D.  
William C.  
Brooks B.  
Luca B  
Alexa T.

## **3rd Grade**

Ariana H.  
Elias R.  
Kyra R.  
Remington V.  
Camden R.  
Adleigh W.  
Jayden D.  
Mia S.  
Jasmina J.  
Whitney D.  
Gino C.

## **5th Grade**

Kirk R.  
Wyatt C  
Cardyn H.  
Amelia L.  
Declan M.  
Abby T.  
Cale D.  
Hudson T.  
Quinn N.

## **The Six Pillars of Character<sup>SM</sup>**



CITIZENSHIP



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT

# School Office



Happy New Year Pirates! A few reminders from your Front Office for the second half of our school year:

- Front Office Hours are 7:55 am to 3:45 pm
- Attendance matters! Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up! When a student misses 2 days a month, they will miss 20 days a year. They will miss 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year. They will miss over 1 year of school by graduation.
- Absence Reporting: A written note or email is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. You do not need to call the school to report this, but you may email the teacher to arrange for school work your child has missed. Our Attendance Form is located on the home page of the Palencia Elementary School website.
- Dismissal Changes: If your Pirate is going home a different way or leaving early please complete our Dismissal Change Form located on the home page of our website. We cannot accept phone calls for these changes. We do not send children to the Front Office until you have arrived and shown your Photo ID to staff. All Dismissal changes must be submitted by 2 pm (1 pm on Wednesdays).
- For the safety of students, children may not be checked out of school after 2:15 pm (1:15 pm on Wednesdays).
- Proper identification must be presented each time a person signs in at a school. The only forms of proper identification are the following:
  1. Current state issued driver's license
  2. Current state issued identification card (issued only by the DMV)
- We've upgraded! Our sign in kiosk in the front office will no longer have a keyboard option for typing in your information. You will only be able to sign in by scanning your driver's license. We are happy to help those of you who are not familiar with how to do this, we ask for your patience and cooperation.
- We are happy to accept forgotten water bottles, lunch boxes and other items your Pirate forgot at home. Please label items with student's name and teacher.
- Please label your student's items such as water bottles, lunch boxes, and jackets. We will return labeled items to students should they misplace them. If items are not labeled they are placed in our Lost and Found. At the end of the quarter all unclaimed items are donated.







Welcome back Pirates!

Happy New year to you all! I hope that you enjoyed your much deserved break! It has been brought to my attention that during drop off and pick up times there are multiple vehicles attempting to make a left turn out of the parking lot into the neighborhood. While I know that this is convenient and is where a large percentage of our students live, it is causing a jam in the parking lot therefore, prolonging drop off and pick up procedures.

Please adhere to the signage posted at the exit of the parking lot and be advised that left turns are prohibited during the following times:

Monday – Friday 8:00am -8:30am

Wednesday – 1:45pm-2:20pm

Monday – Friday 2:45pm- 3:20pm



Thank you all so much for your assistance in this matter! Always remember, the safety of our school is a collateral effort. My door is always open for any concerns you may have. Always remember if you see something say something. Have a great year Pirates!

Sailing safely,

Deputy Cicero



# Leonard's YEARBOOK

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## Palencia Elementary School

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Find your school or enter ID#: **717652**

**\$18.00**

**Until 4/30**

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*¡Ordene su anuario hoy!*

A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.

*Se ha pedido una cantidad limitada de anuarios y es posible que no estén disponibles más adelante, así que reserve su copia hoy.*

No cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted at the school. / ¡Pedidos en línea solamente! No se aceptarán efectivo, cheques ni giros postales en la escuela.

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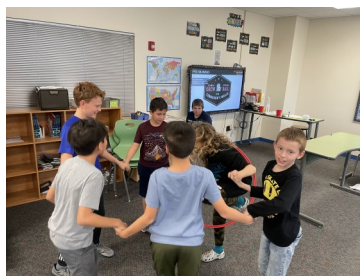
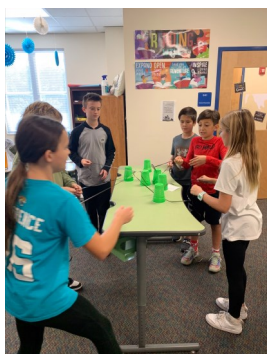
## CHARACTER COUNTS! OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, fifth grade students participated in two engaging activity stations to celebrate the positive behavior and character they displayed during the second quarter. Students were able to select which activities they would like to participate in from the following options: competitive games, puzzles and games, arts and crafts, and slime making. The supplies needed for this celebration were generously donated by THE PLAYERS. Thank you to THE PLAYERS for their part in encouraging our students to display the Six Pillars of Character!

Jennifer A. Hughes

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Palencia Elementary School





11TH ANNUAL

# CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns  
County

# 6K 3K

## RUN • WALK

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
9 A.M.

Palencia Elementary School



Register by January 5, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt  
and other goodies from sponsoring businesses  
and community organizations!



PRESENTING  
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REGISTER AT  
[RACSMITH.COM](https://www.racesmith.com)





PACETTI BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

# Rising 6th Grade Night

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

5:30 PM- PBMS AUDITORIUM

**Come see what  
middle school is  
really all about!**

Here's a chance for incoming students and their families to visit PBMS and meet our admin, guidance, and dean teams; learn more about a day in the life of a 6th grader; and be introduced to the curriculum, sports, and clubs available at PBMS.



**PB**  
**WILDCATS**



245 Meadowlark Lane  
St. Augustine, FL 32092



Main: (904) 547-8760



# 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.cambiustest.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.

## Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCSD & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

5:30pm  
Tuesday  
January 30, 2024

[bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop](https://bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop)

### Topics of Discussion:

- Clever - Links for Students
- Schoology
- Microsoft 365

Presented by St. Johns County Instructional Resources & Media Services Department



# PTO NEWS



**PES PTO  
LOVE  
AND APPRECIATE  
PES STAFF  
AND TEACHERS**





**PALENCIA PIRATES PTO**  
invites you to join us for

# Family BINGO Night



**Thursday, January 25th, 2024**  
**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, PES Cafeteria**  
**FREE to PLAY**

With Captain Goodrich as our Bingo caller, bring your Pirate crew for a fun weeknight evening of Bingo with game prizes for our students. Bottled waters and cookies will be provided while supplies last.

PES PTO PRESENTS

# back to the 80's

## Daddy Daughter Dance

**FEBRUARY 23, 2024**  
6:30-9:00 PM

RENAISSANCE WORLD GOLF VILLAGE

COME GLOW WITH US FOR DINNER, DANCING, AND FUN!  
\$75 PER DADDY/DAUGHTER  
\$35 ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

[www.palenciapiratespto.com](http://www.palenciapiratespto.com)



**PALENCIA PIRATES PTO** **BOUNTIFUL SUNDAYS** **Your PIRATE**  
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



SCAN ME

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!

**Your Donation Matters**

**Bountiful Sunday:**

**Sunday January 21st ALL DAY**

**PTO Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 7th @8:40am**

**PALENCIA PIRATES PTO**

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

### RESERVE THE ROCKS




**STEP 1:** SCAN here to book the rock or visit [palenciapiratespto.com](http://palenciapiratespto.com)

**Bryce Brushworks**  
202.590.6759  
[jessica@brycebrushworks.com](mailto:jessica@brycebrushworks.com)

**STEP 2:** contact Jessica for rates & availability



ORLANDO  
MATH CIRCLE'S

# ST. AUGUSTINE

**NEW OMC CHAPTER!**

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](mailto:matthew_j@orlandomathcircle.org) for more  
information







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