

May 23, 2024

# THE PIRATE POST Palencia Elementary School

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## FIRST MATE'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 05/24:

All schools will be dismissed 1 hour earlier

**Bag Lunch Day** 

Last Day for Students/ Fourth Quarter Ends Report Cards Issued

Monday, 08/12: First Day of School Students Report to Class



Greetings PES Pirate Families,

The staff and I **THANK YOU** for the outstanding display of gratitude and warmth you showed us earlier this month when we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and this last week of school as we close out the year. It is clear we are a strong community dedicated to our children's growth, success, and happiness.

This Friday, the last day of school, is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 1:45 PM. Please leave backpacks at home on Friday and send students with a bag lunch.

Keep an eye on our school website over the summer for the 24-25 school supply lists and for "Meet the Teacher" day and time information. The first day of school is Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Together in Education,

Catherine Goodrich Principal Palencia Elementary School (904) 547-4010

## FOR THE LOVE OF May 2024 LITERACY

The pirate ship decks have been buzzing with excitement as the 2023-2024 school year wraps up with end-of-year class parties, kickball tournaments, and kindergarten water day. Our rising sixth grade students have celebrated the end of an era, the much-anticipated transition from elementary school to middle school. As you are looking forward to lazy summer days and a freedom that only summer break can offer, be ever mindful of the phenomenon known as the "summer slide."\*

According to research, the summer slide can be attributed to a decline in academic learning gains. In some cases, students lose, on average, 20% of their school-year gains in reading and 27% of their learning gains in math during summer break.\* Younger children are at a greater risk for learning loss due to their crucial stage of development. So what can you do to prevent the gains your child and his/her teacher have worked so hard to achieve? Begin by reading with your child every day. Talk about the books they are reading and encourage them to think deeper about what they are reading. For extra excitement, set up a cozy reading nook or tent and make it special!

Help your child become engaged with some of the fun, structured activities listed below.

#### **CREATE A BOOK WISH LIST**

Summer reading is a critical way to prevent learning loss. Create a list of books your child would like to read. Encourage reading every day and celebrate as each book is finished.

#### VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

Many local libraries and book stores have summer reading programs and enrichment activities that encourage young readers to continue reading over the summer. Children are more inspired to read when they self-select books tailored to their own interests and reading levels.

#### **TAKE A FIELD TRIP!**

On those hot, steamy summer days, spend some time indoors at a museum, planetarium, or historical site. These realworld encounters will develop cultural understanding and critical thinking skills.

#### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Engagement with games and puzzles build vocabulary knowledge and develop math skills. Incorporate family game night into your summer schedule and limit screen time. You will be making special memories with your child in the process!

\*David M. Quinn, Assistant Professor of Education – University of South Carolina and Morgan Polikoff, Associate Professor of Education - USC Rossier School of Education

Lexia Core5 and DreamBox Math will be available to access through your child's Clever account. Lessons are tailored to your child's academic needs and will extend their learning throughout the summer to reduce learning loss.

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Can you guess

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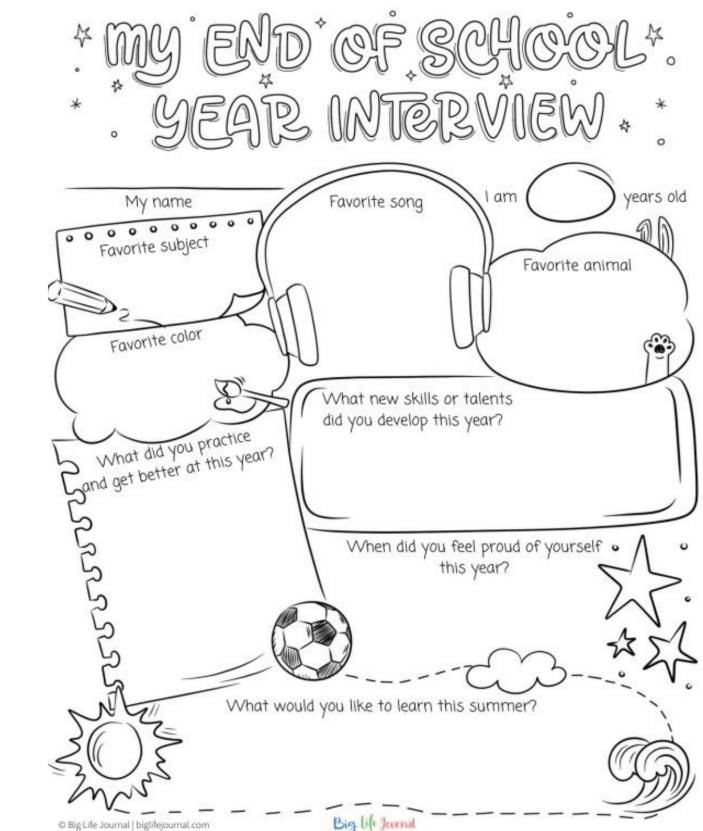
WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE MOST WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK. I HOPE YOU ALL FIND TIME TO RELAX AND RESET. KIDS NEED AND THRIVE IN STRUCTURE BUT ALSO DOWNTIME TO PLAY AND BE KIDS. DON'T FORGET ABOUT ALL THE FREE RESOURCES WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE LIBRARY IS SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO NOT ONLY CHECK OUT BOOKS BUT TO PLAY, DO A CRAFT, OR ATTEND FREE CLASSES. GO ON A NATURE WALK AND MAKE ART FROM THE ITEMS COLLECTED. PLAY IN THE PARK OR A BOARD GAME. I THINK WE FORGET ALL THE SIMPLE THINGS WE DID AS KIDS IN SUCH AN INTERACTIVE AND STIMULATING WORLD. RECENTLY I PUT UP SOME CRAYONS ON CARDBOARD IN A SUNNY SPOT OUTSIDE AND ASKED THE KIDS WHAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN; SEE OUR PICTURE BELOW OF THE PRETTY RAINBOW IT CREATED. I LOVED SEEING THEIR INQUISITIVE MINDS WORKING AS THEY STOPPED BY TO TALK ABOUT IT AND MAKE PREDICTIONS...A FEW EVEN PUT THEIR HANDS IN IT (AH!). I KNOW WE WILL BE BUYING SOME CANVAS' THIS SUMMER AND CREATING OUR VERY OWN CRAYON ART MASTERPIECES AT HOME.

SADLY, THIS IS MY LAST YEAR AT PES. MY HUSBAND WAS OFFERED A JOB IN OUR HOME STATE OF WISCONSIN AND WE WILL BE PACKING UP THIS SUMMER AND HEADING TO THE FROZEN TUNDRA. I HAVE LOVED EVERY KIDDO LIKE MY OWN AND WILL MISS THEM SO MUCH. MY HEART HURTS THINKING OF NOT BEING WITH THEM EACH DAY BUT I KNOW THAT THIS IS BEST FOR MY FAMILY. I TOLD THE KIDS I WOULD BE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH SNOWY SCENES, FARM ANIMALS GALORE, AND OTHER FUN WI FACTS. IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO WRITE TO ME OVER THS SUMMER, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM THEM AND SEND THEM A POSTCARD; REACH OUT TO THE FRONT DESK FOR MY ADDRESS. I AM SO PROUD OF THESE KIDS AND ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. THANK YOU FOR RAISING SUCH GREAT KIDS AND ALLOWING ME TO WORK WITH THEM.

CHECK OUT AN END OF YEAR REFLECTION SHEET ON THE NEXT PAGE FROM THE BIG LIFE JOURNAL. I HOPE THIS CULTIVATES SOME GOOD CONVERSATIONS.

WITH LOVE AND ADMIRATION,

CARLY GORDON SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Big life Journal



Greetings from the Music Room!

The second semester in the music classroom has been full of music making and new learning experiences for students. Here are some of the skills we have focused on for the different grade levels:

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade worked on improving music listening skills by listening and responding with movement to "The Carnival of the Animals" by French composer, Camille Saint-Saens . The music features different instruments of the orchestra. A favorite from the piece was the movement called "Introduction and Royal March of the Lions"! Students also explored playing several different percussion instruments, such as tambourines, hand drums, wooden frog scrapers, and triangles to accompany several different songs.

All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes worked very hard to prepare a wonderful musical production called *Squirm: A Wiggly, Giggly, Squiggly Musical* by John Jacobson and John Higgins. We had fun learning some American sign language to go with our songs and we appreciate the parent volunteers who helped us with that. Everyone did a fantastic job performing the show on May 16<sup>th</sup> for an audience of students in the morning and another audience of families and friends in the evening. Bravo, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders!!

3<sup>rd</sup> graders learned and practiced singing and playing different dynamic markings in a song called, "Volcano!" They also learned a fun partner rhythm stick routine to an old folk song, "Sarasponda". Most recently, they've been learning about harmony through listening, singing, and playing xylophones on the song, "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers.

4<sup>th</sup> graders have been practicing their recorder playing skills and have learned notes B, A, G, and E. We have also practiced playing Low C, D, F, and High C. Students have found that some notes are more difficult to play correctly than others, but they are learning the proper technique to practice getting those notes to have a nice tone. Most recently, we have played a game called "Recorder Baseball". It has helped students improve their skills of reading and playing notes as they appear on the staff.

5<sup>th</sup> graders also worked on the same recorder playing skills and music literacy throughout the second semester and made improvements that will help prepare them for middle school music ensembles. For the last couple of weeks, students have had some beginner ukulele lessons, as well! We ordered a set of soprano ukuleles for the music classroom! It's been a lot of fun for everyone, and I hope many of them decide to continue with the ukulele beyond this year. They are fairly inexpensive and a great instrument to play on your own, with a friend, or in a group.

Shout out to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Enrichment Group who performed at the Night of the Arts on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They sang and played their recorders for an audience that evening and I was so proud of how well they did! Bravo!!

Have a great summer, everyone! Keep singing and playing instruments!



~Mrs. Molina



6/1/11-3/15/21



**Pictures:** Sophia M. with Mrs. Ledford

Amelia N.

Luke J.

Audrey D. with Mrs. Traylor and

Ms. Case

Grace T.

Hannah M.

Ruby Hamm was a "shining star" to everyone around her. She was kind, caring and a friend to everyone she met.

We will continue to Honor Ruby and the legacy of kindness, friendship, and joy that she spread around Palencia Elementary School.



She will continue to live in our hearts forever.

#### The Ruby Hamm Kindness Award

Given to a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in each class that possesses kindness, positivity, and optimism. The student also spreads joy to others, cares for others and advocates on behalf of others.













A message from the clinic:



As we near the end of the school year please remember to come by the clinic and pick-up your child's medication and medical supplies. This can be done during school hours. If you need a different time, please let me know and we can arrange it. Any medication left in the clinic after 4pm on May 24, will be thrown out. Per SJCSD policy we cannot store medication over the summer break for the next school year.

To prevent administration errors, it is important we have the medication in proper bottles with updated forms for the 2024-2025 school year to insure proper medication administration. Please review the attached medication policy and have your child's physician fill out the medication administration or management forms. These can be returned on "meet the teacher" day with medication and supplies for the 24-25 school year. If your physician does not have forms, they can be found on the PES website, under department, and then health clinic tab. Please let me know if you need me to email the forms or send them home with your students.

Have a safe and healthy summer break !

Shakería (Shaye) Stokes, LPN

St. Johns County School District School Nurse; Palencia Elementary P: 904-547-4019 ext: 14019 shakeria.stokes@stjohns.kl2.fl.us fax 904-547-4015





It's hard to believe another school year has ended! **THANK YOU** for your kind words and appreciation for all that we do here in the front office! Here are some reminders for our summer months:

• All schools will be dismissed 1 hour early on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

• Front Office Summer Hours are 7 am to 4 pm Monday through Thursday. Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

• Remember to complete your SJCSD Returning Student Verification Form (RSV). All guardians should have received an email from PowerSchool Enrollment beginning in April. The forms are resent by PowerSchool every two weeks until completed. This form is required annually for all students – **please complete even if your child will not be returning to SJCSD**.

Our website is a great place to find information on our upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Please refer new families to <u>www.pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> for further information about our wonderful school! We do not offer tours of our campus during the summer months but all families will be invited to attend our Meet the Teacher event prior to our first day of school Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Final call for Lost and Found items! Please ask your student to check our rack of jackets located by the Music Room if they are missing a clothing item. Any lost water bottles are lunchboxes can be found on the cart outside the cafeteria during lunch times. All unclaimed items will be donated on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.





# **Attention All Current Student Families!**

# **Returning Student Verification**

- (RSV) emails were released beginning April 15th.
- Your reply is what confirms each student's enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Our school district releases these emails in batches, so it may take up to two weeks for you to receive yours.
- Look for emails from: noreplyregistration@powerschool.com
- RSV's submitted with a YES can be placed in a classroom

#### 5th grade students heading to middle school – must include

• <u>Proof Of Residency documentation</u>. Once POR is verified by the elementary school, your student's file will be released to the middle school.

#### Other families that must provide proof of residency:

- Families with notarized Verification of Residency forms
- If your current lease expires on or before August 2024
- Any student transferring from one school to another



#### **Palencia Elementary School**

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

#### Important Information for Upcoming Kindergarten Families SY 2024-25

#### Screenings

Choose one date (20 minute time slots)

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> **OR** Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Your child will meet briefly with one of Palencia Elementary's Kindergarten teachers, during which time he/she will participate in an informal screening. This will include letter recognition/sounds, basic numeracy skills, colors, shapes, and sight words.

The teacher who does your child's screening may or may not be your child's teacher.

Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early.

Sign up here: <a href="http://kindergarten%20summer%20screeners/">http://kindergarten%20summer%20screeners/</a>

#### **School Access**

All visitors entering SJCSD schools must have approved "school access".

Visit the PES website to register NOW at <a href="https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/">https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/</a>

St. Johns County Schools.

CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS Drovided

Session One: June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13
Session Two: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

Two Part Application Process-Click Here 1. Parent online application

2. Student essay/teacher recommendation

Canoe, Kayak, Windsurf, SUP, Surf,

Fish and much more!

# Don't Miss The Fun

Check out our website site at:

https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/

Kristina Bransford

Program Coordinator marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us



# 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/









VILLAGE EXTENDED DAY SERVICES

Accepting applications for our 2024-2025 Before- and After-school programs!

Contact our administrative team to reserve your spot for the Fall semester!

#### Village Extended Day Services Presents Palencia Elementary School Extended Day!

We make things easy for you! We offer a first class on-site Extended Day program in St. Johns County. We provide an energetic environment that is safe and nurturing and filled with opportunities for learning, exercise, social development. We include a variety of fun structured activities such as STEM, cooking, group projects, arts & crafts, outdoor free play and organized sports. Our parents can be assured that their children are properly supervised, provided with engaging and stimulating activities and have an appropriate balance between homework time, exercise, skill development and social activities.

Before school drop-off:

6:30 am to 7:45 am

After school pick-up:

3:30 pm (2:30 on Wednesday) to 6:00 pm

Phone #: (904) 655-6474

Email: Donna@villageextendedday.com

Website: www.Villageextendedday.com



St Johns County School District

Next Hiring for Guest Teacher (substitute) posting July 1, 2024 in AppliTrack Application System

SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00

The Guest Teacher role provides:

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

### Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,

Visit: <u>https://www.applitrack.com/stiohns/onlineapp/</u> Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 SmartFind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631







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