

### September 25, 2024

# THE PIRATE POST Palencia Elementary School

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### THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 2: PTO Meeting Cafeteria 8:40am

Monday, October 7: PTO Golf Tournament

Monday, October 7-11: Book Fair Media Center

Friday, October 11: First Quarter Ends

Monday, October 14: Teacher Planning Day Student Holiday

Thursday, October 17: PTO family Bingo Night 6:30pm-7:30pm

Monday, October 21: SAC Meeting Media Center 4:00pm

Thursday, October 31: Dress Like a Pirate Day! Hello PES families,

"Will St. Johns County Schools close with Tropical Storm / Hurricane Helene expected in a few days?" That is the question on most of our minds today; myself included. Principals received word a little after noon today that school district leaders were watching the storm and once a decision is made, a mass text/email alert will go out to all parents. School closure information is also always posted on the school district's webpage. <u>https://www.stjohns.kl2.fl.us/</u>

School safety is another topic that has received much attention on the news recently. Those who have been at PES a while have heard me talk about school safety being our collective responsibility. Did you know there is a "tip" reporting app you have access to? Fortify Florida is an easy-to-use app that anyone can use to report suspicious activity. As principal, if a report is made referencing Palencia Elementary, I immediately get a text and email alert. School district leaders also receive the alert simultaneously. We are fortunate that SJCSD and the Sheriff's office have a strong working relationship and are both equally committed to safety. To learn more about Fortify Florida, visit: https://getfortifyfl.com/

Interested in learning more about referendums that will be on this November's ballot that impact our schools? You have three opportunities to attend an informational session. You can attend our Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> PTO meeting here at PES at 8:40 AM in the cafeteria. Also, there will be a Town Hall Referendum Presentation on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00 PM, in the auditorium of the SJCSD Administrative Building at 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084 (You can opt to log on to this session virtually via Webex. Instructions to access this virtual meeting will be posted on the St. Johns County School District website) Or lastly, you can attend our School Advisory Council meeting at PES on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM in our Media Center.

As always, I remain grateful for our parents and staff at PES. Together, we are educating and supporting over 700 delightful children.

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

## For the Love of Literacy



September 2024

### Assessment News

As the first quarter of the school year is nearly coming to a close, our pirate students are completing their first progress monitoring for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.). Progress monitoring "check-ins" will be implemented three times per year (fall, winter, and spring) to inform instruction and monitor student growth towards mastery of the Florida B.E.S.T. standards in reading and math.

Grades K-2 will be assessed using STAR assessments in Early Literacy, Reading and Mathematics.

• Grades 3-5 will be assessed using Cambium Assessment for Reading and Mathematics.

These adaptive, computer-based assessments will provide Parent Reports for both math and reading. Scale scores measure what a student has mastered and estimates the skills to work on next.

It is important to understand that these scores provide only one picture of your child's progress in school. Compare the information provided in Parent Reports with what the teacher knows about your child's daily performance. After each Progress Monitoring (PM) window, the Parent Report will be updated. You can compare the scores from each Progress Monitoring assessment to evaluate student growth.

## Accessing the Family Portal

Results from FAST administrations will be available in the Family Portal. You will access the Family Portal at <u>https://fl-</u> <u>familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/</u> and you will be required to enter three pieces of information for security:

- Your student's first name exactly as it appears on official school records.
- Your student's date of birth.
- · Your student's unique 6-digit code

To locate the unique code for your student, please log-in to the Home Access Center (HAC) and click on the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under the section for Additional Information.

These results are for informational purposes only and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. It is important for teachers and families to understand that PM1 score information is intended to provide baseline results; after your student participates in PM2 and PM3, you will be able to track the progress your student made throughout the school year.

For more information about student scores or the Family Portal, please visit: <u>https://flfast.org/families.html</u> Important Testing Windows:

Grades K-5 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) : August 12- September 27, 2024

<u>K-5 FAST Testing Progress</u> <u>Monitoring 2 (PM2):</u>

December 2, 2024 - January 24, 2025

Grades 4-5 Writing Testing:

March 31 - April 11, 2025

<u>Grades K-2 FAST Testing</u> <u>Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3) :</u>

April 14 - May 30, 2025

Grades 3-5 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3): May 1 - May 30, 2025

<u>Grade 5 Science Statewide</u> <u>Assessment:</u>

May 1 - May 30, 2025

## **Pirate Cove Media Center News**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Oct 7 - Oct 11. The materials available for purchase at the Book Fair were not selected by the St. Johns County School District. We encourage parents to review their child's wish list and have a conversation about what they are allowed to purchase at the book fair before sending money to make any purchases.

Please review the fair flyer that will be sent home with your student and discuss purchases before they shop. A digital copy of the flyer is available here:

https://registration.scholasticbookfairs.com/flipbooks/booklists/F24/F24\_ES\_Case/

Please feel free to send your student with a list of what you would like them to purchase. You can also visit with your student during our after school hours. Please note, an adult must attend after school shopping hours with students.



This is a CASHLESS event. Accepted forms of payment are eWallet and credit/debit cards. You can set up an eWallet in your student's name to use when they visit by scanning this QR code or by visiting our book fair homepage at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/palencia.

We are in need of volunteers to help shop with our students, particularly in Kindergarten and First Grade. If you would like to volunteer to help students shop at the book fair, please sign up here:



### https://tinyurl.com/pesfall24

All Parents and community members who would like to serve on the SJCSD District Library Material Objection Committee, please fill out <u>this form</u> and complete the required training.

The District will begin forming committees beginning September 20, 2024. Please complete the form as soon as possible.

# <sup>\*</sup>CONGRATULATIONS<sup>\*</sup>







Mrs. Sally Huster -Teacher of the Year

"Sally works to better our school and she shows students the utmost care and respect."

"Sally creates an engaging and respectful learning environment. As SAC co-chair, she works to improve our whole school."

"Mrs. Huster takes a thoughtful approach in all that she does. Her heart is always in the right place. She has a true gift teaching children and leading adults."

Picture with Ms. Cooper and Mrs. Goodrich



Mrs. Stacy Leonardi-Rookie Teacher of the Year

"Stacy is engaging, caring, respectful, and helps any student or staff that needs it."

"I love working with her. She is such a great advocate for her students."

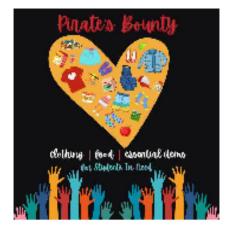
"Stacy shows caring and professionalism in interacting with her students. She constantly strives to learn more about her job."

Picture with Ms. Cooper and Mrs. Goodrich



Reach out to Ms. Lindsey Johnson lindsey.johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Did you know we offer weekend food bags? Fill out the Pirate's Bounty Form!



Dear Pirate Families,

Our school offers the Pirate's Bounty program. Each week during the school year, students participating in the program are provided with non-perishable food for the weekend. Typical items include granola bars, apple sauce, crackers, instant mac, etc. The program runs all school year and there is no cost to participate. The program is confidential, and participation can be canceled at any time. Although PES PTO funds the program, the school counselor maintains the names of the participating families; discretion is used.

If you would like your child to participate by receiving a bounty bag of food each week. Please return this form to the school counselor. A signed form is required to have your child participate.

Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Lindsey Johnson, our School Counselor with any questions at <u>lindsey.johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or 547-4010. Ms. Lindsey Johnson can also assist with clothing, hygiene products, holiday help and supplies as needed.

Thank you,

Palencia Elementary School PTO

Yes, I would like my child to receive a Pirate's Bounty bag weekly at Palencia Elementary School.

Parent Signature

Child Name (please print)

Grade

Teacher

Date

Food allergies (if any)

The Palencia Elementary School PTO is a registered 501 (c) (3) organization (Tax #45-5493223).

Palencia Elementary School PTO - 355 Palencia Village Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32095

# 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

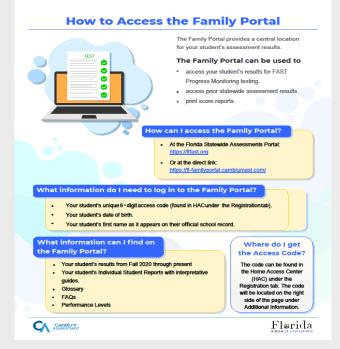
http://palenciapiratespto.com

PES Attendance Policy

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

PES Attendance Form

https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=pesattendance





Hey SJCSD teachers, parents, and students! Are you a Jaguars fan? Here's your chance to enjoy a home game this season and support your school at the same time! 

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets to a Jaguars home game, and \$10 from every ticket sold will go toward helping our schools!

To participate, simply verify your SJCSD association by using your official SJCSD email when purchasing tickets. Parents, you can use your child's student email for verification. Let's help our schools and cheer on the Jags! #GoJags #SupportOurSchools #SJCSD #JaguarsNation

#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS TICK FFER SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE SINGLE-GAME TICKETS AT A SPECIAL RATE! \$10 FROM EVERY TICKET PURCHASED WILL HELP SUPPORT ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS! W2 | 9.15 PW1 | 8.10 PW2 8.17 W5 | 10.06 W8 | 10.27 7 PM 7:30 PM 1 PM 1 PM 1 PM

W15 | 12.15

1 PM

W17 | 12.29

PM

10 11.10

1 PM

W13 | 12.01

1 PM

# **COME DRIVE THE BUS WITH US** MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 8:00am to 11:00am MUSIC REFRESHMENTS HOOL DISTRI St. Johns District Schools AKE A TEST DRIV BUS TOURS

PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS TEST TRACK 3640 GAINES ROAD ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084



## **TUES OCT 29**

### 6:00pm - 8:30pm NEASE HS STADIUM

Tables will be open 6:00-8:00pm Bring a lawn blanket and join us on the field from 8:00-8:30 for a screening of It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!

Come in your costumes and kick off your Halloween with the clubs and sports teams of Nease High School! There will be over 40 tables of games, contests, arts, crafts, and treats!

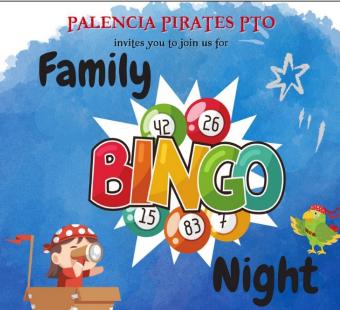




### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

M 10-7-24 Fore! the Kids Golf Tournament TH 10-17-24 Family Bingo Night W 11-06-24 PTO Meeting W 11-20-24 Grandparent Card Exchange





#### Thursday, October 17th, 2024 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, PES Cafeteria FREE to PLAY

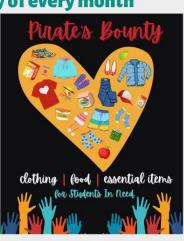
With Captain Goodrich as our Bingo caller, bring your Pirate crew for a fun weeknight evening of Bingo with game prizes for our students. Bottled water and cookies will be provided while supplies last.

### BOUNTIFUL SUNDAYS 1st Sunday of every month



ALL DAY

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











Thanks to Palencia Elementary School's students, parents, staff, our sponsors and community, we successfully raised over \$65,000 for our 2024 fundraising initiatives.



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







## THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS

PIRATE'S TREASURE LEVEL

