



THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

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December 17, 2024

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 20:
One hour early dismissal
2nd quarter ends

December 23-January 2:
Winter Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

Friday, January 3:
Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

Monday, January 6th:
Classes resume

Wednesday, January 8:
PTO Meeting
Cafeteria @ 8:40am

Monday, January 13:
SAC Meeting
Media Center @ 4:00pm

Monday, January 20:
MLK Jr Day - Student/Teacher
Holiday

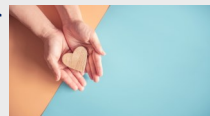


Happy Holidays, PES families!

This is a busy time of year, so I will be succinct with my message this month.

- As the holiday excitement builds at home, we see our little ones bringing extra energy and joy into our school. The teachers and I absolutely LOVE their enthusiasm and the wonder that childhood brings. It truly brightens our days.

However, I'm sure you will agree that this time of year can also be quite exhausting for everyone. As we approach the last week before the break, we kindly ask you to show your child's teacher a little extra grace and appreciation. Your support means the world to us and helps us continue to provide the best care and education for your children.



- The 2nd nine weeks grading period ends on Friday, December 20th. There will still be some testing happening this last week before break. Attendance is important.
- On Friday, December 20th students will be released one hour early at 1:45 PM.
- THANK YOU! We have had so many of you volunteer to help with class celebrations and activities these past few weeks. We remain so grateful for the home-school connection.
- VOTE for our tree and help our school win \$1,000! <https://www.staugustinelights.com/holiday-tree-contest/> You can vote each day now through December 18th.

I wish you a memorable holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025!

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




2025


CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK

CONSTRUCTING THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

JANUARY 27-31



“Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is January 27- 31. 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 the foundation for success through reading this month!



MYSTERY READERS!

Listen for our mystery readers on the daily morning news! They will share short stories about building workforce education and collaboration through literacy experiences.



LITERACY WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Monday, January 27: Measure your success and dress to impress! Discover your dream career and dress like your future career!

Tuesday, January 28: Hard hats on! It's time to write! Wear orange and show your story construction skills today in class!

Wednesday, January 29: Build a wall of words! Choose a new word that expresses affirmation or positivity. Wear it proudly on a shirt, hat or in another unique way!

Thursday, January 30: Flashing construction lights! Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and build your literacy skills while buddy reading by flashlight!

Friday, January 31: Building Minds, One Book at a Time! We are a TEAM! Wear your Pirate gear to show how we collaborate together. It's school-wide "Drop Everything and Read Day."

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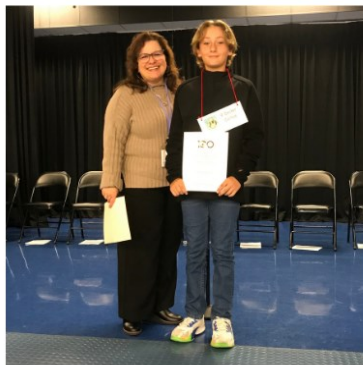
FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY

By Laurie Misch - Instructional Literacy Coach



PALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School-Wide Spelling Bee Competition



PRINCIPAL CATHERINE GOODRICH CONGRATULATES SPELLING BEE CHAMPION DECKER CURTISS.



SPELLING BEE CHAMPION: DECKER CURTISS



THE PES FINALISTS CAITLYN HYINK, DECKER CURTISS, AND DHRUV PATIL STAND PROUD.

Thirteen talented fifth-grade spelling bee finalists nervously took the stage in the Palencia Elementary School cafeteria on Friday, November 22, demonstrating an impressive ability to spell even the most challenging of words. These students had worked tirelessly to perfect their spelling skills and prepare to put their knowledge to the test in front of their teachers, parents, and classmates. Following multiple rounds of intense competition, Caitlyn Hyink, Decker Curtiss, and Dhruv Patil remained as competitors, correctly spelling multiple seventh-grade level words. Decker, a student in Ms. Wadsworth's homeroom class, ultimately claimed victory by spelling the word "techie" correctly in round 13.

Decker Curtiss will represent our PES Pirates and advance to the St. Johns County School District Spelling Bee, which will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at the First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine. We wish him the best of luck!

*techie: a person who is expert in or enthusiastic about technology, especially computing

Physical Education



Physical education gives our students a wonderful opportunity to learn through movement. All PES Pirates get to participate in developmentally appropriate centers and games that reinforce skills and character development. We have already worked on moving concepts and safety, throwing with perfect technique, catching, offense vs defense, and fitness. At the new year we will introduce chase, flee, and dodge games, and nutrition.

We appreciate your continued support in sending your children to school in athletic shoes only, especially on their PE resource days. Safety remains our school's number one priority. We'd also like to give a shout out to Coach Brinley, who worked with us in October. She was a fabulous addition to the coaching team!

Attention 5th Grade families! The date for this year's Saint John's County School District Character Cup has been set. If your 5th grader is interested in being part of our team to represent Palencia Elementary School and compete at Toco High School on Wednesday, March 26th, be on the look out for information in the new year. We will be fielding a team of five boys and five girls to compete in a variety of events among 5th graders from all SJCSD schools. It is such a fun competition, and we look forward to sharing more once we are updated by the District organizers.

Happy Holidays,

Coach Brougham and Coach McMahon





Congratulations to our Character Counts **CITIZENSHIP** Pillar Recipients from November

1st Grade

Kindergarten

Caden E.
Cash H.
Melina D.
Grace L.
Amelia T.S.
James R.
Waverly R.
Finlay B.
Mango G.
Caleb R.

Domenico M.
Camden D,
Santiago W.V.
Blair B.
Graham C.
Isla L.C.
Harper C.
Drew D.
Liam C.
Lucian R.
Gunner S.
Harley W.

2nd Grade

Jordyn H.
Kobain R.
Logan J.
Nixon E.
Alex G.
Piper P.
Lawson C.
Annabel O.
Luke R.
Brittney G.
Mason B.
Riley M.



CITIZENSHIP

Do your share to make your school and community better •
Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed;
vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect
authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer



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3rd Grade

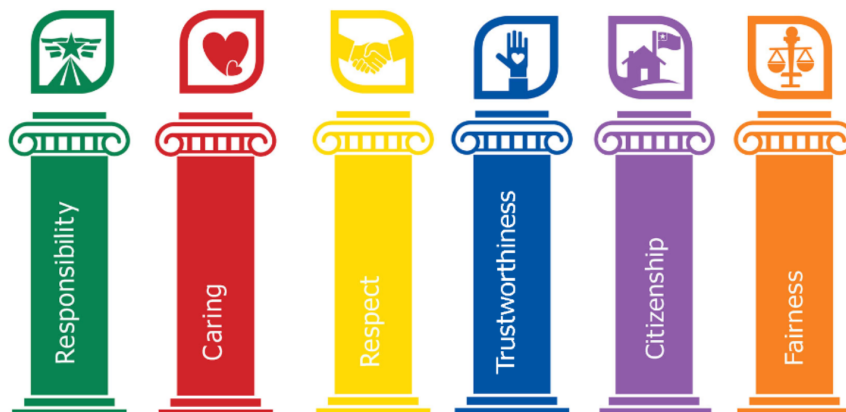
Isabella E.
Leyla G.
Mathias H.S.
Antonella U.D.L.
Evelyn B.
Evan S.
Azalea W.
Grant G.
Beckett C.
Jenna Z.

4th Grade

Yara A.
Dempsie S.
Camden R.
Claire L.
Oliver B.
Ava F.
Jasmina J.
Valentina O.
Vaughn M.

5th Grade

Kyler V.
Audrey D.
Elliot L.
Sophia M.
Amelia N.
Owen G.
Henry H.
Elizabeth M.
Bryson D.
Alexa T.
Luca B.



Attention Families!

Art to Remember
ArtToRemember.com

We are participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork, and soon you will receive a personalized order form.

Here's what you can expect:

Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork

Many of the products are less than \$20

A percentage of every order goes right back to our school

Safe, secure online ordering at ArtToRemember.com



Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!

Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.



12TH ANNUAL

CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns County

6K 3K

RUN • WALK

Saturday, February 1, 2025
9 A.M.

Palencia Elementary School



Register by December 31, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt and other give-aways from sponsoring businesses and community organizations!



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St Johns County School District

Guest Teacher (substitute)

posting in AppliTrack Application System on our district website

December 16th – January 3, 2025.

SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12th grade.

Daily hourly rate \$15.00. Florida certified teacher or retired S.J.C.S.D teacher is \$18 hourly rate.

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 considered 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: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>

Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 SmartFind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631.



Pirates Need to Know...



FORTIFYFL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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EDUCATION
fldoe.org

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, EOCs, Statewide Science, Retakes, the Florida Civic Literacy Exam, and the Florida Alternate Assessment.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

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

WINTER

movie night!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH
AT 6:00 PM

Join us for games and a showing of The
Polar Express sponsored by Nease's
Junior Achievement club!



Admission is free
Hot chocolate and cookies will be sold before
the movie

Located in the Performing Arts
Center (PAC) at Nease High School

10550 Ray Road

PTO NEWS



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- W 01-8-25 PTO Meeting
- Sa 01-25-25 Jax Icemen Family Night
- W 02-05-25 PTO Meeting
- Sa 02-22-25 Daddy/Daughter Dance

PES PTO Presents

Enchanted Forest Daddy/Daughter Dance

Come enjoy Dinner, Dancing and Fun
Sprinkled with
Magic and Fairy Dust

Saturday, February 22, 2025
6:30-9:00 PM

Renaissance World Golf Village

\$85 - Daddy /Daughter Ticket
\$40 - Additional Daughter*

palenciapiratespto.com

*Tickets available only for current PES students

CALLING ALL TENNIS FANS!
THE PALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING!

ALL LEVELS
ARE
WELCOME

NEON TENNIS ROUND ROBIN NIGHT

WEAR YOUR
NEON
TENNIS GEAR

All proceeds benefit the Pirate's Bounty
Program which provides clothing, food and
essential items to students in need.

Date: Friday, January 31st
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Cost: \$15 per player

Please sign-up through the Tennis Shop by
calling (904) 825-4012 or email
palenciatennis@marchalcreekcdd.com

Mugs & Hot Cocoa bombs
for our amazing PES teachers



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

Bryce Brushworks
202.590.6759
jessica@brycebrushworks.com

STEP 2: contact Jessica for rates & availability

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PIRATES PTO

Join Palencia Elementary for a night with the Icemen on Saturday, January 25 at 7:00pm!

Secure your tickets through the link below for the QR code above!

\$5 of each ticket purchased through the link below or the QR code above will be donated back to Palencia Elementary

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Palenciaelementary58>

Gerry Brown | gerry@jacksonvilleicemen.com | (407)-758-8713

Palencia Elementary PTO PIRATES

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