



# THE PIRATE POST

## Palencia Elementary School

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January 22, 2025

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, February 1:  
@9:00am

Character Counts  
6K3K Run-Walk  
Palencia Elementary

Thursday, February 5:  
PTO Meeting @8:40am

Tuesday, February 11:  
Interims Issued

Wednesday, February 12:  
Early Release Wednesday  
Resumes, Dismissal @1:45PM

Friday, February 14:  
Student Holiday  
Teacher In Service Day

Monday, February 17:  
Student/Teacher Holiday

Monday, February 24:  
SAC Meeting @4:00pm

Hello PES families and Happy 2025!

The generosity you showed our teachers and staff for the holidays was remarkable. We certainly felt appreciated and pampered. Thank you not only for the goodies and gifts last month, but more so, for the respect and collaboration you show year-round.

Our school district will hire a new superintendent in the months ahead. Your input is requested. If you have not done so already, please share what qualities and skills you believe should be prioritized in the superintendent search by completing the survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8157888/St-Johns-County-Superintendent-Search-Community-Survey> Throughout the process, school board meeting notes and updates on the superintendent search will be posted on the district website. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

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 or email your student's teacher if you would like to schedule something. Our teachers take pride in your little one's growth and new learning, and they are eager to share details with you. ☺

Together in Education,

Catherine Goodrich

Principal Palencia Elementary School

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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 careers such as construction, engineering, and architecture.



### 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."



# COUNSELOR CORNER

JANUARY 2025

## WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! It has been great to see everyone again and hear all the children's stories. Right before the break, I got married! In case of any confusion, my email is the same as of now, but if you hear the name Mrs. Taylor, it is not a different person, that is my new last name.

As we step into the new year, I am thrilled to continue working with your children in guidance class. This quarter, I am teaching guidance to the kindergarten and 1st grade. The district uses Lauren's Kids "Safer, Smarter Kids" for this age group. If you would like to view the sequence of topics, you can use this link. [https://safersmarterschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SSS\\_MasterSequence\\_2022.pdf](https://safersmarterschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SSS_MasterSequence_2022.pdf). With this being my first year at Palencia Elementary, teaching guidance class has been an amazing way to get to know each and every student in our school.

Thank you for your continued support and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.



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## PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER RED RIBBON WEEK

Back in October, we discussed healthy living and being responsible for our choices. All of the students made handprints to decorate our bulletin board incorporating part of the pledge to "take a stand and lend a hand."



### NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK

National School Counselor Week is February 3-7. The theme this year is "School Counseling: Helping Students Thrive." During this week, students will hear about how to grow, succeed, and create a positive environment.

Welcome back Pirates!

Happy New year to you all! I hope that you enjoyed your much deserved break! Over the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed an increase in accidents involving student walking and biking to and from school. Please stress the importance of your student wearing their helmet while operating any man powered vehicle. Please ensure their helmets are fit properly to their heads to prevent it from coming off in the event of an emergency. If you need assistance with helmet fitting, please let me know and I can get you scheduled.

Also, students riding electric bikes and scooters must adhere to the same rules of that of a bicyclist. Please talk with your student about the safest place to operate their vehicle when traveling to and from school.

Thank you all so much for your continuous support! Always remember, the safety of our school is a collaborative 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

**Brittany Cicero**  
**Youth Resource Deputy**  
**Palencia Elementary School**  
**Office| 904-547-4034 Cell|904-316-5711**





We are officially half-way through the school year! Please remember to have your kiddos dressed in weather appropriate clothing and keep them home if they are not well! Continue to notify myself or teachers of any medical changes or limitations your student may have.

As of November 1st I am no longer in the clinic on Mondays and Fridays due to taking on a second peds nursing job. During that time a SJCS D float nurse covers the clinic. If you have any questions about this, you may contact me via email during school hours.

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Several reasons to exclude sick children from school:

1. The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities, such as with extreme signs of tiredness or fatigue, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
2. The child requires more care than the school staff can provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
3. The illness is on the list of symptoms/illness for which exclusion is recommended.

The list of illnesses/symptoms is on our school website, it states guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to sickness. Children with minor illness do not be excluded unless one or more of the following illnesses/ symptoms exists.

These guidelines, along with other medical forms can be found on the PES website under the "Departments --> Health Clinic" tab.

Talk to your healthcare provider about flu and COVID-19 if your child has symptoms, a positive test, or is exposed from a household member. You may also visit <https://www.cdc.gov> for additional information.



# 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 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.





Great News...

We are excited to announce that, starting in March, every Wednesday the Cafeteria will serve **PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA - \$2.00 per slice** as an "à la carte" item for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students!

This is a delicious new option for lunch, and we can't wait for the students to enjoy it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Savita Singh*

*Food & Nutrition Services Manager*

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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!



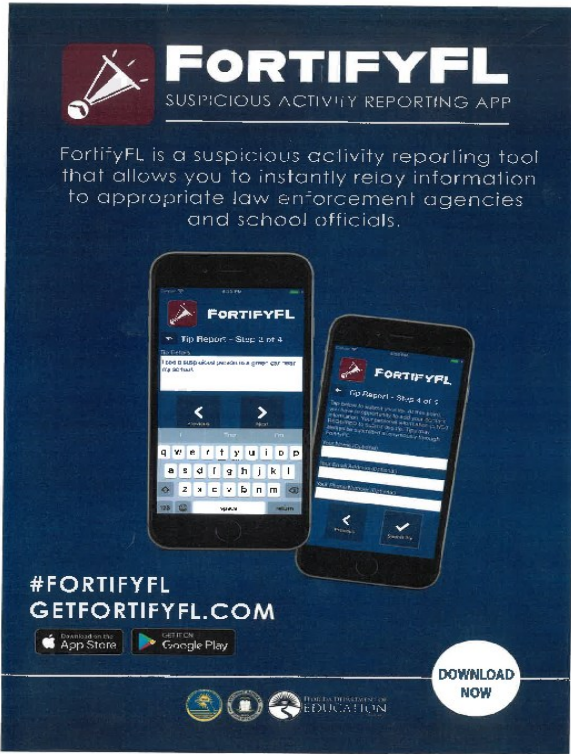
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# Pirates Need to Know...



**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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## 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://fast.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.



PACETTI BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

# Rising 6th Grade Parent Information Night

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2025  
5:30 PM- PBMS AUDITORIUM**

## Come hear what middle school is really all about!

Here's a chance for incoming students and their families to 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. PTSO will be selling PBMS spirit wear.



245 Meadowlark Lane  
St. Augustine, FL 32092

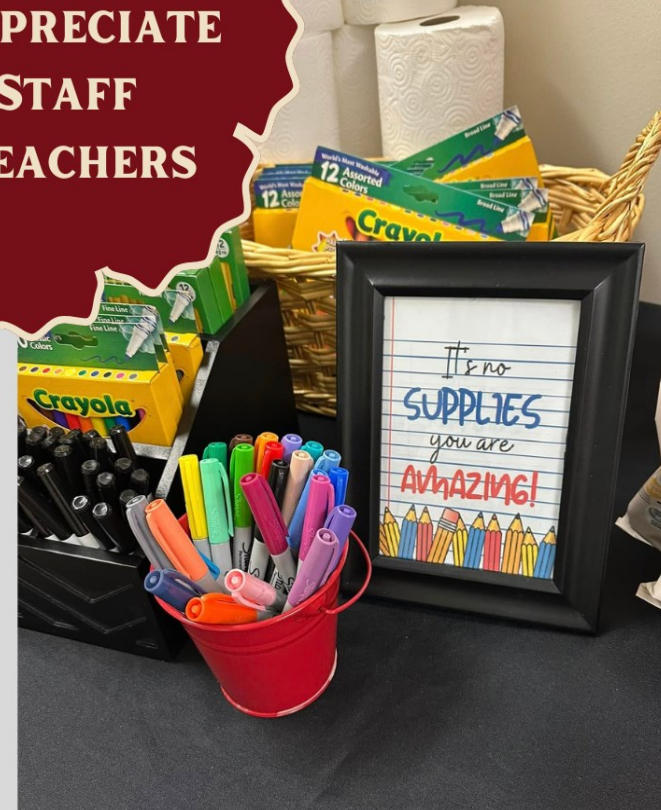


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# PTO NEWS



PES PTO  
LOVE  
AND APPRECIATE  
PES STAFF  
AND TEACHERS



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

NEON

ALL LEVELS  
ARE  
WELCOME

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

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



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>



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Pirates Rock > Schools rock > Sports rock >  
Students rock > Teachers rock



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