



THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

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August 27, 2025

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 1:
Labor Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

Friday, September 5:
Boosterthon Fun Run

Tuesday, September 9:
PTO Meeting @ 8:40-9:30
Fall Portraits

Wednesday, September 10:
Interims Issued

Friday, September 19:
Teacher Inservice Day/
Student Holiday

Friday, October 10:
First Quarter Ends

Monday, October 13:
Teacher Planning Day/
Student Holiday

Welcome back, PES families!

We may have only been in school two weeks; however, our teachers, students, and PTO are in full swing. Here are some highlights from the past two weeks:

- 1st through 5th graders came together as a grade level for a safety assembly with Deputy Cicero, Assistant Principal Cooper, me, and their teachers.
- Students have participated in all resource classes.
- Kindergarten through 3rd grade have started their beginning of the year STAR and FAST testing.
- PTO and teachers kicked off this year's Booster Fun Run theme of "STAR QUEST"

In the weeks ahead, you will be invited to come one evening for Curriculum Chat. You will not want to miss this event! What is Curriculum Chat? Think of an old school "Open House". At Curriculum Chat, you will go to your child's classroom and their teacher will share "a day in the life", learning objectives for the year, grading, ways you can stay connected, and more. This is perhaps the BEST opportunity to get an overview of the year ahead and equip yourself with the know how to ensure your student is successful. Our teachers are proud to show off what they have in store and are eager to partner with you. Keep an eye out for dates and times.

Thank you all for your patience this past Friday during "Rainy Day Dismissal". On page 3 of this Pirate Post, we explain what Rainy Day Dismissal means, how it will be announced, and what you can do to help expedite the parent pick up process.

As always, know that the staff and I are here to support your child. We are looking forward to an exceptional school year ahead.

Together in Education,
Catherine Goodrich
Principal
Palencia Elementary School
(904) 547-4010



Hello Pirates! We had a great first week. If I have not had a chance to meet you just yet, I am the new Front Desk Clerk. My name is Nicole Holland, I have lived in St. Johns County for the past four years. The thing I love most about the area is the sense of community. I have three grown children and two grandsons. This past week has been amazing to see all of your children excited to come to school. I look forward to getting to know all of you over the school year.

Just a few important reminders from the front office staff:

- Please label EVERYTHING (water bottles, lunchboxes, backpacks, jackets, etc) with your student's first and last name. That way, if it ends up in the lost and found, we can return the item.
- Please be sure you are approved for school access. If you are not sure, please call the Front Office and we can confirm it for you. We have a new check-in system for volunteers this year. It is called Raptor. Please sign in when you come to visit or volunteer at the two iPads. You will need to scan your driver's license front and then back. Once the system recognizes you, your badge will print at the front office. We will hand you the badge and you must wear it to be on campus. When you are leaving make sure you check out the iPad at the front office as well. You will select sign out and scan the badge bar code. Please hand in your badge when you check out. If you need to complete a school access application, here is the link:
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/OTY0OTplbi1VUw==>
- Please remember to bring a photo ID with you whenever you visit the school and if you are checking your student out early. We must verify ID every time. We do not send children to the front office for early dismissal until you have arrived and show your photo ID to the Front Office staff.

We also have a new bus tracking app this year called Chipmunk. Here is the link

<https://www.mychipmunkapp.com/planning.htm>.

For the safety of all students, children may **not be checked out of school after 2:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday and 1:15 on Wednesday.**

If you have a change in the way your student will be going home, please complete a Dismissal Change Form. The form can be found on the Palencia Elementary School website. Dismissal changes can only be accepted before 2:00pm (1:00pm on Wednesdays). We cannot accept these changes by phone. They must be submitted in writing by a parent or guardian.

If your student is absent, please complete an Attendance Form, also found on the PES website. Please refer to the district Attendance Policy: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/> if you have questions or need more information about attendance.

Please be sure your student has everything they need before they leave for school (backpack, lunchbox, water bottle etc.) and when they exit the car if dropping them off. Although we do not mind taking forgotten items, it is disruptive to the classroom to have items delivered. Thank you.



RAINY DAY DISMISSAL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR BIKERS AND WALKERS

What is a Rainy-Day Dismissal?

When radar indicates lightening or dangerous weather in our area, PES will not allow our Bikers and Walkers to leave the building. Our priority is always the safety of all our students and that is paramount when these decisions are made. **Please note that rain alone does not warrant a Rainy-Day Dismissal.**

How do I pickup my Biker and Walker in the event of a Rainy-Day Dismissal?

All Bikers and Walkers will be dismissed to their designated Parent Pickup line. (i.e. Palencia Bikers/ Walkers will go to Palencia Parent Pickup and Kensington Bikers/Walkers will go to Kensington Parent Pickup.) Please have your Student's Car Tag hanging on your review mirror while in the parent pickup line. If you need a car tag, please call the front office at 904.547.4010. We will be happy to issue one to you after verifying your photo ID.

How will I be notified if today is a Rainy-Day Dismissal?

Administration will send an alert via email and/or text message to your designated notification from School Messenger or Parent Square. For more information on the app and website please visit:

<https://stjohns.k12.fl.us/parentsquare>

Please DO NOT get into carline prior to receiving an alert for Rainy Day Dismissal. Please never assume a Rainy-Day Dismissal until Captain Goodrich has sent the official alert. As we all know, the weather changes quickly in Florida.

If you have any further questions, please call the front office at 904.547.4010 and we are happy to help you.

FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY

AUGUST 2025



Assessment News

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.)

Welcome back, Pirate families! As we begin a new school year, our Palencia Elementary School 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.



Important 2025-2026 Testing Windows

Grades K-5 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) :

August 11 - September 26,
2025

Grades K-5 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2) :

December 1, 2025 -
January 23, 2026

Grades 4-5 B.E.S.T. Writing Assessment:

March 30 - April 10, 2026

Grades K-2 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3) :

April 13 - May 29, 2026

Grades 3-5 FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3) :

May 1 - May 29, 2026

Quick Links:

[Grades K-2 F.A.S.T.
Fact Sheet](#)

[Grades 3-5 F.A.S.T. Fact
Sheet](#)



Accessing the Family Portal



Results from FAST administrations will be available in the Family Portal. You will access the Family Portal at <https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/> 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:

<https://flfast.org/families.html>

A screenshot of the 'Family Portal' registration form from the Florida Department of Education. The form is titled 'Enter your student's information.' and includes a note that 'All fields are required.' It contains three main input sections: 'Access Code' with a placeholder '6-Character Unique Code', 'Date of Birth' with dropdown menus for 'Month', 'Day', and 'Year', and 'First Name' with a placeholder 'First Name'. The form is enclosed in a dashed border.

Hello Pirates!

For those who are new on board let me introduce myself! My name is Brittany Cicero. I was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL where I started my law enforcement career in 2010 with the Jacksonville Sheriff Office. I have been a Deputy with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for six years. Furthering my career with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office is by far one of the best decisions I have ever made. I am a mother to an eleven-year-old little boy, so kids are truly no stranger to me. I started as the Youth Resource Deputy at Palencia Elementary School at the end of the 2021-22 school year. I've looked forward to coming back ever since.

My main and most important focus this school year ,as it is every year, is the safety of all students.

In light of keeping everyone safe, please make sure your pirates are wearing their helmets to and from school when riding their bicycle or scooter. Not wearing a helmet will result in not being able to ride. Let's all work together in keeping everyone safe.

I have provided below an insert Florida State Statue as it pertains to wearing helmets when operating any man powered vehicle.

316.2065 Bicycle regulations.—

(1) Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all of the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

(d) A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets.

(8) No parent of any minor child and no guardian of any minor ward may authorize or knowingly permit any such minor child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this section.

Lastly, 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

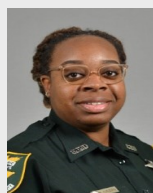
Monday – Friday 2:45pm- 3:20pm



Thank you all so much for your assistance in this matter! Always remember, the safety of our school is a 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



A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

WELCOME BACK

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. When a child is sick and needs to stay at home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, chicken pox, etc.), let school staff know.

Several reasons to exclude sick children from school:

- 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.
- The child requires more care than the school staff can provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
- The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.
- The child is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.

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. Please always make sure you have correct medication forms and students’ medication is in its original packaging before bringing medication in.

Please fill out the absence form online anytime your child is absent from school with an illness or provide a doctors note upon returning. Please see link below for online attendance form and these forms can also be found on the PES website.

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

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.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at

shakeria.stokes@stjohns.k12.fl.us or telephone at 904-547-4019.

In clinic hours are Monday through Friday 7:45 am until 3:15 pm.





Bonjour!

My name is Marie Antoine, and I'm thrilled to be part of this wonderful school community, Palencia.

I was born and raised in the beautiful region of Normandy, France, and have had the incredible opportunity to live in several countries around the world, including Singapore and Bahrain.

My passions include traveling, gardening, and spending time with animals. This year marks my 30th year in public education, with 26 of those years dedicated to school administration. I'm excited to bring my experience, global perspective, and love for learning to support our students and families.

I will be on campus to support PES on Wednesdays and Fridays, primarily assisting with 504, gifted, and IEP meetings. I look forward to meeting many of you.



Clothing?
School Supplies?
Food?
Let's Chat!

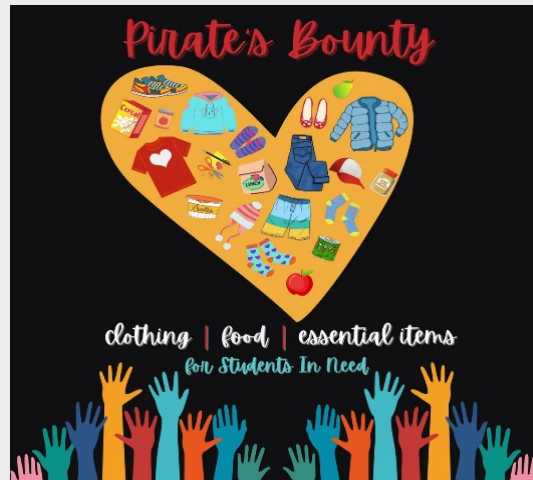
Reach out to Ms. Taylor school
counselor

lindsey.g.taylor@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Did you know we offer weekend food
bags?

Fill out the Pirate Bounty Form and
return to Ms. Taylor





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 Mrs. Lindsey Taylor, our School Counselor with any questions at lindsey.g.taylor@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 547-4010. Mrs. Lindsey Taylor 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

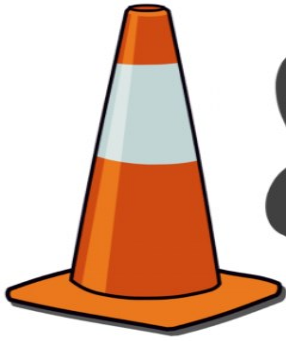
Date

Child Name (please print)

Grade

Teacher

Food allergies (if any)



SAFETY PATROL

This year, we have 41 fifth-grade students serving on our Safety Patrol Team!

It is an honor to be part of Safety Patrol, as these students serve as role models and leaders in traffic safety.

The role of our team is to assist with pedestrian safety, ensuring everyone is safe during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. You'll see our students wearing bright green safety patrol belts, helping with opening and closing car doors, holding doors in the stairwell, and making sure students are safe throughout the school.

Thank you, Safety Patrol Team, for your dedication to this important job!





The St. Johns County School District has begun its review of instructional materials for **K-12 English Language Arts**. These resources are chosen from the list of materials submitted to the [Florida Department of Education](#).

You may access digital resources on [EdCredible.com](#) once they are available from the publisher (instructions for access available on this webpage).

Print Materials: Some printed materials are available. If you are interested in reviewing the materials please contact Theresa Cooper, Assistant Principal at 904 .547.4014.

Get Involved: Parents and community members are encouraged to participate. If you want to join our school committee to serve on the review team, please contact Theresa Cooper at 904.547.4014 by Friday, September 5, 2025. Committee spots are limited.

K-12 English Language Arts Review

Review the resources under consideration for adoption on [Edcredible.com](#). Instructions on accessing and viewing the resources are available below.

You will need to create an account at [EdCredible.com](#) and select the **ELA K-12 Adoption for St. Johns County School District**.



<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/wp-content/uploads/sites/184/2024/11/Create-EdCredible-Accounts-and-Accessing-Public-Adoption->

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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>

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.camblumast.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.



PTO NEWS



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

F 9-5-25 **Boosterthon Fun Run!**

T 9-9-25 PTO Meeting : 8:40 AM



BOOSTER★



THE PES FUN RUN DIGITAL KICK-OFF IS ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH AND RUNS THROUGH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, CONCLUDING WITH A FUN RUN!

Parent spectators will be allowed on the field to cheer their students on!
- You must be an approved volunteer to attend

IN ADDITION TO BOOSTERTHON PRIZES,
SCHOOL-WIDE INCENTIVES ARE:

Top Collector Award

Lunch with Captain Goodrich & First Mate Cooper at the
Captain's Table and a Pirate Trophy Rock for a day

50 State Goal

Captain Goodrich & First Mate Cooper will participate in
an egg smash challenge

School Level Goal

Popsicle Party - delivered to each class

Grade Level Goal

Pizza Party



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



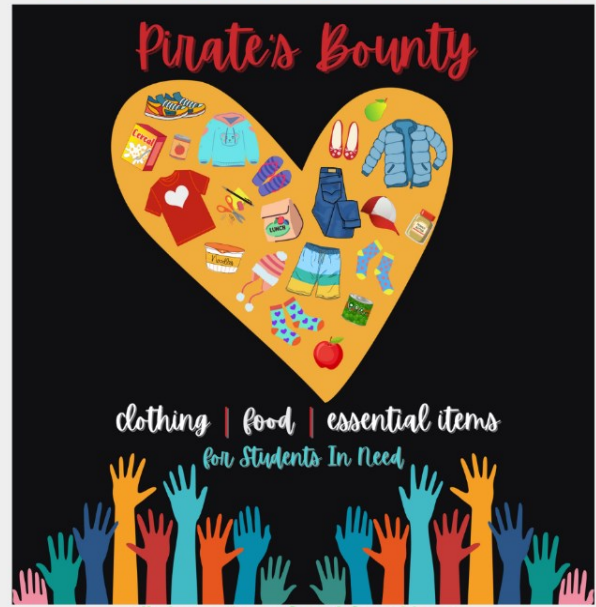
RESERVE THE ROCKS

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

Your Donation Matters



Pirate's Bounty

clothing | food | essential items
for Students In Need

All donations fund food bags, clothing, and other necessities for Palencia Elementary School students in need.
To sponsor a child it costs
\$33 a month | \$150 half-year | \$300 whole year
Any \$\$ amount is appreciated!



AHOY, PALENCIA PIRATES!

IT'S TIME TO ORDER SPIRITWEAR FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!
SCAN HERE TO SHOP HIGH-QUALITY STYLES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



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5150 Palm Valley Road, Suite 200,
Ponte Vedra Beach

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Palencia Elementary

SIGN UP FOR PTO TODAY!

 Boosterthon	 Mother Son Event	 Daddy Daughter Event
 Hospitality Team	 Communications Team	 Be the Change Sea Turtle
 Online Auction	 Fore the Kids Golf Tournament	 Grandparents Day

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

For more info contact:
Brooke Paarlberg - (904) 495-8411
pes.ptovpofevents@gmail.com



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