



THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

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September 25, 2025

FIRST MATE'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, October 10:
First Quarter Ends

Monday, October 13:
**Teacher Planning Day/
Student Holiday**

Tuesday, October 14:
**PTO Meeting
Cafeteria @8:40am**

Wednesday, October 22:
Report Cards Issued

**Thursday, October 23/
Friday, October 31:**
Red Ribbon Week

Friday, October 31:
Dress Like a Pirate

Tuesday, November 4:
**PTO Meeting
Cafeteria @8:40am**

Hello PES Families,

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of the first 9 weeks of school, with the first quarter wrapping up on October 10, 2025. It's been a busy and exciting start to the year, and our students and teachers are fully engaged in learning and growing together.

We've also introduced a new PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) initiative called "Matey Money" to recognize students who consistently demonstrate strong character and meet our school-wide expectations:

- Make good choices
- Always be kind
- Take responsibility
- Engage in learning
- You "Arrgh" one of a kind

Students are earning green \$1 bills from staff and gold \$2 bills from the admin team, which they can save and spend on fun activities and tangible rewards. It's been wonderful to see how motivated and excited they are to earn Matey Money—and even more special to witness the caring and thoughtful choices they're making to support and look out for one another.

We are all learning every day, and it's inspiring to see our school community grow stronger together.

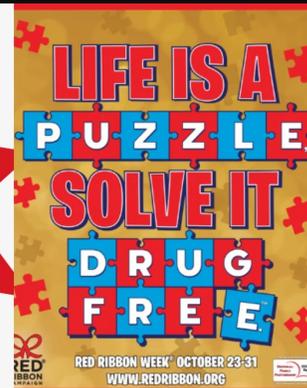
A few important reminders:

- Monday, October 13th is a teacher planning day and a student holiday. We hope everyone enjoys the extra time to relax and spend quality time with family
- First Quarter Report Cards will be available on Tuesday, October 22nd. Thank you for your continued support. We're grateful to partner with you in your child's educational journey!

Together in Education,
Theresa Cooper
Assistant Principal
Palencia Elementary School
(904) 547-4010



RED RIBBON WEEK October 23-31



2025 Theme: Life is a Puzzle, Solve It Through Healthy Living

01 | What is it?

A way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a healthy lifestyle through the symbol of the red ribbon.

02 | Why?

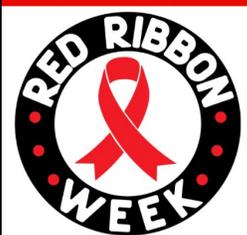
The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon campaign in response to the murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena. After his murder, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing red ribbons to symbolize their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs.

03 | How?

The National Family Partnership has been leading drug-free prevention for forty years. They are committed to helping families and children reach their full potential.

04 | What are we doing?

Students will hear about healthy living on their morning announcements. We will also be making a bulletin board again to fit this year's theme of "Life is a Puzzle."



Learn more at redribbon.org/theme



PIRATE COVE MEDIA CENTER NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025



Fall 2025 Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Oct 3- Oct 10. 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/

For students in lower grades, feel free to send 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.

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:

[Volunteer Sign Up -](https://tinyurl.com/25fbfvolsu)

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Reminders

Please be on the lookout for overdue book notices that may be delivered to your email. We always encourage our students to be great library "MATEYs!" by returning their books or replacing/paying for damaged books. We appreciate your help in maintaining our library collection for our students!

Upcoming Events

- October 3 - October 10
 - Fall Book Fair - Sign Up to volunteer as a Shopping Assistant Here:
<https://tinyurl.com/25fbfvolsu>

If you would like to spread some "media magic" check out our Pirate Cove Media Center wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2478P71AO4R5J?ref=wl_share



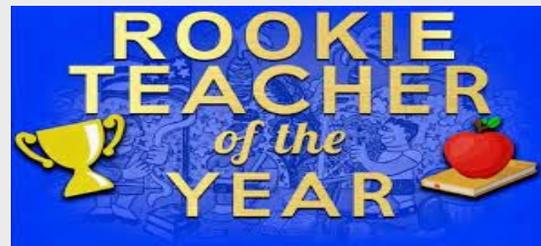
CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs. Angela Adams – Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Adams creates an engaging learning environment and demonstrates exceptional care for her students. She is incredibly dedicated to each child and their family. As a team leader, she is an active member of the school community and provides strong support to her fellow educators. She's not just a team player—she's a coach and a cheerleader.

Pictured with Mrs. Goodrich and Ms. Cooper



Mrs. Lindsey Taylor – Rookie Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Taylor is deeply committed to fostering a supportive and caring school climate where every student feels valued and engaged. She wears many hats at Palencia Elementary School, and she handles each role with remarkable grace and dedication. Mrs. Taylor goes above and beyond to support students, staff, and families alike. Her hard work and passion for creating a culture of respect and kindness have made her an incredible asset to the school community.

Pictured with Mrs. Goodrich and Ms. Cooper



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.

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

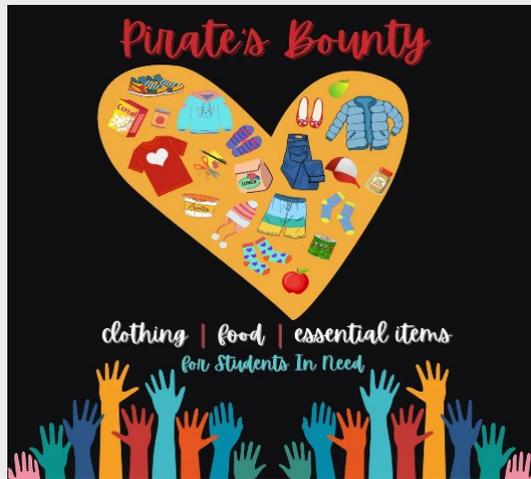
Reach out to Ms. Taylor school
counselor

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)

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/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

W 10-08-25 Family Bingo Night

T 10-14-25 PTO Meeting : 8:40 AM



We Did It, Pirates!

Our Star Quest was a shining success!

Thanks to our students, parents, staff, sponsors, and community, we raised over \$61,000 for the 2025-2026 school year!



CAMP MOM-SON

Adventure together, memories forever



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025
4:00PM - 7:00PM**



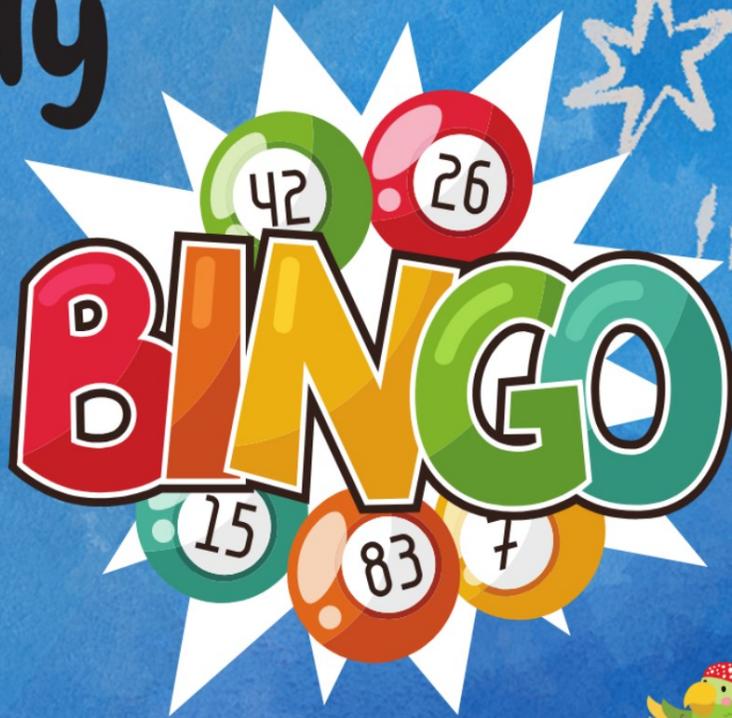
PALENCIA PIRATES PTO

invites you to join us for

Family

*Pizza will
be provided
until supplies last
6:00PM - 6:30PM*

*Bingo
6:30PM - 7:30 PM*



Night

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

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 until supplies last.



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



STEP 1: SCAN here to book the rock or visit palenciapiratespto.com

Bryce Brushworks
 202.590.6759

STEP 2: contact Jessica for rates & availability

jessica@brycebrushworks.com

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!

Scan here



EVERY ORDER SUPPORTS THE PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PTO!

We would love to see you at our shop:
 5150 Palm Valley Road, Suite 200,
 Ponte Vedra Beach



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 Paariberg - (904) 495-8411
pes.ptovpofevents@gmail.com



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