



THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

April 1, 2026

Ms. Catherine Goodrich, Principal
Ms. Theresa Cooper, Assistant Principal

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1:
Crafts with (new) Kindergarteners
2:30-3:00PM

Friday, April 3:
Student/Teacher Holiday

Monday, April 6:
SAC Meeting @4:00PM
Media Center

Friday-Sunday, April 10-12:
PTO Online auction

Tuesday, April 14:
PTO Meeting @8:40AM

Wednesday, April 15:
Crafts with (new) Kindergarteners
2:30-3:00PM

Monday-Friday, April 20-24:
PTO "Be the change" week

Monday, April 27:
Field Day

Tuesday, April 28:
Interim's Issued

Wednesday, April 29:
Night of the Arts
5:30PM-7:00PM

Monday-Friday, May 4-8:
Teacher Appreciation Week

Hello PES families!

Thank you to all who contributed to our "Goodwill Bag-it Up" drive when we returned from Spring Break. We fell short of the 15 full bins = \$2,500.00 goal; however, Goodwill is allowing us a few more days to hit our goal. We will be collecting bagged Goodwill items in morning drop-off through Friday, April 10th. Thank you for supporting our efforts. I received some valuable feedback from parents and staff regarding timing: "Change the date next year so it is later in the week, not Monday." Some families had only just returned home the evening prior and were not prepared for a Monday donation drop off. This is excellent feedback, and we will make changes for the 26-27 school year.

NEW Student Enrollment for the 26-27 SY opened March 1st for all new students on the SJCSD website. Please register your kindergarteners NOW; so, we have adequate staffing at PES. It's almost time for currently enrolled families to verify their intent to return to Palencia Elementary for the 26-27 school year. The parent/guardian listed first in eSchool will receive an email from a "NO REPLY" address, beginning the week of April 13th. This returning student verification (RSV) process is quick and takes only a few minutes in most cases. If any updated documentation is required, you will be prompted, and you can upload any necessary documents into the system. Parents, your timely participation in this process is extremely important to ensure we have adequate staffing in place. Thank you for your help.

The warmer outdoor temperatures have been known to bring on a wave of "Spring Fever", and the desire to be outdoors, away from home. That is certainly relatable. That said, the teachers and I want to take this opportunity to kindly remind each of you how important each day and each hour of the school day is to your child's education. Please be mindful when planning leisure trips, outings, and / or late nights before a school day. Young children feel the weight of playing "catch up" when they have missed new learning, assignments, tests, etc... None of us want our little ones to experience angst nor worry, when it can be avoided.

I hope to see you in school in the months ahead. Field day, Night of the Arts, proctoring for end of the year testing...we welcome your involvement. We, indeed, are "Together in Education".

Respectfully,

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

Spring Testing Schedule

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B.E.S.T. Writing Testing – Grades 4–5

Tuesday, March 31, 2026:	Grade 5 B.E.S.T. Writing
Wednesday, April 1, 2026:	Grade 4 B.E.S.T. Writing

Star Testing – Grades K–2

Friday, April 17, 2026:	Grade 1 (Ms. Banks) - Star Reading
Monday, April 20, 2026:	Kindergarten - Star Early Literacy
Tuesday, April 21, 2026:	Grade 1 – Star Reading
Wednesday, April 22, 2026:	Grades 1 -2 – Star Reading
Thursday, April 23, 2026:	Grade 2 – Star Reading
Friday, April 24, 2026:	Kindergarten - Star Math
Tuesday, April 28, 2026:	Grade 1 – Star Math
Wednesday, April 29, 2026:	Grades 1 - 2 – Star Math
Thursday, April 30, 2026:	Grade 2 – Star Math

Spring Testing Schedule

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**Cambium/B.E.S.T. Testing
Grades 3-5**

Friday, May 1, 2026:	Grade 3 - Cambium Reading
Tuesday, May 5, 2026:	Grade 4 - Cambium Reading
Thursday, May 7, 2026:	Grade 5 - Cambium Reading
Tuesday, May 12, 2026:	Grade 3 - Cambium Math
Thursday, May 14, 2026:	Grade 4 - Cambium Math
Friday, May 15, 2026:	Grade 5 - Cambium Math
Tuesday, May 19, 2026:	Grade 5 - B.E.S.T. Science

**** Makeup testing will be scheduled as needed.**

***** Testing dates are subject to change.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Pirate Families,

As we prepare for our upcoming state assessments, we are seeking volunteers to help serve as **proctors** during testing. Proctoring is an important role that helps create a calm, supportive, and secure environment for our students—and your partnership makes a big difference! **Namely, homeroom teachers are able to test their own class of students ONLY with a proctor present.** (Otherwise, teachers will need to switch classes and test other students, per state of Florida testing requirements.)

If you are available and willing to help, we would love to have you join us. No prior experience is needed; we will provide all the training and guidance you need.

If you are able to help, please use this link: <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/74231248>

Please keep in mind:

- No proctor is permitted to assist in rooms or in the same grade level where they have family members testing.
- All proctors must be trained prior to testing. We will provide proctor training sessions prior to testing dates or you may be trained at 8:00 on the morning you arrive to volunteer.
- Proctors must be approved for school access in order to assist with testing. Visit our website if you have not yet already completed this requirement. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>
- Please arrive and check in to the front office at the time of your test proctoring session.
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Thank you for everything you do to support our school community. We truly appreciate your time, partnership, and commitment to our students' success!

Warmly,

Ms. Laurie Misch and Ms. Lindsey Taylor
Palencia Elementary School Testing Coordinators

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PALENCIA ELEMENTARY NIGHT OF THE ARTS

Wednesday, April 29th, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM

@ Palencia Elementary School

Save
THE
Date

Come see our awesome PES Pirate's art on display at our
Night of the Arts Art Show

Wednesday, April 29th, from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Check out this year's marvelous masterpieces!

Your child's favorite artwork will be framed and available for purchase* at our Night of the Arts, perfect to add to your home gallery.

*This is a cashless event. Frames will be available for pre-purchase online or at the event using a credit or debit card.

Check out some family PE games and activities from 5:30-6pm with Coach Brougham and Coach McMahon.

Please wear athletic shoes



Our 5th grade PES music group will be performing from 6:15-7pm in the cafeteria with Mrs. Molina.

Take part in a story walk with Mrs. Flowers and meet with our public library about library cards and other cool summer programs!



Bravo, P.E.S. Student Musicians!!

Mrs. Molina would like to congratulate all of the 2nd through 5th grade students for their excellent music performances that took place at the beginning of March! It was wonderful to hear the variety of music that was shared. Thank you for working so hard to prepare. From singing to instrument playing to folk dancing and choreography, it was a joyful celebration of music and community!

Thank you to all the family members who took time out of their busy schedules to join us in the audience. It meant a lot to all of us to have your support and encouragement.

We hope you enjoyed the show!!

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***Please join us for one more music performance this year, featuring the 5th grade music ensemble at the P.E.S. “Night of the Arts” on April 29th! The art show will be on display from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, with the music performance beginning at 6:15 pm in the cafeteria. Hope to see you in the audience!!**



Congratulations to our Character Counts **CARING** Recipients from February

1st Grade

Kindergarten

Jaya G.
Violet H.
Felix L.C.
Maisie W.
Roman M.
Ariana D.
Levi P.
Makenna B.

Isabella B.
Mahrniana Z.
Cash H.
Melina D.
Juniper F.
Blakely C.
Quinn Z.
Alice G.
Charlotte O.
Adelaide W.

2nd Grade

Nathaniel R.L.
Harper S.
Nixon S.
Graham C.
Olivia G.
Blair B.
Laken R.
Madeline D.
Henry H.
Addison W.
Shayla S.
Santiago W.





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3rd Grade

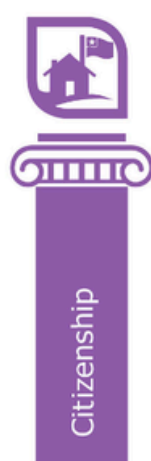
Alex G.
Meile M.
Emmett M.
Brielle S.
Alydia G.
Simone S.
Remi S.
Will P.

4th Grade

Mi Jia L.
Matteo B.
Santiago S.
Suling T.
Jentry P.
Collin B.
Weston R.
Sofia K.
Thea D.
Joey B.
Ayla W.
Harper C.
Andrea A.R.
Aiden G.

5th Grade

Ava F.
Anderson L.
Tatiana C.
Emmett M.
Sujing T.
Lauren D.
Tyler G.
Chandler F.
Arianna H.
(Clark's class)
Bear R.





PES Volunteer 2025-2026
Mrs. Goodrich & Mrs. Holmes

Congratulations to our
Volunteers of the Year!

Thank you for your hard
work, dedication, and the
positive impact you make in
our school community. We
appreciate all that you do!



PES Youth Volunteer
2025-2026
Miss Dewhurst &
Mrs. Goodrich



PES Senior Volunteer
2025-2026
Mrs. Magre & Mrs. Ledford



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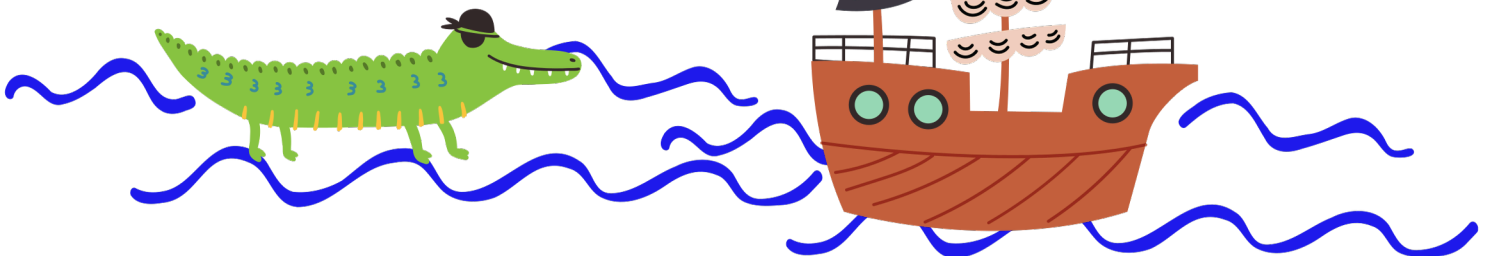
YO HO HO!

LET'S CRAFT & GO!

Calling all little pirates and their grown-ups! Join our kindergarten crew for a fun-filled Pirate Craft Afternoon where soon-to-be kindergarten students and their parents will set sail on a creative adventure together. Families will enjoy making pirate-themed crafts, sharing laughs, and getting excited for the fun year ahead!



SIGN UP HERE:



PALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VPK



NEW for the 26-27 school year: VPK at Palencia Elementary School

We are beyond excited to offer this early learning program at our school this fall.

- There will be one class of 18 students (1 teacher, 1 paraprofessional)
- Hours and days off will mirror the traditional Palencia Elementary School Day / calendar
- Full Day VPK Program Available
- Priority enrollment will be given to SJCS D employees and families zoned for PES
- Families must **first** obtain your Certificate of Eligibility through Florida's Early Learning Portal at: <https://www.ecs4kids.org/>
- Registration for SJCS D opens on Sunday, March 1st
- Follow the link for registration details: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/vpk/>

If you have specific registration questions, please contact

Kim Wildes 904-547-4017

kim.wildes@stjohns.k12.fl.us



**PALENCIA ELEMENTARY
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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

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**FIND OUR SCHOOL OR ENTER
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**A LIMITED NUMBER OF
YEARBOOKS HAVE BEEN
ORDERED AND MAY NOT BE
AVAILABLE LATER, SO
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR
COPY TODAY.**

**DO YOU HAVE PICTURES YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE
YEARBOOK? SUBMIT THEM ONLINE AT
BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY FUNDS REMAINING IN THE
PES YEARBOOK ACCOUNT AT THE END OF THE FISCAL
YEAR WILL BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY
BENEFITING PES' STUDENT BODY.**



**St. Johns County Schools
Marine Science Program**

**SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Transportation
provided

**APPLY
NOW!**

Session 1: June 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11
Session 2: June 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25



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**Kristina Bransford
Program Coordinator**

marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us



PTO NEWS

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



F 04-10/12- 26
T 04-14-26
W 04-22-26

Online Auction (3 days)
PTO Meeting
Earth Day | Be the Change Week

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PIRATES PTO

Presents
OUR 3RD ANNUAL

ONLINE Auction

APRIL 10-12

Bidding Opens Friday April 10th at 5:00 pm

Bidding Ends Sunday April 12th at 9:00 pm

Visit our website to register and browse the auction items and experiences.
www.palenciapiratespto.com

Proceeds will benefit school enhancements at PES

THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORS



Bid big, give back! Our annual online auction is a fun way to support school enhancements while enjoying incredible finds.

Stay tuned for more details.

Spreading kindness and smiles this season! Our thoughtful treats are a fun reminder to "spread love, not germs" and bring a little sunshine to everyone's day.



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!

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 Paarlberg - (904) 495-8411
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