



May 27, 2026

THE PIRATE POST

Palencia Elementary School

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 29:
Early Release

Last Day for Students
Fourth Quarter Ends
Report Cards Issued

Monday, June 1:
Last Day for Teachers
Teacher Planning Day

Monday, August 10:
First Day of School

Happy Summer!
Shine bright and have lots of fun!



Hello PES families,

We made it to the last week of the 25-26 school year! This year has been exceptional. Thank you for sharing your children with us, and for partnering with our teachers and staff. I continue to be in awe at this community's generosity and how we come together to ensure our children have the best learning opportunities and experiences.

Our Buddy-a-thon fundraiser raised just over \$17,900.00. Wow! These funds will be used towards School Improvement Plan initiatives. Interested in learning more about our School Improvement Plan? Please consider joining our School Advisory Council (SAC) next school year. We will meet 4-5 times during the school year. Meetings are at 4:00 PM in the Media Center. Any parent is welcome to attend.

Please complete the Returning Student Verification (RSV) form / email, if you have not done so already. This is critical for us to properly staff for the 26-27 school year.

If your child has medicine in the clinic, it must go home prior to summer break. Please connect with Nurse Shaye to pick it up.

2026-2027 School Supply lists will be on our website this summer.

Have a fantastic summer, families. Time passes quickly...be sure to be intentional about the memories you make as a family.

Together in Education,

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



Summer is here! THANK YOU so much for your kind words and appreciation for all that we do here in the front office! Here are some reminders for the summer months:

- All schools will be dismissed one hour early on **Friday, May 29th, 2026**.
- Front Office summer hours are **8 am to 4 pm Monday through Thursday**. Normal **office hours will resume on Monday, August 4th, 2026**.
- Remember to complete your SJCS D Returning Student Verification Form (RSV).

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/#2026-2027>

- All guardians should have received an email from PowerSchool Enrollment beginning in April. The forms are resent by PowerSchool every two weeks until completed. This form is required annually for all students – please complete even if your child will not be returning to SJCS D.





Congratulations to our Character Counts **ALL PILLARS** Recipients from April

Kindergarten:

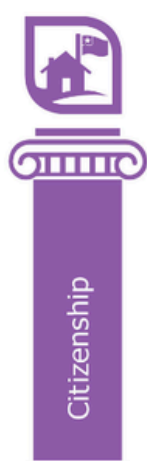
Christopher B.
Mateo W.
Prestyn L.
Emmett B.
Catie D.
Claire O.
Holden S.

1st Grade:

Nika W.
Dalton T.
Cal O.
Quinn Z.
Caden E.
Kyler H.
Waverly R.
James R.
Emmy B.
Ember A.
Azai R.

2nd Grade:

Gunner S.
Khloe B.
Jace B.
Lennox Y.
Marisa M.
Kellan T.
Clarkson O.
Kora M.
Drew D.
Rosie W.
Yuriy K.
Amelia Du.





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4th Grade:

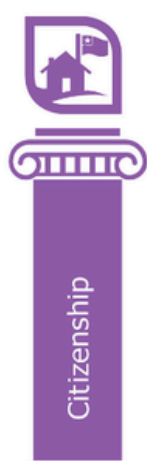
3rd Grade:

Riley S.
Charlotte G.
Ben K.
Piper P.
Lillian U.
Connor D.
Wrenna R.
Marshall S.
Evelyn A.

Louie C.
Tanisi M.
Camden K.
Suling T.
Antonella U.D.L.
Elias H.
Evan S.
Lydia F.
Isabella E.
Beckett C.
Carson S.

5th Grade:

Tatiana C.
Adleigh W.
Valentina O.
Ariana H.
Dempsie S.
Hamza A.
Graham M.
Reagan W.
Anderson L.
Evelyn L.





Congratulations to our Character Counts **Citizenship with Patriotism** Recipients from May

Kindergarten:

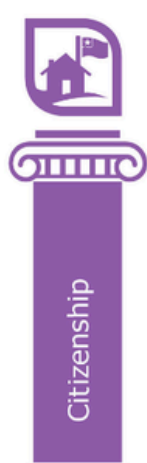
Parker A.
Saylor L.
Jake G.
Maddie H.
Robert D.
Kate E.

1st Grade:

Zuri W.
Riker L.
Zeke H.
Blakely C.
Azai R.M.
Ainsley W.
Eraldi J.
Carter G.

2nd Grade:

Ava O.
Henry E.
Reese S.
Amelia De.
Luciana P.
Sofi K.
Arlo M.
Liana W.
Chloe S.
Joelle T.
Mackenzie R.
Burns B.





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4th Grade:

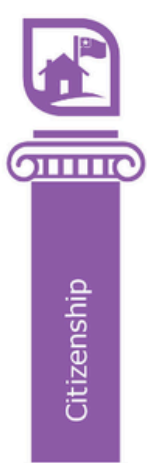
3rd Grade:

Meadow L.
Maverick G.
Jordyn H.
Haylee V.
Violet L.
Dominic R.

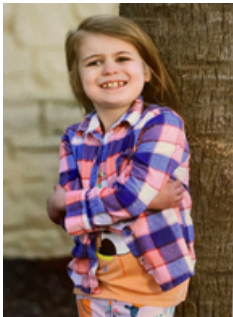
JJ F.
Sofia K.
Camden K.
Eli C.
Aiden G.
Bella O.
Harrison P.
Reese F.
Sammy H.
Jentry P.

5th Grade:

Witt C.
Vaughn M.
Journey B.
Bo S.
Eastyn D.
Juliette L.
Jackson S.
Christian G.
Ava W.
Aubree M.



The Ruby Hamm Kindness Award



Ruby Hamm was a “shining star” to everyone around her. She was kind, caring and a friend to everyone she met. We will continue to Honor Ruby and the legacy of kindness, friendship, and joy that she spread around Palencia Elementary School. She will continue to live in our hearts forever.

The Ruby Hamm Kindness Award

Given to a 4th grade student in each class that possesses kindness, positivity, and optimism. The student also spreads joy to others, cares for others and advocates on behalf of others.



ALWAYS
BE
NICE



Azalea is the true definition of kindness and positivity. She consistently has a warm smile, encouraging words, and a caring heart. Whether helping a classmate, supporting a teacher, or simply spreading joy through her actions, Azalea makes our school a better place for everyone. Her positive attitude is contagious, inspiring others to be compassionate, respectful, and uplifting. We are proud to recognize Azalea with the Ruby Hamm Kindness Award for being a shining light in our school community and for spreading joy wherever they go.



Bella truly embodies the spirit of the Ruby Hamm Kindness Award. She consistently shows kindness, positivity, and a genuine care for those around her in everything she does. Bella goes out of her way to include others, lift up her classmates, and spread joy throughout the classroom. Her thoughtful actions and warm heart make a lasting impact, and she is always willing to stand up for and support others. Bella's bright attitude and compassionate nature make her a shining example of what it means to lead with kindness, and she is so deserving of this special recognition.

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This award is presented to Avery D. for consistently showing kindness and compassion to everyone around her. She is always willing to help others, greets each day with a bright smile, and treats everyone with outstanding manners and respect. Her positive attitude and caring heart make our classroom a better place every day.



It is such a joy to have Harper in our classroom! Her positivity and optimism are like a burst of sunshine that makes everyone's day a little brighter. Harper has a heart like no other, her kindness is a constant inspiration to all. I am constantly impressed by the way she looks out for others, she always makes sure everyone is included in games and that no one ever feels left out. She's not just a kind friend, she is a brave advocate who speaks up for her classmates whenever they need a helping hand. Thank you for spreading so much happiness and for being the kind of person who makes our school a better, friendlier place for everyone!

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Lydia is a true ray of sunshine, bringing warmth and joy to everyone around her. She consistently goes out of her way to ensure her classmates feel welcome, included, and genuinely valued. With her natural empathy and gentle spirit, she has become a steadfast friend to all. The world is a much brighter place with her in it.

Caleb has the biggest heart and is always looking out for his friends. He ensures that others are treated fairly and with kindness always. When you need a helping hand, Caleb will be quick to offer it. He makes our classroom a happier place!

Pirate Cove Media Center News

Thank you so much to our Pirate Families who have purchased items from the Media Center Wish List this year! We have been blown away by your generosity and appreciate the "library love"!



Please be on the lookout for overdue book notices that may be delivered to your email or sent home with your student. We currently have a large number of books that are overdue and need to be returned to the Media Center. We will be sending notices with increasing frequency in an effort to remind students to return overdue books.

After we complete our library inventory, overdue books will be marked "lost" and a fine in the amount of the cost of the book will be assessed. **Please note: students with a fine on their account are not able to check out.**

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our Media Center collection available to all students! We appreciate it!

In the case that books are lost or damaged, please make payment via [SchoolPay](#) (QR Code to the right), send in a check payable to PES or exact change to satisfy the debt. We cannot make change and are unable to issue refunds in the event the book is found.

If the book is lost and a patron can find an identical, NEW, copy (hardcover must be replaced by hardcover, etc.) for a lesser cost from another vendor (such as Amazon or Barnes and Noble) that will also satisfy the fine.

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PES SUMMER READING

BUDDY CHALLENGE!



READ. EXPLORE. HAVE FUN. EARN PRIZES!

Get ready for a fun and flexible way to keep our students reading all summer long! Students will be bringing home a PES Summer Reading Buddy Challenge form during the last week of school. This optional challenge encourages students to read books while completing fun reading activities with a “reading buddy” of their choice!



WHAT IS A READING BUDDY?

A reading buddy can be:



The stuffed buddy they build at school



A favorite stuffed animal



A pet



A friend or sibling



A grown-up

Anyone who makes reading more fun!



HOW IT WORKS

- ☐ Students read books and complete activities
- ☐ Each activity = one book
- ☐ Students keep a simple list of books they read
- ☐ Students complete a “My Favorite Book” reflection
- ☐ A grown-up signs when the challenge is complete



CHALLENGE LEVELS & PRIZES



The more students read, the more they earn!
PRIZES ARE CUMULATIVE - EARN YOUR LEVEL PRIZE AND ALL PRIZES BELOW IT!

BRONZE READER (4 activities)



Earn a reading-themed vinyl sticker!

SILVER READER (8 activities)



Earn a scented smencil!

GOLD READER (12 activities)



Receive a Golden Ticket for an extra library visit!

PLATINUM READER (16 activities)



Earn VIP Reader Status!
Check out one extra book during the **first quarter** of the new school year!



WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Builds strong reading habits
- Encourages choice and independence
- Keeps reading fun and engaging
- Helps students return ready for success!



FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME
THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL



COMPLETED CHALLENGES
SHOULD BE RETURNED BY
AUGUST 21, 2026
(Students will turn these in
when they return to school.)



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE AMAZING
READING OUR STUDENTS DO THIS SUMMER!



PTO NEWS

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



F 05-29-26 Last Day of School

Teaching
IS A WORK OF
THE
heart

This May, we celebrate the heart of
Palencia Elementary School

To our teachers and staff

Thank you for inspiring, guiding, and
supporting every student every day.
You are greatly appreciated!



To our 5th graders

Congratulations on your
achievements and your bright future
ahead! We are so proud of you!



BE
KIND



CONGRATS!



PALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where Leaders Grow

SUMMER
TIME





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!



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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!



THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

For more info contact:
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