



Palencia Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
Tears and Cheers Meeting
August 16th, 2023

Welcome to PES PTO

- What is the PTO's role at Palencia Elementary School?
 - o Teacher / Staff / Administration Support
 - o Non-profit status; 501(c)(3) organization

- Who we are: Officers / Board / Chairs

- How to Stay Connected to PTO
 - o Website – www.palenciapiratespto.com
 - Events, ticket sales, and Teacher Favorite Things lists
 - o Social Media – Like and follow our PES PTO Facebook and Instagram accounts
 - o Sign up for Remind – receive text messages about upcoming events
 - o Monthly meeting dates posted on PTO website

- Fundraising Events
 - o Booster Fun Run
 - Fundraising period: August 29-September 8. More information about fundraising and initiatives will be communicated by teachers.
 - Fun Run date: September 8. Parents are allowed to come cheer on students during the Fun Run, but must be School Accessed approved.
 - o Fore! the Kids Golf Tournament
 - Monday, October 9
 - Volunteer opportunities available! Email palenciaforethekids@gmail.com
 - o Silent Auction
 - April 12, 2024
 - o Spirit Nights
 - Various dates PTO partners with local restaurants to receive kickbacks from sales

- Community and Student Events (non-fundraising events)
 - o Mother/Son Night: September 22, 2023
 - o Daddy/Daughter Dance: February 23, 2024
 - o Bingo Night: October 12, 2023 and January 25, 2024
 - o Movie Night: November 9, 2023
 - o Grandparents Day (two-day event)
 - o Pirate's Bounty Program
 - Pirate's Bounty Program provides non-perishable food to students in need for the school year for the days that students are not in school.
 - If you would like your child to participate by receiving a bounty bag of food each week you can contact the school counselor at carly.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 904-547-4010. Although PES PTO funds the program, the program is confidential and the school counselor maintains the names of participants.

- If you would like to donate you can do so on the PTO website under the “Help Our Pirate” tab.
- Holiday/school break Bounty Bags, Holiday Giving Tree

How can you get involved?

- Join a committee, sign up today
- Volunteer for an event (Sign-up Genius) / in the classroom
- Become a Corporate Sponsor
- Donate items for Events
- Sponsor/host Teacher Appreciation Treats – we schedule these twice per month

Fundraising goals for the 2023-2024 school year

- This year proceeds will fund classroom technology upgrades and continued outdoor recreational enhancements

Questions?

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