



Palencia Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes **October 2, 2024**

Guest Speaker – Logan Lowery, St. Johns County School District

Mr. Lowery and Dawn Sapps gave a presentation on the Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum that the St. Johns County School District is proposing in the November 2024 election. Mr. Lowery discussed the difference in the two school funding silos – capital outlay budget, (supported by half-cent sales tax) and operation budget (supported by school millage). The county's capital outlay budget has four initiatives: new construction, security improvements, maintenance and technology. The operation budget would be spent on recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff.

There is a 16-minute video presentation, as well as PDF version of the presentation, that can be viewed on the St. Johns County School District Referendum Information Guide website: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/vote/>

If you would like to attend an in-person presentation the presentation schedule can be found here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/vote/schedule/>

Current Events

- Golf Tournament: Monday, October 7th
 - Currently 82 players are registered to play
 - Day-of volunteers needed – Signup Genius posted on PTO Facebook page
- Pirate's Bounty
 - Publix Fundraiser: Saturday, September 14: raised approximately \$1,800
 - Sponsor a Pirate's Bounty family for school year for \$300 or half-year for \$150
 - [Donate on PTO website](#)
 - Contact Guidance Counselor Ms. Johnson if in-need of assistance
 - Donations of items will be needed throughout the year and will be communicated by PTO – [Donations can be made on the PTO website](#)
 - Currently providing assistance to over 60 children in the Pirate's Bounty program
- Bingo Night – October 17, 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - Pizza served 6:00-6:30pm
 - Bingo 6:30-7:30pm
 - Please RSVP to attend the bingo night so we can plan accordingly for pizza and prizes – RSVP Sign-up Genius on PTO Facebook page

Spirit Nights

- Bountiful Sundays at Your Pie Pizza – Sunday, October 6, all day 25% of sales will be donated to PES Pirate's Bounty
- First Sunday of every month

PTO Finances & Project Updates

- Financial update from Treasurer during next PTO meeting, November

Captain Goodrich Updates

- [Fortify Florida App](#) – suspicious activity reporting app
- Book Fair
 - Teachers will communicate when class will be able to shop at the Book Fair during media resource. The Book Fair will also be open on select days after school – see the Pirate Post for the Book Fair hours.
 - Volunteer opportunities (Sign-up posted in Pirate Post)
- Report Cards, end of Quarter 1 on October 11
- Teachers should be scheduling parent/teacher conferences soon

How can you get involved?

- Join a committee
- Volunteer for an event (Signup Genius posted on PES PTO Facebook page/in classroom)
- Donate items
- Sponsor Teacher Appreciation Treats
- Become a Corporate Sponsor

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