



## Palencia Pirates PTO Meeting October 8, 2021

### Agenda

- **School update** – Mrs. Goodrich
  - Next week is the Department of Education Full Time Equivalent (FTE) survey week. This is when a snapshot is taken of our student enrollment and attendance over a course of 11 days. It is beneficial for students to be in class on these days and for bus riders to ride the bus on these days so that our numbers are accurate for funding purposes.
  - Gifted Screening will be taking place on October 11 for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. If a student screens accordingly, a full Gifted Assessment will then be scheduled. If you are new to the district and do not have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader or feel as though your child should be screened please contact Ms. Ellis, our school counselor.
  - October 13 is the Kindergarten Fire Safety Program
  - October 18 is a Teacher Planning Day, No School.
  - October 25-29 is the Book Fair. Children will be visiting the fair on their Media Day. There will also be other opportunities in the evening after school for visits. Times and dates TBA.
  - Parent-Teacher Conference will be coming up the week of October 25.
  - October 26 report cards will be issued.
  - October 29 is Dress Like a Pirate Day.
  
- **General PTO Update**
  - Financials, Treasurer Amy Gramatges
    - The last set of classroom cubbies were purchased with proceeds from last year's fundraising efforts have been installed.
    - Fundraising efforts this year will be used to create new outdoor space for the children and teachers.
    - The PTO will be distributing back over \$10,000 directly to the classrooms from proceeds from Boosterthon. Each classroom who met their goal will receive 5% and each grade level that met their goal will receive 5%. All grades met their goal, so all teachers will receive funds.
    - Each classroom was also given \$100 for teacher classroom needs.
    - If you have questions regarding the budget please contact Amy Gramatges and she will set up a time to speak with you individually.
  - Outdoor Update, Jennifer Lee
    - The projected cost for the Outdoor Project is \$300-500,000. This would encompass the open field and the Pirate Cove (the area in the front of the school). Currently we are speaking with a Landscape Architecture Firm in Jacksonville. We will be meeting for a wall mapping sessions to discuss options.

- Phase 1 of the project will focus on the back field. Half of the field will be dedicated PE space and the other half for recreational play.
  - Phase 2 will focus on the Pirate Cove and include more outdoor learning space.
  - We have already ordered new activities for the children to utilize in the current space including Gaga Ball sets, a large Connect 4 game, and a large Jenga game.
  
- **Golf** – Christina Oleksyn
  - October 18: Fore! The Kids Golf Tournament
  - We will need volunteers!! Sign Up Genius is active and accessible on the website and Facebook page.
  - We have multiple new Sponsorships this year. There are still spots available.
  - There is only ONE spot left for players.
  
- **SAC**
  - School Advisory Council, SAC, meets monthly and is an excellent way to hear about our school happenings, have a voice in school wide decisions and get to know our teachers, school staff and business partners
  - Next Meeting is October 11 and November 8 at 4pm via Zoom. If interested in attending please email your teacher and they will have a Zoom link sent to you.
  - Great way to get involved and learn more about the school's educational goals and plans for improvement.
  
- **New website!!!** Please go check it out!! Subscribe!
  - [www.palenciapiratespto.com](http://www.palenciapiratespto.com)
  - Thank you to Alexis Silva and to the Communications team for all their hard work.
  
- **Giving Initiatives** – Carlye Koehler
  - Blessings in a Backpack
    - Costs about \$150 / kid to send food packs home for the year
    - We have 71 kids currently receiving Blessings Bags sent home weekly
    - Please keep an eye out for the Thanksgiving Week Blessings Sign Up Genius that will be active next week.
  - Clothing Closet
    - 26 kids were able to shop on the first shopping day this year. There will be a second shopping day scheduled before Christmas Break.
    - PTO will be sending out a list of specific needs that the Clothing Closet needs.
    - Donations of jeans, sweatshirts, shoes, and coats are always appreciated.
  
- **Spirit Nights**
  - December 20 from 5p-9p at Whit's in Murabella. 10% of sales back to school.
  - Working on Mojo's night
  - Bingo Night will be January 13
  - Looking for a volunteer to coordinate spirit nights.
  
- **Grandparents Day** – Ghina Amun and Aafke Adams
  - This year we will do another old-fashioned Letter Exchange with our Grandparents or loved one.
  - Monday / Tuesday before Thanksgiving cards will be given to students from their Grandparents
  - Cards will be mailed to Grandparents after the event
  - Cards will be written to those students who do not receive a letter back from a Grandparent.

- **Mother / Son Night**
  - Event will be Friday, February 4 and the theme is “Light Up the Night.”
  - The event will be held at the UNF event center and feature an LED floor, games, dancing, and tickets and prizes for moms and sons to win.
  - Tickets will be \$35/ticket or \$70/set. This is not a fundraising event. All ticket proceeds go towards running the event.
  
- **Father/Daughter Night**
  - Event will be Friday, February 11.
  - The event will be held at the Renaissance Center again this year.
  
- **New Marquee**
  - The current marquee in the front of the school is need of replacement and we would like to be able to install a digital marquee in its place. There are several schools around the county that have digital marquees and we have already contacted the school board for preliminary input.
  - We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to begin contacting schools with current digital marquees in the district to establish a list of contractors used in the past so that we could call on for estimates. We would like approximately five estimates before moving forward.
  - There is currently money set aside in a technology fund that the PTO could put towards this cost.