



Palencia Elementary PTO Meeting **September 2, 2026**

In-Person Attendance: 19

Live Stream Attendance: 9

Event Updates

- *Boosterthon* – Friday, September 4th – \$49,714 raised so far from 46 states
 - As of 12pm on Wednesday, Sept 2- at \$51,755
 - ~\$16k comes out for class incentives and individual prizes
 - Parent Question about continuation of donut and pizza parties- all food items have to be approved by the district, planning to keep those types of class incentives but working thru the new process
 - Raising funds for shade structures- highly needed
- Fun Run Schedule (must be an approved volunteer to attend):
 - 8:35-9:30 – Kindergarten and 4th Grade
 - 9:35-10:30 – 2nd and 3rd Grade
 - 10:35-11:30 – 1st and 5th Grade
 - If you haven't signed up via Sign-up genius link, please plan to come earlier and go thru the front office to get checked in

Upcoming Events

- *Skate Night* – Thursday, September 17th – 5-8PM @ Ponce De Le Rollin
 - Purchase discounted tickets on our website and sign waivers
 - Flyer with QR code will go out soon- please purchase tickets via this link so the school gets a portion of tickets sold
 - A second date will occur in the spring
 - Stop by Cookiebird Ice Cream before / after and mention PES for a 10% donation
- *Bingo Nights* – Wednesday, October 7th – 6-7:30PM @ PES – free to attend
 - Pizza is served from 6-6:30, Bingo from 6:30-7:30
 - Please RSVP on Sign-Up Genius so we know how much pizza to order
 - A second date will occur in the spring
- *Mom / Son* – Sunday, November 15th, 4-7pm @ PES – Mothers & Mateys: A Pirate Camp Out
- *Grandparents Day* – Wednesday, November 18th
 - Community can help write additional anonymous letters to students
 - Encourage Palencia neighborhood grandparents to sponsor a PES student who might not otherwise receive a letter
 - All letters due in the mail by Monday, November 2nd
- *Challenge Island STEM Night* – Wednesday, December 2nd – 6-7:30PM @ PES – free to attend
- *Jax Icemen Spirit Night* – rescheduled to Saturday, January 23rd
- *Daddy / Daughter* – Saturday, February 20th 6-9pm @ Crosswater Student Center - Paris themed
 - Venue has been graciously given at no cost to PES PTO- allows PTO to utilize event planner

PTO Finances

- Update provided from our Treasurer at next meeting – Anne Raha
- Digital Marquee Birthday Shout-Outs: already raised \$900
 - Question from parent: Can you order a birthday message for your teacher?

- Template is currently very simple- working out kinks because they have to be exported manually. More advanced graphic availability coming soon

PTO Updates

- Ceiling Tiles – Leave Your Mark – hoping to start in mid-September - \$35
 - Sign up on our website to reserve a tile pickup time
 - Tiles must be painted by the student and follow school guidelines (will be reviewed before they are installed)
 - Water based Tempera paints only
 - Paint kits available for \$20 each
 - Heidi Hope paint class for \$35 each
 - Comment from Carol Strickler (Business Sponsor chair)- Intent is for students to paint tile!
 - Tiles would stay up the rest of this year and thru the end of next year
- Rosattis Spirit Night – 2nd Monday of each month starting Sept 14th – Use code FUND1 - 15% donation
- Award Ceremonies for Character Counts will start soon – more details to come
 - 2 Pillars recognized at a time
 - 2 Parents invited to attend + non school aged siblings
 - Comments from Captain Goodrich- big idea is for kids to walk across the stage and hear what they have done well. They will still receive paper certificates as in year's past.
- Looking for volunteers and co-chairs
 - Resource Room Mom
 - Liaison between Captain Goodrich, Resource Teachers and students- coordinating xmas gifts and things they may need from PTO
 - Online Auction Co-Chair
 - Donation solicitation will begin in October
 - If you express interest in volunteering at events, your contact info will be put into a What's App group message to stay up to date with information for volunteers needed and events happening

Questions?

- Presidents email: pes.ptopresident@gmail.com

Captain Goodrich

- STAR and FAST testing have started and wrapping up this month
- Asked for Curriculum Chat Feedback
 - Advertise earlier
 - Parents didn't know there is a new curriculum so didn't see reason to attend
 - Marquee needs to speed up so that you can quickly catch it as you're driving past
 - Info about the new ELA curriculum
 - Currently in 20 day launch window to actively engage the kids and get them familiarized with the curriculum
- Excited about Fun Run
 - In case of inclement weather, outdoor event will be canceled but students will still be having fun inside with games and activities
 - Parent Square is the only way to quickly communicate information about these types of events
- Rainy Day Dismissal
 - If it's raining, kids will be dismissed like normal
 - If there is lightning around dismissal time within a couple of miles or it's pouring, then rainy day dismissal will be called
 - It's not called prematurely because weather changes- use StormRadar and WeatherBug apps as well as an old-school radio
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Utilize the report card envelope to request or email your teacher directly- do NOT have to wait until a certain timeframe window or even until report cards come out

Parent Comment: Make sure your ParentSquare settings are appropriately set so that emails do not find their way to the spam folder

Parent Question: Can we take our child home with us if we attend the PTO meeting? We need to talk thru dismissal changes if you attend the meeting- currently want children to go home the way that they are indicated to go home. You will need to change their dismissal if you want them to go home a different way.