



The Orbiter

Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30
School Hours 9:40-4:10

Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued commitment to building great attendance habits this school year. Our average daily attendance is up to 95.85% as compared to 93.92% at this time last year. This is a celebration! As the holiday season continues, we encourage you to be sure our child attends school each day possible, including early release days. The upcoming Winter Break is December 23, 2024, through January 3, 2025. Here at school, we continue to provide rich opportunities for students to learn as well as connect to peers and teachers. We look forward to seeing your child each day!

Staff Honorees for 2024-2025 School Year!

We are proud to recognize our staff honorees for the 2024-2025 school year! Congratulations to you all. We are proud to have you represent the very best of Palm Pointe!

Teacher of the Year: Julie Shope
Distinguished Minority Educator: Carletta Lawrence
School Related Employee of the Year: Gina Millan

Toys for Tots

Palm Pointe is proud to support Toys for Tots this year and we need your help to reach our goal! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 to donate. We will be collecting toys until December 16th. Please help us reach our goal and brighten children's Christmas morning. *A FREE dress code pass will be given to each student who brings a toy. The pass is to be used on January 6, 2025.



Volleyball Champions!

We are thrilled to celebrate our amazing volleyball girls for their hard-fought victory in the championship tournament! Both Team A and Team B won their respective tournaments! Their teamwork, determination, and unwavering spirit brought home the titles, and we could not be prouder. Let's join in congratulating these incredible athletes for representing us with excellence both on and off the court. Great job, ladies—your hard work has paid off!

Keira Crespo
Megan Dippolito
Bella Farrow
Isabella Fernandes
Vanessa Jackson
Nalani Jackson
Ameliah Kehres
Layla Moises
Sofia Oviedo
Yazairia Sanchez
Luma Siqueira
Arianna Tookes

Juliana Bacho
Rachelle Bernard
Taleya Chavez
Sophia Edelkraut
Alissia Garcia
Megan Lulkin
Addison Manditch
Allyson Matos
Sydney McHenry
Zoey Outlaw
Arianna Sanchez
Brooklyn Walker

Come one, come all to the land where dreams are born...Neverland! Our Palm Pointe Players are celebrating their 10th anniversary by revisiting our favorite production to date - *Peter Pan Jr.* This magical musical takes place in our Auditeria December 5th and 6th at 6pm, and December 7th at 3pm. Tickets cost \$10 per person (children aged 4 and under free) and are flying fast at <https://schoolpay.com/link/PeterPanJr>.



Join us for Santa's Workshop Tuesday, Dec 10th from 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for a pasta dinner, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, caroling, reindeer games, picture with Santa and so much more!

Presale tickets only- complete the flyer sent home and order your tickets online through SchoolPay no later than December 6th!

Bring a toy to donate for Toys for Tots and you will get FREE Face Painting or Holiday Tattoo!



November Citizen of the Month

Students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, and Make Safe Choices.** All assemblies are at 10:15am in the Auditeria. Parents/guests must register through Raptor prior to the ceremony to proceed directly there to get the pass to enter. Parents/guests will need to show identification to receive the badge. All those who do not RSVP must report to the office to check in prior to the ceremony. Congratulations!

- Kindergarten-** Olivya Gadson, Mason Gray Drapala, Meghan Francois, Harper Laflamme, Jerrod Longley, Declan Stapon, Isaias Torres, Nova Artech, Izabela Szanto
- 1st-** Hendrix Mitchell, Bryanna Villier, Madyson Perrone, Colton Hardy, Emilia Edri, Talia Saddah, Ziggy Cox, Juliana Reyes Noah Spence, Ethan Morse, Wyatt Roberson
- 2nd-** Taya Davis, Julie Ferreira Castro, Angelina Faria, Sofia Potter-Rudzinski, Naliyah Belizaire, Bodi Boxall, Tin Yu Lin, Holden Lehman, Vivian Dean, Emma Hong, Justice Narteh, Aliza Garcia
- 3rd-** Jenna Hamideh, Tyler Thompson, Xander Ghobrial, Easton Akerley, Lana Imrota, Jonathan Gonzalez, Jurnee Gray, Anneliese Koenig, Nathaniel Branker
- 4th-** Chase Gober, Abigail Menendez, Delisha Pame, Akio Wise-Silva, Jace Akers, Zion Jones, Savannah Keelor, Grayson Alexander, Michaela Guillen Rivera, Mateo Paredes Alvarez, Julio Melendez
- 5th-** Deven Allen, Noah Villier, Alana Chuquillanqui, Cora Murray, Janella Bois, Ellie Marino, Lillian Luft, Susej Tovar, Camren Ramdass
- 6th-** Emma Huber, Kenward Campbell, Camille Funcke Bueno, Charlotte Kelly, Elliott Heelan, Aidan Mastriani, Miguel Tinoco Morales, Chelsea Donald, Courtney Fox, Jason Jean Philippe, Charlotte Kelly
- 7th-** Delilah Calderon, Owen Key, Nand Patel, America Ware, Lily Farell, Isabella Sacerio, Allaina Anderson, Abrianna Harris, Isabella Stoyanova, Marco Pilloni
- 8th-** Armando Entner, Aarav Gowda, Hayden Raymond, Lucca Domingues, Lucas Tinti, Malaya Burton, Aubrey Heard, Kensley Holmes-Wilkinson, Kylie Staley

Holiday Spirit Week

Except for Friday, when students need a lanyard, students may dress in the theme to show their holiday spirit.

12/16 Sleigh the Day Monday

Wear red and green

12/17 Tinsel Tuesday

Wear your holiday accessories (hat, socks, etc)

12/18 Whoville Wednesday

Don't be a Grinch, but dress up like your favorite Whoville Character

12/19 Think Cozy Thursday

Wear holiday Pajamas & Slippers

12/20 Festive Friday

Show off your holiday spirit

PTO News

The Palm Pointe PTO recently had its second meeting, attended by 31 members, including the elected officers:

Amanda Roberson - President

Lauren Leandre - Vice President

Candice Dean - Secretary

Laura Van Laningham - Treasurer

During the meeting, discussions included: Bylaws, Volunteer approvals, Santa's Workshop, and the top five ideas for PTO initiatives this year and in the future. We are thrilled to invite all parents and guardians to our next PTO meeting on **Wednesday, December 11th at 8:45 am** in the Launch Pad. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other parents, share ideas, and collaborate on enhancing our school community. Please RSVP using the QR code below. We look forward to seeing you there!



History Day & STEM Updates

History Day - Our 6th and 8th grade Rockets have worked hard this fall on their History Fair projects. Each year, students across the country participate in a research-based project exploring a theme. This year's theme - Rights and Responsibilities - led our students to creating projects on topics related to environmental protections, human rights, governmental decisions, scientific discoveries, and more! The top projects in each grade level have been selected to advance to the school-level of competition, which will culminate with a ceremony on January 16th. From there, representatives from Palm Pointe will be selected to go on and compete in the St. Lucie School District History Day Fair in late February.

STEM - The Palm Pointe STEM fair is a unique way for students to use the scientific process to ask questions and seek answers about the world around them. Students in grades 6-8 gained valuable, hands-on experience with scientific investigation as they completed their projects this past week. Palm Pointe's STEM fair will be on December 11th for those top projects in each grade level. At the fair we will find out who will represent Palm Pointe at the District STEM Fair.

PM2 Assessments

As a reminder, students in Grades 3-8 will take the second administration (PM2) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments in early December, while Grades K-2 will test in early January. In November, Gr. 3-8 families received letters with important assessment details. Gr. K-2 families will receive their letters during the first week of December. For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

PPE's FAST Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2) Details		
Date	Grade Levels	Subject
Tues., Dec. 3 rd	Gr. 7-8	Reading
Wed, Dec. 4 th	Gr. 5-6	Reading
Thurs., Dec. 5 th	Gr. 3-4	Reading
Mon., Dec. 9 th	Gr. 7-8	Math (not Algebra I or Geometry)
Tues., Dec. 10 th	Gr. 5-6	Math
Thurs., Dec. 12 th	Gr. 3-4	Math
Tues., Jan. 7 th	Gr. 1-2	Reading
Wed., Jan. 8 th	Gr. K	Early Literacy
Thurs., Jan. 9 th	Gr. 1-2	Math
Fri., Jan. 10 th	Gr. K	Math

Cold Weather Clause

Be sure to read the cold weather clause from our dress code located in our Parent/Student Handbook on page 17 & 18.

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts and sweatshirts online! You can also purchase your prepaid Dollar Days pass to dress down on specific days this year!

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Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdL>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>E</i> Holiday Shoppe to support Student/Staff Incentives 12/2-12/10	3 <i>F</i> Gr. 7-8 PM2 Reading	4 <i>A</i> Gr. 5-6 PM2 Reading 5:00- Peter Pan Family Performance	5 <i>B</i> Gr. 3-4 PM2 Reading 6:00 Peter Pan Basketball Game @ Forest Grove A Team Girls 5:30 A Team Boys 6:30	6 <i>C</i> PM2 Rdg. Make-Ups Dress Groovy to support Elem. Music/Chorus (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) Holiday Socks & Hats Sale- to support PBIS (sold in mornings) 6:00 Peter Pan	7 3:00 Peter Pan District Soccer Tournament 8:30 @
8	9 <i>D</i> Gr. 7-8 PM2 Math	10 <i>E</i> Gr. 5-6 PM2 Math 10:00 Rotary Club Holiday Party (identified students) 5:30-7:30 Santa Workshop Family Event Last Day of Holiday Shoppe	11 <i>F</i> Progress Reports PM2 Math Make-Ups 8:45 PTO Meeting 2:45 PPE STEM Fair Celebration 4:00-8:00pm Five Guys Family Night to support PBIS Staff	12 <i>A</i> Gr. 3-4 PM2 Math MS Elective & Reading Semester Exams 6:30 pm 6th Gr Band & Elem Chorus Holiday Concert Basketball Game @ NPK8 A Team Girls 5:30 A Team Boys 6:30	13 <i>B</i> PM2 Math Make-Ups MS ELA Semester Exams Dress in your Ugly Sweater/Shirt to support Odyssey of the Mind (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) Holiday Socks & Hats Sale PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	14 District Soccer Tournament 8:30 @ Central 11:30 Finals
15 5-Day of Holiday Cheer/ Spirit Week 12/16-12/20	16 <i>C</i> MS Science & SS Exams	17 <i>D</i> MS Math Semester Exams 6:30 pm PPE Holiday Band Concert Basketball @ Southport-Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	18 <i>E</i> 10:15 Citizen of the Month	19 <i>F</i> 8:45 SAC Mtg Classroom Holiday Celebration (1 hr.)	20 <i>A</i> End of Qtr. 2 PBIS Schoolwide Events Early Dismissal Day	21
22	23 Winter Break for Students 12/23-1/3/25	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Art to Remember Late Order Deadline		Clubs: Elem. Chorus T,Th 8:15 Sym phonic Band T,W, Th 8:30 Drama Wed. 8:15	Sports: Soccer Wed.8:15 Fri. 4:15 Basketball Boys Practice M-Th 7:30am Girls Practice M-Th 4:15pm	