



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30
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Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Attendance Matters

As we begin Quarter 3, we are continuing our emphasis this school year on great attendance habits. Showing up to school regularly benefits students in the present and the future. Students build upon fundamental skills in school and carry the habits they've created as they continue their school career and beyond. The following are some ways our families can help: build regular routines for bed and the morning, have discussions at home about the importance of attending school, avoid non-emergency extended trips when school is in session, and seek support from the school staff when needed. As a reminder, students are on time when they are in their classroom at 9:40 am. Our tardy policy states students who arrive after 9:40 am must be escorted to the front office by a parent to be signed in. Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to wish all our Palm Pointe families a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to great things ahead in 2025!



PM2 Assessments and Results

In early January, students in Grades K-2 will take the second administration (PM2) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in ELA Reading/Early Literacy and Mathematics. Make-up sessions will continue for Gr. K-8 students throughout the month.

All Gr. K-8 families can access students' FAST PM2 results by clicking on the Cambium Assessments link in the Skyward Family Portal. For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

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

STEM Fair Updates

On December 11th we held the Palm Pointe STEM fair. We honored the participants who made it to the School Level STEM Fair, an amazing accomplishment. At this event, we announced the students who will be moving on to represent Palm Pointe at the District STEM Fair on February 7th. Congratulations to the following students:

Paige Kelly & Amelia Sides	Olivia Royle & Khloe Hernandez
Erick Brusamarello	Aarav Gowda
Liana Bonet	Enoch Hong
Charlotte Kelly	Mila Jovicic
Bailey McGinnis	Jordan Stelmacki

PTO News

Thanks for making the first quarter of PTO amazing! With the incredible support of our volunteers, we successfully sponsored pizza for our hardworking teachers and delivered cheer carts during the holiday season. We have even more exciting plans for the remainder of the year, including an upcoming Dave and Busters fundraiser!

If you would like more information or to get involved with this year's exciting events, please join us at our PTO Meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at 8:45 am.

December Citizen of the Month

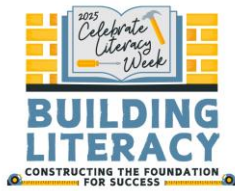
Students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, and Make Safe Choices**. All assemblies are at 10:15am in the Auditoria. Parents/guests must register through Raptor prior to the ceremony to proceed directly there 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** – Brian Noa, Patricia McGowan, Sophia Penagos, Cynthia Martinez, Luana Chuquillanqui, Evangeline Stetz, Kennady Stella, Elias Taborda, Benjamin Kranker
- First Grade** – Myles Diogo, Aliannah Ouellette, Bella Conrad, Grayson Gomez, Ariel Delapenha, Josiah Beaubrun, Kole Jordan, Finley Roby, Cristian Campbell, Juliana Reyes, Valentina Marino, Dominic Improta, Kylar Diaz
- Second Grade** – Valeria Farias, Aliza Garcia, Evan Morse, Julianna Flores, Daxton Urquhart, Benjamin Lattuf Fajardo, Salome Diaz, Sawyer Dickerson, Sienna Garrido, Princeton George
- Third Grade** – Sierra Warren, Shika Pilly, Shreya Pilly, Zoey Rosen, Jenna Giles, Rossana Rodriguez, Nicola Lombardi, Jayanna Gardner, Zoe Martinez, Jennifer Peregory, Reese Smith, Lillian Van Allen, Ava Clarke
- Fourth Grade** – Grace Acevedo Algarin, Liam Mcgeary, Zuriela Ware, Jenna Juburi, Zane Nofal, Jaeda Wallace, Alexander Diaz, Emma Bousanti
- Fifth Grade** – Galya Noelsaint, Akela Quintall, Raelyn Brunet, Malayka Vickers, Odin Farber, Taj Oliphant, Victoria Laguerre, Ethan Blizzard
- Sixth Grade** – Ethan Kapaloric, Grace Kapaloric, Miles Coles, Taj Porcelli, Aubrey Rowley, Valeria Docinas Fabelo, Christian Jamison, Vance Wessel, Mila Jovicic
- Seventh Grade** – Stryker Kemp, Aryel Villier, Ginelle Angrand, Addison Manditch, Caleb St. Louis, Carlos Peregrin, Elijah Nogueras, Adrien Levy, Rudolph Goldman, Ethan James, Victoria Antonakos, Omarr Pommells, Corinne Badini
- Eighth Grade** – Keira Crespo, Agostina Censabella, Kelsey Sylvia, Alanna Hamlin, Arianna Tookes, Charles Chuong, Isabella Aligata, Brynley Blaszyk, Julian Allen, Benaiah Botsford

Literacy Week

We are excited for Celebrate Literacy Week at Palm Pointe during the week of January 27th-31st. This year we are "Building Literacy: Constructing the Foundation for Success!" Throughout the week, students will engage in exciting literacy-themed activities and events that highlight the importance of reading and writing as the foundation for lifelong learning!

Be on the lookout for more details about our upcoming literacy-themed activities, including our Literacy Parent Event on Thursday, January 30th. This fun-filled evening will bring families together to celebrate all things reading! Mark your calendars and get ready to build a love for literacy!



Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**.
The dates for the year are as follows: **2/5, 3/14, 4/23, 5/30 and 6/2.**

Yearbook Sales

Preorder your Palm Pointe Yearbook, today!

Our 2024-2025 Palm Pointe Yearbooks are on sale! To preorder a 2024-2025 Palm Pointe yearbook, follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.balfour.com
2. Click on the "Yearbooks" tab and then "Buy Your Yearbook"
3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
4. Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click "Shop for this Student"
5. Select Yearbook Only Option (available until 5/9/25 or until all yearbooks are sold)
6. Click "Get Started", select homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
7. Click "Add to cart" and then Click "Checkout"
8. Checkout by paying with paypal or credit card

**Please note: the Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad option is no longer available. Those slots have been filled for the year.*

**Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of May.*

Cold Weather Clause

As the weather turns colder, we need your help. When the temperature falls below 50 degrees, our cold weather clause in our dress code allows for students to wear any warm jacket outside when coming to school. If the jacket is not in dress code, students must take it off when inside. 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/MdLJ>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Basketball</i> Boys Practice M-Th 7:30am Girls Practice M-Th 4:15pm		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	4
5 <i>Monthly Drills</i> <i>Fire Drill #3 this week</i> <i>FAST PM2 Window GrK-8: 12/2-1/24</i>	6 B Students Return Non-Dress Code Day for those who participated in Toy Drive (Must wear sticker)	7 C Gr 1-2 PM2 Reading	8 D Gr K PM2 Reading Boy's Basketball @ Somerset B Team 5:30/ A Team 6:30	9 E Gr 1-2 PM2 Math 4th Grade St. Augustine Field Trip 4:15-6:30-Auditions for Willy Wonka (Drama students only) Talent Show	10 F Gr K PM2 Math 3:30 NJHS Meeting Lollipop Sales to support PBIS Twin Day to support MS Art (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	11 Basketball Tournament B Team Boys 9:30 @ Westgate
12 1/15-1/28 <i>IRSC Four County Honor Band</i> <i>Gr K-8 PM2 Make-ups 1/13-24</i>	13 A Gr K-2 PM2 Make-Ups Basketball @ OHK8 Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	14 B	15 C 8:45 PTO Meeting Big Apple Read to Succeed Night 4-8pm Basketball @ Westgate Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	16 D 2:45 PPE History Fair Celebration Talent Show Auditions Till 6:30 (Gr. 5-8 only)	17 E Lollipop Sales to support PBIS PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	18
19	20 <i>MLK Holiday for All</i>	21 F Report Card Day Talent show rehearsal Group A 8:15-9:15	22 A Progress Reports Jump Rope for Heart packets hand out Basketball @ Manatee Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	23 B 8:45 SAC Mtg. 6:00 Basketball @ Forest Grove B Team 2:45 Sports Banquet	24 C 8:30 Faculty & Staff Mtg. Lollipop Sales to support PBIS 2:40 Living Voices Presentation—Auditeria (6th & 8th)	25 Basketball B Team Round 2 TBD
26 <i>Celebrate Literacy Week</i> <i>Gr K-5 iReady Winter Diagnostic Window 1/27-2/8</i>	27 D Basketball @ SLWK8 Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	28 E Class Pictures K-5 Talent Show rehearsal Group B 8:15-9:15	29 F 8:15 Drama Juniors rehearsal 10:15 Citizen of the Month Basketball @ NPK8 Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	30 A 5:00—6:00 K-3 Literacy Parent Event 6:15—7:15 4-8 Literacy Parent Event	31 B Gr. 3 In-house Field Trip: Pollinator Partners Program Lollipop Sales to support PBIS Non-Dress Code Day to Support Elem. Art (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	