



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

We are continuing to focus on making sure all students attend school, each day, when it's possible to do so. Missing school equals missing out on valuable opportunities, both academically and socially. The following are some ways our families can help with positive attendance habits: 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, February 5 is an early release day, which is just as important to attend as a regular school day. As an attendance incentive, the early release day in February is a non-dress code day! Please see the flyer sent home for details. Thank you for your continued support.

History Fair

Palm Pointe hosted its annual History Fair Celebration on January 16th. Students with top-ranked projects in grades 6 and 8 were honored for their achievements. District Finalists were also announced. The following projects will represent Palm Pointe on February 21st along with the top projects from other middle schools around St. Lucie County. Representing the performance category for their project on the abolitionists are Brielle Charles, Mckenzie Vickers, Sarai Pascal, and Janiyah Talabert. For the documentary and research paper categories respectively, Brianna Hudson and Aarav Gowda will advance; Brianna's project focused on Title IX Women in Sports, and Aarav's paper was about the USSR and the world stage. For our largest category - exhibits - three projects will go on to district: Olivia Royle and Khloe Hernandez for the Vietnam War, Layla Moises for the 1919 Actor's Equity Strike, and Shelby Blickenstaff and Skylar Aranoff for the Florida Highwayman. We also celebrated the following students as honorable mentions: Astrid Nelson, Mila Jovicic, Brooklin Espinal, Madisen Haughton, Yazaira Sanchez, Bella Farrow, Kaylee Stott, and Emerson Moore. Congratulations to everyone, we are so proud of you!

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



PTO News

We are thrilled to announce our first Palm Pointe PTO Spirit Night at Dave & Buster's! Join us on Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 5-8 PM at the Gatlin location. We've got an exciting evening planned with great food, games, and fun for the whole family.

Special Offer: We have a fantastic QR code for Palm Pointe families - get a free kid's meal with the purchase of an adult meal!



Scan here!



Stay Connected: We've set up a Remind account to keep you informed about all our PTO updates. To join, simply use the Remind

link: <https://www.remind.com/join/ppk8pto>. This will help us send important messages, reminders, and coordinate events easily.

Contact Information: Want to reach out directly? Here is our main email address: Palmpointek8pto@gmail.com

January 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 – Charlie Arrendondo, Yusef Juburi, Kilian Kohane, Colin Bator, Liam Lovett, Julian Rangasammy, Maddox Shaw, Azalea Lamscha, Gwyneth Kohane, Isabel Arias

First Grade – Ella St. Hillaire, Leila Edmond, Alexander Loubriel, Zinnia Wolfe, Emma Alvarez, Evelyn Edri, Leilani Ontiveros, Olivia Williams, Eleni Williams, Morgan Wright, Frederick Van Allen

Second Grade – Parker Keele, Camden Summerall, Sofia Pitts, Daniel Martinez, Gianna Hairabedian, Belcy Huber, Morgan Leandre, Sofia Koyama, Penelope Latorre, Zayden Shaw, Bryce Dickinson, Patrick Stella, Aiden Segura

Third Grade – Aubrey Arpin, Tyler Peters, Beckett Hardy, Lillian Baker, Lincoln Hernandez, Antonino Prestigiaco, Leilah DeOliveira, Wyatt Christensen, Liam Gonzalez, Scarlett Jacobs

Fourth Grade – Adyson Maldonado, Avery Curry, Preston Pascal, Andrew Monsalve, Mackenzie Marino, Christian Allen, Nora Majewski, Xavier Mastrianni, Bryan Bokhart

Fifth Grade – Shamar Dukes, Dominic Martinez, Regina Rodriguez, Gianna Moises, Mikayla Krimsley, Ameliamaria Sarzuela, Richard Kowalski, Isabel Hans

Sixth Grade – Sophia Camacho, Liam Cohen, Madisen Haughton, Maria Eliett Salcedo, Jaiden Singh, Justin Williams, Michael Puig, Sophia Howard, Kaliyah Garcia, Cruz Hancock

Seventh Grade – Enoch Hong, Skylar Habib, Jayven Williams, Arlens Noelsaint, Anna Wilhelm, Samantha Trimble, Sarah Padilla Palacio, Sylvia Mesic, Rudolph Goldman, Isaiah Savion, Julian Friman, Isabella Gonzalez

Eighth Grade – Kylie Staley, Natalya Pierre Louis, Mike Varela, Vanessa Jackson, Amelia Sides, Brooklyn Stewart, Isabella Dimarco, Maya Lucas, Ethan Pierre, Kieran Dodson

February Happenings

Candy Gram Sales- **February 3-11**, Delivered on **February 14th**

February 14th – Dress up for Valentine’s Day (Must have lanyard to participate)

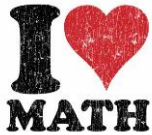


Mark Your Calendar

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.**

I Heart Math Event

Be on the lookout for more information about our upcoming "I Heart Math" event for K-8 on Thursday, February 27th. This fun-filled evening will bring families together to celebrate all things math! This event is designed to be hands-on and engaging, while also providing strategies to strengthen your child's math skills at home. Mark your calendars!



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.*

PPE Tutoring

We are excited to share the success of our current tutoring program! In this first phase, we have been able to assist over 220 students with small group tutoring sessions. Our dedicated tutors are working diligently to provide personalized support and foster academic growth.

Looking ahead, the second phase of our tutoring program will begin in March. We will continue to identify students for tutoring based on various assessment measures to ensure we offer the most impactful support. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our students' education!

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!

**FEBRUARY
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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>

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Drama Juniors Wednesdays @ 8:15am</i>	<i>Football Practice T and Th 4:15-5:15</i>				<i>1 Night of the Stars @ LPA 5pm</i>
2	3 C 100th Day of School Candy Gram Sales Begin Basketball @ Southport Girls 5:30/Boys 6:30	4 D Jazz Band MPA 10:15 Honor Roll 3rd & 4th Grade	5 E 10:15 Honor Roll 5th & 6th Grade Non-Dress Code Day to Support Attendance (No lanyard required) Early Dismissal	6 F 10:15 Honor Roll 7th & 8th Grade	7 A District STEM Fair Kindergarten In-House Field Trip– Children’s Museum Jump Rope for Heart Ends	8
9	10 B Jump Rope for Heart activities in PE 2nd gr. Troup/Johnson Field Trip Texas Roadhouse	11 C Candy Gram Sales Ends 2nd gr. Visser/ Lawrence Field Trip Texas Roadhouse	12 D Progress Reports 8:45 PTO Meeting	13 E 2nd gr. Hong/Sagan Field Trip Texas Roadhouse	14 F 3:30 NJHS Meeting Candy Gram Delivered Dress up for Valentines Day to support Sunshine (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	15
16	17 <i>President’s Day Holiday</i>	18 A Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip (Hudson/Ketcham) 1st Gr. Field Trip- Manatee Center (Wads/Migliore)	19 B 10:15 Citizen of the Month	20 C 8:45 SAC Mtg. Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip (Skursky/McCue) PTO Dave & Buster’s Family Night 5-8PM	21 D District History Day Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip(Van V/Van Allen) 1st Gr. Field Trip-Manatee Center (Keele)	22
23	24 E 2nd Gr. Bliss/Rene Field Trip Texas Roadhouse	25 F Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip (Kociuba/Apostolico) 1st Gr. Field Trip- Manatee Center (Scholl/Kelleher) 2nd Gr. Pope/Snyder Field Trip Texas Roadhouse	26 <i>Teacher Workday</i> <i>No School for Students</i>	27 A 1st Gr. Field Trip- Manatee Center (Garcia/Stapon) 5:00-7:15 I Heart Math Parent Event K-8	28 B District Project Citizen PBIS Sit with a Friend Day Non-Dress Code Day to support PBIS Staff (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) 1st Gr. Field Trip-Manatee Center (Martinez/Allen)	