



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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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.

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

After much reflection and with a full heart, I am writing to share that I will be retiring at the end of this school year.

This decision comes after many wonderful years serving as principal and on the administrative team of our school. This place has truly become a second home to me.

It has been the greatest honor of my professional life to be part of this incredible community for the past 15 years. I have had the privilege of watching your children grow, learn, and thrive, and I will always treasure the moments we have shared. Working alongside such dedicated staff, supportive families, and inspiring students has been a gift I will never forget.

Though I am excited for the next chapter, saying goodbye will not be easy. This school has shaped who I am, and I leave filled with gratitude and pride in all we have accomplished together.

Thank you for trusting me with your children and for being such an essential part of this journey. I am confident that the school will continue to flourish, and I look forward to seeing all the great things that lie ahead for this wonderful community.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Kathleen Perez
Principal

State STEM Fair

At the State Science and Engineering Fair two of our students earned award recognition. We are so proud of both of our Rockets! Way to soar!

- **Aarav Gowda- 2nd Place Biomedical and Health Sciences-** Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators' Challenge Nominee (this is his 2nd nomination for the award as he was nominated at the SLPS regional fair).
- **Enoch Hong- Honorable Mention (4th Place)-** Earth and Environmental Science

PTO News

Our PTO has worked hard this school year, thank you! As required by the PTO By-Laws, we will need to vote on the PTO elected officials for the upcoming school year. All names of anyone interested in running for elected offices must be submitted to Mrs. Nieves by Friday, May 2nd. Please submit any nominations to be considered for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian to melody.nieves@stlucieschools.org noting the position you'd like to be considered for. All names will be placed on the ballot for the vote that will take place at our next PTO meeting on May 14 at 8:45am.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation during the week of May 5th-9th. Please take the time to recognize our teachers and staff for all the hard work and dedication to our students throughout the year. Send your favorite Palm Pointe teacher or staff member a thoughtful note or email or anything else you would like. We can't wait for all the fun to begin! We have the best staff, and this is the week to recognize and thank them for all they do for our Rockets each day!

Middle School Electives

5th-7th Grade: Elective Sheets for next school year will be handed out to students on Friday, May 16th with a deadline of Monday, May 19th for return. Please remember, if your child does not return their elective sheet, their elective will be chosen for them. In addition, we have a limited number of electives, and we try our best to give the top choice for one of the semesters. There will only be changes made to schedules in the event of extenuating circumstances.

May 2025 Assessment Dates	
Date	Assessment Details
Thursday, May 1 st	Gr. 7-8 FAST ELA Reading PM3
Friday, May 2 nd	Gr. 5-6 FAST ELA Reading PM3
Monday, May 5 th	Gr. 3-4 FAST ELA Reading PM3
May 6 th – May 9 th	Make-Ups
Monday, May 12 th	Gr. 7-8 FAST Math PM3, B.E.S.T. Algebra I and Geometry EOC Assessments
Tuesday, May 13 th	Gr. 5-6 FAST Math PM3
Wednesday, May 14 th	Gr. 3-4 FAST Math PM3
Thursday, May 15 th	Civics EOC Assessment
Friday, May 16 th	Make-Ups
Monday, May 19 th	Gr. 5 and Gr. 8 Science Assessments

April 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 – Rocco Jacobs, Alyson Romero, Jason Brooks, Hazel Brown, Gianni Gonzalez, Florence Lowe, Carmela Cunningham, Mia Cabral, Sean DelCid, Thomas McHugh, Maddox Episcopo, Lucas Akers

First Grade – Iris Luft, Keelie Beausoleil, Noelia Godfrey, Gambino Jones, Paxton Voelker, Jennifer Ramos Avila, Genevieve Koenig, Brooklyn Ruiz, Mia Araguayan- Suarez

Second Grade – LeslyLu Zavala, Katherine Azcona, Christopher Murphy, Randall Wise-Silva, Emma Hong, Gabriella Gallo, Eva Marini, Abigale Hans, Troy Mitchell, Caleb Ramdass

Third Grade – Isabel Rojas-Stanley, Nangyal Izhar, Mark Thomas, Kian Dyer, Valentina Prestigiacomo, Milania Renno, Kalani Holmes-Wilkinson, Paisley Glass

Fourth Grade – Nicholas Summerall, Adalynn Daspit, Lorenzo Bologna, Dominic Tallerico, Nathaniel Ortiz, Taylor Hoff, Dominic Acosta, Cade Van Valkenburg, Quinn Dublin, Alyssa Morgan

Fifth Grade – Emily Brusamarello, Ariana Mitchell, Parker Cooley, Khloe Wright, Liliana Mustelier, Hailey Ruiz, Sienna Gaurino, Caylee Shrader

Sixth Grade – Rainelys Velez, Avin Raspa, Ian Ropp, Raelyn Craig, Abigail Bernard, Isaac Cabral, J'Dyn Navarro, Gabriel Flores, Tristan Bueno, Ian Garcia

Seventh Grade – Isabella Tran, Mason Schang, Christian Kenny, Madyssen Escalante, Brandon Palumbo, Jannah Babol, Alexander Brown, Rylee Millett, Colton Takas

Eighth Grade – Chance Sullivan, Annabella Byers, Aurianna Murray, Ashlyn Voelker, Khloe Hernandez, Brielle Charles, Isabella Fernandes, Dylan West, Ilario Guerra, Kadence Dulemba, Mckenzie Vickers, Ashlynn Osborn

8th Grade Events

During this last month of school, we have several events planned to celebrate our 8th grade students before they transition to high school. Students are going to Gradventure at Universal Studios on Friday, May 16th. Our 8th grade celebration this year will be held on May 27th at 10:30am in our Auditoria. Due to space limits, we will only be able to provide each family with 3 tickets. Please look for the invitation going home **Monday, May 5th** with a QR Code to register those family members who will attend the event. You must provide names and birth dates in advance so tickets will be available at the door for all preregistered attendees on the day of the event. You must have your identification on the day to receive your ticket.

Attendance Matters

As we look at just over four weeks left and continue preparing for PM3 testing, let's keep our attention on attendance. Our current year average daily attendance is **94.76%**, which is up .83% almost 1%-point increase from last year at this same time (93.91%). Our focus should be on being in school, when we are well, consistent attendance is crucial to ensure that students do not miss valuable instructional time, also to review and prepare for the next year. Let's continue to prioritize student attendance through the end of the school year, and let's finish the year strong!

Flag Football

This year our football teams had another great season. The Girls team went undefeated into the semifinals, but unfortunately did not move on. The Boys team went to the district Championship and came in 2nd in the district. The Coed team went to the championship game and brought the trophy back to Palm Pointe.

Boys Team: Aiden Alter, Beniah Botsford, Enzo Hairabedian, Mathieu Riche, Chance Sullivan, Zachariah Sylvain, Tresean Briggs, Marco Piloni, Maddex Weeks, Anthony Vizozo, Hayden Raymond, Anthony Fernandes

Girls Team: Shelby Blickenstaff, Kiera Crespo, Bella Farrow, Mia Gluck, Chloe Dean, Briana Hudson, Bria Siminski, Taylor Laplante, Nevaeh Messina, Esther Sylvain, Kylie Figuero, Mya Clement, Ariana Howard, Taelyn Spencer, Raelyn Craig

Coed Team: Aiden Alter, Enzo Hairabedian, Mathieu Riche, Chance Sullivan, Zachariah Sylvain, Maddex Weeks, Anthony Vizozo, Kiera Crespo, Bella Farrow, Mia Gluck, Briana Hudson, Taylor Laplante, Nevaeh Messina, Esther Sylvain, Kylie Figuero

Middle School Electives

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

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

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!

MAY/JUNE 2025

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
				1 C Gr 7 & 8 PM3 Reading 8:30-9:15 3rd grade Math Morning Academy	2 D Gr 5 & 6 PM3 Reading 8:30-9:15-Algebra Academy Wear your Favorite Stars Wars shirts to support Staff Appreciation (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	3 9-11:00am 5th grade Math Academy 11:30-2:00 Algebra Academy
4 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week 5/5-5/9	5 E Gr 3 & 4 PM3 Reading	6 F PM3 Reading Makeups rest of week 8:30-9:15 5th Grade Science Academy	7 A Progress Reports Dental Sealants- 1st grade planning room	8 B 8:30-9:15-5th Grade Science Academy 8:30-9:15-3rd Grade Math Morning Academy 5:30 NJHS Induction	9 C 10 8:30-9:15 Alg. Academy 2:30 NJHS Celebration (Current 24 -25 Students) PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	10 9-12 Civics Bootcamp
11 May 12-16- Mental Health Awareness Week (MHA)	12 D Gr 7 & 8 PM3 Math & EOCs	13 E Gr 5 & 6 PM3 Math 8:30-9:15- 8th Grade Science Academy	14 F Gr 3 & 4 PM3 Math 8:45 PTO Meeting 8:30-9:15- 5th Grade Science Academy	15 A Gr 7 Civics EOC 8:30-9:15- 5th & 8th Grade Sci. Academy 8:45 SAC Mtg.	16 B PM3 Makeups 2:00 pm-2:00 am Gradventure Wear Green to support MHA	17
18	19 C Gr 5 & 8 SSA Science	20 D PM3 Makeups MS Finals- Rdg, Elect, SS 6:00 Spring Vocal Music Concert	21 E Progress Reports MS Finals- ELA, Science 6:30 Spring Band Concert	22 F MS Finals- Math 2:30 8th Grad Practice 5:30 Middle School Matters	23 A 2:30 8th Grad Practice Yearbook Signing Party-TBD Gr 5 Up Up and Away & 6th Gr walkthrough	24
25	26 Memorial Day Holiday for All	27 B 10:30 8th Grade Graduation 4:30 M.S. Cheer Clinic	28 C 10:15 GrK-Soar into 1st Grade 4:30 M.S. Cheer Clinic	29 D 10:15 Sports Awards (Football, Basketball, Track) Band trip to Magic Kingdom 6am-11pm Class Parties (1 hr max) 4:30 M.S. Cheer Tryouts	30 E Early Dismissal PBIS Schoolwide Events (K-5)	31
1 JUNE	2 F K-5 Report Cards Early Dismissal End of the 4th 9 Weeks PBIS Schoolwide Events (6-8) Last Day for Students	3				