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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm

### Supervision

There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time. Our school begins at 9:40 am



Look for PPE on Facebook and/or  
Twitter @Palm Pointe  
K-8. Updates will occur regularly  
about happenings around the  
school. Be sure to Like Us on  
Facebook!



### Principal's Corner

WOW! It is December and your children will be busy learning and growing while participating in some holiday fun. Please see December calendar for activities at Palm Pointe. Also, colder weather dress code is included; please review so everyone is prepared for our changes in climate. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children. Everyone ROCKS at PPE.  
**Debra Snyder, Principal**

### Palm Pointe's Science Expo

Palm Pointe middle schoolers have been working hard on their STEM (Science) Fair projects that are due December 2nd. They will be displayed in the middle school pods the week of the 2nd and the top ten winners in each pod will be displayed in the middle school pods the week of the 2nd for judging. They will also be displayed at our Palm Pointe STEM Expo night that is planned for December 9. Invited participants and families will be able to view the projects on display from 5:30 - 6:00. The award ceremony will be from 6:00 - 6:30. Please join us in wishing "Good Luck" to our Future Scientists!

### United Way Campaign- "Change A Child"

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> is our annual "Change A Child" change drive. In SLC, the United Way continues to support local critical issues. We hope you will consider supporting our drive by cleaning out those piggy banks and collecting that spare change. Teachers will collect change in their class that your child brings in. Parent can also donate to the jar located in the main office.

### Annual School Status Report

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that school districts provide parents with an annual school status report at the beginning of each school year. To meet this requirement, school reports must be made available to the public. The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has posted these reports containing data for the required indicators and the Annual Measurable Objectives report on the Web at: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>.

### REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN

The application for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2015.

### Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:  
**12/19, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/2, 6/3**

### Cold Weather Clause

When the temperature falls 50° or below K-5 students may wear dress code jeans, slacks or school approved skirt with leggings under.

### Dress Code Outerwear

Properly fitting cardigans, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers in solid blue, gray, white, black and tan are allowed. Small prints in those colors will be permitted. All others will not be permitted while in the school building.

### Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award is given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one student per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Rules:

- ✓Take Responsibility
- ✓Engage in Your Learning
- ✓Act Respectfully
- ✓Make Safe Choices

### Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:

12/12 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/22, 5/13

All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Audeteria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Audeteria. Congratulations to all!

### November Citizens of the Month

**Kindergarten:** Aidan Massman, Allen Stanley, Elijah Rivas, Galia Hood, Jasmine Kelly, Parisa Torkaman, Matthew Jones

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Aleanna Decker Perez, Melania Apostolico, Gavin Lunsford, Aiden Flavin, Collin Barnhart, Victoria Wilson, Chayanna Thompson, David John Oliver, Isaac Uwanawich

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Juan Felipe Beltran, Logan Brancaccio, Elia Colucci, Samuel Tejada, Katherine Lewis, Emily Niebch, Dominic Piscopo, Asia Chuong, Zion Nicholson, Dylan Rodrigues

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Cooper Kuba, Sebastian Ramos, Dominick Brown, Sophia Cruz, Mason Engler, Kadyne Behringer, Phillip DiMarco, Karla Hawblitzel, Kelsey Heishman, Tru Smith, Anthony Bernal

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Alexia Manditch, Nathanael Castro, Ryan Inigo, Breanna Hood, Collin Kugele, Gia Villasana, Lucas Padilla

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Zachary Malaney, Kayla Castano, Braylen Lopez, Heather Bravo, Haylynn Tate, Connor Stottlemire, Hugo Calderon

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kayla Jungjohan, Hector Pena, Alexander Antonakos, Ariel Rubel, Aaron Oliveira, Ellyn Delano, Jeremy Padilla, Loudney Aurelien, John Sarullo, Taylor Piccoli

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Justin Arthur, Joshua Prag, Shafeena Baksh, Jaden Meizinger, Angela Solorio, Jayson Joseph, Aiden Woodside, Leah Cairns-Shaw, Makaila Sanchez

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Anthony Martens, JD Duclona, Alex Boulais, Justice Farro, Natasha Mattevi, Alexander Gust, Melanie Persad, Allyson Eno, Madeline Grohowski, Morgan Fritz

### PTO News

#### NO GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SHOPPE.

If you are a school approved volunteer and are able to assist, we will be in the Launch Pad from 9:45-4:00 each day from 12/2-12/9.

Congratulations to: Mrs. Callejas, Mrs. Berger & Mrs. Larsen. Their classes are the winners of the Box Top contest; each receiving \$25 gift cards

Please continue saving those **BOX TOPS**. There will be another contest.

Your class may be the next winner! We also except ink cartridges for recycling and Labels for Education for our Science & PE Depts.

[Shoparoo.com](http://Shoparoo.com) is a quick & easy way to earn for Palm Pointe. Thank You to all of our Rocket Families for your continued support!

Have a safe Holiday!!



### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 6 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Breakfast Served 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Santa Arrives at 9:30 a.m.

Palm Pointe Audeteria



Santa's exclusive visit to Palm Pointe will be Saturday, December 6. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast, and Holiday Craft Booths.

All breakfast tickets are pre-sale only.

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee or juice

Entertainment  
by our very own  
Dean Estrada  
&  
Mrs. Larsen

Student Admission \$5.00  
Includes Breakfast and 3 activities

Individual Breakfast \$5.00

Your prepaid  
tickets will be  
available at the  
door the day of  
the event

Bring your own camera. Santa will be available for pictures 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
\*An adult must supervise their child (ren) while at breakfast and making crafts.  
\*Holiday Picture Booth- \$2.00 per picture- All proceeds will benefit our PPE family who lost their home in an electrical fire.

❖ Last day to buy tickets is December 4.

**Student Council News**

Student Councils are designed to teach students the skills necessary to be effective leaders and give them experiences in applying the democratic processes found in our local, state and federal governments. Participation in an active student council puts children in situations where they will be challenged to apply skills they have learned in the classroom to plan and carry out council activities and projects.

**Newly elected 2014-2015 Representatives:**

**President:** Osee Lagrandeur **VP:** Venessa Cooper  
**Treasurer:** Christina Wagner **Secretary:** Allison Gonzalez

As a student council member, students will serve as a role model in and out of classroom as they work to engage all members of the student body in positive activities and projects that promote service, civic engagement, and school spirit.

**National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a premier organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

National Junior Honor Society Officers are as follows:

**President** – Amanda Bouquet **Vice President** – Amanda Sleight  
**Treasurer** – Brian Avilla **Secretary** – Riley Butts

**Attendance - Aug. 18-Oct 21**

**Our school attendance average for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is 95.2%.** Students are recognized every quarter for **Perfect Attendance.** Aim for Perfect Attendance for/with your child/ren. Encourage them to remain in class for the entire day. Let us produce leaders with great attendance ethics. Help them to stay the course. Remember, *School Is Not The Same Without Them*. Quarter 2 goal is 96.5% and together we can do it. For attendance help, please contact the attendance clerk Angella Robinson at **772-345-3251** or email [angella.robinson@stlucieschools.org](mailto:angella.robinson@stlucieschools.org).



**School Wide Tour**



During the month of November, the FAU Ed Leadership Department hosted a Chinese delegation from South China Normal University at Guangzhou, China. Over 20 members from the Delegation along with several Faculty from FAU toured Palm Pointe. The guests were truly impressed with the high level learning and the engagement of our students. They couldn't wait to share the great things they saw at PPE with colleagues and stated that they "want to learn for us."

**Book Fair Thanks**

Our Kingdom of Books was a record-breaking success! The media staff, aka Princess Paige Turner and Sir Read-A-Lot, would like to thank all those students, parents, teachers and community members who made our book fair a success. We sold over \$14,000.00 worth of materials during the eight days of the fair with more than 750 books purchased. More than 45 books were purchased for individual teachers' classrooms through the Classroom Wish List program. In addition, over \$140.00 was raised by the All for Books program which was used to purchase books for teachers' classrooms and will be matched by Scholastic to help three national literacy organizations! Special thanks go to the volunteers who gave so much time and energy to setting up, helping locate materials, assisting students with price checks and so much more.

**McKinney Vento Homeless Act**

Every school district has a local homeless education liaison, whose job is to make sure that homeless children and youth can go to school and get all the services they need. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Andrea Tang, Guidance Counselor who serves as the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison for Palm Pointe. I am dedicated to ensuring our students who are homeless or become homeless have the same opportunity to be successful in their education.

We currently have 6 students who have been identified as homeless students under the McKinney Vento Act and may direct them to your organization for assistance if needed. If you are aware of other resources or organizations that may be of assistance to our students and families please let me know. I can be reached at 772-345-3248 or

[Andrea.Tang@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Andrea.Tang@stlucieschools.org).

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe's winners for staff recognition for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Jenn Clancy - Teacher of the Year
- Kip Wright -Distinguished Minority of the Year
- Nicole Charles - Outstanding New Teacher of the Year
- Robyn Wyatt-School -Related Employee of the Year

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

**DECEMBER**

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any Palm Pointe T-Shirt on Spirit Day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 "Change A Child" Change Drive to Support United Way 12/1-12/5 <b>C4</b>	2 PTO Holiday Shoppe 12/2-9 in Launch Pad Gr. 6-8 Science/STEM Fair Judging & Viewing (in Pods) 12/2-12/4 <b>D5</b>	3 PBIS: Elem. Concert @ 10 am Audeteria—Gr. K-4 (10 RF) Progress Reports Go Home <b>E1</b>	4 Young Musicians Holiday Concert (Elem. Chorus and 6th Gr. Band) 6:30 pm Gr K Health Screening <b>F2</b>	5 TCUS 1:30 ASD Parent Training 3-4pm @ FAU Room <b>A3</b>	6 Santa's Breakfast 9-11
7	8 Potential New Student Tour @ 2:15 <b>B4</b>	9 Last Day of Holiday Shoppe Gr. 6-8 Science/STEM Fair Expo & Awards @ PPE 5:30-6:30 Rotary Christmas Party (Identified students) 9:45—1:45 pm <b>C5</b>	10 PBIS: MS Band Concert @ 3 pm Audeteria—Gr. 5-8 (10RF) MS Chorus performs @ The Brenity 10:30 am <b>D1</b>	11 Semester MS LA & Science Exams Holiday Middle School Fine Arts Extravaganza (Jazz Band & MS Chorus) 6:30 pm <b>E2</b>	12 Semester MS Reading & Electives Exams MS Chorus, Elem Chorus, and Jazz Band performance @ Tradition 6 pm <b>F3</b>	13
14	15 PBIS: Candy Cane Sale Begins \$1.00 Semester MS Alg. 1 (PBT)Exams <b>A4</b>	16 Semester MS Civics Exam <b>B5</b>	17 Semester MS Social Studies and Math Exams <b>C1</b>	18 PBIS Candy Cane Sale Ends Gr. 4 Winter Dance 2:30-3:30 pm (Parents Invited) K-5 Holiday Activities (no more than 1 hour) <b>D2</b>	19 Early Release \$1.00 Holiday Hat Day to Support Student Council Gr 6-8 School Holiday Celebrations (limited to 1 hour) <b>E3</b>	20
21	22 Winter Break Begins	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Students return January 7, 2015.