## THE ORBITER

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#### **Principal's Corner**



2014-2015 Staff Honorees in MLK Parade. Nicole Charles- First Year Teacher, Jenny Clancy- Teacher of the Year, Kip Wright- Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year, Robyn Wyatt- School Related Employee of the Year.



MLK Oratorical Contest First Place Winners Lauren Beard- St. Lucie County Middle School Winner Bella Favata- St. Lucie County Elementary School Winner



These four fifth grade students from Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition were selected to attend "Saturday with a Scientist" on Saturday, 10, 2015 at V.G.T.I. (Vaccine Gene Therapy Institute). Students were able to do several hands on science experiments. The students all learned valuable lessons and enjoyed the experiments that they did. Pictured from left is one of the V.G.T.I. Scientists, Bernol Roache, Matthew Tucker, Kate Barcelona, Aryan Vashishta and another V.G.T.I. Scientist.

#### 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



Here are some tips you can use to practice reading skills with your loved ones this Valentine's Day:

-Make homemade valentine cards and practice writing words. sentences and friendly letters. Use synonyms for the word love to help expand your child's vocabulary.

-Follow a recipe to make a valentine's treat together. Then you can enjoy your sweet treat together.

-Check out some books on topics your child LOVES and read them together

## Florida Standards Assessment

The 2015 testing schedule begins with the Writing Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in March with other content tests to follow. All students and parents are encouraged to visit the Florida Standards Assessments website for specific testing information, updates, and practice tests. The website is www.fsassessments.org.

The following link provides specific and current information about testing. http://www.fsassessments.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Florida-Family-Brochure-v6-2.pdf

We have been so pleased to see so many students participating during the Reading Takes You Places Challenge for the duration of the second quarter. Class winners will be announced as our final week's data is tallied. Thank you to all teachers and parents who have been encouraging students to read. Let's keep it up as we enter quarter three and four! Keep up the great work!

 $\frac{\text{Cold Weather Clause}}{\text{When the temperature falls 50}^{\circ} \text{ or below K-5 students may wear dress code jeans,}}$ 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.

**ESOL Corner:** We will be having our annual Cultural Heritage breakfast on February 24th from 9-10 in the Launch Pad. We will be providing our ESOL families with valuable information about the upcoming Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) and the expectations for students. All ESOL families are welcome.

 $\frac{REGISTRATION\ 2015\text{-}2016}{\text{Registration for the }2015\text{-}2016\ \text{school year is now closed. FAU will begin}}$ selecting students in March beginning with Kindergarten.

#### Mark Your Calendar

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

#### March of Dimes

Thank you for your support. Our goal was \$500 or ½ mile in dimes. Palm Pointe exceed their goal by collecting \$632.70. The top three classes that

collected the most dimes were Ms. Keen's class-932 dimes

Mrs. Frapart's class- 777 dimes Mrs. Costanzo's class- 635 dimes



#### 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: ✓ Make Safe Choices

**✓** Take Responsibility ✓Engage in Your Learning **✓**Act Respectfully **Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:** 

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!

January Citizens of the Month <u>Kindergarten:</u> Breanna Weiser, Madison VanGough, Anthony Ochoa, Logan Blair, Anthony Luongo, Shayann Perry, Hanaki Takata, Sofia Berrios, Toby Stratton, Alejandro Diaz

d' Grade: Lamarr Parks, Tori Dickinson, Chloe Fender, Emily Sexton, Melik Enoch, Benjamin Arisi, Aidan Lexer, Madison Steveson 2nd Grade: Kaly St. Louis, Maiara Leandro, Joshua Louis, Jasmine Dukes, Trotter Chaison, Olivia Pacek, Zachary Berger, Robert Adams 3rd Grade: Kaylee Hunt, Jordyn Bush, Sara Boulais, Malik Williams, Kimberly Joseph, Christopher Young, Nayliana Gonzalez, Christopher Heelan 4th Grade: Lia Mihajlovski, Asia Dwyer, Sabrina Fontanez, Emma Cavalier, Colin Wright, Kailey Alford, Brooke Piccoli, Dominique Thomas 5th Grade: Shannon MacGregor, Cristian Del Rosario, Kacy Zdenek, Landon Matson, Joshua Sherman, Kaitlyn Yarhouse, Jared White, Connor Stottlemire, Brooke Vega

6th Grade: Jennica Strang, Tanisha Betancourt, Harlem Lilley, Abigail Carbonell, Jacob Landron, Coral Ferris-Merendino, Thomas Collins, Isabella Nazario-Colon, Athresha Kalluri

7th Grade: Nathanial Padilla, Melanie Londono, Sidney Scaletti, Briena Hall, Michaela Keaton, Joshua Hannan, Alliyah Hall, Devon Kelly, Karina Sanchez, Natalie Hernandez

8th Grade: Lauryn Beard, Jasmine Cortez, Laila Dib, Tyler Edwards, Natalie Ruppert, Kayla Simpson, Melanie Turner, Tajhana Springs, Elizabeth Sterling, Maxine Volcin



# KINDNESS WEEK Palm Pointe takes 1st Place



In conjunction with many activities to celebrate MLK, Palm Pointe students participated in Kindness Week.

- A door decorating contest was held for all K-8 classroom teachers and their students. The doors were judged on Originality, Creativity and Best in Show.
- A brick wall was built to represent the cooperative effort
  of a diverse community of people to create an
  environment of kindness. The various colors depict the
  elements of kindness. The silhouettes signify the multiethic backgrounds of our students, staff and parental
  community. Students produced original work
  demonstrating their personal understanding of,
  TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!!
- Throughout the week, teachers distributed Kindness
  Tokens to students when they saw a simple act of
  kindness. The goal was to get as many students to
  commit acts of kindness as possible.
- On January 15, 2015, the students and staff were invited to wear a solid colored tee shirt representing kindness.
   Red: Strength/Kindness

Yellow or Orange: Friendship/Joy/Happiness Purple: Wisdom Blue: confidence

Green: Growth and Harmony Congratulations for being 1st place in St. Lucie County.

#### Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter and now Instagram @ Palm Pointe K-8

Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the

school.



Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

## **PTO News**

Thank you to all the families that  $\overline{\text{came out to 5 G}}$  Burgers & Fries to support your PTO. Proceeds from this event will help fund the rewards that PTO provides during the Florida State Assessments.

With your financial support, the PTO was able to provide \$50 to each of our teachers to be used for much needed classroom supplies. We were also able to reward each of our students with a "Student Appreciation Gift." Your child(ren) should have come home with a 22 ounce water bottle.

We are still collecting TYSON A+ labels along with Labels for Education. As always please continue neatly clipping those Box Tops. The contest for the \$25 ends 2/25/15. Winners will be announced March 2nd on the morning announcements.

#### SCHOOL ISN'T THE SAME WITHOUT YOU

Parents please remember that it is important for your child to be in attendance each day. Statistics show that regular attendance promotes academic and social success which will lead to continued success throughout life. It is the school district's policy that written notes are provided within 3 days for an absence to be excused. In unavoidable situations, where your family must travel and your child has accumulated fewer than 10 excused or 5 unexcused absences, the principal can excuse the travel for 5 days or less. These situations will need approval in advance from Ms. Snyder in order to be excused. A written note or email will be acceptable. When a child has accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences in a calendar month, a meeting may be arranged to develop interventions that promote regular attendance.







## 50th Annual St. Lucie County Fair

The Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Ft. Pierce supports School Art Exhibits each year with monetary awards. Mark your calendar now for February 27- March 8, 2015. Stop by the School Exhibits and vote for Palm Pointe. The school with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award of \$500.

# **February**

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 Feb 2- March 19 Tutoring	2	3 Packets for Jump Rope for Heart Due Jump Rope for Heart	4 PTO General 8:50 am PTO Board 9:30 am	5 Honor Roll Gr. 3 & 4 10 am Gr. 6-8 History Fair & Awards	to Support MS Intramurals Sports	7 FBA Solo and Ensemble Festival Jazz Band @ MPA
8:15-9:15 am Math—Mon. & Wed. ELA—Tue. & Thur.	<b>E1</b>	Events 2/3-2/5	Honor Roll Gr. 5 & 6 10 am	2:45-3:45 pm  Jazz Band MPA @ Jensen Beach High Performance 11:00 am  K-2 100 Book Challenge Parent Kickoff 5:30-6:30 pm—To Include a Spaghetti Dinner CALLING ALL DADS TO JOIN US (AND OF COURSE MOMS TOO!)  B4	Hoops for Heart (Middle School)  FBA Solo and Ensemble Festival Jazz Band @ MPA (Identified Participants)  Honor Roll Gr. 7 & 8 10 am  Riverside Theater at Palm Pointe Grade 5—	Soccer Tournament @ Ft. Pierce Central Time TBA
					2:15 pm <b>C5</b>	
8	9 <b>D1</b>	10 K-2 100 Book Challenge Kickoff 9:45—10:45 am (repeat of night session) to Include Breakfast CALLING ALL DADS TO JOIN US (AND OF COURSE MOMS TOO!)	11 PBIS Gr. K-2 Dance (10 Rocket Fuel + \$1.00) 2:45-3:45 pm Progress Reports go home	12 Interim Reports Go Home PBIS: Gr. 3-5 Dance (10RF + \$1.00) 2:45-3:45 Cultural Heritage Breakfast 9:00-10:00 am	13 K Q & U Wedding 2:30 pm (classrooms) Gr. 1 Read with Your Sweetheart @ 11 am parents invited (classrooms) PBIS: Gr. 6-8 Dance (10RF +\$1.00) 2:45-3:45 TCUS 1:30 pm	14
15	16 Holiday for Students	17	18 SAC 8:30 am  Citizen of the Month 10:00 am	19 Volunteer Appreciation 9:30-10:30 am in Launch Pad	20 Symphonic Band Rehearse-a-Thon 4 –8 pm @ PPE	21 St. Lucie County District History Fair @ PPE 8am-1pm
		C1	D2	E3	F4	Night Of the Stars 5:00 pm LPA
22	23	24	25 Early Release- Students Released 2 Hours Early Last day to submit	26	27	28
	<b>A5</b>	B1	Box Tops for Student Contest	D3	<b>E4</b>	