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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks of school is over. Our fabulous Palm Pointe faculty and staff have consistently displayed their dedication to your children. Our rockets are deep into new learning based on new Florida Standards and are soaring to success. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children. Everyone ROCKS at PPE. Thank You!

Debra Snyder, Principal

Lunch

Parents are always invited to lunch. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the Auditoria or you may eat outside under the covered picnic area with your child/ren only. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the auditoria.

If you are giving permission for extended family or friends to have lunch with your child a note must be sent to the front office prior to the lunch date.

Evacuation Plans & Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures for weather, fire, and emergency incidents on campus have been reviewed with all faculty & staff at Palm Pointe. Students have practiced the various safety drills so that all know what to do in case of an emergency. We will continue these drills throughout the school year as needed.

In the event that an emergency occurs at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant, St. Lucie Public Schools as a precaution could evacuate schools prior to any public action transporting students and staff to predetermined centers. If an evacuation is required, the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will notify affected schools. Please note that not all schools may be affected. All staff and students from affected schools will evacuate to the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, 15601 West Midway Rd, Ft. Pierce. In order that we may evacuate in a timely manner to ensure students safety, parents may not pick up students at the school. A press release would be issued to local radio and television stations informing when parents may pick up their children. Students not picked up at the fairgrounds within 2 hours will be transported to Jupiter High School (in Palm Beach County) 601 W. Toney Penna Drive, Jupiter where parents can pick them up.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:45pm

Tardy Students and Early Pick Up

We guard instructional time. Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but it disrupts the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. **Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 3:30pm each day.**

Dress Code

Thank you for supporting our "Dress for Success" for students. They look fabulous. Remember dress code guidelines are outlined in the student handbook and on our website.



"Reading Takes You Places" Quarter 2 Reading Challenge

Please see accompanying flyer for more details



Parent Information Resource Center

Did you know there is a Parent Information Resource Center located in the front office- FAU room? You can find a number of brochures and videos in English and Spanish. Some of the topics include:

- *Ways to help children succeed in school
- *Learning activities for rainy days
- *Helping children cope with divorce, ADD/ADHD, depression, etc.
- *Parents are teachers too

Learning Resources

St. Lucie County offers parents a multitude of online resources which will assist their child in his/her endeavor for academic excellence. Check out these resources at SLC website (stlucie.k12.fl.us)

- Parents and Students tab then scroll down to
- Learning Resources

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!



Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers will 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 Auditoria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Auditoria

October Citizens of the Month

Kindergarten: Madison Eddinger, Emely Duarte-Garcia, Jealyn Green, Thianna Viens, Logan Inigo, Rhen Solesky, Luke Plesnik, Mya Stewart, Matthew de la Cruz

1st Grade: Dreu Mendoza, Clayton McMichael, Mathieu Le, Alyssa Cerbone, Alyxandria Hanley, Reese Parrish, Daniel Almonte, Gabriella Cabrera-Melendez, A'Darion Hall

2nd Grade: Cali Keefer, Macayla Cooke, Ava Borgella, Soraya Veit, Mellu Anderson, Nachbi Pierre, Lauren Imbert, Benjamin Berrios, David Macauley Cassidy

3rd Grade: Ava Wheeler, Abigail Solari, Lupita Vargas, Jacob Hadley, Keely Moody, Ryan Murnane, Kenzie Kemerson, Aaron Oliveira, Amber O'Berry

4th Grade: Elias Ward, Dominique Thomas, Jasmine Chuong, Logan Kerr, Allison Sexton, Paul Strang, Martin Gamboa

5th Grade: Sofia Tovar, Aryan Vashishta, Isabella Favata, Ryan Hadley, Nicolas Polanco, Kate Barcelona, Allison Kohler, Brenda Vargas, Samantha Striffler

6th Grade: Emma Allen, Liam Poschman, Taylor Ceglie, Ashley Coronel, Aldric Ward, Anthony Balam, Zandryn Epan-Ramos, Lamar Freckleton, Jordyn Behringer

7th Grade: Erica Nicholson, Tai Todman, Michaela Keaton, Jesse Allen, Jonathan O'Connor, Erin Motherway, Jacqueline James, Garrett Rodney

8th Grade: Judith Darville, Maddie Laval, Tatianna Suhanov, Aaron Johnson, Morgan Hack, Venessa Cooper, Austin Sisti, Colby Losee, Mark Allen, Christina Wagner, Orret Hall, Kimaria McKinzie

PTO News

Your **Yankee Candle** orders will be delivered to your child(ren's) pod along with their prizes as soon as they arrive. PTO is hosting our annual Fall Feast in November for all of our wonderful staff and faculty. It is our way of saying "Thank You" for the amazing things they do for our children. Our annual Holiday Shoppe will be opened from 12/2-12/9. If you are a school approved volunteer and are able to assist please email palmpointepto@gmail.com. Thank you to all our families that came out for our Moe's Night. We are honored to host our first FAMILY BREAKFAST/LUNCH at **Bagel Brothers of NY in Tradition on 11/16 from 6:00am-3:00pm. Please present the flyer prior to ordering.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO RENE HOLLOWAY- WINNER OF THE KING RAFFLE!

Guidance News

What is the role of your professional school counselor? They help all students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development & career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow. Please contact us with any questions. Mrs. Tang: 6-8/Mrs. Kuba: K-5.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
11/19, 12/19, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/2, 6/3

ESOL Corner

Colorin Colorado! is an extremely helpful bilingual resource for families of English Language Learners. Here, you will find tips on helping your child become a better reader, common core standards, language acquisition, homework help, as well as a variety of other topics to help you to help your child be successful in school. <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>

Supporting Reading at Home ... Reading Tip for Parents:

What's "Just Right"? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover as well as the first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he/she cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful. Labels of Love Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labeling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.

School Is Not the Same Without You

Palm Pointe continues to emphasize the importance of being at school all day, every day!

Remember

"Each time your child misses school, instructional time is lost. In fact, 30 minutes a day equates to 90 hours or 14 school days!



Parent Technology Resources

Skyward- Skyward Family access is your gateway to a variety of student information, such as attendance, grades, and health data. www.stlucieschools.org , Parents & Students tab, Skyward Family Access on left side.

- Skyward Family Access - Login ID and Password will be provided to you once registered.
- Skyward Student Access - Login ID (Student's 56#), Password (Student's 5-Digit Lunch Number)

Think Central – Online interactive standards based site for students to access GoMath K-5, ScienceFusion K-8, and Reading Journeys K-5. <http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>

- UN & PW = student's 56#

Ticket to Read – Phonics and Comprehension Reading Program. <http://www.tickettoread.com/>

- UN & PW = ppe & the student's 56#

Vmath Live – Online interactive math component, that help's your child build math vocabulary, math skills, and master math concepts. <http://vmathlive.com>

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Florida Standards Assessments - This portal is your source for information about the Florida Standards Assessments and to sign up to receive email alerts. <http://www.fsassessments.org/>

FCAT Explorer – Online interactive, standards based practice programs in Math, Science, & Reading. www.fcateexplorer.com

- UN = last name, 1st letter of first name (ex. John Smith - UN= smithj)
- PW = 72, 1st four letters of last name, birth month (must have 2 numbers), birth day (must have 2 numbers). (ex. John Smith's birthday being February 2nd, - PW = 72smit0202)

Free Typing Links –

- ABCya - http://www.abcya.com/kids_typing_games.htm
- Dance Mat Typing - <http://play.bbc.co.uk/play/pen/g8s4pb547b>
- Fun to Type - <http://www.funtotype.com/>
- Learning Games For Kids - http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games/typing-factory.html

Netsmartz Kids- Websites designed to teach and reinforce digital citizenship & internet safety. Resources available for children and parents.

- Elementary Students – <http://www.netsmartzkids.org/>
- Middle & High School Students – <http://www.netsmartz.org/Teens>
- To report abuse or a possible online predator – www.cybertipline.com
- For information on filtering and monitoring software – www.getnetwise.org

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

NOVEMBER 2014

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
2 Daylight Savings Ends— Time Adjust 1 hr. Back	3 Concert Band Fundraiser 11/3-11/24	4 Report Cards Go Home ASD Parent Training 3-4 pm in Launch Pad Elem. Chorus presents @ School Board meeting 5 pm	5 PTO General 8:50 am PTO Board 9:30 am Progress Reports Go Home	6	7 Golf Banquet 5:30-7:00 pm	8
	F1	A5	B1	C2	D3	
9	10 Student Holiday	11 Holiday For All Veteran's Day	12 Honor Roll Gr. 5 & 6 @ 10 am Book Fair Begins in the Launch Pad	13 Honor Roll Gr. 3 and 4 @ 10 am Fire Drill 2:45 pm Gr. 3-8 Parent Information Highway 6:00-7:30 pm · ELA (Reading & Writing)	14 Honor Roll Gr. 7 & 8 @ 10 am	15
			E4	F5	A1	
16	17 Official Code Red Drill 10:30	18 Gr. K-8 Parent Academy 9:45-10:45 am -Audeteria · Internet Safety School Board Meeting 5:00 pm	19 SAC 8:30 am Citizen of the Month 10:00 am Early Release— Students Released 2 hours Early Gr 6 Health Screening	20 Interim Reports Go Home K Pow Wow (Parents Invited) 1:30-2:30: Costanzo, Foohs, Guelli, Knapp 2:30-3:30: Innamorato, Muto, Rubel Gr. 2 Thanksgiving Performance 2:30 @ audeteria Parents Invited	21 Book Fair Ends in the Launch Pad PBS: Team Jersey Day (SRF) Movie Night 6-8 pm for Relay for Life Gr.K-8	22
	B2	C3	D4	E5	F1	
23	24 Concert band Fundraiser— Ends Elem. Chorus performs @ Mets Stadium 10:30 am	25 \$1.00 No Dress Code to Support Diabetes Awareness Gr. 1 Multicultural Munch 2:30 pm audeteria (Parents invited)	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Holiday For All Thanksgiving	28 Holiday For All Thanksgiving	29
	A2	B3				
30						

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