



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30 pm
School Hours 9:40-4:10 pm

Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.



Palm Pointe is proud to support Toys for Tots!

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 for our donation sleigh!

We will be collecting toys until December 14th

Palm Pointe's Goal is to collect over 500 gifts!

*A **FREE** dress code pass will be given to each student who brings a toy. The pass is to be used on January 3, 2023.

History & STEM Fair

History Fair projects this year are due December 5th for grades 6 and 8 with the school level fair to be held in mid-January. Stay tuned for more details. The Palm Pointe STEM fair is a unique way for students to use the scientific process to ask questions and seek answers about the world around them. Students in grades 6-8 gained valuable, hands-on experience with scientific investigation as they completed their projects. Palm Pointe's STEM fair will be on December 7th for those top projects in each grade level that were judged. At the fair we will find out who will represent Palm Pointe at the District STEM Fair. Stay tuned for next month's Orbiter when we will announce the representatives.



December 1st & 2nd 6pm

December 3rd 3pm

Palm Pointe Auditoria

Tickets: www.palmpointe.fau.edu

NJHS News

Congratulations to our National Junior Honor Society Officers: **Meredith Prince, President** and **Jackson Starling, Vice-President**. Thank you to all the candidates who ran for officer positions.

Select NJHS volunteers will be assisting in picking up items donated for the Hurricane Ian relief drive, donating toys for Toys for Tots, and assisting in Santa's Workshop activities. Thank you to all our NJHS members who are volunteering to assist with these events!

Join us for Santa's Workshop

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:30pm-7:30pm



Join us for a **Pasta Dinner, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, caroling, reindeer games, and so much more!**
Presale tickets only- complete the flyer sent home and send back to your child's teacher to get your tickets in time. Tickets can be purchased through December 2nd.

Staff Honorees

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this year's honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

Teacher of the Year: Alison Perry
Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez
Outstanding First Year Teacher: Crystal Jovicic
School Related Employee of the Year: Stephanie Lassiter*
*Mrs. Lassiter is also chosen as a District finalist for this category!



November Citizen of the Month

Students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, Make Safe Choices, and for demonstrating the CLE theme for the month.** Dates and times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 11/30, 1/25, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26, and 5/17. All assemblies are at 10:15 am in the Auditoria. Parents/guests must register through Raptor prior to the ceremony to proceed directly there to get your pass to enter. All those who do not RSVP must report to the office to check in prior to the ceremony.

KG: Franco Lovett, Savannah Patterson, Benjamin Karvonen, Livi Cain, Parker Keele, Adelina Iannantuono, Lane Myers, Ezekiel Noel-Rivera, Jaxson Hitchcock

First Grade: Allana Cardoso, Liam Gonzalez, Zoey Rosen, Steve Osorio Yaure, Hailey Szarowicz, Cambria Alcantara, Madison Wright, Mark Thomas, Jathen Beaubrun, Solange Parra

Second Grade: Alexa Murray, Adyson Maldonado, Quinn Dublin, Carla Pierre, Adrian Jamison, Savannah Keelor, Janine Joseph, Jackson Maypole, Jayanni Chaidez, Julianna Pratts

Third Grade: Mateo Pichardo, Rylan Turner, Parker Cooley, Nathaniel Stephenson, Janelle Bois, Susej Tover Polanco, Joshua Leavis, Natalia Azconza, Easton Buck

Fourth Grade: Sophia Howard, Santiago Cardona, Owen Royle, Daniel Morris, Abigail Byrnes, Braelyn McCall, Tristan Joseph, Rolan Evanson, Alex Dwyer

Fifth Grade: Izabella Stoyanova, Alexander Brown, Sofia Bologna, Kendra Fleuriot, Alexander Jansen, Aryel Villier, Julianna Ramos, Victoria Antonakas, Joshua Cranston, Naziah Miller

Sixth Grade: Vanessa Jackson, Johnathon Bonilla, Mckenzie Vickers, Michaella Mathison, Aiden Alter, Annalise Andrade, Asher Ghobrial, Khloe Hernandez, Makenzie Saks, Kristoff Simmonds

Seventh Grade: Maya Zawakis, Logan Smith, M'kenzie Edwards, Jeronimo Perez Angulo, Natasha Taveras, Holland Lilley, Abigail Matos, Sophia Aragonz, Benjamin Jasmin, Lucas Alguire

Eighth Grade: Phethan Njeru, Meredith Prince, Breanna Weiser, Eliah Bonet, Alyssa Lindsey, Logan Gluck, Emma Outlaw, Brianna Crockett, Logan Inigo, Ameer Nofal, Ashton Dimart, Lia Giannotti, Matthew De La Cruz

FAST Progress Monitoring II

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is the progress monitoring tool which is administered three times per year for all K-8 students to track student progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards throughout this school year. Kindergarten, First, and Second graders take the Renaissance Star Early Literacy/or Reading, and Math assessments. Third grade through Eighth grade take the FAST Reading and Math progress monitoring assessments.

- Kindergarten** will take Star Early Literacy on Mon. Dec 5 and Star Math on Tues. Dec. 6.
- First Grade** will take Star Early Literacy on Thu. Dec. 8 and Star Math on Fri. Dec. 9.
- Second Grade** will take Star Reading on Thu. Dec. 8 and Star Math on Fri. Dec 9.
- Grades 3 and 4** will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 18, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 19, 2023.
- Grades 5 and 6** will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 11, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 12, 2023.
- Grades 7 and 8** will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 9, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 10, 2023

Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and the results are posted to your child's Skyward account after testing is completed. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math sample items at home, visit:

<https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, visit: <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

A positive test experience begins at home with a restful night's sleep before, a nutritious breakfast (at home or school!) and being on time to begin the school day. Please help your child be present for these test days.

Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **12/16, 2/1, 3/10, 4/19, 5/31, 6/1**

REGISTRATION for 2023-2024

Registration for the **2023-2024** school year is open from September 1, 2022 - February 1, 2023. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student each year, even if you already have siblings here at PPE.

Cultural Learning Environment (CLE)

The CLE topic for this month is leadership and service. Leaders use moral and ethical decision making to cooperate and collaborate with others toward a common goal in service of their community. Research has shown skills learned through CLE lessons provide academic and social growth in the classroom.

Social and emotional skills can also be developed through leadership opportunities at home. Having your child problem-solve at home when they get stuck on their homework, or in an argument with their sibling, and encouraging them to be active in the community and in extracurricular activities are all ways to help leadership qualities grow. As a school, we will celebrate leadership and service on December 16th.

Palm Pointe Staff Shout Out

Is there a teacher or staff member who has recently had a positive impact on your child's school experience? If so, take a moment to recognize them! We know that our teachers and staff members go above and beyond each day to create a safe and caring learning environment for our students, all while engaging them in rigorous content and they would love to hear about these moments from you! Scan the QR code to share your "Shout Out!"



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!

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Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sports Practice Soccer- W & Th 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Girls Basketball M, & Th 4:20 PM—5:15 PM Boys Basketball T, W, & Th 4:20 PM—5:15 PM		Toys for Tots Toy Drive	1 G 6:00 Little Mermaid Jr.	2 A Dress like a Super Hero to Support Toys for Tots (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) 6:00 pm Little Mermaid Jr.	3 3:00 Little Mermaid Jr. Volleyball Tour. @ FPCHS 9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 Soccer Tournament @ FPCHS 9:30 & 12:30
4 BEST Tutoring Phase 1 begins 12/5/22-2/16/23	5 B Gr K PM2- Reading	6 C Gr K PM2- Math 5:30-7:30pm Santa's Workshop Family Event (Must have Pre-Purchased tickets- No tickets at the door)	7 D Progress Reports 2:45 PPE 6-8 Stem Fair in Auditoria (Identified students)	8 E Gr 1&2 PM2- Reading 6:00 6th Gr Band Holiday Concert Holiday Shoppe Ends	9 F Gr 1&2 PM2- Math MS Elective/Reading Semester Exams 2:15 Gr. 1 SLCFD visit 3:30 NJHS	10
11	12 G MS ELA Semester Exams	13 A MS Social Studies Semester Exams 6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Concert Band & Jazz Band Holiday Concert	14 B Progress Reports MS Science Semester Exams Last day for Toys for Tots	15 C MS Math Semester Exams CLE Activity— Leadership & Service	16 D Early Dismissal PBIS Quarter 2 Schoolwide Events End of 2nd 9 weeks Wear your Ugly Sweater/T-Shirt to support NJHS (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	17
18	19 Winter Break	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31