



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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

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

Attendance Matters

As the holiday season continues, we encourage you to be sure your child attends school each day, including early release days, when they are healthy to do so. The upcoming Winter Break is December 22, 2023 through January 5, 2024. Each day school is in session is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and teachers. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to building great attendance habits this school year.



The Palm Pointe Players are proud to present Rudolph the Red-Nosed-Reindeer on December 7th and 8th at 6pm and December 9th at 3pm. This family-friendly classic is sure to be a bright start to your holiday season. Tickets are on sale now - visit www.palmpointe.fau.edu for more details!

Join us for Santa's Workshop
Tuesday, Dec 12th from 5:30-7:30pm



Join us for a pasta dinner, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, caroling, reindeer games, picture with Santa 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 6th.

Bring a toy to donate for Toys for Tots and you will get FREE Face Painting or Holiday Tattoo!

NJHS

Congratulations to our National Junior Honor Society Officers:

Nael Francois: President

Nijah Bois: Vice-President

Michaela Gnoffo: Secretary

Thank you to all the candidates who ran for officer positions. Select NJHS volunteers will be assisting in picking up items donated for Palm Pointe's community support 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!

Staff Honorees

Please join us in congratulating 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!

Teacher of the Year: Carmela Innamorato

Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Timorya McKeliver

Outstanding First Year Teacher: Kaitlyn McCue

School Related Employee of the Year: Patricio Larrinaga*

*Mr. Larrinaga is also chosen as a District finalist for this category!



Toys for Tots and PAL Toy Run

Palm Pointe is proud to Support Toys for Tots and the Police Athletic League Toy Run this year! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 to donate. We will be collecting toys until December 8th for the PAL Toy Run and through December 19th for Toys for Tots. Please help us reach our goal and brighten children's Christmas morning. *A FREE dress code pass will be given to each student who brings a toy. The pass is to be used on January 8, 2024.

November 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 – Bella Conrad, Andrew Campbell, Lucas Maldonado, Emma Alvarez, Isabella Viso Martinez, Scarlett Sanders, Leah Belizaire, Abigail Schoonejongen

First Grade – Presley Micheli, Christopher Murphy, Giselle Moyano, Holden Lehman, Anthonella Landez, Adelina Iannantuono, Mia Garcia, Killian Jordan Justice Narteh

Second Grade – Kevin Hunter-Medina, Solange Parra, Lily McClanahan, Santiago Padilla Palacio, Chloe Jagielski, Olivia Murphy, Donavan Farrell, Victoria Viso, William Bertelli

Third Grade – Ana Sophia Dimart, Abigail Menendez, Ariella George, Savannah Keelor, Jordynn Pearce, Penelope Nelson, Lorenzo Bologna, Karsen Lasseter, Zion Castro, Jesse Williams, Ayden Levy

Fourth Grade – Enrique Hernandez, Nayeli Seda, Richard Kowalski, Ace Pickard, Kayla Diep, Marleeh Lesperance, Bryce Davis, Emily Fajardo

Fifth Grade – Ciana Ortiz, Aiden Martin, Sophia Estrada, Jewel Mayer, Liam Hely, Galilea Hernandez, Alex Dwyer, Bradley Jasmin, Victoria Farias, Alivia Dean, Jason Jean Phillippe

Sixth Grade – Julian Johnson, Neriah Dorvil, Savannah Hayes, Sylvia Mesic, Briley Gordon, Zoey Outlaw, Emily Blind, Jenesys Guerrero, Christopher Rodriguez, Jaylen Brutus, Ashley Collado, Yasmeen Bouchfaa

Seventh Grade – Ashlynn Osborn, Brianna Hudson, Mia Gluck, Jasmine Spence, Nevaeh Spence, Agostina Censabella, Isabel Menendez, Kamani Andre, Isabella Aligata, Charles Chuong

Eighth Grade – Wolfgang Baere, Alana Ferguson, Tiana Fulgueira, Alessandro Simmons, Arielle Morris, Davi Siqueira, Sophia Aragonez, Michael Pennachio, M'kenzie Edwards, Gabriella Narcisse

Holiday Spirit Week

Except for Friday, when students need a lanyard, students may dress in the theme to show their holiday spirit.

12/15 Festive Friday

Wear an ugly holiday sweater/shirt (lanyard required)

12/18 Merry Monday

Wear holiday pajamas

12/19 'Tis the Season Tuesday

Don't be a Grinch, but dress like one

12/20 Warm & Cozy Wednesday

Wear holiday hat & socks along with flannel

12/21 Tinsel Thursday

Wear a red or green shirt with holiday accessories

FOOD DRIVE

Palm Pointe will begin an ongoing community support drive to assist a St. Lucie County school and their families. Please help support our neighbors by donating! Our first round of pickups will be in November and December, leading up to the holiday break.

ITEMS

Ramen, oatmeal packets, apple sauce, tomato sauce, canned pasta, macaroni and cheese, dried pasta, cereal, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit/vegetables, protein, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry items.



History & STEM Fair

History Fair projects this year are due January 10th 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 11th 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 this year's representatives.

Cold Weather & Dress Code

As the weather turns colder, we need your help families. Our cold weather clause in our dress code allows for students to wear any warm jacket outside when coming to school. If the jacket is not in dress code, students must take it off when inside. K-5 students can also wear jeans. This is when the weather dips below 50 degrees.

Additionally, we need ALL students to follow our dress code for sweatshirts/sweaters. Any PPE sweatshirt (band, sports, etc..) are allowed, along with solid colored sweatshirts/sweaters that are in dress code colors (: in solid colors of blue (any shade except teal), gray, white or black. Brand name logos must be smaller than a child's hand. Dress code collared shirts must be worn under the sweatshirt, sweatshirts cannot be turned inside out or with the hood on the head. Stripes on sleeves or any kind of print are not allowed. A dress code check will be done each day in homeroom, after that, if a child is out of compliance, parents will be contacted and the violation could result in disciplinary action. We appreciate your help in monitoring and following our school dress code policy. Please refer to our students handbook, page 18-19 for more details.

Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing

All students enrolled in grades 4–10 will participate in B.E.S.T. Writing computer-based assessments for the 2023-2024 school year. The testing window for B.E.S.T. Writing is April 1–12, 2024. The B.E.S.T. Writing assessments are not combined with FAST ELA Reading assessments to create an overall ELA score. B.E.S.T. Grades 4–10 B.E.S.T. Writing assessments are administered in one 120-minute session and are scored and reported on a 12-point rubric with the following domains: Purpose/Structure, Development, and Language. Each domain is worth four possible points. Sample items may be found by following this link:

<https://fsassessments.org/resources/general/best-writing-scoring-samplers>.

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: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Clubs & Activities</i> Symphonic Band 8:15-9:15 Chorus Gr. 4-5 T 8:15-9:15 Book Explorer's Gr. 5-8 T-4:15-5:15 & W 8:15-9:15 Champions Cl. Gr. 6-8 F 8:15-9:15 Cpt Book Gr. 1&2 W 4:15-5:15 Chess Club Gr. 6-8 T 4:15-5:15 Coding Club Gr. 3-6 W 8:15-9:15 Drama Jr. Gr. 3 W 8:15-9:15 Creole Club Gr. 4-5 T 4:15-5:15	<i>Clubs cont.</i> Odyssey of the Mind Gr 3-5 & Gr 6-8 W 4:15-5:30 Science Gr 2-M 8:15-9:15 Science Gr.3 Th 8:15-9:15 Science Gr 4,5-W 8:15-9:15 Setting the Stage Gr 6-8 W 4:15-5:15 Yoga Club Gr 2-T 8:15-9:15	Toys for Tots Toy Drive until 12/19 PAL Toy Run until 12/8	1 A PBIS Sit with a friend Dress Retro/Groovy to Support Sunshine (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	2 9-12 7th Math Academy 9-12 Drama Rehearsal B Team Volleyball
3	4 B	5 C PM2 Gr K Star Rdg PM2 Gr 3&4 Rdg	6 D PM2 Gr 1-2 Star Rdg 4:45 Parent Performance of Rudolph	7 E PM2 Gr K Star Math PM2 Gr 3&4 Math PPP Musical-Rudolph 6 pm Holiday Shoppe Ends	8 F PM2 Gr 1-2 Star Math PPP Musical-Rudolph 6 pm	9 9-12 Civics Academy Science Explorers 9:30-11:30 & 12:45-2:45 3:00 Musical-Rudolph
10	11 A 8:45 ESOL/T3 Parent Mtg 2:45 PPE STEM Fair	12 B 5:30-7:30 Santa's Workshop Family Event	13 C Progress Reports PBIS MOD Pizza Fundraiser SLW 4-8	14 D MS Elective & Reading Sem. Exams 8:45 SAC Mtg 2:00 Threat Mgmt Team Mtg 6:00 MS Band Holiday Concert	15 E MS ELA Sem. Exams Ugly Sweater/Shirt to Support Odyssey of the Mind (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) PBIS Sit with a friend 3:30 NJHS Mtg	16 6th Math Academy 9-12
17 Qtr 2 BEST Tutoring End this week	18 F MS SS & Science Sem. Exams	19 A MS Math Sem. Exams 6:00 6th Gr Band & Elem Chorus Concert	20 B Classroom Holiday Celebrations (1 hr)	21 C End of 2nd Qtr Early Release Day-RK PBIS School Wide Events Last day -Art to Remember late orders	22	23
24	25 12/22-1/5/24 Winter Break for Students	26	27	28	29	30
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