



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 we begin Quarter 3, we are continuing our emphasis this school year on building great attendance habits. Showing up to school regularly benefits students in the present and the future.

Students build upon fundamental skills in school and carry the habits they've created as they continue their school career and beyond. The following are some ways our families can help: build regular routines for bed and the morning, have discussions at home about the importance of attending school, avoid non-emergency extended trips when school is in session, and seek support from the school staff when needed. As a reminder, students are on time when they are in their classroom at 9:40 am. Our tardy policy states students who arrive after 9:40 am must be escorted to the front office by a parent to be signed in. Thank you for adhering to our policies and for your continued support.

Palm Pointe Remains an A Rated School

We are excited to share the news that the Florida Department of Education has recently posted school grades from the 2022-2023 school year. We are very proud to announce our school has remained an A in the transition to the BEST scoring. It is quite an accomplishment to have maintained an A rating each year since opening in 2008. Congratulations to our students and staff!



We would like to wish all our Palm Pointe families a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to great things ahead in 2024!



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, Mrs. McKeliver and Ms. McCue were also chosen as a District finalist for their category! We will find out in February if they are the winners for the district.

STEM Fair District Finalists

On December 11th we held the Palm Pointe STEM fair where we honored the participants for making it to the Fair and announced the following students who will be representing Palm Pointe at the District Fair in February. Congratulations to:

Paige Kelly	Addison Lehman
Enock Hong	Astrid Nelson
Aarav Gowda	Nand Patel
Aiden Alter	Ilario Guerra
Olivia Royle	Khloe Hernandez
Agostina Censabella	Taylor Laplante
Michaela Gnoffo	Brynley Blazyk
Amelia Sides	

History Fair

Our 6th and 8th grade historians have been working hard all semester on their History Fair projects. This year's theme is Turning Points in History. All projects are due January 10th, and resources are still available on Canvas. Projects selected to advance to the school-level celebration will be identified by January 17th, and families will be notified through Wednesday folders that day. The school-level celebration will be January 25th at 2:45pm.

Literacy Week

We are excited for Celebrate Literacy Week at Palm Pointe the week of January 22nd-26th! This year's theme is "Believe in Your'shelf: Building Resiliency through Reading!" By exploring new stories and characters, we hope to inspire our students to not only believe in themselves but also to face challenges with a positive and resilient mindset. Throughout the week, we have a series of engaging activities planned for students. Be on the lookout for a flyer with details for our Celebrate Literacy Week and be sure to mark your calendars for our "Read to Succeed Book Night" at Big Apple Pizza on Bayshore Blvd. This event will take place on Wednesday, January 24th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. While there, your child will have the opportunity to read a book and upon completion, will get a free slice of pizza and a Pepsi! Students will also receive a free book to take home! We look forward to a week filled with literary adventures!

Starting off the New Year!

Let's kick off the new year with a change to support the neighborhood surrounding our school. We still need to ask our families who do not live within the neighborhood to please use our car lines instead of designating your child as a walker. Our school is trying to minimize the disruption our arrival and dismissal causes to the surrounding community, and it is our families who wait on the roads close to the school that cause the biggest disruption. Our school continues to have the community reach out to ask us to solve this issue. Cars cannot wait on the road when waiting to pick up a child. This includes East Park and West Park Avenues. If you are a parent of a kindergarten student, please do not come early as you will have to wait on West Park until you are able to turn in to the K car line. Please back up your arrival time so you may have a smooth trip with little wait time. You may only park in designated parking spaces in the community. Please help us in trying to be good neighbors and use our car lines if you do not live within the neighborhood.

Testing

The **K-2 Star Early Literacy, Reading, and Math** scores from the most recent PM2 testing are now visible in the Florida Family Portal. Parents of K-2 students are now able to view scores by clicking on their Skyward account, "District Links," and then "Cambium Assessments" to automatically log into the Florida Family Portal.

Moving forward into the Spring test season, after each student has been tested, FLDOE has announced that families of K-2 students should be able to see their scores in the Florida Family Portal within a week.

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.



PLEASE TURN ITEMS INTO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

Preorder your Palm Pointe yearbook today! Directions for online ordering: Go to www.balfour.com

Click on the "Yearbooks" tab and then "Buy Your Yearbook" Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click "Shop for this Student"

Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad* (available until all ads are sold) or Yearbook Only Option** (available until 5/10/24 or until all yearbooks are sold)

Click 'Get Started', select homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like

Click "Add to cart" and then Click "Checkout"

Checkout by paying with PayPal or credit card

**If you order the 'Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad' option, you will receive an email shortly after the order. Fill out the information and provide a photo for the ad prior to the deadline date.*

***Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of May.*

Cold Weather & Dress Code

As the weather turns colder, we need your help. When the temperature falls below 50 degrees, 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. Additionally, we need ALL students to follow our dress code for sweatshirts/sweaters. Any PPE sweatshirt (band, sports, etc.) are allowed, as well as solid colored sweatshirts/sweaters in dress code colors (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 large 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 student handbook, pg. 18-19, for more details.

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>12 Month Employees work 1/2/24-1/4/24</i>	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	6
7	8 <i>D</i> Students Return No Dress Code Day for those who participated in Toy Drives (must wear sticker)	9 <i>E</i> PM2 Gr 7&8 Reading	10 <i>F</i> PM2 Gr 5&6 Reading	11 <i>A</i> PM2 Gr 7&8 Math	12 <i>B</i> PM2 Gr 5&6 Math Twin Day to Support Art Dept (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) Lollipop Sales for PBIS	13 9 & 12 Boys B Team Basketball Tournament @ Manatee K-8
14 <i>Fire Drill this Week</i>	15 MLK Day <i>Holiday for All</i> <i>MLK Parade</i>	16 <i>C</i> PM2 Makeups → IRSC Four County Honor Band 1/16-1/20	17 <i>D</i> 2:00 Parent Tour 5:30 Gr 8- Family Event: 8th Grade Round Up	18 <i>E</i> Mass Health Screenings in Launch Pad Gr. 6 ELA/Writing Academy 4:15-5:30	19 <i>F</i> Lollipop Sales for PBIS Gr. 3 Academy 4:15-7:15 Gr. 6 ELA/Writing Academy 4:15-5:30	20 <i>Gr 4 Academy 9:00-12:00</i> 10 & 11 Boys B Team Basketball Tournament @ Oak Hammock District Soccer Tournament @ FPC
21 <i>Celebrate Literacy Week 1/22-26</i>	22 <i>A</i> Report Card Day	23 <i>B</i>	24 <i>C</i> Progress Reports 10:15 Citizen of the Month	25 <i>D</i> 100th Day of School 8:45 SAC Mtg 2:45 PPE History Fair Celebration	26 <i>E</i> Lollipop Sales for PBIS	27 <i>Gr 5 Academy 9:00-12:00</i> Boys B Team Basketball Tournament TBA
28	29 <i>F</i>	30 <i>A</i> 10:15 Gr 7&8 Honor Roll Focus on Forever-Class Pictures K-5	31 <i>B</i> 10:15 Gr 5&6 Honor Roll	Clubs & Activities <i>Symphonic Band 8:15-9:15</i> <i>Chorus Gr. 4-5 T 8:15-9:15</i> <i>Champions Cl. Gr. 6-8 F 8:15-9:15</i> <i>Cpt Book Gr. 1&2 W 4:15-5:15</i> <i>Chess Club Gr. 6-8 T 4:15-5:15</i>	Clubs & Activities Cont. <i>Dance Club Gr. 6-8 Th 8:15-9:15</i> <i>Odyssey of the Mind Gr 3-5 & Gr 6-8 W 4:15-5:30</i> <i>Gr. 6 ELA/Reading Academy T 8:15-9:15</i> Sports <i>Girls' Basketball 4:15-5:15</i>	