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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.

New Dismissal Procedures

Palm Pointe would like to thank our families for adhering to the changes that have taken place to our dismissal process. We are committed to improving our car lines and dismissal will begin the earliest in these lines. We start each afternoon at 3:54 and are able to get the first 30-40 cars on their way at 3:55 in the Gr1-8 line. Walkers/bike riders will now be dismissed at approximately 4:15 each day in order to allow our car lines to start and proceed quickly. As a reminder, you may be ticketed for illegal parking in the surrounding neighborhoods. Student's families who had previously designated their children as "walkers" but do not live within the 2-mile radius of the school and do not actually walk home have been transitioned to the car lines, if you did not change how your child will get home. Starting February 26, they will not be dismissed with the walkers but with the car lines. Your children will be waiting for you in the car line.

PikMyKid is our dismissal system, and we are asking **all families** to be sure to utilize the app. If you have not registered, please do so. Directions have been copied and sent home and sent home with your weekly communication from your child's teachers. With this system, you are able to designate your child's daily dismissal and are able to make changes when needed, such as for after-school activities like tutoring or clubs.

This information is used daily to dismiss students from class to their designated dismissal area and it is critical that it is updated. If your child needs to be designated as a bus or daycare rider, and you do not currently have that option when on the app, please be sure to contact the school so that option can be added for your child(ren). As a reminder, only students who reside within the 2-mile radius are able to be designated as a walker because they are actually walking home. For those families, the walker option is now located under the after-school drop-down. We also need **ALL carline riders need to have their child's tag in their window, even if you think we all know you. Not having this slows down our line.** We appreciate your help with this and support of our efforts to make dismissal a safe and smooth process.

STEM Fair Regional/District Winners

The St Lucie County District STEM fair was held at IRSC on February 16th and the award ceremony was at Fort Pierce Central High School on February 21st. We are proud to announce that we had six category winners, two of whom will be representing Palm Pointe and SLPS District at the State Level. Palm Pointe was also awarded "The St. Lucie County Regional STEM Fair – Junior School Champion" Trophy. Congratulations to all our District winners listed below with their awards:

Aarav Gowda (State Qualifier)	1 st Place in Physics & Astronomy Office of Naval Research-Junior Individual Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge Nominee
Enoch Hong (State Qualifier)	1 st Place in Earth and Environmental Science FL Association of Science Teacher Research Award – Junior Individual Hand 2 Mind (2 in Env. Sci and 2 in chem) Jr Grace Stock Conservation Award - 3rd Place Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge Nominee
Amelia Sides	2 nd Place in Chemistry
Brynley Blaszyk	2 nd Place in Chemistry
Astrid Nelson	3 rd Place in Earth and Environmental Science Dairy Council of Florida STEM Award
Michaela Gnoffo	3 rd Place in Biomedical and Health Sciences FWPCOA Region 5
Addison Lehman	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Paige Kelly	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



Palm Pointe's Odyssey of the Mind Teams Move on to State!

Over the weekend we had two teams participate in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament at Treasure Coast High School. Both the middle and elementary school teams placed second in their division and will be moving on to the States competition in Orlando at the end of March. This is the second year in a row both of our teams have made it to states. The Elementary team built a small vehicle powered by rubber bands and magnets that completed a series of tasks during their skit. The Middle School team rocked their way back in time and performed a skit which included an original song created by a couple of the team members. Odyssey members have been working since November, creating their skits, constructing, and painting props, all while rehearsing multiple nights a week after school. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication the teams showed during their competition and can't wait to see what they accomplish at the State competition.

Elementary Team: Maiya Escalante, Jakob Hong, Mckenna Joseph, Griffin Key, Jose Martinez, Zane Nofal, Hannah Rasnick

Middle School Team: Madyssen Escalante, Penelope Gomez, Bailey McGinnis, Raiden Mendez, Sylvia Mesic, Rylee Millett, Patrick Waldrop

February 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: Madelyn Burns, Noah Spence, Yasmeen Saadah, Kinley Hartman, Laylani Hines, Lilah Uber, Olivia Williams, Talia Saadah

First: Harper Chance, Abigale Hans, Mason Hely, Emerson Stetz, Calla Farrell, Layla Episcopo, Avery Shrader, Julius Flores

Second: Makenzie Takas, Easton Akerley, Maverick Harrelson, Fernando Chaidez, Madison Wright, Jathen Beaubrun, Diana Romero, Aranza Alvarracin, Aubrey Arpin, Steve Osorio Yaure

Third: Mackenzie Marino, Daniella Mercado, Fienna Kampa, Cade Van Valkenburg, Natalie Valencia, Olivia Gerard, Ryan Scott, Jason Maddison, Bryson Jean

Fourth: Evan Hernandez, Omar Nofal, Alana Joseph, Sienna Guarino, Jayden Talabert, Nathaniel Stephenson, Aubree Stewart

Fifth: Camila Corral, Brooklin Espinal, Rainelys Velez, Sophia Camacho, Chelsea Donald, Taelyn Spencer, Sophia Howard

Sixth: Kaden White, Andrea Alvarracin Dominguez, Omarr Pommels Jr., Alyssa Oppenheim, Tresean Briggs, Anna Wilhem, Ethan Villon, Ruby Diaz, Alexis Maitland

Seventh: Isabella Diaz, Ava Gachette, Armando Entner, Layla Moises, Jordan Bennett, Kallee Jackson, Eviana Chavez, Kaelynn Morris

Eighth: Alicia De La Cruz, Khloe Powell, Stella French, Kaden Huggins, David Coelho, Ryson Solesky, Isabella Cruzado, Isabella Sierra, Fateen Bouchfaa, Ser' Jameson Palmer

Spring Pictures

Mark your calendar now for March 28th. It is spring picture day. You will receive a flyer from Focused on Forever with all the details for spring pictures. Come dressed up in your favorite school appropriate outfit to get your picture taken on this day. Unless you are dressing up, school dress code is expected.

Countdown to Spring PM3 Test Windows
Specific PPK-8 Dates Yet to Be Set

Test	Window	Grades	Days	From March 1
Writing	April 1- 5	4-8	15	
FAST Reading	May 14	3	46	
FAST Reading	May 1- 7	4-8	37	
FAST Math	May 13-17	4-8	45	
Fast Math	May 21	3	51	
Science	May 21-23	5 & 8	51	
End of Course	May 1-22	7 & 8	37	
Star Early Lit, Rdg, Math	April 18-30	K, 1, 2	28	

Spring is the season for State Assessments! This year writing will be administered in April. All other assessments are scheduled for the month of May. It is critical that vacations and other appointments are not made to conflict with your child’s test days. Please regularly consult the Monthly parent calendar and note when test days have been scheduled. Teachers plan exciting Crunch-Time lessons based upon when students are scheduled for their FAST tests and participation creates a confident prepared learner!

23-24 PPE Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey – Closes March 13th

Each year, we ask families to provide feedback on their experiences during the current school year by completing the Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey. Results are used to help inform the planning of school programs and improve teaching and learning. To access the online survey, please visit our school website or scan the QR code included on the flyer sent home this week. Paper copies of the survey are available upon request. To receive a free dress code pass sticker to be used on Friday, April 5th, write the code phrase (provided upon completion of the online survey) on the flyer that will be sent home with your child. Return the bottom portion of the flyer to your child's homeroom teacher with the code phrase no later than Wednesday, March 13th. You only need to complete one survey per household. Survey results will be posted on the PPE website in April 2024. We thank you in advance!

Attendance Matters

We appreciate everyone’s commitment to our school community. The upcoming Spring Break is March 18-22. School resumes on Monday, March 25. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to school when in session, including the early release day on Thursday, March 14. If you have questions about your child’s attendance, please contact our attendance clerk, Mrs. Karina Cendejas, at karina.cendejas@stlucieschools.org.

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.*



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
	Clubs & Activities Symphonic Band 8:15-9:15 Chorus Gr. 4-5 T 8:15-9:15 Book Explorers Gr.5-8 T 4:15 Book Explorers Gr.5-8 W 8:15 Champions Club Gr.6-8 F	<i>Comic Art Gr.6-8 T/Th 8:15</i> <i>Odyssey of the Mind Gr. 3-5 & 6-8 M/W 4:15</i> <i>Science Explorers Gr.2 M 8:15</i> <i>Science Explorers Gr.3 T/Th 8:15</i> <i>Science Explorers Gr.3-4 W 8:15</i> <i>Songbirds Gr.7-8 W 4:15</i>	Sports Flag Football M/W 4:15-5:30 Track T/Th 4:20-5:20		1 D Mac & Cheese Drive 3/1-3/28 Gr. 1 Field Trip to Manatee Center (Migliore/Savanello)	2 8:30 & 10:30 Girls Flag Football Tournament @ FPC
3	4 E 4:15-6:15 Gr. 8 Writing Academy	5 F 8:15 Gr. 1 Math Academy Band MPA Festival (Concert Band 12:00; Symphonic Band 3:00) @ FPC	6 A Gr 4– St. Augustine Field Trip 5:30am-8:30pm Progress Reports	7 B 8:15 Gr. 1 Math Academy Gr. 1 Field Trip to Manatee Center (Bousanti/Martinez)	8 C Project Citizen District Showcase 8:15 Gr. 1 Math Academy Gr. 1 Field Trip to Manatee Center (Keele/Holmes)	9 9:00-12:00 Gr. 7 Civics Academy 8:30-12:30 Girls Flag Football Tournament @PPE
10 <i>Fire Drill This Week</i>	11 D 4:15-6:15 Gr. 8 Writing Academy	12 E 8:15-9:15 and 4:15-5:15 Gr. 2 Math Academy	13 F PBIS 5 Guys Restaurant Fundraiser SLW 4-8	14 A π DAY End of 3rd Qtr. Early Dismissal-RK PBIS School Wide Event Wear your Lucky Shirt to support NJHS (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) 8:45 SAC Mtg	15 Teacher Workday No School for Students	16
17	18 <i>Spring Break 3/18–3/22</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 B	26 C	27 D 10:15 Citizen of the Month MIOS Honor Band Concert 3/27-3/28	28 E 10:45 2nd Grade In House Field Trip-WPBF Weather Focus on Forever-Spring Pictures	29 <i>Spring Holiday Holiday for All</i>	30
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