

# **The Orbiter**



# **Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!**

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February

Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families.

The new year has started off great and the students are maintaining their course and are mid-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The students will be continuing to learn new ideas and concepts that follow their grade level scope and sequence. I would like to thank everyone who donated a blanket for our Week of Kindness project. The month of February will be a busy one, please be sure to continue to encourage your child to use their planner, stay on top of assignments and put those growth mindset skills they have learned to use as we finish out this quarter. As always thank you for your support!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

# **FSA Testing Begins**

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) testing begins March 6<sup>th</sup> with Writing. Grades 4–7 take a paper-based test, and Grade 8 takes a computer-based test on this day. Both paper based and computer based writing test sessions are 120 minutes. All Gr. 4-8 students test sessions begin at 9:45. Attendance and promptness during FSA season is most appreciated!

# K-2 Fairy Tale Festival

Our K-2 Fairy Tale Festival will be held on February 21st from 5:30-7:00 in our school audeteria. We are excited to have students and their families participate in reading fairy tales using an interactive approach to inspire the love of reading! Students are invited to wear their favorite fairy tale costumes. We can't wait to see you there! Additional details will follow in a flyer coming out soon!

 
 Supervision

 There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to
remain in your car until this time.

#### **District STEM Fair**

The STEM fair judging will be held on **February 9, 2018**, at the Kight Center at IRSC in Fort Pierce from 8:00AM- 3:00 PM. On February 15, 2018 the STEM Fair Award Ceremony will be held from 6:30PM-8:30 PM at Ft. Pierce Central High School.

### **PPE History Fair**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, students in grades 6 and 8 who demonstrated excellence in their respective categories were recognized at Palm

Pointe's annual History Day Fair. This year's theme was Conflict and Compromise, and projects explored such topics as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Salem Witch Trials, the Civil Rights Movement, cultural icons, historic battles, and many more. Students could choose from five different categories to

represent their work: exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances, or research papers. The following students will go on to represent Palm Pointe at the District History Day Fair on February 20<sup>th</sup> at IRSC's Kight Center:

Individual Exhibit: Melissa Meneses, Fabrizzio Capocci Group Exhibit: Joshua Sherman, Ariadna Hiller, Nico Tovar, Ashwin Dhar Individual Website: Tristan Palumbo Group Website: Nikolas Polvos-Gomez, Brandon Ramos, Caden Neyor, Christopher Neyor Individual Documentary: Alyssa Monaco, Lucas Siminski Group Documentary: Sofia Tovar, Nicole Beltran, Isaac Fraga, Nayliana Gonzalez, Shayna McGregor Individual Performance: Brianna Clow Group Performance: Rollin Pattison, Braylen Lopez, Riley Holtzclaw, Kate Casey, Edwin Villanueva-Ayala Research Paper: Allison Kohler, Alexandria Winter,

Kai Boxer

#### **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 Expectations: Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, Make Safe Choices and for consistently demonstrating Efficacy and Effort. Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 10/25, 11/15, 12/20, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/16

All assemblies are at 10:30am in the Audeteria. Parents and family members can report directly to the Auditeria.

KINDERGARTEN: Jacobi Adames, Liliana Hooper, Izobella Pierre, Colton Takas, Luma Siqueira, Kendra Fleuriot, Anna Wilhelm, Ruby Diaz, Kerney Gaudin

FIRST GRADE: Mathieu Riche, Maraya Carter-Evans, Taylor Laplante, Parker Lehman, Kalle Jackson, Audriana Townsley, Danica Schuster, Lucca Domingues

SECOND GRADE: Shane Martinez, Jace Tannehill, Logan Smith, Gabriella Narcisse, Allura Leighton, Nael Francois, Denielia Bennett, Rhys Mendoza

THIRD GRADE: Lamarr Parks, Shayann Perry, Aylie Sinclair, McKinley Lehman, Alize Thompson, Sophia Tarantino, Alyssa Lindsey, Rhen Solesky, Ivy Golden, Jordan Wright, Madison Graber, Noah Hill Sukie

FOURTH GRADE: Christian East, Myles Fanelli, John Bouris, Jr., Benjamin Arisi, Chrstian Pacitti, Jaycie Mera, Jessica Jaimes, Ethan Harper, Trey Bott, Jaxson Martin, Preston Slacum

FIFTH GRADE: Cali Keefer, Veronica Turino De La Torre, Caleb Clements, Kirsten Bremekamp, Salem Nofal, Nachbi Pierre, Omarion Ward, Jesus Gutierrez-Carcamo

SIXTH GRADE: Isaac Fraga, Reese Wildes, Jacob Cusa, Maya Wright, Cassia Charnes, Sebastian Ramos, Shermille Metayer, Hailee Sullivan, Cooper Kuba, Josette Jowana Valcin, Kaylin Lingis

SEVENTH GRADE: Alexa Weeks, Gia Villasana, Isabella Aviles, Alyssa Sylvia, Branden Birch, Brooke Piccoli, Jaiden White, Emily Whelan, Joshua Berger, Nicholas Stagg, Tyler Brinniger, Alexandra Ridgely, Dylan Doughney

EIGHTH GRADE: Emma Kohler, Andon Gelety, Paul Alegre, Jacob Lockett, Michael Waldrop, Sofia Tovar, Emely Galdamez, Connor Stottlemire, Kyle Sostre, Rollin Pattison, Gavin Withrow

#### Action Research Review

As part of our school mission, Palm Pointe strives to continue its professional growth through research opportunities for our instructional staff. Action research begins with a question, then follows the cycle of inquiry to gauge the impact certain strategies have on student performance, attitudes, or behaviors. Currently, three groups of teachers are engaged in action research projects in their classrooms. Their projects are exploring the impact of peerfeedback on writing achievement in Kindergarten, Whole Brain learning and math performance in Fourth Grade and one of our ASD classes, and flipped-classroom design in Seventh Grade math. The action steps will continue to the end of March, at which point the researchers will begin analyzing their data. We will continue to give you updates on what the research reveals in future Orbiters.

# High Schools Visit 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

High School counselors will be visiting us this month to complete 9<sup>th</sup> grade course schedules with your child. Additional information will be sent home soon.

On <u>Early Dismissal</u> days, school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows: 2/14, 3/9, 4/6, 5/30, 5/31

#### PTO NEWS

February holds sweet events: On February 14, Tutti Frutti in Tradition is hosting our Sweet Treat Event from 2:00-8:00. Join us for some early release fun at your favorite Tutti Frutti store. Bring your flyer and Palm Pointe will receive 20% of your purchase price. Also, your neatly trimmed Box Tops are due no later than February 21; remember, the top three classes from K-2, 3-5, & 6-8 will receive an ice cream reward during lunch on March 2. Good luck!

#### **Basketball Season**

Basketball season is here and the Rockets are getting ready for the district basketball tournament. Come and support our Rocket Basketball Teams as they challenge for the championship. 6th and 7th grade girls and boys basketball teams will be playing on Saturday, February 17 at Dan McCarty Middle School. The 8th grade girls basketball team will be playing on Saturday, February 24, at Westgate K-8 School. 8th grade boys basketball team will be playing on Saturday, March 3 at Allapattah Flats K-8 School. Join us as we cheer our teams to victory!

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day, which is every Friday.			FEBRUARY 2018		Earbuds are for sale for \$4.00. Student Planners on sale for \$5.00	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>C</b> NJHS Candy Sale Begins	2 National Wear Red Day to support Heart Month <b>No School For Students</b>	3 FBA Solo and Ensemble Festival - Westwood HS
4	5 <b>D</b> Interim Reports due to Guidance	6 E	/ F Progress Reports Due PTO 9:00 STEM Fair Project Set-up 3:30-7:30 at Kight Center	8 <b>A</b> SLC STEM Fair Public Viewing 8:00-6:00 @ Kight Center	9 <b>B</b> STEM Fair Judging (Students and Sch. Sci. Fair Coordinators present) 8:00-3:00 PBIS Smencil Sale	10
11	12 <b>C</b> Jump Rope for Heart 2/12-16	13 <b>D</b> Gr. 5 Owl Pellet Presentation in Pods 9:50 AM, 10:55 AM, 1:10 PM Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip 9:45-12:45 — Durgee, Watson, Almeida Gr. K "Q & U" Wedding 2:30 PM	14 <b>E</b> Early Release SAC 8:30 NJHS Candy Sale Delivery First Grade Read with a Sweetheart. @ 12:00PM—12:45 PM PTO Family Night Out @ Tutti Frutti in Tradition 2-8 pm	15 F Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 9:30 Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip 9:45- 12:45—Gutierrez, Innamorato, Hartsfield STEM Fair Award Ceremony 6:30-8:30 @ Fort Pierce Central High	16 <b>A</b> Symphonic Band Rehearse- a -Thon 4:00 till 8:00 Gr. 3 Planetarium Field Trip 9:45-12:45—Hudson, Wiggins, Austin	1/ Boys B Team Basketball Tournament @ Dan McCarty Girls B Team Basketball Tournament @ Dan McCarty
<sup>18</sup> iready Math Growth Monitoring	19 Holiday For All	20 <b>B</b> District History Fair (12:30 - 4:00)	21 <b>C</b> Gr K-2 Fairy Tale Festival 5:30-7:00	22 <b>D</b> NJHS Meeting @ 3:40 PM	23 E SLC Fair 2/23-3/4 PBIS School Wide Event	24 Girls A Team Basketball Tournament @ Westgate Writing Boot Camp 9AM-12PM
25 FSAA 2/26- 4/13	26 F PBIS Core Team 8:30	27 <b>A</b>	28 B Progress Reports Due Citizen of the Month 10:30			