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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm

Supervision

There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time. Our school begins at 9:40 am

Lost and Found

is now located in the front office. Please encourage your children to come and look for any missing items. Also, please write your child's first and last name in items such as jackets and lunch boxes. This would really assist us in returning lost items.

Tardy Students and Early Pick Up

We guard instructional time. Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pick ups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 3:30pm each day.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,
January was another busy month at PPE. Students took benchmark exams participated in school wide science fair and the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.
I am so proud to announce that Palm Pointe placed 2nd in the Martin Luther King Kindness week celebration. Please stop by the front office to see the beautiful trophy that our kind Rockets earned.
We will be hosting our first FCAT FACT FINDER parent meeting on February 10th. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for entrusting us with your child.
Debra Snyder, Principal

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. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Rules:

✓Take Responsibility ✓Engage in Your Learning ✓Act Respectfully ✓Make Safe Choices

January Citizens of the Month

Kindergarten: Amanda Blake, Lia Mihajlovski, Alyssa Bentley, Bianca Arango, Ty Lettera, Brianna Horner, Kaitlin Maciel, Sergio Miranda, Dreux Arvary

Multi-Age Class: Jack Wasserman-Tapias, Darrel Dunbar

1st Grade: Hayden Tate, Haylynn Tate, Matthew Nielsen, Aryan Vashishta, Nicolas Cusa, Gianna Vittori, Samantha Striffler, Paige Clow

2nd Grade: Stephanie Velasco, Moya Smith, Micah Henderson, Taylor Piccoli, Lucius Sparks, Alexandra Brutus, Lamar Freckleton, Savannah Hawthorne

3rd Grade: Jessica Lee, Chisom Nkemakolam, Ashley Zimmerman, Mariana Landinez, Roger Serrano, Alexander Gust, Nadia Castano, Briana Alexander

4th Grade: Carley Murray, Emilyn Stafford, Alyssa Zirger, Elizabeth Sterling, Gabriella Lizarraga, Alicia Newell, Judith Darville, Naomi Oquendo

5th Grade: Susan Ballard, Trey Hannon, Khan Imran, Abigail Fitzpatrick, Caelan Mahieu, Timothy Ross, Falicia Sparks, Sydney Holtzclaw, Jordi Munoz

6th Grade: Alec Ohlrich, Shayane Mattevi, Kyle Pilson, Giselle Mendez, Zachary Swanson, Kevin Aurelien, Raven Butts, Vincent Spicuzza, Alex Emmert, Melissa Torres, Adrienne Rodney, Charity Bell, Callie Stottlemire

7th Grade: Rebecca Mitchell, Kaitlynn Nimblette, Ashley Serrano, Valeria Viruet, Danae Beech, Alexis Parker, Alyssa Critelli, Timothy Ness, Ami Chestnut

8th Grade: Danielle Spera, Bethanie VanPatten, Jakob Rios, Estefany Londono, Eusebio Novoa, Amber Wisniewski, Brittany Salas, Shannon Ferguson



Calling all Grade 3-8 Palm Pointe Parents for our First

FCAT FACT FINDER PARENT Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Social Time 5:00-5:45pm in the Audeteria

Pizza, side and a drink \$2.00

Learn about FCAT Reading, Math and Science
6:00-6:45 Workshop

Grades 3-5 Building 3 Pod 113

Grades 6-8 Building 3 Pod 213

6:50-7:35 (Repeat Sessions)

In the same locations

This year our students will be taking a *new version* of the FCAT. The test is more difficult and we already know the stakes are high. This meeting will share new standards, provide helpful web sites and activities for you to assist your child at home. The workshop is designed for parents and free child care will be provided for school-age students in the audeteria. Parents will also receive a pass that will allow your child not to submit any homework on Friday, February 11. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Parent Involvement Plan

Palm Pointe's Parent Involvement Plan is located on our website. It explains parent involvement activities for the 2010-11 school year.

For those of you interested in a hard copy, please contact the front office at 772-345-3245. Parent Information and Resource Center is also available on our website.

Palm Pointe Research School Volunteer/ Business Partner Recognition

Who: All Volunteers and Business Partners

What: You are invited to a Sweetheart of a Breakfast

**When: Monday, February 14th
9:30am-10:30am**

Where: Palm Pointe's Launch Pad

Our Volunteers and Business Partners put the "Rock" in Rockets....



From the Coach's Corner

In Literacy News.....Middle School Reading Classes have begun the 100 Book Challenge! The 100 book Challenge helps students know what level they are reading at, teaches children to be independent readers, helps students build their reading stamina and establishes expectations and habits that make children smart! There are over 300 books, at each reading level, provided for your child to choose from.

Parents.....how can you help??? Encourage your child to READ! READ! READ! Set aside 30 minutes of uninterrupted time for independent reading every night! Ask your child to see their skills card and review literacy skills your child is working on. Each time your child reads for an uninterrupted 15 minutes they earn one step. For every 20 steps your child will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a drawing to receive an iPod Touch or \$200.00 Visa gift card!!! Students will also receive motivational prizes along the way, as they increase their steps, reading skills and reading levels!
Look to the Coach's Corner each month for featured students who have the most steps! Help your child get their name in the Orbiter!



Spirit Shirts

Please remember Spirit Shirts may be worn on Friday only. PE uniforms are part of the spirit day dress code. Shirts are available in the office.

Dress Code

Thank you for supporting our "Dress for Success" for students. They look fabulous. Remember dress code guidelines are outlined in the student handbook and on our website.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

As we approach the cooler months please assist our Rockets to adhere to the Cold Weather Clause as outlined below.

When the temperature falls 50° or below K-5 students may wear dress code jeans, slacks or school approved skirt with leggings under in school colors.



Outerwear

Properly fitting cardigans, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers in solid blue, gray, white, black and tan are allowed. Small prints in those colors will be permitted. All others will not be permitted while in the school building.

PTO News

Research shows that when parents get involved in a child's school, the child performs better in school. PTO provides easy and fun ways to get involved. You can show your involvement by simply attending the next PTO General Meeting. Watch the parent calendar in the Orbiter for the date.

Keep those Box Tops coming, the contest continues!

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

This year, Palm Pointe is participating in Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week school wide (Feb. 7-11) in honor of sixth grade student, **Sophie Phillips**.

Middle school students can participate in Hoops for Heart event; all you need to do is bring in \$10. For every \$10 raised by the student, middle school students can stay an extra class period at the event. If you raise \$50 you can participate in the event for the whole day and avoid your regular scheduled classes.

N E W S L E T T E R **February 1, 2011**

Our teachers are continuously developing new teaching skills/strategies and acquiring increased levels of content area expertise.

Section 1012.42 of Florida Statutes states when a teacher in a district school system is assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified, outside the field that was the applicant's minor field of study, or outside the field in which the applicant has demonstrated sufficient subject area expertise, as determined by district school board policy in the subject area to be taught, the parents of all students in the class shall be notified in writing of such assignment.

The following teacher(s) have been assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take the appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation.

Teacher	Current Certification	Out-of-field Assignment
Jaime Bell	English 6-12	ESOL Endorsement*
Maria Callejas	Pre-K/Primary (Age 3-Grade 3)	ESOL Endorsement*
Michelle Gagne	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Tracy Hofmann	Pre-K/Primary (Age 3-Grade 3)	ESOL Endorsement*
Summer Kuba	School Social Worker PK-12 Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Kristin Morlock	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Juliet Murray	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Theresa Raymond	Exceptional Student Education K-12 Primary Ed. K-3	ESOL Endorsement*
Lorri Rudzinski	Pre-K/Primary (Age 3-Grade 3)	ESOL Endorsement*
Chanae Sanguinetti	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Allison Snyder	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL Endorsement*
Michelle Tovar	MG Integrated Curriculum	ESOL Endorsement*

*Teachers responsible for Language Arts/English, Developmental Language Arts, Intensive Reading, or Reading classes to one or more students identified as ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) requires the ESOL endorsement. Should the following teacher(s) be assigned an active ELL (English Language Learner) student, he/she will be considered out of field for ESOL:

Valerie Larocque
Holly Condra
Kristy Henderson
Holly Herndon
Betty Hicks
Linda Hughes

Stephanie Lipp
William Lloyd
Victoria Raghbir
Glenna Sigmon
Erica Vittori

If you have any concerns regarding this information, please contact the school principal.

Palm Praises



Please join us in congratulating the following Palm Pointe Students for their outstanding accomplishments:

Martin Luther King Jr. Contest

Essay Winners:

- 1st place Amanda Fritz.....8th grade
- 2nd place Aishwarya Kalluri...5th grade

Oratorical Winners:

- 2nd place Aishwarya Kalluri.....5th grade
- 2nd place Amanda Fritz.....8th grade

School Wide Spelling Bee Winners

Middle School Grade 6-8

- Shelby Arbacheski-2nd place
- Anaya Bailey
- Edwin Bustamante
- Ian Colon
- Giana Ditroia
- Chemaly Fleury
- Andy Garcia-3rd place
- Sara Giraldo
- Vanessa Gonzalez
- Althea Johnson
- Aishani Kalluri
- Matthew Lopez
- Alejandra Mercado
- Kyle Motherway
- Emily Munoz
- Alec Ohlrich
- Evan Risi-1st place
- Jordan Roberts
- Joseph Sarullo
- Michael Smythe
- Gianese Soto
- Alexis Vega
- Valaria Viruet
- Genecia Williamson



Elementary Grade 4-5

- Sarah-Angelina Baptiste
- Tiffany Coronel
- Judith Darville
- Robasky Darville
- Krista Garcia
- Aishwarya Kalluri-3rd place
- Ayanna Lodai
- Catherine Miller
- Logan Poole-1st place
- Noah Romelien
- Kevin Saha-2nd place
- Amanda Sleight
- Madeline Sosa
- William Treu

Grade 3

- Jessica Hughes-2nd place
- Tyler Thomas-3rd place
- Sidney Scaletti-1st place
- Tristan Cavalier
- Priscilla Fernandez
- Hena Malik
- Michaela Keaton
- Nadia Castano

The following students will represent Palm Pointe at the St. Lucie County School District Spelling Bee Competition:

Evan Risi..... Middle School

Logan Poole.....Elementary

We wish them all the best!

School Wide Science Fair Winners

3rd grade

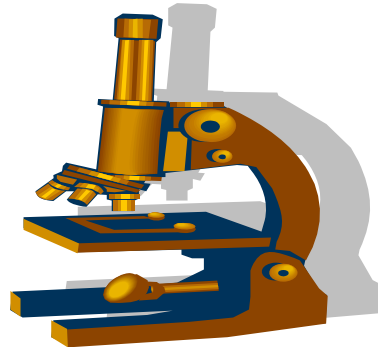
- 1st Ink Stain Efron/Hoeg
- 2nd Sink or Swim VanValkenburg/Polanco
- 3rd Disappearing M & M Vittori/Hoeg

4th Grade

- 1st Pack the Package Kloorfain/Pizzarello
- 2nd M & M Race Snyder
- 3rd Going, Going, Gone Raghubir

5th Grade

- 1st Breakfast Nails Jackson/Hudson
- 2nd Washable Pennies Wallace
- 3rd Float the Boat Joie/Hudson



The following students will represent Palm Pointe at the St. Lucie County District Middle School Science Fair Competition:

TITLE OF PROJECT	CATEGORY	STUDENT NAMES
We Nose about Rockets	Physics	Jackson Biermann; Faris Qubain
Tracking Biodiversity	Environmental Science	Sara Campbell
Can Everyday Materials Reduce the Height of a Tsunami	Earth and Planetary	Kira Anderson; Anabelle Roy
Wood Penetration Test	Physics	Brent McFarland
Let's Float Some Eggs	Physics	Melissa Fox
Anna's Paper Airplane Project	Physics	Anna Cardenal
Yeast and Temperature	Cellular and Mol. Bio	Rebecca Radtke
Java Inferno	Environmental Management	Enzo Everett
Doggie Decisions	Animal Science	Nicole Delano
Energizer Mice	Animal Science	MacKenzie McMichael
Modern Day Mummification	Biology	Alexander Marrero; David Marrero
Whose Mouth Is Cleaner	Micro	Giselle Mendez; Anaya Bailey
Cloudy Electricity	Energy and Transport	Logan Mulderrig

We wish them all the best!

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any Palm Pointe T-Shirt on Spirit Day.

Every Friday is Spirit Day.