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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the second year at Palm Pointe is coming to an end. As I reflect on this year, I am so very proud of the accomplishments that have been achieved by our students, faculty and staff. Under the direction of our outstanding educators, your children have been able to soar to new heights. We have been able to successfully facilitate many fantastic events this year. Our students have done well academically, earned state and district recognitions in contests and competitions as well as continued to build relationships for lasting friendships. They have certainly made all of us proud. Thank you so much for your commitment to Palm Pointe. Your support and patience is appreciated. I look forward to the continuing development of our partnership with FAU and SLCSD as research affiliated partners.

I wish all of our eighth grade students luck in high school. They are prepared and eager to move on to their final years of public education. To the rest of the student body, I hope that they have a restful and relaxing summer. I look forward, with great anticipation, to seeing them again on the first day of school **August 23, 2010**.

Thank you again for all of your support and words of encouragement this year. You and your children **"Rock"**

Sincerely,

Debra Snyder, Principal

May Citizens of the Month Congratulations

Kindergarten: Matthew Tucker, Josiah Prag, Elijah Lindsey, Braylen Lopez, Gianna de Graaff, Hayden Tate, Christopher Cayton

Multi-Age Class: Jaime Williams, Maximillian Simco

1st Grade: Alex Buchanan, Joshua Rios, Amber Abud, Justin Woessner, Jennifer Sterling, Natalie Hernandez, Moya Smith, Micah Henderson

2nd Grade: Ximena Hartley, Joshua Prag, David Zepeda, Alexander Gust, Gavin Chambers, Tiana Qubain, Chase Taylor, Catarina Provenzano, Willissia Gordon

3rd Grade: Isaiah Thermilus, Victoria Darling-Vollman, Thomas Martin, Chasta Garcia, Cole Ehrsam, Logan White, Aryanna Sciabarrasi, Nina Davis

4th Grade: Chase Finney, Jayden Dreher, John Diaz, George Hartley, Susan Ballard, Jasmine Mitchem, Edwon Philippe, Andrew Mamone, Marquis Williams

5th Grade: Kyle Pilson, Shelby Arbacheski, Eric Bailey, Erica Bailey, Alejandro Garcia, Sydney Binner, Kyle Beard, Anna Cardenal, Esmeralda Vergara

6th Grade: Philip Daniel Bell, Kaitlyn Newell, Andrew Milord, Genecia Williamson, Julian Tavera, Shannon Robinson, Gabriel Gutierrez, Alva D'Haiti, Brianna McGlade, Diana Ambrogi

7th Grade: Mary Wiggins, Rebecca Sleight, Celleigh Walker-Vinces, Jayde Alvarez, Erika Eno, Jordan Hess, Chelsea Licea, Breanna Krumenacker, Megan Molner, Walder Cius, Rovere Sailsman

8th Grade: Brittany Gasper, Taylor Jeffery, Chelsea Bernard, Sarah Caldwell, Hannah Sides, Anastasiya Said, Logan Orr, Shavawne Kelly

Meet Your Teacher

Meet Your Teacher is scheduled for August 20 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. This will be an Open House. You may report directly to your child's classroom. Letters will be mailed the middle of August informing you of your child's teacher.

Dress Code 2010-2011

See the attached dress code. Revision were made and approved by the School Advisory Council (SAC) at the April 21, 2010 meeting. Please adhere to these guidelines when purchasing school clothes for your children.

School Supply List 2010-2011

Supply list for the 2010-2011 school year is attached. We hope this will allow you to shop throughout the summer when supplies are on sale.

Summer Office

Hours

Summer hours begin
June 14
Monday through Friday
7:30am until 3:30pm

Auditeria Closed

Due to scheduled ceremonies, our auditeria will be closed on **June 4, 2010**. We will be delivering bagged lunches to all students who have indicated that they will be purchasing lunch.

Important June Dates

June 4	Grade 5	Moving Up	10:00am
June 4	Grade 8	Celebration Ceremony	1:30pm
June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11		Early Dismissal	
June 11		Report Cards Go Home (K-5)	
		Last Day of School	

Middle School report cards will be mailed.

IMPORTANT Information for 2010-2011 School Year

Our school hours have been changed.

School starts **9:40am**

School Ends **4:10pm**

No supervision for students until 9:15am



New Honor Roll Criteria



- No School-wide K Recognition
- Grade 1 and 2

Gold Rocket – All E's for Academics and S's on Social Areas
Silver Rocket – All E's and S's in Academics and S's and P's in Social Areas

- Grade 3-8

Gold Rocket - All A's in Academics and S's on Social Areas

Silver Rocket - All A's and B's. No C's in Academics, S's and P's, no N's in Social Areas

Lost Items

LAST CALL!!! All remaining lost and found items will be donated to charity after June 11, 2010. Please stop by the front office if your child has missing items.

Summer Reading

REST, RELAX and READ this summer. Guidelines for our summer reading program are included and are online. Students participating and meeting requirements will receive special recognition in August.

Uniform/Dress Code Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already donated gently worn uniforms and dress code clothing. We need more. Please save the clothing that your children have outgrown and bring the items to school. We appreciate all donations received.

PTO News

We are excited to announce a **"Family Fun Fest"** to be held at *Palm Pointe* on **Saturday, June 12th from 10:00am – 1:00 pm**. It is "free" to all of the Palm Pointe families. This is a "Thank you" to all of our families for supporting the PTO all year long. Come and enjoy many carnival activities including bounce houses, games, and a dunk tank – come see who is going to be "dunked". Look for a flyer to come home with more information!

Keep saving those "Box Tops", ink cartridges, & Campbell's UPC's all summer long! Fill up that Ziploc bag!

**Have a great summer and "Thanks" from PTO.
We love our Rocket's!**

**Congratulations Eighth Graders
Best Wishes in High School.**



Parent Reminders

Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County In the Palm Pointe Auditoria

Has immediate openings in the before/after school Kidstop program.

No Waiting List!

Registration fee is \$35/\$15 sibling

Low Weekly Fee is \$30-\$52 depending on service required.

Please call **772-873-2848** for more information and/or registration.

Report Cards

Grades K-5 will bring home report cards on June 10. Report cards may not be sent home early. If your child is not in attendance, you may pick up the report card during the summer. Grade 6-8 student's report cards will be mailed.

"Target" money for Palm Pointe

Have your shopping at Target help your child! How? When using your Target Visa or Target Check Card a percentage of your purchase comes back to Palm Pointe! Go to www.target.com/coe, login to your online account and designate Palm Pointe as the school of choice (school id# **150335**). Target issues a check directly to the school twice a year. If you have any questions please call the school. Don't forget to ask your friends and family to designate Palm Pointe as their school of choice too. Thank you from our kids.

Palm Pointe Clinic News

IMPORTANT

Sixth (6th) graders must have a Tdap before entering 7th grade. Immunization records must be turned in to the school clinic on a state 680 blue form obtained at the time of immunization. Call your pediatrician, Health Department or local clinic today for an appointment. **DO NOT DELAY!!**

Celebrations and Congratulations

Palm Pointe's Rocket Racers

Palm Pointe was proud to participate in the District's X3 event. Schools had the opportunity to build and race their own Go Kart. A great time was had by all. There were 7 other schools in the competition. Palm Pointe's go kart was the fastest in every run, achieving a top speed of 37 mph. We came back with trophies and medals. We got third place for

- Best Team
- Best Overall Crew

Join us in acknowledging:

- the crew members, Ryan Dalchand, Billy Lents, Domenic Salema, Brandon Patrick and their parents.
- Ray Dalchand, Ryan's dad, who came in like a knight in shining armor and got us up and running. What we couldn't do in two months he did in one week.
- Wayne Holtzclaw, Rebecca's dad, for painting the kart.
- Southeastern Power Products for supplying the diesel engine
- Apple Machine and Supply Co for doing the machining and metal work
- Everglades Farm and Equipment for paying for the machining and metal work.
- Also, a very special thank you to Joanne Hilhorst, our Middle School biotechnology teacher for her hard work and dedication to the project.
- Last but not least, the Biotechnology students who touched this project. Your interest, enthusiasm and hard work made it all happen.

Way to go Team! You "ROCK".

Our Capital Gig-Band Students Tour Washington, D.C.

Palm Pointe's Symphonic Band toured Washington, D.C. during the Memorial Day Weekend. This patriotic trip included an opportunity for band students to visit Washington's museums and tour the Capitol building. The tour of the Capitol was conducted by Congressman, Tom Rooney and State Representative, Adam Fetterman. Students had their picture taken on the Capitol steps after they performed a musical tribute to our country. After this exciting journey, students boarded the tour bus and departed for Mount Vernon and other historic sites. This trip was then capped off by a journey to Six Flags of America. What an exciting trip! Jason Hatfield, Band Director, and parents of our talented troupe are to be commended for organizing this wonderful trip. We have captured the journey and will share with all. Imagine, this is only Palm Pointe's second year--**You Rock Band Students!!!**

K-5 "Birthday Bash Packages" *"No Hassle"*

It was new in 2009 and is now very popular



You can choose from the following options:
1 cupcake & 4 oz. juice or Minute Maid frozen treat for 75¢ - p/child



or

1 ice-cream & small water for \$1.00 - p/child

BIRTHDAY BOY OR GIRL WILL ALSO RECEIVE A BIRTHDAY HAT!!!

If you would like to schedule your child's special "Birthday Bash", simply call Nancy De Guzman @ 345-3254 to discuss the options available and total cost. Leave the work to us!

Your child will receive his/her birthday bash during their regularly scheduled lunch period. This service is available for elementary only during the 2010/2011 school year.

Golf Clinic

May 18th-21st Palm Pointe P.E. department hosted a golf clinic for our students in grades 3-5 as well as some of our middle school P.E. students. Our lead instructors were Ali Wells from the PGA Learning Center and Chip Swanson, a Palm Pointe parent and golf pro. We had 5 stations in which the students learned skills such as: chipping, putting, and driving. We would like to thank our other volunteers, Mr. Simco, Ms. Griffith, Mr. Kernick Mr. Fernandez, and Mr. deGraff as well for all their efforts. The student's learned about golf and fun was had by all.

State Assessments - FCAT

Congratulations to our third grade students and their teachers. **Scores ROCK!!!**

Grade 3 (% proficient)

	2009	2010	Increase
Reading	70	86	+16
Math	83	91	+8

Grade 4-8 school scores are not expected until the week of June 7. Student scores will not be available until after school is out. Hopefully, middle school student scores will be mailed with report cards. We will do a connect-ed call for all other parents to let you know when they will be available in the front office for pick-up.

Rocket Idol

We celebrated our young people's talent with a Talent Show on May 25. Congratulations to the following students who participated:

Jade Diesslin, Bianca Kadison, Kirsten Leisey, Mackenzie Levin, Nicole McKoy, Ashleigh Fielder, Emma Gamble, Jordan Roberts, Amanda Dehaven, Aishwarya Kalluri, Sophie Phillips, Taylor Jones, Krista Ramsingh and Shaina Reguste.

A special congratulations to our finalists:

1 st place	Sophie Phillips
2 nd place	Bianca Kadison
3 rd place	Mackenzie Levin