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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm

Supervision

There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time. Our school begins at 9:40 am.

District Science Fair Winners

Chemistry-

- 1st: Ellyn Delano (How much gluten are you getting)
- 2nd: Taylor Milton (Lets C what you get)

Earth and Planetary-

- 2nd: Tyler Edwards (Global warming- land loss Truth or Fiction)

Engineering-

- 1st: Sarah Wouters (Why do I have just one bar)

Environmental-

- Honorable Mention: Tiana Qubain (Will water continue the cycle)

Mathematical-

- 2nd- Bryanna Vincens (Which color do you think will be the most common one in a package of M&M's)

Physics and Astronomy-

- 3rd-Ty Dargis (Best Golf Ball out of Pricey or cheap)
- 3rd-Madeline Grahowski (Pitch Perfect)

SPECIAL AWARDS-

Robt Bacchus Award

- Lauryn Beard (It's in the bag)

Broadcom Masters

- Ellyn Delano (How much gluten are you getting)

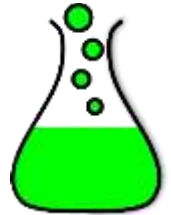
Danae Pick art/science Award

- Madeline Grahowski (Pitch Perfect)

U.S. Air Force

- David Ferguson (Heated Energy)
- Tiana Qubain (Will water continue the cycle)

Congratulations Rockets!!!!



Principal's Corner

Thank you for your continuous support of Palm Pointe. We are proud of our excellent staff, wonderful students and supportive parents. Just a reminder that our Testing season begins soon and will continue until May 12th. The week by week schedule is included in this newsletter.

Grades 4-8 will take the new FSA Writing Assessments next week.

Monday, March 2 will be administrated to Grades 4-7.

Tuesday, March 3 will be administrated to Grades 8 (Endeavor Pod).

Wednesday, March 4 will be administrated to Grade 8 (Challenger Pod).

YEARBOOKS

Yearbook orders will begin on January 20th, and will continue through March 9th. Soft cover yearbooks are \$30 and hard cover yearbooks are \$35. You can also order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code: 9980615. Don't forget, the absolute last day to order is **March 9th**! Don't miss your opportunity to remember the great 2014-2015 school year at Palm Pointe. Please send in cash or check made out to Palm Pointe. Also, please remember to include your child's name and the name of his/her homeroom teacher. If you have any questions please contact Summer Kuba at 345-3245 or summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org

Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter and now Instagram @

Palm Pointe K-8



Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school.

Lost and Found.....

is located in the front office. We have a large amount of items, 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.

Palm Pointe's Parent Involvement Plan

To view our Parent Involvement Plan which explains parent involvement activities for the 2015-2016 school year please visit our website located at <http://www.tradition.fau.edu/> For those of you interested in obtaining a hard copy of the plan, please contact the school at 772-345-3245.

Florida Standards Assessment

The 2015 testing schedule begins with the Writing Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in March with other content tests to follow. All students and parents are encouraged to visit the Florida Standards Assessments website for specific testing information, updates, and practice tests. The website is www.fsassessments.org. The following link provides specific and current information about testing. <http://www.fsassessments.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Florida-Family-Brochure-v6-2.pdf>

REGISTRATION 2015-2016

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now closed. FAU will begin selecting students in March beginning with Kindergarten.

March of Dimes Update

Congratulations to PPE students and staff for your generous support of March of Dimes coin drive. PPE collected the most money in the district for the **March of Dimes Drive, \$694.32.**

Spring Picture Day is here!

Grades K-5 will take pictures on March 5th and grades 6-8 will take pictures on March 9th.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows
3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/2-3

Spring Break –March 30th-April 3rd

Enjoy your time off with your family. Remember to rest, relax and READ...

Palm Pointe History Fair Finalists

Individual Exhibit:

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| Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People | Isabella Nazario-Colon |
| Carl Stotz: The Father of Little League | Tylor Cooke |
| ane Goodall: A Walk Through the Jungle | Ellyn Delano |

Group Exhibit:

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| Dr. Charles Drew | Athresha Kalluri | Mariana Trujillo-Naranjo |
| Walt Disney | Colby Losee | Allyson Eno |
| Freddie Mercury | Madeline Grohowski | Marra Grohowski |

Individual Documentary:

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| William Shakespeare: Leadership and Legacy | Grace Lloyd |
| "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" Muhammad Ali | Tajhana Springs |
| Henry Ford: Wheels Are Moving Through Time | Zandryn Epan-Ramos |

Individual Websites:

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| Walt Disney | Dayana Trombetta |
| Freddie Mercury | Chelsea Juarez |
| Bob Marley | Melaine Persad |

Group Websites:

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| George Eastman: Samantha Watson | Keren Keys |
| Robin Williams: Jaisen Gonzalez | Anthony Perez |

Individual Performances:

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| Harry Houdini | Chase Martin |
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Research Papers:

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| Gene Rodenberry: The Man Behind the Screen | Natalia Callejas |
| Magellan: Circumnavigating the Earth | Lucian Beaubrun |

Representing Palm Pointe at District will be:

- Junior Individual Exhibit: 1st Place: Ellyn Delano, 2nd Place: Isabella Nazario-Colon
- Junior Individual Documentary: 2nd Place: Zandryn Epan Roman, 3rd Place: Grace Lloyd

Project Citizen

Our 7th grade students recently had the opportunity to participate in the Project Citizen showcase which took place at IRSC. Two teams of students presented their class project. Ms. Cruz's class presented "4 Day for Life," and won 3rd place overall in the district! Mrs. Lulkin's class presented "#TechEd." While they did not place, the judges were so impressed with their project and presentation that they requested that they meet for a follow-up discussion. Great job to all students who participated in their class projects, and a special congratulations to your presenters who all did such a fantastic job: Tamsin Kernick, Jessica Lee, Leah Cairns-Shaw, Emma Cimperman, Natalie Ruppert, Sarah Wouters, Alex Gust, and Beth Casev. Great work Rockets!

Congratulations to the following volunteers who represent Palm Pointe this year as Volunteers of the Year:

- Adult Volunteer:** Diana Hight
- Youth Volunteer:** Yulissa Cruz
- Senior Volunteer:** Mary Stowasser

Change of Address

If your home address has changed in the course of the school year, please provide the office with two of the following documents dated within the last 30 days to help us stay up to date on our current records: electric, water, or land line telephone bill, signed lease agreement, current mortgage deed, sales/builder's contract, or rent receipt.

We do not accept: driver's license, cell phone bills, cable bills, bank statements, checkbooks, child support checks, or pay stubs as proof of address.

Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award is given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one student per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Rules:

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

Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:

3/18, 4/22, 5/13


All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Audeteria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Audeteria. Congratulations to all!

February Citizens of the Month

- Kindergarten:** Bryan Regnault, Dominic Ciampa, McKinley Lehman, Ethan Villauso, Jordan Wright, Naicha Guerrier, Aubrey Genereux, Sebastian Fernandez
- 1st Grade:** Samaya Williams, Summer Iqbal, Gabriell Silva, Allie Stott, Ariel DeJesus, Nicholas Stewart, Onyx Diaz-Diaz, Calvin Chuong, Bryan Quackenbos
- 2nd Grade:** Ella Treadway, Andrew Madrid, Rihanna Garcia, Jaxson VanName, Olivia Donnelly, Evelyn Hiller, Ava Waldrop, Brooke Sharkey
- 3rd Grade:** Jacob Cusa, Alondra Torres, Nathan Le, Kayla Curry, Ariana Rivera, Milagros Ochagavia-Pis, Erick Mayor, Savannah McMichael, Lupita Vargas, Quane Daley
- 4th Grade:** Derek Smith-Nautel, Taylor Bush, Joshua Berger, Ian Cruz Gomez, Mariana Cossetti, Saurina Etienne-Salomon, Alex Golden, Collin Kugele
- 5th Grade:** Miranda Lee, Brenda Vargas, Colby Kuba, Emely Galdamez, Brianna Constransitch, Noah Wasserman-Tapias, Kianna Fraga Albuja, Gabriella Bailey
- 6th Grade:** Haryson Pierre Lewis, Nadia Mihajlovski, Alexandra Brutus, Olivia Scott, Andre Gomes-Lopez, Alice DeGracia, Delaney Cassidy, Keera Bernard, Zachary Slaton, Athresha Kalluri
- 7th Grade:** Savannah Browning, Ethan Jones, Antonio Silipo, Ryan Busby, Ethan Hernandez, Marianna Vergara, Morayma Maignan, Jayden Dukes, Joshua Hannan, Bianca Del Rosario
- 8th Grade:** Noah Romelien, Brandon Siders, Chasta Garcia, Anissa Ruiz, Matthew DiMarzio, Beth Casey, Andrew Risi, Jayleannie Arias, Marilyn Rancel, Judith Darville

Guidance Corner- TESTING SCHEDULE

Week One March 2-4 – 2015	Week Two March 23-27- 2015	Week Three April 13- 17-2015	Week Four April 20-24- 2015
March 2 nd - Gr. 4-7 PBT Writing	Gr. 3 FSA ELA PBT Session 1 & 2	Gr. 5 Science PBT Session 1 & 2	Gr. 5 FSA Math CBT Session 1 & 2
March 3 rd - Gr. 8 CBT Writing (Endeavor Pod)	Gr. 3 FSA Math PBT Session 1 & 2	Gr. 5 FSA ELA CBT Session 1 & 2	Gr. 7 FSA ELA CBT Session 2
March 4 th -Gr. 8 CBT Writing (Challenger Pod)	Gr. 4 FSA ELA PBT Session 1 & 2	Gr. 6 FSA ELA CBT Sessions 1 & 2	Gr. 8 FSA ELA CBT Session 1 & 2
	Gr. 4 FSA Math Session 1 & 2	Gr. 7 FSA ELA CBT Session 1	
	Gr. 3 & 4 PBT Make-up	Gr. 8 Science PBT Session 1 & 2	
	Week Five April 27- May 1 - 2015	Week Six May 4-8 -2015	Week Seven May 11 & 12 -2015
	Gr. 6 FSA Math CBT Session 1, 2 & 3	Gr. 7 FSA Math CBT Session 2 & 3 (Continued)	Gr. 7 & 8 FSA Algebra/Geometry CBT Session 1 & 2
	Gr. 7 FSA Math CBT Session 1, 2 & 3	Gr. 8 Math CBT Session 1, 2 & 3	
		Gr. 7 Civics EOC- CBT	



More great news about our PPE Band...26 students went to The Solo and Ensemble Festival over the weekend and 24 received the highest possible rating. 2 Received the second highest rating. Congratulations to Mr. Hatfield and his awesome students.




BOOK FAIR

The Spring Book Fair is on its way and will be making a big splash "Under the Sea!" Our fair will run from March 9-20. Brochures and schedules will go home with students the week before the fair. All our parents and grandparents are invited to join us – either as shopping buddies for your Rockets or as volunteers for the fair. More information can be found on our website or you may call Mrs. Ferguson (library clerk) or Mrs. Garber (media specialist) for more information.

SAY HELLO TO RAPTOR!!!!

In an effort to continually improve the safety and security of your children, St. Lucie Public Schools will be using a new system called **RAPTOR**.

All Campus visitors, including parents and alumni, will need to have their driver's license or military ID available. The Raptor system accesses a national database, preventing anyone who should not be on our campus from gaining access. No one will be on campus without a picture ID badge printed by the Raptor system. The first time you submit your ID, this sophisticated system takes about one minute to process. We will not require Raptor badges for morning drop-off, however we encourage you to stop by and process your ID if time requires. Thank you for your patience as we implement this important new security procedure for our campus!!

50th Annual St. Lucie County Fair

The Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Ft. Pierce supports School Art Exhibits each year with monetary awards. Mark your calendar now for February 27- March 8, 2015. Stop by the School Exhibits and vote for Palm Pointe. The school with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award of \$500.

Title 1 Presents: "Parents: You Matter"

A dynamic, community education program, delivered by local law enforcement, prevention and treatment professionals, introduces parents and other caring adults of children to helpful tools and resources for drug and alcohol prevention and early intervention free of charge. **Thursday, March 5, 2015 6:00-8:00 pm at Ft. Pierce Central High School. For information contact 772-429-4630**

www.drugfree.org/pact360

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

March

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 March 2 - April 3 Cella Testing Florida Alternative Assessment—March 2-23 National School Breakfast Week	2 ELA Writing Gr. 4-7 PBT	3 Gr. 4-7 Make-Ups Gr. 8 ELA Writing-CBT (90-120) Endeavor am Think Tank Talks—DQ 3 @ 4:30 pm	4 PTO General 8:50 am PTO Board 9:30 am Gr. 8 ELA Writing – CBT Challenger am Whatcha Reading Wednesday Progress Reports Go Home (Identified Students) B2	5 Spring Picture Day (K-5) Gr. 2 Read w/ a Family Member @ 2:45 pm K-2 100 Book Challenge Follow Up Day	6 Book Fair Set up in Media Center	7 District SHINE 7:30 am-3:30 pm (1st Year Teachers to St. Lucie County) @ Palm Pointe
	F5	A1		C3		D4
8 Daylight Saving Begins (Spring Forward)	9 PBIS Mtg. 8:30 am Spring Picture Day (6-8) Spring Book Fair Begins E5	10 PST Meetings Superintendent Learning Lunch * Nicole Charles 11:30 am	11 NEST 8:30 am	12	13 Grading Window Opens 8:50– FSA ELA & Math Training for Gr 3 & 4 Leadership Team Mtg 2:30—4:00 pm C4	14
15	16 K-5 Group Class Picture Day Lollipop Sale to support Relay for Life \$1.00 D5	17 St. Patrick's Day Fire Drill 2:45 am Lollipop Sale to support Relay for Life \$1.00 E1	18 SAC 8:30 am Citizen of the Month 10:00 am Taping of Elem. All County Chorus (3 Identified Students) Mark R Livestream 4:30 pm—6:30 pm F2	19 End of 3rd Nine Weeks Faculty Council 8:15 am Attendance Meeting 10:45 am Tour for Perspective Students @ 2:00 Gr. 1 Math Egg Hunt @ 2:30 parents invited (outside build. 2) Last day of Tutoring Book Fair Ends A3	20 Student Holiday Teacher/Staff Work Day Grading Closes	21
22	23 FSA ELA Gr. 3 & 4 PBT S1 (80 min) B4	24 FSA ELA Gr. 3 & 4 PBT S2 (80 min) C5	25 Early Release-Team Planning Site Safety 8:50 am Teacher Training: Gr. 5 & 8 (NGSSS Science) 2:30 pm Gr. 5-8 (CBT) 2:45-4:00 pm FSA Math Gr. 3 & 4 PBT S1 (80Min) D1	26 FBA Middle School Concert Band Festival 4/26-28 @TBD FSA Math Gr 3 & 4 PBT S2 (80 min) E2	27 \$1.00 No Dress Code Day to Support "Light It Up Blue - Autism Awareness" St. Lucie CTA/CU 2015 Annual Benefits Enrollment and Review All Day in Build 1 Break room PBIS: Drawings-5RF K-Sight Word Egg Hunt 2:30 pm Gr 3 & 4 PBT Make Ups 100 Book Challenge Follow Up F3	28 FBA Middle School Concert Band Festival
29	30 Spring Break 12 Month Employees Work	31 Spring Break 12 Month Employees Work				