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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.

Principal's Corner

February has been a great month. We recognized over 600 students during Honor Roll assemblies. Our Jazz Band received superior rating at the FBA Solo & Ensemble Festival, and we were well represented at the District Science and History Fair. It is difficult to believe that the end of the third nine weeks is fast approaching and our FSA testing has begun. Students in grade 4-8 will participate in the writing portion of the assessment Feb 29 & March 1st. The rest will be given after Spring Break. Your students are well prepared by dedicated staff and will perform well.

I want to personally thank you for sharing your most prized possession with us. We love teaching them every day...

Enjoy your Happy Spring Break

Rest... Relax... Read

Debra Snyder

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Palm Pointe 2015-2016 Yearbooks

For sale NOW through March 17th!

\$30 Softcover & \$35 Hardcover

Order online at <https://yppay.lifetouch.com>

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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 2016-2017 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 2016 testing schedule has begun 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->

REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now closed. FAU will begin selecting students in March beginning with Kindergarten.

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

Adult Volunteer: Stacia Nautel

Youth Volunteer: Madelin Wright

Senior Volunteer: Adrian Goetz

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows
3/18, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27

Spring Break - March 21th-March 25th

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



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

Palm Pointe K-8



Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school.

District Science Fair Winners

Physics:

Sofia Tovar
Connor Stottlmore
Hector Pena
Isabella Nazario- Colon

Temperature vs. Magnets
Magnets Attract
Which Bat is Better

Material Engineering:

Tyler Cooke
Ariadna Hiller
Alexander Gust
Annelise Ramirez

Charge with solar
Solarize your backpack
Can solar energy power a car?
Homemade Charger

Environmental Engineering:

Andre Lopez
Harlem Lilley

Electromagnetic Car
Removing oil from rivers

Environmental Science:

Anthony Marlow
Jackson Stewart
Riley Holtzclaw
Sarah Wouters

Material Reactions
How oil spills affect plant life
Solar vs. Wind: Energy Efficient
Saliferous Scum

Microbiology:

Nicole Vargas
Dudleen Paul

Germ Freaks
Smelly Shoes

Social and Behavioral Science:

Sidney Scaletti
Alyssa Dwyer

Left or Right
Dominant vs. Non-Dominant

Chemistry:

Justin Cruz
Cassidy Taylor
Nadia Castano
Jacqueline Jaimes

Evaporation Rating
Ethylene's major affect on fruit
Does sugar affect density
C6H12o6

Plant Sciences:

Haylynn Tate
Athresha Kalluri
Ellyn Delano

Mr. Magnet meets Mrs. Plant
No soil, No Problem
An apple a day may not keep the doctor away

Palm Pointe History Fair Finalists Representing Palm Pointe at the District Fair

Individual Exhibit:

Alexander Von Humboldt
Mansa Musa

Ariadna Hiller
Cristian Azcona

Group Exhibit:

The Ashley Gang Encounters with Law Enforcement
Mandela and King: The Fight to Freedom

Kaylee Lloyd, Lillian Bloom
Caitlyn Lucas
Shannon McGregor, Sofia Tovar

Individual Documentary:

The Perfect Ten
Alexander Graham Bell

Melanie Blasco
Gary Orsargos

Group Documentary:

Walking Freedom: The Jim Crow Laws

Jasmine Prince, Kacy Zdenek

Individual Websites:

Steve Jobs
Wright Brothers

Jace Ochacher
Krish Vashista

Group Websites:

History of Soccer
Amelia Earhart

Brandon Ramos, Nikolas Polvos-Gomez
Elyse Bailey, Gabriella Bailey

Individual Performances:

The Dodge Brothers

Braylen Lopez

Group Performances:

Anna Pavlova
Seneca Falls

Haley Chimelis, Sarah Wouters
Beth Casey, Tiana Qubain, Natalie Ruppert,
Megan Audette

Research Papers:

Marvel Comics: The Exploration of Ideas, the Encounter of Hardships, and the Exchange of Culture & Society
Important Contributions Archeology & Paleontology Have Made in Understanding Florida's Past

Nicholas Young
Joshua Prag

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

Kindergarten: Gabriella Dacosta, Rhys Mendoza, Emma Dickinson, Alexander Arisi, Isabella Silva, Jake Blizzard, Gabriella Rabassa, Nile Edwards, Allura Leighon

First Grade: Austin Borgella, Madelein Mahaney, Jackson Armstrong, Jackson Starling, Karoleena Brooks, Katharina Keefer

Second Grade: Madison Santiago, Mia Hurtarte, Liani Rivera, Kayla Ward, Xiomara Perez, Onyx Diaz, David Oliver, Jocelyn Hatfield, Lamarr Parks

Third Grade: Annabella Hall, Crystal Smith, Michelle Donohue, Gabriele Bologna, Keyanna Jackson, Jy'l Henry, Kyle Altamuro, Haylee Ayala, Saya Joseph, Sara Teninty

Fourth Grade: Kadyn Behringer, Alondra Torres, Jamrion Anderson, Ryan Murnane, Ava Wheeler, Amber O'Berry, Kaylee Hunt, Olivia Bernard

Fifth Grade: Savanna Buonocore, Zachariah Lisk, Jacoby Smith-Nautel, Jacob West, Kate Ehrsam, Elias Ward, Cristian Arvelo, Ashley Buchanan, Christopher Munroe

Sixth Grade: Ariadna Hiller, Maximillian Simco, Hugo Calderon, Emely Galdamez, Aidan Landron, Cristian Azcona, Emilie Saincy, Michael Zich

Seventh Grade: Traive Martinez, Jake Montgomery, Brianna Jean, Haryson Pierre Louis, Marianna Trujillo, William West, Alex Buchanan, Jayden Sullivan, Ariel Rubel, John Sarullo

Eighth Grade: Melanie Blasco, Annelise Ramirez, Justin Arthur, Zachary Altamuro, Antonio Hightower, Kaylee Lloyd, Megan Audette, Justin McGregor, Michaela Keaton

Spring Picture Day is here!

Grades K-5 will take pictures on March 1st and grades 6-8 will take pictures on March 2nd. Refer to the bright pink flier that was sent home with your child for dress code expectations.

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 and Mrs. Lulkin's classes presented "Free the Seating" and "Fix the Trips". While they did not place, the judges were impressed with their projects and presentations. 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: Zach Slaton, Athresha Kalluri, Zandryn Epan-Ramos, Ashley Coronel, Kyrstin Neal, Dewight Lambert, Aldric Ward, and Daniel Polvos. Great work Rockets!

BOOK FAIR

Break out your groovy tie dyed duds, beads, and your flower power for the "Peace Love Books" Spring Book Fair coming to the Media Center from March 7-17. 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. Be sure to plan to attend the Muffins for Moms event on Tuesday, March 8th at 8:30 am or Family Night activities to be held on Thursday, March 10 from 4:00 until 5:30 pm. More information can be found on our website or you may call Mrs. Ferguson (library clerk) or Mrs. Garber (media specialist) at 772-3425 for more information and to volunteer. Power to the Books!



ATTENTION PARENTS

Palm Pointe Families,

If you know you are coming to your child's event that will take place in their pod/ classroom, please contact the front office so we can pre- print your name tag
Thank you!

TESTING SCHEDULE

Week One Feb 29-Mar 4	Week Two March 7-11	Week Three March 14-18	Week Four March 21-25	Week Five March 28-31
Gr 4-7 FSA Writing Paper based test	Gr 4 FSA ELA Practice computer based test	Gr 8 FSA ELA & Math Practice computer based test	SPRING BREAK	Gr 3 FSA ELA Paper based test
Gr 8 FSA Writing Computer based test	Gr 7 FSA ELA & Math Practice computer based test			Gr 4 FSA Math paper based test



51st 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 Feb 26- March 6, 2016. Stop by the School Exhibits and vote for Palm Pointe. The school with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award of \$500.

PTO News:

Please join us at "Five Guys Burgers & Fries" on St. Lucie West, Wednesday, March 9 from 3:00-9:00. They will sponsor our Community Night Fundraiser for the month of March. Not only does Five Guys have great burgers, but also offers a variety of milkshakes. We would like to congratulate our Box Top winners. K-2. 3-5. 6-8.
Each of these lucky classes received a **\$25 gift card**.
We hope you all enjoy your Spring Break

It's the season for the Flu:

Remember to:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. This will protect against spreading germs. If soap & water are not available, use an alcohol based rub.
- If your child is sick, they should stay home to rest. They need to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Keep your child home from school, day care or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without fever reducing medicine. A fever is deemed as 100 degrees or higher

Every Friday 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 Elem. Lifetouch Pictures Gr.8 CBT Writing- Endeavor Gr.4-7 ELA PBT maik e ups thru Mar.4 A1	2 M/J Lifetouch Spring Pictures PTO General 9am Perspective Parent Tour 2pm B2	3 Gr.6 CBT Practice- ELA C3	4 Last day Gr.4-7 ELA PBT make-ups Gr. 6 CBT Practice- Math D4	5
6 Book Fair 3/7 to 3/17 March 11-18 Gr. 8 Registration for High School E5	7 Book fair Begins Gr.7 CBT Practice- ELA	8 Gr. 7 CBT Practice- ELA 8:30-9:30am Book Fair Muffins for Mommas and Pastries for Pops F1	9 PTO Family Night Out @5 Guys 4pm- Close Gr.7 CBT Practice- Math A2	10 Trivia & tacos- Gr.6 Family Event- 6pm in Audeteria Gr.4 CBT Practice- ELA Gr.7 Trip to Centennial HS Mock Trail 9:30-12:30/ 12:30-3:30 Book Fair Family Night 4-5:30 B3	11 No dress code \$1.00 To support March of Dimes Gr.7 CBT Practice- Math High School Counselors to meet with Gr.8 students @ 12:20pm in Gr.8 rooms C4	12 Symphonic Band Pre-Evaluation on TCHS
13 Gr.K-8 PBIS- 5 Raffle tickets for 5 Rocket Fuel tickets on Sale D5	14 Gr.8 CBT Practice ELA 6 th Gr. Tdap Vaccine 12:15-3pm Room 1-130	15 Grading Window Opens Gr.8 CBT practice- ELA Gr.K Thinking Maps Family Event 5:30-6:30pm E1	16 SAC 8:30am Citizen of Month 10am Gr.8 CBT Practice- Math Math tutoring ends F2	17 Gr.8 CBT Practice- Math ELA Tutoring ends Book Fair ends A3	18 End of Third Nine Weeks Early Release Day Gr. K Word Hunt @10:30am Student Rocket Fuel Drawing during Lunch B4	19
20	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25 Holiday for All	26
27	28 EOC Civics Practice C5	29 FSA Rdg Gr.3 PBT ses 1-80min EOC Civics Practice D1	30 Early Release Grading window closes Gr.3 FSA Reading PBT ses 2- 80min E2	31 FBA MS Concert Band Festival Site TBA FSA Rdg Gr.3 PBT make ups 3/31-4/8 Gr.3& 4 FSA Math PBT ses 1-80min F3	Tutoring M-W Math T-TH ELA	