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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

Dear Parents,

What an exciting year we have had so far, and it's hard to believe the 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close. No words express the gratitude I have for each of you and your children. It has been an amazing eight year journey at Palm Pointe. Whether I have worked with your child for one year or for eight, I have enjoyed them very much. This is an exceptional institution because of the staff, students and of course you! I will miss everyone so much but am looking forward to a new journey. My retirement will consist of relaxation, spending time with my parents and family in PA, traveling and of course volunteering in some capacity

Thank-you for your support throughout the years!

Debra Snyder

Parent Information Resource Center

Did you know there is a Parent Information Resource Center located in the Front Office- FAU room? You can find a number of brochures and videos in English

& Spanish. Some of the topics include:

*Ways to help children succeed in school

*Learning activities for rainy days

*Helping children cope with Divorce, ADD/ADHD, depression, etc.

*Parents are teachers too!

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. This would really assist us in returning lost items.

Staff Appreciation

Palm Pointe will honor and celebrate the dedication of our outstanding faculty and staff during the week of **May 2-6**. PTO, NJHS and Administration have planned many special events. If you have a chance, please take a moment to have your child or yourself say thank you to our staff during this special week.

Unauthorized Facilities Usage

Over the past few months, there have been an increasing number of students who change their method of transportation to walk off campus after school and return to the campus after school hours to use our facilities. Students are not allowed to return to campus during unauthorized/unsupervised times of the day. School policy states, that students who plan to change their method of transportation need to have written approval from parents. This change should be turned in to the child's teacher prior to dismissal. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for sharing this information with your child's teacher.

May FSA Test Administration Schedule

May 2 7th gr. Math Session 1 60 minutes

May 3 7th gr. Math Session 2 & 3 60 minutes x 2

May 4 7th gr. Math Session 2 & 3 60 minutes x 2

May 9 8th gr. Alg & Geo Session 1 90 minutes

May 10 8th gr. Alg & Geo Session 2 90 minutes

May 11 7th gr. Civics Session 1 Columbia 160 minutes

May 12 7th gr. Civics Session 1 Apollo 160 minutes

May marks the end of the "test season." Thank you to parents and students for on-time attendance, and positive attitudes! All your efforts are appreciated and help our students feel confident during their test sessions!

Congratulations!

The following students placed in the Dr. Samuel S. Gaines Essay Contest:

Alyssa Monaco - 6th grade, placed **2nd in the Middle School** category (\$100.00 prize)

Alexia Morgan - 3rd grade, placed **3rd in the Elementary School** category (\$75.00 prize)

These students will be recognized on **May 10th @ 5pm** for the School Board meeting for this honor.

OUR GIRLS TRACK TEAM TOOK SECOND PLACE IN THE DISTRICT INTRAMURAL GAMES! Way to Go!

IRSC's Take Stock in Children

Eighth Grade student **Erica Nicholson**, is the recipient of the 4 year Indian River State College scholarship. CONGRATULATIONS ERICA! (Out of all applicants from all SLC county in Middle School).

Middle School Electives

Elective Sheets for next school year will be handed out by mid-May. The turn-around time will be swift so be looking for the sheet when your child brings it home in their backpack. Remember: if your child does not return their elective sheet, their elective choices will be limited to whatever is still available.



Celebration

Monday, May 23rd - PPE's Audeteria Kindergarten Pinning

9:45 am Foohs, Roberts, Gauthier

10:45 am Knapp, Rubel

2:45pm Kreitzman, Perez

Tuesday, May 24th - PPE's Audeteria

10:00am Grade 8 Celebration

1:30pm Grade 5 Moving Up

Early Release Schedule:

Wed, May 25:

Early Release Day

Thu, May 26:

Early Release Day

Fri, May 27:

Early Release Day & Last Day

Summer Activities

See attached for activities to help alleviate the "Summer Slide"



A Message from Mrs. Perez

Dear Palm Pointe Family Members,

I am looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year with great excitement, as I begin my role as your new principal. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside of two outstanding leaders and be part of the leadership team here at Palm Pointe for the past 6 years. I am honored to have been chosen to be the next principal of Palm Pointe.

Palm Pointe is a special place...I love our faculty, staff, families and most of all, our rockets!

I want to assure you that during this time of change, I am committed to the vision and mission that is core to our school. The expectations for our staff and students will not change. I look forward to the important work of learning, teaching, and community building that lies ahead in order to continue to build upon the tradition of excellence that has been set. We are preparing our Rockets for their next mission.

Mission Ready...that's the Pointe!

National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the 52 seventh grade students who have qualified for the Palm Pointe 2016-2017 National Junior Honor Society. The criteria is based on grade point average, personal essay and teacher recommendation. Well done, Inductees!!!
Induction Ceremony May 5, 6:00 pm

Madison Dye was selected to receive the National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award for \$500.

Palm Pointe Yearbook Signing Party

Dear Palm Pointe Families,
 Yearbooks will be delivered the end of May. Although we don't have a secure date yet, you will want to be watching for a flier to be sent home so you don't miss out on the 2015/16 Palm Pointe memories!
 The books will be sold on a 1st come 1st serve basis. We have a limited number of yearbooks available in May so you will want to purchase **when they arrive!**

Party Details:

K-2 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 9:45-10:30 (Audeteria)
 3-5 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 10:45-11:30 (Audeteria)
 6-8 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 9:45-10:30 (in Pod)

Please plan to purchase a yearbook prior to this date if your child plans to attend. Each student that pre-ordered or purchases a book will receive a souvenir pen and will be invited to the auditeria for music, mingling and SIGNING!

PTO NEWS

As you know, Ms. Snyder & Mrs. Iseman are retiring this year. We wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors. We also want to congratulate Mrs. Perez on becoming the next principal of Palm Pointe.
 Staff Appreciation is the first week of May. This is the perfect time to show your gratitude to your children's teachers.
 The PTO is hosting 2 luncheons and 1 breakfast during that time.

Please turn in your neatly trimmed Box Tops no later than May 17 as there is one last contest.

Thank You to all of the support you gave to your PTO this year. The 2016/17 Board, Pam Molner, Daniella Davis, Cindy Darville, & Marie Simco, wish you a fun filled summer.

Surveys:

Thank you to the 530 families who completed our 2015-2016 Title I Parent Involvement/Satisfaction Survey, either in paper form or online! Results and comments have been posted on Palm Pointe's website: <http://tradition.fau.edu/>.
 If you would like a paper version, please visit our front office to request a copy. Survey results will be reviewed and analyzed with teachers at our next faculty meeting, on May 6, 2016. SAC will also review the results at its next meeting, on May 18, 2016.
 Representative teams of teachers, parents, and community members are currently reviewing Palm Pointe's 2015-2016 School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parental Involvement Plan (PIP) and providing suggestions for next year's school plans. This process will be complete by mid-May, and their feedback and ideas will also be posted on Palm Pointe's website: <http://tradition.fau.edu/>.

Every Friday is Spirit Day.

May 2016

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 MS History Fair in Tallahassee May 1-3, 2016 (Identified Students) Staff Appreciation May 2-6 Elem. Sea Camp Field Trip (Identified students)	2 FSA Math Gr 7 CBT Ses 1-60 min D5	3 FSA Math Gr 7 CBT Ses 2 & 3-60 min each E1	4 PTO General 9:00 am FSA Math Gr 7 CBT Ses 2 & 3-60 min each Gr. 5-6 Honor Roll 10am	5 Gr. 7-8 Honor Roll 10 am FSA CBT Make up day Gr. 2 Publishing Party 2:45 pm in classrooms NJHS Induction 6:00 pm A3	6 Band Trip to Tampa (Identified Students) 6-11:00 pm Gr. 3-4 Honor Roll 10 am in Audeteria Gr. K Mother's Day Munch 11:45 am in classrooms FSA CBT Make up day & Last Day of Window B4	7
8	9 EOC-Alg & Geo CBT Ses 1-90 min-3 hr C5	10 EOC: Alg 1 & Geo CBT Ses 1 90 min (8th gr) EOC-Alg & Geo CBT Ses 2-90 min-3 hr Sports Banquet 2:30 pm—Auditeria (Identified Students)	11 NGSSS EOC CBT- Civics-S1 160 min-6hr (Columbia + 1 PBT Accommodated student) 5th Gr Trip to Sea World-6:30-8pm Gr. 6 PBIS Event 10RF ● Spring Challenge Games 2:45—3:45 pm	12 NGSSS EOC CBT- Civics-S1 (Apollo) 160 min-6hr Gr. 8 PBIS Event 10RF ● Spring Challenge Games 2:45—3:45 pm	13 Gr. 8 Dance 7:00-10:00pm ● Gr. 7 PBIS Event 10RF Spring Challenge Games 2:45—3:45 pm	14
15 PBT Accom 4/18-5/13	16 Book Battle 9:50 am (Identified MS students) in Auditeria B5	17 PBIS-"Once Upon a Time" Drama Class Production Gr 3-5- 10:00 am & K-2 - 2:30pm -15RF—Stage "Once Upon A Time" Production for Families 6:00 pm Adults \$5.00, Students \$3.00	18 SAC 8:30am Science/Math Semester Exam Citizen of the Month 10am	19 LA/Social Studies Semester Exam Sunshine State Celebration 3:15 pm in Launch Pad (Identified Students)	20 Gr. 8 Grad Night 2:00pm-2:00 am No Dress Code \$1.00 to support PBIS	21 Band Awards Ceremony (Audeteria Palm Pointe @ Noon)
22	23 Elective/Reading Semester Exam Gr. K Pinning's 9:45, Gauthier, Foohs, Roberts 10:45 Knapp, Rubel 2:45 Kreitzman, Perez Gr. 3 Field Trip to Orlando Science Center 7:30 am-6 pm A5	24 Gr. 8 Graduation 10:00 am Gr. 5 Moving Up 1:30pm All Lunches in Classrooms Gr. 6 Living Voices Presentation In pods 1:00—2:00 pm B1	25 Early Release Day Yearbook Signing Party K-2 9:45- 10:30 in Auditeria 3-5 10:45 - 11:30 in Auditeria 6-8 9:45 - 10:30 - Pod Gr. 1 Red Carpet Awards 11 am C2	26 Early Release Day D3	27 Early Release Day Elem. Report Cards go home Last Day for Students E4	28
29	30 Holiday For All	31 Teacher Work Day	June 1 Teacher Work Day	MJ Report Cards are mailed in June		