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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,
The month of September proved to be a busy month. We had our first Citizen of the Month assembly, where we honored many students based on the school-wide expectations. Students completed comprehensive pretests in reading, math, science and social studies. This information will help teachers determine curriculum direction and focus. As always, thank you for your support. You help make Palm Pointe the best!

Debra Snyder, Principal

Lunch

Parents are always invited to lunch. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the Auditoria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your child/ren. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the auditoria. If you are giving permission for extended family or friends to have lunch with your child a note must be sent to the front office prior to the lunch date.

Skyward Family Access

Family Access is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Before you can use family access you must have a user name and password for your new account. Please go to the web address below, print out a school family access form. Fill it in and return to school along with a copy of your ID. Once the form is processed an email will be sent to you with your user name and password. Using one password you can access records for all of your children, even if they are attending different schools within the district.
<http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/parents-students/family-access.aspx>

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm

Supervision

We will begin to supervise students at 1-8 car drop off at 9:10 am each day. Students will be asked to sit on the bench until the gate opens at 9:15 am. Once the staff supervisor arrives, we need for you to return to your vehicle and exit.

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 it disrupts 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 pickups 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.**

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.

Picture Make Up/Retake Day

Fall picture make up day is **October 30**. Picture make up day is for students who were absent on the original picture days.

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.

Math Facts at Home

Most students are successful in higher order thinking math skills when they are fluent in basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Parents are encouraged to provide support by following these tips for teaching math facts at home.

1. Practice a few facts at a time.
2. Add a few more facts when previous set is mastered.
3. Practice what has been mastered.
4. Answer math facts without hesitation.
5. Set realistic, individual fluency goals.
6. Develop a routine of daily practice sessions.
7. Sessions should be short.
8. Provide corrective feedback.
9. Progress monitor success!

Source: www.teachhub.com

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. Elective and resource teachers will 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:

10/15, 12/12, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/22, 5/13

All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Auditoria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Auditoria

September Citizens of the Month

Kindergarten: Elyja St. Fleur, Katharina Keefer, Caroline Croce, Gavin Piscopo, Andrea Keaton, Madeleine Mahaney, Callie Berrios, Abigail Pruitt
1st Grade: Collin Barnhart, Kayla Ward, Jayla Lopez, Madison Pesula, Michael Gamboa, Ricardo Diaz, Benjamin Hight, Findley Wessel, Naiya Pierre-Louis, Victoria Wilson, Jayden McGregor, Olivia Sacchetillo
2nd Grade: Brianna Maciel, Jaxon Behringer, Annie Kelly, Matias Calderon, Gabriella Albritton, Amanda Portes, Dylan Stanton, Crystal Smith
3rd Grade: Joshua Volcin, Kelsey Heishman, Kennedy Moody, Jasmine Echazabal, Tyler Reid, Nicolas Tovar, Jeremiah Arancibia-Rafferty, Chloe Zdenek
4th Grade: Olivia Gust, Abigail Rinker, Kiera Murray, Amanda Blake, Dreux Arvary, Maya Gonzalez, Ashley Trombetta, David Ortega
5th Grade: Ariadna Hiller, Mia Wheeler, Lucius Sparks, Ashley Reynolds, Amber Dehaven, Zachary Pruitt, Alyssa Dwyer, Rollin Pattison
6th Grade: Dudleen Paul, Alexandra Sessa, Willmer Isaac, Gabriel de la Cruz, Taylor Piccoli, Nicholas Keane, Krystin Neal, Cameron Stott, Anna Burtsev
7th Grade: Alexia Ochoa, Sarah Wouters, Elexis Goldberg, Jordan Diaz, Alyssa Tisdale, Alexander Gust, Amanda, Dale Francis, Kyle Donahue, Miguel Fantin, Tanaje Forte, Pablo De Gracia
8th Grade: Amanda Bouquet, Luke Bentley, Kwadwo Adjei, Manuel Ray, Courtney Holsinger, Keaton Hall, Quinn Martin, Adriel Fulgueira, Carley Murray, Cole Ehram

PTO News

Thank you to all the families who joined us at Big Apple Pizza. We had such an outstanding time we are having our second "Family Night Out" on 10/28/14 at **Moe's Southwest Grill** from 5:00pm-9:00pm. The flyers will be sent home with the children. Your Yankee Candle orders are due by 10/15/14. Your items will be delivered in time for the holidays. Remember you may also order online by following the directions on the parent letter. We will advise you as soon as the deliveries arrive. There is still time to purchase your lucky raffle ticket for the KING size balsam & cedar 4-wick 13 pound jar. We are having our first Box Top reward contest of the 2014/15 year. Please turn in your neatly trimmed **BOX TOPS** by **October 25**. Your class may win the **\$25 gift card**.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
10/22, 10/29, 11/19, 12/19, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/2, 6/3

Target - Take Charge of Education Donations

Palm Pointe has received our 2013 Target Take Charge of Education Donation in the Amount of \$892.39. Currently we have 58 Parents/Teachers/Sponsors who have designated Palm Pointe to receive an amount equal to 1% of your Target Credit Card, Target Visa, or Target Debit Card Purchases!!!! Thank you!!!! Please enroll for free and tell your friends to designate our school as well!!!! Account holders can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting Target.com/tcoe or an in-store kiosk.

Planners

Planners are mandatory for all students K-8. They are on sale for \$5.00 in the front office.

ESOL Corner

Kindergarten students were recently given the IPT assessment (Oral Language Proficiency Test). Florida State Law mandates that if a student is unable to demonstrate proficiency in the English language, they must be placed in the ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) program where they will receive additional academic support in their regular classroom. If your child is in the ESOL program and you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Kuba at 772-345-3245.

Palm Pointe Music K-4 Open House

You're invited to join a music class! Yes, we are inviting you to come to a music class with your child. October 6-13 parents, grandparents and community members are invited to come to the music room to see what is happening! Be prepared to move, sing, play instruments and maybe even play a game or two. You will find that it is 45 minutes packed with activities that not only teach musical concepts, but reinforces reading and math skills. Check with your child or your child's teacher confirm the time and day he/she attends music class. I guarantee you will have a great time and maybe even learn a few things as well!

Supporting Reading at Home

1. Talk about books, especially the great ones: The Common Core says that children need to "read books worth reading". We all know that reading ANYTHING is great for kids, but they should be exposed to great writers and challenging content too. Lead by example!
2. Ask your children questions about what they're reading: One of the key shifts with the Common Core is its requirement that students (both orally and in writing) cite evidence from the texts they're reading to make an argument. Try asking questions that require your kids to talk about the content of the books they're reading. For example, have them give reasons why a favorite character was heroic or clever or forgiving.
3. Push your children to read nonfiction: Reading fiction is still a critical and wonderful part of learning to read, but the Common Core elevates the importance of nonfiction, or "informational text", as the authors of the standards call it. Does your son love gross bugs? Get him a book about cockroach infestations and let him dig deep into a topic that interests him. You might have a future scientist in your house!
4. Encourage your children to write, write, write: The Common Core State Standards emphasize the fundamental link between reading and writing. Writing to persuade by citing evidence is a key 21st Century skill. Encourage your children to keep a journal or blog, or write a letter or an e-mail to their favorite author.

Million Father March

The Million Father March has grown out of recognition of the power of male involvement in the education of all students. A father who actively participates in the educational and social developmental life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable. A 2004 summary study by The Parent Institute showed that at schools where teachers reported high levels of outreach to parents, reading test scores rose 50 percent higher, and math scores 40 percent higher, than in schools where teachers reported low levels of outreach.

Palm Pointe is inviting all dads to bring their child to school on Tuesday, October 7th at 8:30am. You are invited to the Audeteria for a short presentation and then you will march around the school while staff and others cheer on our dads and their children. You do not need to sign-in with the front office. You will go directly to the Audeteria.

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 and 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

PPE Tweets

Did you know that Palm Pointe has an official **Twitter Account**? Beginning on October 1st, we will be tweeting information as a way to keep families and friends of PPE updated. How can you find us?
 1. Create a Twitter Account if you don't have one.
 2. Search for Palm Pointe K-8 in the search box.
 3. Click the Follow button.
 4. Next to the Follow button is a small icon/cog with more user actions, click on it.
 5. Scroll down to Turn on Mobile Notifications and click on this if you want tweets sent directly to your mobile device.
 Now you will be updated with important information and reminders about PPE and see what's happening in our school. Our goal is to have 500 followers by the end of October! Who will be our first follower?

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

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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 PTO Fundraiser Yankee Candle Begins October 1 through the 15th PTO General 8:50 Progress Reports Go Home A1	2 FluMist 10:20-12:00 pm (Must have parental permission slip) B2	3 Free Dress Code for students selling at least one coupon book. (Pass will be sent home) C3	4
5 Elementary Music Open house during class Oct. 6-13th. D4	6 PBS Fun Walk Ends D4	7 Gr 1 Health Screening Million Fathers March - Dad's bring your child to school @ 8:30 am E5	8 Gr. 4 Field Trip Parent Mtg 5:00-6:00 pm F1	9 A2	10 TCUS 1:30 pm B3	11
12 C4	13 C4	14 D5	15 PTO Fundraiser-Yankee Candle Ends SAC 8:30 am Citizen of the Month 10:00 am Progress Reports Go Home E1	16 Parent Information Highway 6:00-7:30 pm · Technology · Thinking Maps F2	17 Gr. 5 Hope Sound Nature Center-Launch Pad A3	18
19 B4	20 B4	21 End of First Nine Weeks Parent Academy-Homework Help 9:30-10:30 am Publix Night (K-5) 6:00-7:00 pm C5	22 Early Release-Students Released 2 hours early PBS: Passport for Fun (10RF + \$1.00) D1	23 Gr 3 Health Screening Publix Night (K-5) 6:00 -7:00 pm E2	24 \$1.00 Wear Pink to Support Breast Cancer Awareness F3	25
26 A4	27 Celebrate Literacy Kick Off A4	28 PTO Family Night Out-Moes in SLW 5:00-10:00 pm B5	29 Early Release-Students Released 2 hours early Gr. 3 Pumpkin People 1:30-2:00 pm (Parents Invited) C1	30 Fall Picture Make-Up Day D2	31 Gr. 1 Vocabulary Parade 2:30 pm auditeria (Parents invited) Gr. K - Storybook Character Parade 10:00 am (Parents Invited) School Wide Hallo-Read 3:30-4:00 pm E3	

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