



The Orbitor



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45
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Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we wish you a Happy New Year! We hope your Winter Break was filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We know that our school will continue to shine in 2017! It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated! Looking forward to 2017!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is open from September 1, 2016- February 1, 2017. FAU will begin selecting students in March. Please share this information with those you may know who want to enroll their children at PPE as it is different from the enrollment period for other schools in St. Lucie. Please visit <http://applypk12.fau.edu> to enroll online.

Blessing Bags for MLK Kindness Week- January 6-13th

This year Palm Pointe is partnering with the Salvation Army of St. Lucie County to help the homeless in our community. We are asking families to fill gallon Ziploc bags with items that people need on a daily basis. With your help we can help those that are less fortunate and give them items that will be appreciated. A list of suggested items came home before break with another being sent home tomorrow, but your family can make your bags as unique as you like. Families can donate as many bags as they can! Our goal is to donate 500 bags or more to the Salvation Army for the homeless. Kindness Week is January 6-13, but you can start to assemble bags and send in beginning next week. Remember, together we can make a positive difference. Thank you for your continued support.

PTO News

Happy New Year! Welcome back! Our next Box Top contest deadline is February 22. Please continue submitting those neatly trimmed Box Tops. The winners will be announced in the March Orbitor. Tin Fish of Tradition has offered to host our next Family Night Out. More information will become available soon. Also, P.E. is hosting its annual Rocket Games the first week of January for K-5 students. Contact Robert.Santoro@stlucieschools.org directly if you would like to assist in that event.

Palm Pointe wishes our students and families a



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Science Fair Results!

Forty One student projects were selected to compete in this year's school based science fair. We had a total of ten categories and the following individuals were chosen as the top competitors in each of their respective categories! Congratulations, Rockets!

Animal Science

1st place – Frantic “Antics”, by Andre Gomez Lopez 8th grade

Behavioral Science

Honorable Mention- Does gender impact how people process visual information? by Breanna Myles 8th grade

3rd place- Color and Accuracy, by Natalia Callejas 8th grade

2nd place- Adrenaline Rush! Can video games affect the body? by Alyssa Dwyer 7th grade

1st place- In Front of Learning, How the development of the frontal lobe over time affects visual learners? by Jayden Baker 8th grade

Biomedical and Health Sciences

2nd place- To drink or not to drink? The effects of soda on teeth by Aaron Oleivera 8th grade

1st place - Why aren't all medicine pills? by Summer Melrose 6th grade

Chemistry

Honorable Mention - What's hiding in your walls that could be destroying your home? by Kate Ehram 6th grade

3rd place – Slowing down the browning of apple slices, by Anna Barnhart 6th grade

2nd place- The ability of a detergent to remove stains, by Isabella Nazario-Colon 8th grade

1st place - Group Project ,The Three Alka-Teers, by Emily Poole & Alexandra Ridgely 6th grade

Engineering

Honorable Mention - Bailey Bug be Gone, by Bailey Brown 8th grade

3rd place - Standoff-Earthquake vs. Bridge, by Alexander Antonakos 8th grade

2nd place- Can it survive an earthquake? by Aiden Schang 8th grade

1st place- Hair Clip Magnet, by Sofia Tovar 7th grade

Environmental Science

Honorable Mention - Solar Power Water Desalination, by Alviani Gibson 7th grade

3rd place - Does going green cause an Algae Bloom? by Ellyn Delano 8th grade

2nd place- Acid Rain and Earthworms, by Harlem Lilley 8th grade

1st place – Cloudy with a Chance of Acid Rain, by Anna Burtseva 8th grade

Mathematics

1st place – A Basketball Apex, by Samantha Watson 8th grade

Physics

Honorable Mention - Blast Off, by Alexa Weeks 6th grade

3rd place - Paper Airplane Distance, by Robbie Watson 6th grade

2nd place- Temperature Vs. Magnet, by Derek Smith Nautel 6th grade

1st place - Laser Jello, by Stephanie Velasco 8th grade

Plants

2nd place- Planting with the waves, by Alexandra Brutus 8th grade

1st place – Plants with diapers, by John Sarulo 8th grade

Robotics

Honorable Mention - Robie-One, by Sarah Hawblitzel 8th grade

3rd place - The Spoon Spinner, by William Garcia 6th grade

2nd place- Smart Backpack by Dominique Thomas 6th grade

1st place – Designing and building an R.O.V for inland water conservation and observation, by Riley Holtzclaw 7th grade

History Fair Information

Our 6th and 8th graders recently completed their 2016-2017 History Fair independent/group projects, showcasing their interpretation of the theme "Taking a Stand in History" in one of nine categories. After taking part in the school-based judging process, 86 students were selected to participate in Palm Pointe's History Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, January 4th at 2:45 p.m. in the Auditoria. At the ceremony, 26 students' projects will be recognized and they will represent Palm Pointe at the district's History Fair on Thursday, January 12th at IRSC. Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and dedication!

Dress Code Outerwear

Properly fitting cardigans, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers in solid blue, gray, white, black and tan are allowed. Small prints in those colors will be permitted. All others will not be permitted while in the school building.

High School Information

To our 8th Grade Families...High School information will be coming home within the next few weeks. Please be on the look-out. If you have any questions, please contact our middle school counselor, Mrs. Kuba, at: summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org.

Staff Recognition Honorees

Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe's winners for staff recognition for the 2016-2017 school year!

- Mr. Jason Hatfield- **Teacher of the Year**
- Ms. Jacklyn Allegra - **Outstanding First Year Teacher**
- Ms. Jennifer Gomez - **Distinguished Minority Educator**
- Ms. Iris Fantin -**School Related Employee of the Year**

Cold Weather Clause

When the temperature falls 50° or below K-5, students may wear dress code jeans, slacks or school approved skirt with leggings under.

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office.	JANUARY 2017	Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day, which is every Friday.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Student Holiday Teacher & Staff Workday	3 Students Return i-Ready Winter Diagnostic K-8 ELA & Math 1/3-2/2 Grading Window Closes	4 PTO 9:00 History Fair @ PPE 2:45 Auditoria (Identified Participants)	5 Rocket Games: Gr. 1 10-11:25 Gr. 2 11:30-1 Gr. K 1:35-3:05	6 Rocket Games: Gr. 5 10-11:30 Gr. 3 1-2:25 Gr. 4 2:30-4	7 Saturday w/a Scientist (Identified students) @ IRSC 9:45 - Noon
		C1		D2	E3	F4
8 Before-School Tutoring Begins Tues.-ELA, Thurs.-Math (Identified Students)	9 Jan 9-13 Administer Gr. 2-8 Writing Benchmark #3	10	11	12	13 Report Cards Go Home PBIS Twin Day 5 RF	14
	A5		B1	C2	D3	E4
15	16 Holiday for All-MLK Day	17 NJHS Mtg 3:30 Launch Pad	18 Gr. K Health Screening SAC 8:30 in LP 10:00 Honor Roll Gr. 7 & 8 Drama Rehearsal until 5:15 Big Apple Night	19 10:00 Honor Roll Gr. 3 & 4 IRSC Four County Honor Band Rehearsal 6-9pm Gr. 1 Read Among the Stars Family Event 6:30 pm	20 10:30 MTSS Core Team Mtg IRSC Four County Honor Band Rehearsal 1-8:30pm Project Citizen at IRSC	21 Middle School & Jazz Band Concert @ IRSC 6pm
		F5	A1	B2		C3
22	23 10:00 Honor Roll Gr. 5 & 6	24 Gr K-5 Lifetouch Group Pictures	25 Early Release Day Citizen of the Month 10am	26 Gr. 2 Field Trip to SL History Center & Smithsonian 9:30-1:00 Polanco, Sanchez, Wilkes, Callejas	27 \$1.00 No Dress Code - Supporting Autism Awareness	28
		D4	E5	F1	B3	
29	30	31 ESOL Breakfast 9:00 am Launch Pad				
	C4	D5				

