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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

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, September 17 @ 9:30am in Launch Pad
Get involved in Palm Pointe.. Be a volunteer

This will be informative and give insight into ways you can help our school.
Hope you can join us!

Lost and Found.....

Located in the front office. We have a large amount of items, so 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.

Communication

Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter and now Instagram @
Palm Pointe K-8



Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school

Monthly parent newsletters will be sent home at the beginning of each month starting in September. A monthly calendar will be included with the newsletter. Newsletters and calendars will also be available to view on our website.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release days school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
9/30, 10/28, 11/25, 12/18, 1/27, 2/24, 3/18, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27

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 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.

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 for Citizen of the month are as follows.

9/30, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 5/18

All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Audeteria. Parents & Family members may report directly to the Audeteria.

CHAMPS

This year all of Palm Pointe is using a new classroom management system call CHAMPS. It is a positive approach to classroom management because it teaches students the expectations for all activities they will do throughout the day. There are 5 components to CHAMPS. Each letter of the word CHAMPS is a reminder of how students are expected to behave. The "C" reminds students of the voice level they can use for the activity. The "H" tells students how to ask for help when they need it. The "A" stands for the type of activity they will be doing. The "M" lets students know if they can move during the activity and for what purpose. The "P" reminds students what it looks like if they are fully participating. When students comply with all of the rules and procedures, the "S" stands for the SUCCESS they will experience! When students meet the CHAMPS expectations the teacher lets them know they are doing a good job by praising them and providing Rocket Fuel which students can use to "buy" incentives. When students don't follow an expectation, the teacher corrects the infraction and reminds the student of what needs to be done. Consequences are imposed if the infractions continue. Talk to your student about the CHAMPS expectations. He/ She will be able to tell you more about them.

If you have any questions about CHAMPS, you can ask your child's teacher.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to begin our eighth year at Palm Pointe Educational Research School. Welcome back to our returning Rockets and welcome to our new Rockets. Thank you so much for helping your child adjust to new schedules, new classroom, new teachers, and new routines. We know returning from summer break can be an adjustment and all of our Rockets are doing an amazing job. As educational standards continue to raise, maintaining an academic focus throughout the school day is paramount. We promise to do everything we can to help your child learn. We need you to support them at home and send them to school every day ready to learn. On behalf of the Administrative team, we look forward to a marvelous 2015-2016 school year!

Debra Snyder, Principal

Spirit Shirts

Please remember Spirit Shirts may be worn on Friday only. We have sold out of Spirit Shirts and will inform you when the new shirts arrive.

Planners

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

Lunch

Thank you for allowing us time to develop routines and independence in the Audeteria. We encourage limited visits so that students can continue to socialize with classmates and develop a sense of independence.

Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the Audeteria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your child/ren only. Please do not allow your child or sibling on the playground at this time. It is a liability concern and we appreciate your cooperation. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the Audeteria.

Parent Resources

Have you visited our Palm Pointe Parent Pod? Located just off the front office lobby area, it's a place where families can access print resources from our school, local organizations, and the community. Computer and internet access is also available. Parent-teacher conferences are frequently held there before and after school, too. The Palm Pointe Parent Pod is open to families each school day from 9:00 - 4:30. Be sure to stop by!

PTO News

Welcome Back Rockets! We trust your summer was amazing!

The PTO meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in room 1-123.

Our first PTO meeting is 9/2 and starts promptly at 9:00, of course children are welcome.

As promised, your PTO is excited to announce that we are hosting the **Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser** from 10/1/15-10/15/15.

The beautifully scented packets will be sent home with your child.

We will also raffle a basket, (a \$150 value), filled with 5 Yankee Candle Large Jars - a scent for every occasion.

Gather up all the Box Tops you clipped over the summer & turn them in with your

Homeroom teacher's name on the bag. Our first contest is 9/21, 2015.

Good luck.

Also, download your Shoparoo app, select Palm Pointe and start snapping away. It's easy!

Title One Meeting/ 100 Book Challenge

What: For parents to learn about Title one requirements and K-3 100 Book Challenge Program

Where: Palm Pointe Educational Research School

When: Thursday, Sept. 10th

5:30-6:00pm Title 1 Parent Meeting

6:00-7:00pm 100 Book Challenge

Overview

A No Dress Code Pass will be issued to parents upon arrival for each child (K-3) they have at Palm Pointe to be redeemed on Friday, September 11th. Repeat session on Friday September 11 at 9:45am in the Audeteria

We look forward to seeing everyone!

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 should 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.

ESOL CORNER:

Based on the *Home Language Survey* that was completed in the registration packet, some Kindergarten students will be given the IPT assessment (Oral Language Proficiency Test). If you child does not demonstrate proficiency in the English Language, Florida State Law mandates that we must provide your child with ESOL (English Speakers of other Languages) services. This means that your child would receive additional academic support within their regular classroom by our ESOL paraprofessional, Iris Fantin. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kuba, K-5 School Counselor. 772-345-3245

*A Breakfast & informational session will be held on 9/24/15 @8:45am in Launch Pad for our ESOL Families.

If your child is having difficulty coping with Divorce or Separation please contact the Guidance Department for additional information about "High Hopes for Kids". It is small group counseling provided by Castle at Palm Pointe. K-5 Counselor: Mrs. Kuba, 6-8 Counselor Mrs. Tang 772-345-3245.

Tobacco Free District

Tobacco Free signage is going up around our district. School Board Policy 2.90 went into effect August 1, 2013 and is applicable to students, employees, parents, volunteers, spectators and visitors. No student, employee, volunteer, contractor or school visitor is permitted to use tobacco products of any kind or e-cigarettes:
a. In any building, facility, or vehicle that is owned, leased, or rented by the District.

On any district-owned, leased, rented, or chartered grounds and property – including all schools, district offices, athletic fields, practice fields, playgrounds, parking lots, administrative offices, maintenance, transportation areas, etc.

At any off-campus, school-sponsored event.

"Birthday Bash" Packages

Palm Pointe's Cafeteria is offering no hassle Birthday packages for your children. You can choose from the following options:

1 cupcake & 4oz. juice for \$1.00 per child

Or 1 ice-cream & small water for \$1.00 per child

Or a "GIANT" chocolate chip cookie for \$15 ea. 16 servings, juices are an additional .75cents per child.

The Birthday boy or girl will also receive a Birthday Hat!

If you would like to schedule your child's special Birthday Bash, simply call, Della Myerez 345-3254. Your child will receive his/her birthday bash during their regularly scheduled lunch period.

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

September

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 Math/Algebra/Geometry Comprehensive (Gr. 3-8) F2	2 PTO General 9am PTO Board 9:40am Math/Algebra/Geometry Comprehensive make-up A3	3 B4	4 Band Fundraiser ends C5	5
6	7 Holiday for All	8 Band uniform fitting (now through sept 18) D1	9 Science comprehensive (Gr. 3-8) E2	10 Science Comprehensive make up Civic Comprehensive (Gr.7) Title 1 parent Mtg 5:30-6pm Parent night K-3 100 Book Challenge 6pm PBIS Movie Day Gr.7 10 Rocket Fuel F3	11 No Dress Code for students whose parents attend title 1/ 100 Book Challenge Night PBIS Movie Day Gr. K-5 & 8, 10 Rocket Fuel Civic comprehensive makeup Title 1 & 100 Book Challenge Mtg 9:45am in Audeteria (repeat of Thurs night) Gr. K Grab a book w/ Grandparents 3pm A4	12
13	14 Student Holiday	15 Interim Reports Go Home (identified students) B5	16 SAC 8:30am Code Red Practice 10:30am Perspective New Parents Tour 2pm C1	17 Volunteer Orientation 9:30am in Launch Pad D2	18 PBIS Movie Day Gr.6 10 Rocket Fuel E3	19
20	21 F4	22 Summer Reading Celebration (Identified Students) A5	23 Holiday for All	24 FluMist shots given to staff and students who have consent forms 10:40-12:15pm Cultural Heritage Breakfast 8:45am Launch Pad (ELL Parents) B1	25 Jersey Day to support Big Brothers Big Sisters \$1.00 C2	26
27	28 Fire Drill 10:30am D3	29 E4	30 Early Release Day Dads take your child to school day Citizen of the Month 10am F5	SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH!	LET'S ALL FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE	IT IS THE KEY TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS!!

*Purchase your Coupon Book for \$20.00...Proceeds will benefit your child's Teacher, as well as the School & the SLC Education Foundation