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Principal's Corner
WOW! It is December and your children will be busy learning and growing while participating in some holiday fun. Please see December calendar for activities at Palm Pointe. Also, colder weather dress code is included; please review so everyone is prepared for our changes in climate. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children. Everyone ROCKS at PPE!
Debra Snyder, Principal

Annual School Status Report
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that school districts provide parents with an annual school status report at the beginning of each school year. To meet this requirement, school reports must be made available to the public. The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has posted these reports containing data for the required indicators and the Annual Measurable Objectives report on the Web at: http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/ncelspar/index.cfm.

REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN
The application window for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2016.

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

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:
12/16 1/20, 2/78, 3/16, 5/18

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

PTO News
NO GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SHOPPE.
If you are a school approved volunteer and are able to assist, we will be in the Launch Pad from 9:45-4:00 each day from 12/1 - 12/10.
Congratulations to: Mrs. Callejas, Mrs. Berger & Mrs. Larsen. Their classes are the winners of the Box Top contest; each receiving $25 gift cards
Please continue saving those BOX TOPS. There will be another contest. Your class may be the next winner! We also except ink cartridges for recycling and Labels for Education for our Science & PE Depts.
Shoparoo.com is a quick & easy way to earn for Palm Pointe. Thank You to all of our Rocket Families for your continued support!
Have a safe Holiday!!

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45 pm
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

Palm Pointe’s Science Expo
Palm Pointe middle schools have been working hard on their STEM (Science) Fair projects that were due November 9th. Top ten winners in each pod will be displayed in the middle school pods the week of December 1-4th. They will also be displayed in the Auditorium on December 6 at 2:45pm for the Science Fair Expo and Awards Celebration. Invited participants and families will be able to view the projects on display from 2:45 – 3:10pm. The award ceremony will begin at 3:10pm. Please join us in wishing “Good Luck” to our Future Scientists!

United Way Campaign – “Change A Child”
November 30th – December 4th is our annual “Change A Child” change drive. In SL/C, the United Way continues to support local critical issues. We hope you will consider supporting our drive by cleaning out those piggy banks and collecting that spare change. Teachers will collect change in their class that your child brings in. Parent can also donate to the jar located in the main office.

Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter
@Palm Pointe
K-8. Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school. Be sure to Like Us on Facebook!

PTO News
Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe’s winners for staff recognition for the 2015-2016 school year.
Mrs. Larsen - Teacher of the Year
Dean Estrada - Distinguished Minority of the Year
Mrs. Kayla Berger - Outstanding New Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Whalen-Henik - School -Related Employee of the Year

School Wide Rules:

• Take Responsibility
• Engage in Your Learning
• Act Respectfully
• Make Safe Choices

PTO News
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 5 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Breakfast Served 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Santa Arrives at 9:30 a.m.
Palm Pointe Auditorium
Santa’s exclusive visit to Palm Pointe will be Saturday, December 6. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast, and Holiday Craft Booths.
All breakfast tickets are pre-sale only. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee or juice
Entertainment by our very own
Dean Estrada &
Mrs. Larsen
Student Admission $5.00
Includes Breakfast and 3 activities
Individual Breakfast $5.00

Breakfast tickets will be available for pick up at the door, the day of the event

Breakfast tickets are pre-sale only. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee or juice

Your prepaid tickets will be available for pick up at the door, the day of the event

*An adult must supervise their child (ren) while at breakfast and making crafts.

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Treasurer:

President:

Special thanks go to the volunteers including the $5.00 vouchers provided to 596 students for their participation in the summer reading program with 25% of that profit going to the Media Center. 82 books were purchased by individuals for their teachers' classrooms through the Classroom Wish List program and over $570.00 was raised by one for Books4Books donations to purchase even more books for classrooms. That total will be matched by Scholastic to help three national literacy organizations, as well!

We currently have 2 students who have been identified as homeless students under the McKinney Vento Act and may direct them to your organization for assistance if needed. If you are aware of other resources or organizations that may be of assistance to our students and families please let me know. I can be reached at 772-345-3248 or Andrea.Tang@stlucieschools.org.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I look forward to working with you in the future.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a premier organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

National Junior Honor Society Officers are as follows:

President: Tiana Qubain
Vice President: Sarah Wouters
Treasurer: Jessica Lee
Secretary: Melanie Blasco

Book Fair News

What a “monster” of a great Book Fair we had! The media staff would like to thank all those students, parents, teachers and community members who made our book fair the most successful in our history. We sold over $15,000.00 worth of materials during the nine days of the fair including the $5.00 vouchers provided to 596 students for their participation in the summer reading program with 25% of that profit going to the Media Center. 82 books were purchased by individuals for their teachers’ classrooms through the Classroom Wish List program and over $570.00 was raised by one for Books4Books donations to purchase even more books for classrooms. That total will be matched by Scholastic to help three national literacy organizations, as well!

Special thanks go to the volunteers who gave so much time and energy to decorating, counting coins, setting up, helping students with their purchases, working the cash register and so much more. We could never do it without them!

McKinney Vento Homeless Act

Every school district has a local homeless education liaison, whose job is to make sure that homeless children and youth can go to school and get all the services they need. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Andrea Tang, Guidance Counselor who serves as the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison for Palm Pointe. I am dedicated to ensuring our students who are homeless or become homeless have the same opportunity to be successful in their education.

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First Quarter Attendance

Our school attendance average for the 1st quarter is 96.61%. Students are recognized every quarter for Perfect Attendance. Aim for Perfect Attendance for/with your child/ren. Encourage them to remain in class for the entire day. Let us produce leaders with great attendance ethics. Help them to stay the course. Remember, School Is Not The Same Without Them”. Quarter 2 goal is 96.5% and together we can do it. For attendance help, please contact the attendance clerk Angella Robinson at 772-345-3251 or email angella.robinson@stlucieschools.org.

Changing Mindsets

Every parent thinks/says, “I would give anything, give anything, to make my child successful.” But according to Carol Dweck, author of Mindset The New Psychology of Success, parents do many unintentional things that don’t lead to their children’s success. Some words and actions that we think are helpful are actually sending the wrong message to our children. When we tell our children messages such as “You are smart,” “You learned so quickly!” “You got an A without even studying,” “You’re most brilliant,” most parents feel they are sending supportive messages. However, Dweck says we are sending a different one. If I don’t learn quickly, I am not smart, I will have to study they won’t think I am brilliant. After studying hundreds of students, she found praising their Intelligence can harm their motivation and their performance. Want to learn why? http://mindsetonline.com/howmindsetaffects/parentsteacherscoa

Toys For Tots

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 for our donation sleigh! We will be collecting toys from November 23rd-December 1st. Additional donation dates at Palm Pointe include: December 3rd at the Holiday Concert (Elementary Chorus & 6th Grade Band) and December 5th at Breakfast with Santa. December 10th at the 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert Palm Pointe’s Goal is to collect 250 gifts!

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Students return January 5, 2016.