Dear Palm Pointe Families:

Although news reports state that our economy is stabilizing, many of us in St. Lucie County are still struggling. If your family is currently going through a significant transition phase, please do not hesitate to call Palm Pointe and ask to speak with the guidance department. What is considered a significant transition phase? Let's say you and your children are (a) sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason, (b) living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground due to the lack of alternative accommodations, (c) living in an emergency or transitional shelter, (d) living in a car, park, public space, or substandard housing, (e) living in a place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation, or (f) were caring for a child without legal custody due to the absence of the parent and because without your care and shelter the child would have no place to go.

If any of the situations above apply to you and your family, please call 772-345-3274. We can assist with transportation, clothing and other supplies.

Debra Snyder, Principal

Counselor Corner

The Florida School Counselor Association’s website is a great resource for parents. It provides information on bullying, dealing with a crisis, college and career planning, special needs, parenting tips, appropriate use of the internet, test anxiety, transition to middle school as well as an online-bookstore. Please check out this amazing resource. [http://www.fscaonline.org](http://www.fscaonline.org)

ESOL News

Colorín Colorado is an extremely helpful bilingual resource for families of English Language Learners. Here, you will find tips on helping your child become a better reader, common core standards, language acquisition, homework help, as well as a variety of other topics to help you to help your child be successful in school. [http://www.colorincolorado.org](http://www.colorincolorado.org)

Science Fair Results

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

**Botany**
1st Place: Aaron Olivera, 7th Grade-Charonimile Growth: Which water grows it best?
2nd Place: Haylyn Tate, 6th Grade- Mr. Magnet meets Mrs. Plant
3rd Place: Ashthreja Kalluri, 7th Grade-No Soil, No Problem

**Chemistry**
1st Place: Cassidy Taylor, 7th Grade- Ethylene’s major affect on fruit
2nd Place: Nadia Castano, 8th Grade- Does Sugar affect Density
3rd Place: Jacqueline James, 8th Grade- C6H1206

**Honorable Mention:**
- Justin Cruz, 7th Grade- Evaporation Rating
- Jasmine Blasco, 8th Grade- Vibration: Do or Don’t

**Microbiology**
1st Place: Jayden Baker, 7th Grade- Eliminating Bacteria
2nd Place: Dualleen Paul, 7th Grade- Smelly Shoes
3rd Place: Nicole Vargas, 8th Grade- Germ Freaks

**Behavioral and Social Sciences**
1st Place: Justin Gazdacco, 8th Grade- Colorful Memories
2nd Place: Sidney Scalietti, 8th Grade- Left or Right
3rd Place: Alyssa Dwyer, 6th Grade- Dominant VS Non-Dominant
4th Place: Megan Audette, 8th Grade- Dogs, Cats, and Humans

**Physics and Astronomy**
1st Place: Isabella V. Nazzaro-Colon, 7th Grade- It’s all about Bounce
2nd Place: Sofia Tovar, 6th Grade- Temperature VS Magnets
3rd Place: Connor Stottlimire, 6th Grade- Magnets attract

**Honorable Mention:**
- Hector Pena, 7th Grade- Which Bet is better?

**Engineering**
1st Place: Ariadna Hillier, 6th Grade- Solarize your backpack
2nd Place: Alexander Gust, 8th Grade- Can solar energy power a car?
3rd Place: Tyler Cooke, 7th Grade- Charge with Solar

**Honorable Mention:**
- Amelise Ramirez, 8th Grade- Homemake Charger

**Environmental Engineering**
1st Place: Harlen Lilley, 7th Grade- Removing Oil From Rivers
2nd Place: Riley Holtzclaw, 6th Grade- Solar VS Wind: Energy Efficiency
3rd Place: Andre Gomes Lopez, 8th Grade- Electromagnetic Car

**Environmental Science**
1st Place: Sarah Wouters, 8th Grade- Saliferous Scum
2nd Place: Jackson Stewart, 8th Grade- How oil spills affect plant life
3rd Place: Maxwell Mckenzie, 8th Grade- Soil Erosion

**Honorable Mention:**
- Anthony Marlow, 7th Grade- Material Reactions

**Medicine and Health**
1st Place: Elynn Delano, 7th Grade- An apple a day may not keep the doctor away

Mark Your Calendar

**On Early Release day’s school end at 2:30pm. The dates for the year are as follows:**

**Ceremonies:**
- 2016-2017 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2016.
- Please remind your family and friends to register before the deadline.

Citizen of the Month

Kindergarten: Rylee Lupinski, NJiah Bois, Avery Oliver, Nicholas Oregano, Caymowa Beaubrun, Jett Lamberti, Anthony Giqantiao, Alicia De La Cruz

1st Grade: Elyiah St. Fleur, Larkyn Coles, Jaycee Mead, McKinley Lehman, Armeen Nofal, Dylan Rice, William Gilson, Aiden Bloomfield, Ayden Davis

2nd Grade: Dominic Heissenberg, Aidan Lexer, Findley Wessel, Jaycie Mercier, Gvnn Lunsford, Melanie Apolostico, Shaniece Cruz-Gomez, Melik Enoc, Jayden McGregor, Jessica Jaimes, Ed Cesar, Victoria Wilson

3rd Grade: Josslyn Withrow, Ian Meyers-Gonzalez, Gabriela Castello, Moises Torres, Hannah Dorval, Madeleine Crockett, Jaxon Behringer, Matias Caldonor, Olivia Pace

4th Grade: Bryceton Amrit, Kelsey Heishain, Michael Betancourt- Mercado, Maya Wright, Bridiele Aulein, Jayden Soto, Alondra Torres, Luptia Vargas

5th Grade: Trevenon King, Yanique Scott, Nicholas Stagg, Kiera Murray, Maximio Quintana, Branden Birch, Kevin Lalanne, Ashley Buchanan

6th Grade: Roman Jones, Nicolas Polanco, Briana Constranitch, Elyse Bailey, Dylan Gothere, Ashley Reynolds, Gavin Withrow, Jack Wasserman-Tapas, Rollin Pattison, Paige Clow, Sebastian Paz-Aguirre

7th Grade: Aldric Ward, Samantha Watson, Jorge Miranda, Daniel Polvos-Gomez, Hector Pena, Jerahmil St. Louis, Aushana Francis, Jordyn Behringer

8th Grade: Karen Extra, Madison Dye, Briena Hall, Jillian Owen, Jasmyne Fontaniz, Devon Kelly, Russella Stevenson-William, Tanjeze Forte, Nadiya Castano

Palm Pointe Lottery Registration

The lottery deadline is fast approaching. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2016.

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

December Citizens of the Month

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**Principal's Corner**
On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we wish you a Happy Holiday. We hope your Winter Break is filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We know that our school will continue to shine in 2016. It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated. See you next year!

Debra Snyder, Principal
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.

Dress Code Outerwear
Properly fitting cardigans, sweatsuits, 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.

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Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

Palm Pointe’s 2015-2016 School Improvement Plan has been published. It may be accessed at: https://www.floridacims.org/districts/fau-lab-sch/schools/0020

According to the U.S. Department of Education, “The purpose of the school improvement plan is to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school, so that greater numbers of students achieve proficiency in the core academic subjects of reading and mathematics. The school improvement plan provides a framework for analyzing problems, identifying underlying causes, and addressing instructional issues in a school.”

How common is head lice?
Head lice are parasites that are found on human heads and has been common among humans for hundreds of years. They are found in almost all countries and climates around the world. Head lice infection is very common, it has been estimated that up to one in every 10 children in school acquires head lice at some time. Head lice is spread by personal contact or the sharing of combs, brushes, caps, and other clothing. So, it is easy to transmit head lice from one person to another. Please take time, on a routine basis, to check your child’s head for lice.

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