Principal's Corner
Dear Parents,

What an exciting year we have had so far, and it’s hard to believe the 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close. No words express the gratitude I have for each of you and your children. It has been an amazing eight year journey at Palm Pointe. Whether I have worked with your child for one year or for eight, I have enjoyed them very much. This is an exceptional institution because of the staff, students and of course you! I will miss everyone so much but am looking forward to a new journey. My retirement will consist of relaxation, spending time with my parents and family in PA, traveling and of course volunteering in some capacity.

Thank-you for your support throughout the years!

Debra Snyder

Are you moving?
If you are moving out of St. Lucie County, please contact the school on how to withdraw your student. Our guidance department is not here during the summer and records will not be sent until they return in August. Informing us before school is out will assist them in getting your records to the new school in a timely manner.

May ESA Test Administration Schedule
May 2 7th gr. Math Session 1 60 minutes
May 3 7th gr. Math Session 2 & 3 60 minutes x 2
May 4 7th gr. Math Session 2 & 3 60 minutes x 2
May 9 8th gr. Alg & Geo Session 1 90 minutes
May 10 8th gr. Alg & Geo Session 2 90 minutes
May 11 7th gr. Civics Session 1 Columbia 160 minutes
May 12 7th gr. Civics Session 1 Apollo 160 minutes

May marks the end of the “test season.” Thank you to parents and students for on-time attendance, and positive attitudes! All your efforts are appreciated and help our students feel confident during their test sessions!

Congratulations!
The following students placed in the Dr. Samuel S. Gaines Essay Contest:
Alyssa Monaco - 6th grade, placed 2nd in the Middle School category ($100.00 prize)
Alexia Morgan - 3rd grade, placed 3rd in the Elementary School category ($75.00 prize)

These students will be recognized on May 10th @ 8pm for the School Board meeting for this honor.

OUR GIRLS TRACK TEAM TOOK SECOND PLACE IN THE DISTRICT INTRAMURAL GAMES! Way to Go!

IRSC’s Take Stock in Children
Eighth Grade student Erica Nicholson, is the recipient of the 4 year Indian River State College scholarship. CONGRATULATIONSERICA! (Out of all applicants from all SLC county in Middle School).

Middle School Electives
Elective Sheets for next school year will be handed out by mid-May. The turn-around time will be swift so be looking for the sheet when your child brings it home in their backpack. Remember: if your child does not return their elective sheet, their elective choices will be limited to whatever is still available.

A Message from Mrs. Perez
Dear Palm Pointe Family Members,

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Palm Pointe is a special place…I love our faculty, staff, families and most of all, our rockets! I want to assure you that during this time of change, I am committed to the vision and mission that is core to our school. The expectations for our staff and students will not change. I look forward to the important work of learning, teaching, and community building that lies ahead in order to continue to build upon the tradition of excellence that has been set. We are preparing our Rockets for their next mission.

Mission Ready…that’s the Pointe!

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.

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 &Spanish. Some of the topics include: *Ways to help children succeed in school *Learning activities for rainy days *Helping children cope with Divorce, ADHD, depression, etc. *Parents are teachers too!

Lost and Found ……
Located in the front office. We have a large amount of items, 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. This would really assist us in returning lost items.

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 need to 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’s teacher.

Summer Activities
See attached for activities to help alleviate the “Summer Slide”

Celebration
Monday, May 23rd: PPE’s Audetoria Kindergarten Pinning
9:45 am Fuohs, Roberts, Gauthier
10:45 am Knapp, Rubel
2:45pm Kreitzman, Perez
Tuesday, May 24th: PPE’s Audetoria
10:00am Grade 9 Celebration
1:30pm Grade 5 Moving Up

Early Release Schedule:
Wed, May 25:
Early Release Day
Thu, May 26:
Early Release Day
Fri, May 27:
Early Release Day & Last Day

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**National Junior Honor Society**

Congratulations to the 52 seventh grade students who have qualified for the Palm Pointe 2016-2017 National Junior Honor Society. The criteria is based on grade point average, personal essay and teacher recommendation. Well done, Inductees!!!

Induction Ceremony May 5, 6:00 pm

Madison Dye was selected to receive the National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award for $500.

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**PTO NEWS**

As you know, Ms. Snyder & Mrs. Iseman are retiring this year. We wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors. We also want to congratulate Mrs. Perez on becoming the next principal of Palm Pointe.

Staff Appreciation May 2-6

(Am, Sea Camp, Field Trip, Identified Students)

Please turn in your neatly trimmed Box Tops no later than May 17 as there is one last contest.

Thank you to all of the support you gave to your PTO this year. The 2016/17 Board, Pam Molner, Daniella Davis, Cindy Daville, & Marie Simco, wish you a fun filled summer.

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**Palm Pointe Yearbook Signing Party**

Yearbooks will be delivered the end of May. Although we don’t have a secure date yet, you will want to be watching for a flyer to be sent home so you don’t miss out on the 2015/16 Palm Pointe memories!

The books will be sold on a 1st come 1st serve basis. We have a limited number of yearbooks available in May so you want to purchase when they arrive!

**Party Details:**

K-2 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 9:45-10:30 (Auditoria)
3-5 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 10:45-11:30 (Auditoria)
6-8 Students: Tuesday, May 25th from 9:45-10:30 (in Pod)

Please plan to purchase a yearbook prior to this date if your child plans to attend. Each student that pre-ordered or purchases a book will receive a souvenir pen and will be invited to the auditoria for music, mingling and SIGNING!

**Surveys:**

Thank you to the 530 families who completed our 2015-2016 Title I Parent Involvement/Satisfaction Survey, either in paper form or online! Results and comments have been posted on Palm Pointe’s website: [http://tradition.fau.edu/](http://tradition.fau.edu/).

If you would like a paper version, please visit our front office to request a copy. Survey results will be reviewed and analyzed with teachers at our next faculty meeting, on May 6, 2016. SAC will also review the results at its next meeting, on May 18, 2016.

Representative teams of teachers, parents, and community members are currently reviewing Palm Pointe’s 2015-2016 School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parental Involvement Plan (PIP) and providing suggestions for next year’s school plans. This process will be complete by mid-May, and their feedback and ideas will also be posted on Palm Pointe’s website: [http://tradition.fau.edu/](http://tradition.fau.edu/).

**May 2016**

**Spirit Shirts are available for $10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any Palm Pointe T-Shirt on Spirit Day.**

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