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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

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

What an exciting year we have had so far, and it's hard to believe the 2014-2015 school year is coming to a close. The following are some very important end of year celebrations here at Palm Pointe. So mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, May 27th – Kindergarten Pinning PPE's Audeteria

9:45 am Costanzo, Oatis, Petrino
10:45 am Knapp, Muto, Guelli
2:30 pm Rubel, Foohs, Innamorato

Monday, June 1st – PPE's Audeteria

10:00am Grade 8 Celebration
1:30pm Grade 5 Moving Up

Tuesday, June 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd are Early Release Days and June 3rd is also the last day of school for students.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Lost and Found

is 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.

All items left after June 1 will be donated to charity.

Staff Appreciation

Palm Pointe will honor and celebrate the dedication of our outstanding faculty and staff during the week of **May 4-8**. PTO, Student Council, and Administration have planned many special events. If you have a chance, please take a moment to have your child or yourself say thank you to our fabulous staff during this special week.

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.

Looking for Something to do this Summer?

As the school year comes to a close and summer begins, don't forget to encourage your child to reinforce and practice skills learned in class. For math, have him/her practice grade level-appropriate addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts to build fluency and visit the V-Math Live website, <http://www.vmathlive.com/login>. For reading, visit the Ticket to Read website, <http://www.tickettoread.com/>. Remember to have your child to read daily, too - and K-3 students can still log and track their steps! For math, reading, science materials, the Think Central website, <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>, will also still be available. All online resources can be accessed with your child's 562 student number and 5-digit lunch number. Look for more grade-specific summer information to come home with your child later this month.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release days school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the rest of the year are as follows: 6/2, 6/3

Palm Pointe Yearbook Signing Party

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

We will be having a yearbook signing party on May 19th. Those students who purchased a yearbook will be able to participate. In the Auditeria, K-2 students will participate from 9:45-10:30 and 3-5 students from 10:45-11:30. 6-8 students will meet in their pod from 9:45-10:30. If your child did not pre-order a yearbook, there will be additional yearbooks available beginning May 18 on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Yearbooks will cost \$35, please make check payable to Palm Pointe



Awareness of Tourette Syndrome Shared at Palm Pointe

Kyle Kryak joined Colby Kuba and the entire fifth grade at Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition recently to share his experience living with Tourette Syndrome. Kyle shared his adventures in traveling across the United States raising awareness and promoting acceptance. Palm Pointe recently raised \$600 to contribute to finding a cure! Some inspiring words shared with the students were: "People are good, never give up, follow your dreams, treat everyone with respect, persevere, embrace who you are, and accept others". Pictured from left is Colby Kuba and Kyle Kryak.

Winners of Dr. Gaines Essay Contest at Palm Pointe

Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition would like to congratulate the following students for placing recently in the Dr. Samuel S. Gaines Essay Contest. Annarose Hilhorst a fourth grader in Ms. Perry's class placed first in the Elementary School Category, Riley Holtzclaw a fifth grader in Ms. Patton's class placed second in the Elementary School Category, and Laney Keys a third grader in Ms. Clancy's class placed third in the Elementary Category. Athresha Kalluri a sixth grader in Mrs. Fazzalano's class placed first in the Middle School Category. These students were recognized at the SLCSB meeting on April 28, 2015. Pictured from left is Athresha Kalluri, Laney Keys, Principal, Ms. Debra Snyder, Annarose Hilhorst and Riley Holtzclaw. Way to Go Rockets!

100 Book Challenge Update

On April 8th, the consultant from 100 Book Challenge was at Palm Pointe teaching 3rd grade teachers how to implement this reading program. Over spring break hundreds of new fiction and nonfiction books on various reading levels arrived for our third graders. Third grade teachers have assessed their students' reading abilities and placed them in the program. Students are currently reading on their assigned level for 30 minutes each day and logging 2 steps (1 step for each 15 minutes they read in school). By now, most of our third grade students have at least 20 steps or 5 hours of independent, silent reading. In May, our 3rd grade students will be bringing their reading logs home, and parents will be asked to verify that their child is reading 30 minutes each night by initialing the reading log.

The 100 Book Challenge goal for 3rd grade students is to demonstrate the ability to read and comprehend informational and literary texts and be able to understand and properly use the vocabulary encountered in their readings.



National Junior Honor Society

On **May 19, 2015** at 6:00 pm in the audeteria, Palm Pointe will be honoring those students in the 7th grade who have met all the criteria for the National Junior Honor Society and we will hold an induction ceremony. Our current NJHS President will speak to our inductees and current NJHS members will be there to support our new members. Your child will receive a letter if he/she has met the necessary requirements and would like to apply for membership in Palm Pointe's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in advance of this event.

Young Authors

Our K-3 students have worked hard to craft their original books and now our young authors are ready to share their creations with their classes and families! Class representatives will soon be receiving invitations to our school's Young Author's Celebration, which will be held on Monday, May 11 at 2:30 in the auditoria. At that time, grade level representatives will be recognized. Identified students will then represent Palm Pointe at the district celebration on Saturday, May 16.

PTO NEWS

The week of May 4 is Staff Appreciation. Please remember to recognize all the wonderful staff and faculty we are fortunate to have supporting our children.

The PTO is saying thank you to all these amazing people by hosting 2 luncheons and a breakfast. Also this month is our final BoxTop contest. There is still time to get those BTs clipped, May 19th is the deadline. Our 2014/15 Kindergarten class will be pinned on May 27th. The PTO is supplying refreshments for those young Rockets. This PTO Board has been honored to represent you this year and we are looking forward to attaining the same results next year.



A Huge Thank you to Mrs. Henik, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Engler for organizing the activities and fundraisers through out the year. Also, to all the Staff and Parents who supported our team. Palm Pointe received a **Silver Level** and raised over \$4,300!!



Thanks to your support Palm Pointe raised a total of 1,083 for our Team in the Walk Now For Autism Speaks Walk. Because of your efforts, we received 2nd place for the highest fundraising Team! Thank you for your continued support & dedication to our students with Autism.

ECTAC Presentation

After an extensive interview and review process, Palm Pointe has been recognized by the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) as a 2014 - 2015 Exceeding Expectations Award School. Each year, a select number of Title 1 schools are awarded for exceeding expectations, by demonstrating significant progress in improving student achievement. This year, Palm Pointe was one of only 18 schools in Florida to receive such a prestigious honor. Staff members have been invited to attend and present at ECTAC's annual conference on May 6-7.

Every Friday is Spirit Day.

May-June 2014

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
		Parent Calendar May/ June 2015			1 Gr. 7 FSA Math- CBT S2& S3 (60min each) B3	2 Algebra Boot Camp 8-Noon Reading Festival 10-2pm Mets Stadium
3 Staff Appreciation Week 	4 Guidance Tour for Perspective Students @2:00pm Gr.7 FSA Math-CBT S2 & S3 (60min each) Gr.4 St. Augustine Parent Information Session 5:00pm (in Pod) ELA/ Literacy Committee Meeting 8:50am C4	5 Gr.8 FSA Math- CBT SI (60min each) National Teachers Day Gr. 5 with Mets 10:30am Gr.4 St. Augustine Parent Information Session 8:00am (in Pod) D5	6 PTO General 8:50am PTO Board 9:30am Gr. 8 FSA Math-CBT S2& S3 (60min each) Palm Pointe Teachers presenting @ ECTAC Conference E1	7 NGSSS EOC Civics-CBT 1 Session (160min-6hrs) Gr.2 Mothers Day/ Young Author @ 2:45pm Elementary Chorus Spring Concert 6:30pm Palm Pointe Teachers presenting @ ECTAC Conference F2	8 NGSSS EOC Civics-CBT 1 Session (160min-6hrs) Gr.8 Gradventure 2pm-2am Gr.I Young Author Tea 2:30pm (Parents invited) Gr. 2 PBIS Dance 2:45-3:30 in Audeteria A3	9
10	11 PBIS Mtg 8:30am FSA Algebra/ Geo-CBT SI (90min-3hrs) Gr.5 with Mets 10:30am K-3 Young Authors Celebration 2:30pm (Identified Participants) B4	12 FSA Algebra/ Geo-CBT S2 (90min-3hrs) C5	13 Honor Roll 7& 8@ 10am 3 rd grade Field Trip to Kennedy Space Center 7:15am- 3:30pm DI	14 Spring Band Concert (all bands) 6:30pm Honor Roll 3&4 @10am Gr.5 with Mets 10:30am RSVP for Gr.8 Dance due today Gr.1 Inwater Science Field Trip in Launch Pad: Concepcion/ Sanguinetti 2-2:45pm Wetherald/Watson 2:45-3:30pm E2	15 4 th Gr Field Trip to St. Augustine 5:30am-8:30pm Honor Roll 5&6 10am Crazy Sock Day (SRF) Gr.1 Inwater Science Field Trip in Launch Pad: Keen/ Ashenfelter 2-2:45pm Sigmon/Garcia 2:45-3:30pm Gr.8 Dance 7-10pm F3	16 District Young Authors k-3 (Identified participants) Oak Hammock noon-1:30pm
17	18 2pm-3pm Gr.5- Culture Day (in Pods) A4	19 Yearbook signing party K-5 Auditeria 6-8 Pods NJHS Induction 6pm All Boxtops due for final contest B5	20 Early Release Progress Reports Go Home SAC 8:30am Citizens of the Month 10am CI	21 MS Math/ Science Exams 5 th Grade Field Trip- Epcot 6:50am- 8pm 6 th Gr. Living Voices Presentation in Audeteria 2:30-3:30pm D2	22 K-Pinning Practice 10-10:30am Costanzo, Oatis, Petrino 2:15-2:45pm Knapp, Muto, Guelli 2:45-3:15 Rubel, Foohs, Innamorato E3	23
24	25 Holiday For All Memorial Day	26 K-Pinning Practice 10-10:30am Costanzo, Oatis, Petrino 2:15-2:45pm Knapp, Muto, Guelli 2:45-3:15 Rubel, Foohs, Innamorato MS L/A History Exams F4	27 Gr. 5 Mets 10:30am K-Pinning: 9:45 Costanzo, Oatis, Petrino 10:45 Knapp, Muto, Guelli 2:30 Rubel, Foohs, Innamorato MS Electives/ Reading Exams A5	28 Gr.4 Career Readiness 2:20-3:00pm in Pods (parents invited) BI	29 Gr.1 Red Carpet Awards 2:30pm (classrooms) Gr.5 Mets Game 6:30pm C2	30 Band Awards Ceremony @ PPE Noon
	June 1 Gr.8 Graduation 10am Gr.5 Moving Up 1:30pm D3	June 2 Early Release Parties K-5 (1 hour only) E4	June 3 Early Release Last Day For Students Elem. Report cards Go Home F5	June 4 Last Day For Teachers		

