Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

The new year has started off great and the students are maintaining their course, now mid-way through the 3rd quarter. The students will be continuing to learn new ideas and concepts that follow their grade level scope and sequence. The month of February will be a busy one, so please be sure to continue to encourage your child to use his/her planner, stay on top of assignments and put those growth mindset skills they have learned to use, as we finish out this quarter. As always, thank you for your support!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Social Emotional Learning: February

The Social Emotional Learning trait for February is responsible decision making. Responsible decision making is the ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on consideration of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, evaluation of consequences of actions and well-being of self and others. We will be celebrating responsible decision making on Friday, February 28th by wearing a red shirt! Red shirts must be worn with uniform bottoms.

PPE History Fair

On January 23rd, students in grades 6 and 8 who demonstrated excellence in their respective categories were recognized at Palm Pointe’s annual History Day Fair. Students could choose from five different categories to show how they represented the theme, “Breaking Barriers in History.” The categories were: Exhibit (Individual & Group); Website (Individual & Group); Documentary (Individual & Group); Performance; and Research Paper. The following students will go on to represent Palm Pointe at the District History Day Fair on February 26th at IRSC’s Knight Center:

Research Paper Category: 
Ashwin Dhar - “Louis Pasteur: Making Barrier-Breaking Innovations”
Julia Mesic - “Nicolaus Copernicus: Making the Earth A Planet”
Lukas Siminski - “The Attack on Pearl Harbor: How US and Japan went from Enemies to Allies”

Performance Category: Group:
Ansgley Holmes, Summer Iqbal, Madison Paul, Gabriella Cabrera-Melendez and Jada Castano - “Holocaust Hero: Irena Sender”
Jovani Gutierrez, Angel Salecedo, Taylor Wildes, Angelica Sanchez and Savannah Clements - “Rosa Parks”

Documentary Category: 
Individual:
Tindra Olivia Zawackis - “Breaking Down the Barriers: Louis Braille and the Creation of Braille”
Jimi Zawackis - “The 1969 Moon Landing”
Group:
Jariah Knight and Damira Parham - “Breaking Social Reform Barriers: The Triangle Shirt Factory Fire”

Website Category: 
Individual:
Vanessa Fisher - “How Apollo 11 Broke the Barriers of Space Exploration”
Bryceon Amritt - “Miranda V Arizona: Breaking the Silence”
Group:
Pablo Almonte & Preston Slacum - “The Great Space Race: Breaking Barriers in History”
Ariana Rivera & Alexandra Winter - “Miracles of Penicillin”

Exhibit Category:
Individual:
Alexis Emanuel-Fauillon - “Snapping the Chain: Dorothea Dix”
Gabrielle Thomas - “Susan B. Anthony”
Group:
Kayla Capocci & Fabrizio Capocci - “The Berlin Wall: Years of Separation”

January Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers will also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe’s School-wide Expectations: Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, Make Safe Choices, and for demonstrating the SEL theme for the month.


All assemblies are at 10:30am in the Audeteria. Parents and family members can report directly to the Audeteria.

KINDERGARTEN: Alana Joseph, Tyson Refford, Makenzie Middlebrook, Raegan Baber, Carter Jock, Isabel Hans, Mea Clement, Te’Lynn Cummings

FIRST GRADE: Rhia Archibald, Arianha Howard, Samantha Gantz, Isaiah Rolle, Megan Lulkin, Madisen Haughton, Kumar Telsaint, Ciana Ortiz, Jeremiah Joseph


THIRD GRADE: Ellenoir Oxendine, Audriana Townsley, Danica Schuster, Easton Lunsford, Kaylee Stott, Taylor Laplante, Brianna Hudson, Addison Lehrman, Olivia Royle

FOURTH GRADE: Sophia Pomares, Davi Siqueira, Logan Buck, Evani Lima, Jacob Heisay, David Coelho, Abigail Matos, Kendall Pesula, Michael Pennachio, Kendall Pesula

FIFTH GRADE: Thiana Viens, Naicha Guerrier, Kashylla Wood, Alize Thompson, Aylie Sinclair, Ivy Golden, Rhen Solesky, David Lombarski, Sofia Barrios, Sadie Keelor, Toby Stratton, Cody Friedberg

SIXTH GRADE: Jessie Duke, Carlos Perez, Mathieu Le, Madison Pesula, Jacob Gomez, Kameron Keaton, Jocelyn Hatfield, Kyren Singh, Joel Duffee

SEVENTH GRADE: Mark Delauro, Jacob Schoner, Derek Dippolito, Tru Smith, Lauren Imbert, Brianna Spence, Jasmin Alvarado, William Jenkins, Dominic Piscopo, Sara Tenity

EIGHTH GRADE: Marc Cohen, Jackson Willette, Breeanna Fisher, Nicholas Devito, Malik Williams, Naje Carter-Palumbo, Dominick Brown, Brianna De La Cruz, Mariana Garcia, Quane Daley
Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety

Technology is becoming more and more relevant in today's world, but it's not always easy for our children to navigate through the vastness of the Internet in a safe and friendly manner. To make the most of the Internet, kids need to be prepared to make smart decisions. Interland is an adventure-packed online game from Google that teaches the fundamentals of digital safety and citizenship through hands-on practice. To explore this game and all it has to offer, please visit:
https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

SEL - Responsible Decision Making

Here are some ways you can reflect on your relationship with your children and how you might incorporate practice, reflection and coaching on responsible decision making.

- Articulate your love and acceptance for the child in the midst of poor choices.
- Reflect on your language.
- Ask good questions.
- Talk about your own thought process.
- Initiate family problem solving.
- Look for ways to show care.
- Use and discuss consequences.
- Discuss children’s and young adult literature.

For more of this article, visit: https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2014/02/28/responsible-decision-making/

PTO News

Thank you for participating in Schoolstore.com. The support is overwhelming and much appreciated. On February 12th, from 3:00-9:00pm, Five Guys Burgers & Fries will host our Community Night. Please mention you are with Palm Pointe and we will receive 30% of the proceeds. Box Tops are due February 21st. Also, remember to download the BoxTop App to make it easy to earn for our school.

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Planners ($5) and Earbuds ($4) are on sale in the front office.

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Spirit Shirts are available for $10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day Fridays. PPE Sweatshirts can also now be ordered and cost $20. Contact the front office for details.