Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation during the week of May 2nd - May 6th. Please take the time to recognize our teachers and staff for all the hard work and dedication to our students throughout the year. Send your favorite Palm Pointe teacher or staff a thoughtful note or email or anything else you would like. If you have other ideas or would like to show your appreciation to teachers and staff in different ways, please feel free! We can't wait for all the fun to begin! We have the best staff and this is the week to recognize and thank them for all they do for our Rockets each day!

8th Grade Celebration

Our 8th grade celebration this year will be held in-person in our cafeteria. Due to space limits, we will only be able to provide each family with 2 tickets. Please look for an invitation with tickets that will be sent home soon. We will stream the live event for family members that cannot attend, so they are able to view the graduation as it is happening. We are looking forward to celebrating our 8th grade Rockets’ success as they head off to high school! This event will take place on May 27th at 10:30. More details about the ceremony will follow.

Mark Your Calendar!
The following dates have been established for FSA Season at Palm Pointe.

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FSA Testing Information
Specific letters with details for individual grade level tests and directions have already been sent home. All students are required to participate in the state assessment program. Lack of participation can result in the absence of vital data used for scheduling and placement.

For middle school students enrolled in an EOC course such as Algebra 1 and Civics, a student end-of-course exam makes up 30% of the student’s final grade in a course and a passing score on the Algebra exam is a graduation requirement. The current Grade 3 promotion rule is still in place.

Please help us from home by having your child arrive at school on time, get a good night’s rest and by eating a good breakfast on the morning of each test. Additionally, students must keep all electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches and ear pods) out of the testing environment. We ask your help by ensuring your child understands that all cell phones and other devices will be turned off and kept out of the classroom during testing. Please keep smart watches and ear pods home on these days. We appreciate your support during this testing season!

April Citizen of the Month
Although we are currently not holding live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being an outstanding citizen. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by their teacher. Awards are presented to each child by administration and families will receive a picture via email. The presentation of all the honorees will be posted on Facebook 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. Congratulations to:

First Grade – Grayson Alexander, Natalie Valencia, Abigail Fellipone, Abigail Menendez, Anthony Tres Coppola, Hailey Parades, Makenzie Mosley, Roman Garland
Second Grade – Karson Huggins, Malayka Vickers, Kendall Takas, Avery Nunez, Hailey Ruiz, Rodney Gaudin, Naseem Bouchfaa, Justin Swan, Noah Swantie
Third Grade – Jaylah Garcia, Alexis Gonzalez, Elizabeth Smythe, Jocelyn Wilson, Brooklin Espinal, Victoria Ovando, Madisen Haughton, Vinny Cusa
Fourth Grade – Colton Takas, Annabelle Albritten, Allyson Matos, Luma Siquieria, Isabella Sacerio, Anaya Ingleton, Ava Fowles, Weston Ziegler, Kingston Timothée
Fifth Grade – Maraya Carter-Evans, Bella Farrow, Julien Mera, Richard Kenyon, Esther Sylvain, Ethan Pierre, Yazaira Sanchez, Wyatt Friedberg
Sixth Grade – Emory Harper, Camden Ehrams, Isaiah Haynes, Alexis Clements, Emma Dickinson, Gabriella Rabassa, Christian Vazquez Ramos, Valentina De Oliveira, Bertrand Jasmin
Seventh Grade – Alyssa Lindsey, Nora Calnan, Sophie Gerbaud, Zoe Walden, William Gilson, Charlotte Rivera, Mya Torres, Cody Friedberg
Eighth Grade – Ricardo Baca, Kayla Capocci, Riley Renella, Julia Mesic, Mirlange Fleuriot, Lola Tavares, Justin Maitland, Jaycie Mera, Mia Hurtarte
Resource – Rainelys Velez, Ava Versaci, Aria Steplin, Sofia Peralta, Billy Degraffenreid, Julia Peralta, Mia Gluck, Alivia Dean, Lomar Metellus, Ella Harris, Angelica Sanchez, Jenna Ochacher
Social Emotional Learning
The Social Emotional Learning topic for this month is celebrating success. Celebrating success provides students an opportunity to see how well they have done in academic and personal areas. Researchers tell us celebrating success in the classroom doesn’t just make kids feel good, but it also significantly impacts their memory, learning, motivation, and other cognitive functions. This month, we will be celebrating success on May 20th. Please help us celebrate our students’ success by emailing a blurb to your child’s teacher about how you have seen your child be successful during the year. This can be about an activity they have done in or out of school, an event they participated in, or a milestone they have reached. It does not have to be only about academics but can also include personal events. We are looking forward to celebrating our Rockets this month.

End of Year Calendar
Our May calendar is full of school happenings throughout the month. Please be sure to review carefully so you do not miss anything. All testing dates and events are listed for your review.

Mark Your Calendar
On early dismissal days, school ends at 2:10 pm. The dates for the year are as follows: 5/31, 6/1

Middle School Electives
Elective Sheets for next school year will be handed out to students soon with a deadline of May 20th for return. The turnaround time will be swift, so be looking for the sheet when your child brings it home in their Wednesday folder. Remember, if your child does not return their elective sheet, their elective choices will be limited to whatever is still available.

i-Ready News
The final data collection with the i-Ready diagnostic will take place during the month of May. Teachers are scheduling this assessment in a whole group test environment to promote the best performance for all our Rockets. Please encourage your child to focus and “show what they know.” Thank you!

21-22 Title I Parent Survey Results
Thank you to the families who provided feedback on our annual survey. Results will be used to help inform the planning of school programs and improve teaching and learning. Survey results are available for viewing on PPE’s website.

Palm Pointe’s 2021-2022 Classroom Companion Series
The final installment of our Classroom Companion Series will focus on strategies and resources that families can use to prevent the “summer slide.” The video will be published on May 25, 2022. Previous months’ installments are available for viewing on PPE’s website and YouTube Channel.

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts and sweatshirts online! You can also purchase your prepaid Dollar Days pass to dress down on specific days this year!

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ

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