



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45
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Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

WOW! It is December and your children will be busy learning and growing while participating in some holiday fun. Please see the December calendar for activities at Palm Pointe. Also, colder weather dress code is included; please review so everyone is prepared for our changes in climate. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children.

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is open from September 1, 2016- February 1, 2017. FAU will begin selecting students in March.

Please share this information with those you may know who want to enroll their children at PPE as it is different from the enrollment period for other schools in St. Lucie. Please visit <http://applypk12.fau.edu> to enroll online.

Palm Pointe's Science Expo & Awards Celebration

Palm Pointe middle schoolers have been working hard on their Science Fair projects that were due November 21, 2016. The top ten winners in each pod will be displayed in the middle school pods the week of December 5th-8th for judging. They will also be displayed in the Auditoria on December 13th at 2:45 pm for The Science Fair Expo and Awards Celebration. Invited participants and families will be able to view the projects on display from 2:45 – 3:10 pm. The awards ceremony will begin at 3:10 pm. Please join us in wishing "Good Luck" to our Future Scientists!

PTO News

The Annual Holiday Shoppe is in full swing. We have transformed the Launch Pad so our children can shop for their families. The hours are 9:45-4:05, Thursday, 12/1 – Thursday, 12/8. You all should have received your shopping schedules. Middle school shops first period. Elementary school shops during their Technology class. If you are an approved volunteer and would like to assist our young shoppers, email us at palmpointept@gmail.com with your availability. We wish all our families a happy and healthy new year.

Staff Recognition Honorees

Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe's winners for staff recognition for 2016-2017!

Mr. Jason Hatfield- **Teacher of the Year**

Ms. Jacklyn Allegra - **Outstanding First Year Teacher**

Ms. Jennifer Gomez -**Distinguished Minority Educator**

Ms. Iris Fantin -**School Related Employee of the Year**

NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a premier organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The National Junior Honor Society 2016-17 officers are Athresha Kalluri (President), Andre Gomes-Lopez (Vice-President), Harlem Lilley (Treasurer), and Amber Abud-Romero (Secretary).

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3rd 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Breakfast Served **9:00-10:30 a.m.**

Santa Arrives at **9:30 a.m.** Palm Pointe Auditoria

Tickets \$5- Children's tickets include 3 crafts

There will be raffles, face painting, holiday tattoos, and holiday entertainment from our own Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Estrada!

Santa's exclusive visit to Palm Pointe will be Saturday, December 3rd. Bring your own camera. Santa will be available for pictures from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Crafts. All breakfast tickets are pre-sale only. Your prepaid tickets will be available for pick up at the door, the day of the event.

Blessing Bags for MLK Kindness Week

This year Palm Pointe is partnering with the Salvation Army of St. Lucie County to help the homeless in our community. We are asking families to fill gallon Ziploc bags with items that people need on a daily basis. With your help we can help those that are less fortunate and give them items that will be appreciated. A list of suggested items will come next week in a flyer, but your family can make your bags as unique as you like. Families can donate as many bags as they can! Our goal is to donate 500 bags or more to the Salvation Army for the homeless. Kindness Week is January 6-13, but you can start to assemble bags and send in beginning next week. Remember, together we can make a positive difference. Thank you for your continued support.

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, and Make Safe Choices, and for consistently demonstrating **Efficacy and Effort.**

Dates and Times for Remaining Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24

All assemblies are at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditoria. Parents and family members can report directly to the Auditoria

November Honorees are:

KINDERGARTEN: Audriana Townsley, Astrid Nelson, Kallee Jackson, Kylie Duffy, Raphael Francois, Isabella Fernandes, McKenzie Vickers, Alejandro Fellipone, Nori-Ann Grant

FIRST GRADE: Xander Emma, Justin Soto, Brianna Torres, Abigale Kelly, Genesis Decker-Perez, Rachel Reid, Alicia De La Cruz, Isabella Castelo

SECOND GRADE: Naicha Guerrier, Ethan Urquhart, Sebastian Emma, Alexandra Puertas-Cosmeanu, Ryssa Peters, Jordyn Lowery, Aaron Niebch, Katelynn Zimmerman, Dylan Rodrigues, Raul Lopez

THIRD GRADE: Nicholas Moya, Jessica Jaimes, Melich Enoch, Liani Rivera, Noah Hill Sukie, Aiden Gachette, Calvin Chuong, Gabrielle Thomas, Cody Simmonds, Jacoby Bailey

FOURTH GRADE: Matias Calderon, Joseph Cruz, Marco Escoto, Joshua Louis, Jaxon Behringer, Hannah Raymond, Dylan Schang, Haiden Ayers, Evelyn Hiller, Julian Greco

FIFTH GRADE: Phillip Dimarco, Chloe Zdenek, Sara Boulais, Jackson Willette, Grey Armstrong, Jordyn Bush, Kaylin Lingis, Madison Kohn

SIXTH GRADE: Kate Ehrsam, Asia Dwyer, Tyra Dimatteo, Dabensley Louis-Pierre, Kaitlyn Maciel, Alexia Manditch, Cloe Jurovski, Ethan McGibbons, John Errico, Joshua Berger, Brooklyn Warens, Gia Villasana

SEVENTH GRADE: Julianne Dannenberg, Ceanna Chaisson, Alexy Perez, Jace Ochacher, Robert Gaudreau, Brianna Gonzalez, Joshua Sherman, Michael Zich, Mehjai Lloyd, Paige Clow

EIGHTH GRADE: Nina Gutierrez, Ashley Coronel, Amber Abud-Romero, Izabella Velazquez, Tanisha Betancourt-Figueroa, William West, Kaitlyn Stagg, Jessie Degarmo, Bianca Searles, Jeremy Padilla

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, sweatshirts, 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.

McKinney Vento Homeless Act McKinney Vento Homeless Act

If you lost your housing due to economic hardship, natural disaster, or other similar reason, and are living temporarily with friends or relatives, or in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; or on the street; or in an abandoned building, then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. Regardless of your housing status, every child has the right to an education and additional services must be provided by the school. If you are not in a permanent home, please contact Mrs. Summer Kuba, Palm Pointe's homeless liason. She can be reached at (772) 345-3245 or summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org. If you would like additional information on the educational rights of homeless children and youth, please visit the Palm Pointe website or the FAU Resource Room in the front office.

Book Fair

The "Bookaneer Book Fair" has sailed off into the sunset, leaving behind many happy readers. The media staff would like to thank all those students, parents, teachers and community members who visited the book fair and found books to take home for their very own. We sold over \$12,000.00 worth of materials during the nine days of the fair including the \$5.00 vouchers provided to more than 700 students for their participation in the summer reading program. 58 books were purchased by individuals for their teachers' classrooms through the Classroom Wish List program and \$152.00 was raised by All for Books donations to purchase an additional 27 books for classrooms.

That total will be matched by Scholastic to help three national literacy organizations, as well!

Special thanks go to the volunteers who gave so much time and energy to decorating, setting up, helping students with their purchases, working the cash register, assisting with Donuts For Dads and Family Night activities and so much more. We could never do it without them!

Toys for Tots: Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 for our donation sleigh! We will be collecting toys until December 13th.

DECEMBER 2016

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day, which is every Friday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>Toys For Tots Drive Through Dec. 13th</i>	<i>1 Holiday Shoppe 11/30-12/7</i> <i>Gr 3 FSA Family Game Night 5:30 - 7:00</i>	2	<i>3 Breakfast w/Santa 9-11</i> <i>Volleyball Tournament A</i>
4	<i>5 History Fair Judging Dec. 5-7</i> <i>Science Fair Judging Dec. 5-9</i>	6	<i>7 MS LA & Reading Semester Exams</i> <i>Gr. 1 Health Screening</i> <i>Last day of Holiday Shoppe</i> <i>Family Night at Big Apple</i>	<i>8 MS Social St. & Elective Semester Exams</i> <i>Young Musicians Holiday Concert 6:30 pm (Chorus & 6th Gr. Band)</i>	<i>9 Gr. K and Gr. 1 Nutcracker @ The Sunrise Theater 9:45 - 12:30pm</i> <i>TCUS Mtg 1:30</i> <i>8th Gr. Jazz Band & Chorus Performance @ Tradition Square -6pm</i>	<i>10 NJHS Visit to Brennty Nursing Home 10:00 - noon</i> <i>Volleyball Tournament B</i>
	E1		F2	A3	B4	D5
11	<i>12 PBIS Holiday Sock Sale \$2.00 12/12-12/16</i> <i>Gr. K-3 Dental Screenings 9:45-4:00</i> <i>MS Science Semester Exams</i>	<i>13 Gr. K-3 Dental Screenings 9:45-4:00</i> <i>NJHS Meeting 11:30-12:30</i> <i>Coaches Corner</i> <i>PPE Science Fair (Identified Participants) 2:45</i> <i>Last Day for Toys for Tots</i>	<i>14 MS Math Semester Exams</i> <i>Gr. 3 New Year's Around the World 2:45—3:45 (Family event in classrooms)</i>	<i>15 Gr. 5 C.S.I. Family Event in pods 1:15</i> <i>Holiday Fine Arts Extravaganza 6:30pm (Concert Band, 7th & 8th gr Jazz Bands)</i>	<i>16 Early Release Day-Record Keeping</i> <i>End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester</i> <i>\$1.00 Ugly Shirt/Sweater - Supporting NJHS</i>	17
	D1	E2		F3	A4	B5
18	<i>19 Winter Holiday Starts</i> <i>Students Return to School January 3, 2017</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Students Return to School on Tuesday, January 3, 2017!