**Principal's Corner**

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

The new year has started off great and the students are maintaining their course and are 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. I would like to thank everyone who donated a blanket for our Week of Kindness project. The month of February will be a busy one, please be sure to continue to encourage your child to use their 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

**District STEM Fair**

The STEM fair judging will be held on **February 9, 2018**, at the Kight Center at IRSC in Fort Pierce from 8:00AM-3:00 PM. On **February 15, 2018** the STEM Fair Award Ceremony will be held from 6:30PM-8:30 PM at Ft. Pierce Central High School.

**PPE History Fair**

On January 22nd, students in grades 6 and 8 who demonstrated excellence in their respective categories were recognized at Palm Pointe’s annual History Day Fair. This year’s theme was Conflict and Compromise, and projects explored such topics as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Salem Witch Trials, the Civil Rights Movement, cultural icons, historic battles, and many more. Students could choose from five different categories to represent their work: exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances, or research papers. The following students will go on to represent Palm Pointe at the District History Day Fair on February 20th at IRSC’s Kight Center:

- **Individual Exhibit**: Melissa Meneses, Fabrizio Capocci
- **Group Exhibit**: Joshua Sherman, Ariadna Hiller, Nico Tovar, Ashwin Dhar
- **Individual Website**: Tristan Palumbo
- **Group Website**: Nikolos Polvos-Gomez, Brandon Ramos, Caden Neyor, Christopher Neyor
- **Individual Documentary**: Alyssa Monaco, Lucas Siminski
- **Group Documentary**: Sofia Tovar, Nicole Beltran, Isaac Fraga, Naylina Gonzalez, Shayna McGregor
- **Individual Performance**: Brianna Clow
- **Group Performance**: Rollin Pattison, Braylen Lopez, Riley Holtzclaw, Kate Casey, Edwin Villanueva-Ayala

**Research Paper**: Allison Kohler, Alexandria Winter, Kai Boxer

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**FSA Testing Begins**

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) testing begins **March 6th** with Writing. Grades 4–7 take a paper-based test, and Grade 8 takes a computer-based test on this day. Both paper based and computer based writing test sessions are 120 minutes. All Gr. 4-8 students test sessions begin at 9:45. Attendance and promptness during FSA season is most appreciated!

**K-2 Fairy Tale Festival**

Our K-2 Fairy Tale Festival will be held on February 21st from 5:30-7:00 in our school auditoria. We are excited to have students and their families participate in reading fairy tales using an interactive approach to inspire the love of reading! Students are invited to wear their favorite fairy tale costumes. We can't wait to see you there! Additional details will follow in a flyer coming out soon!

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**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 consistently demonstrating Efficacy and Effort.

**Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:** 10/25, 11/15, 12/20, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/16

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

- **KINDERGARTEN**: Jacobi Adams, Liliana Hooper, Izobella Pierre, Colton Takas, Luma Siqueira, Kendra Fleuriot, Anna Wilhelm, Ruby Diaz, Kerney Gaudin
- **FIRST GRADE**: Mathieu Riche, Maraya Carter-Evans, Taylor Laplante, Parker Lehman, Kalle Jackson, Audriana Townsley, Danica Schuster, Lucca Dominiques
- **SECOND GRADE**: Shane Martinez, Jace Tannehill, Logan Smith, Gabriella Narcisse, Allura Leighton, Nael Francois, Denielia Bennett, Rhys Mendoza
- **THIRD GRADE**: Lamarr Parks, Shayann Perry, Aylie Sinclair, McKinley Lehman, Alize Thompson, Sophia Tarantino, Alyssa Lindsey, Rhen Solesky, Ivy Golden, Jordan Wright, Madison Graber, Noah Hill Sukie
- **FOURTH GRADE**: Christian East, Myles Fanelli, John Bouris, Jr., Benjamin Arisi, Christian Paciti, Jaycie Mera, Jessica Jaimes, Ethan Harper, Trey Bott, Jaxson Martin, Preston Slacum
- **FIFTH GRADE**: Cali Keef, Veronica Turino De La Torre, Caleb Clements, Kirsten Bremekamp, Salem Nofal, Nachbi Pierre, Omarion Ward, Jesus Gutierrez-Carcamo
- **SIXTH GRADE**: Isaac Fraga, Reese Wildes, Jacob Cusa, Maya Wright, Cassia Charnes, Sebastian Ramos, Shermille Metayer, Hailee Sullivan, Cooper Kuba, Josette Jowana Valcin, Kaylin Lingis
- **SEVENTH GRADE**: Alexa Weeks, Gia Villasana, Isabellia Aviles, Alyssa Sylvia, Branden Birch, Brooke Piccoli, Jaiden White, Emily Whelan, Joshua Berger, Nicholas Stagg, Tyler Brinniger, Alexandra Ridgely, Dylan Doughney
- **EIGHTH GRADE**: Emma Kohler, Andon Geley, Paul Alegre, Jacob Locket, Michael Waldrop, Sofia Tovar, Emely Galdamez, Connor Stottlemire, Kyle Sostre, Rollin Pattison, Gavin Withrow
As part of our school mission, Palm Pointe strives to continue its professional growth through research opportunities for our instructional staff. Action research begins with a question, then follows the cycle of inquiry to gauge the impact certain strategies have on student performance, attitudes, or behaviors. Currently, three groups of teachers are engaged in action research projects in their classrooms. Their projects are exploring the impact of peer-feedback on writing achievement in Kindergarten, Whole Brain learning and math performance in Fourth Grade and one of our ASD classes, and flipped-classroom design in Seventh Grade math. The action steps will continue to the end of March, at which point the researchers will begin analyzing their data. We will continue to give you updates on what the research reveals in future Orbiters.

**High Schools Visit 8th Grade Students**

High School counselors will be visiting us this month to complete 9th grade course schedules with your child. Additional information will be sent home soon.

**On Early Dismissal days,** school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows: 2/14, 3/9, 4/6, 5/30, 5/31.

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**PTO NEWS**

February holds sweet events: On February 14, Tutti Frutti in Tradition is hosting our Sweet Treat Event from 2:00-8:00. Join us for some early release fun at your favorite Tutti Frutti store. Bring your flyer and Palm Pointe will receive 20% of your purchase price. Also, your neatly trimmed Box Tops are due no later than February 21; remember, the top three classes from K-2, 3-5, & 6-8 will receive an ice cream reward during lunch on March 2. Good luck!

**Basketball Season**

Basketball season is here and the Rockets are getting ready for the district basketball tournament. Come and support our Rocket Basketball Teams as they challenge for the championship. 6th and 7th grade girls and boys basketball teams will be playing on Saturday, February 17 at Dan McCarty Middle School. The 8th grade girls basketball team will be playing on Saturday, February 24 at Westgate K-8 School. 8th grade boys basketball team will be playing on Saturday, March 3 at Allapatttah Flats K-8 School. Join us as we cheer our teams to victory!