Dear Palm Pointe Families,

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we wish you a Happy New Year! We hope your Winter Break was filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We know that our school will continue to shine in 2017! It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated! Looking forward to 2017!

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.

Blessing Bags for MLK Kindness Week - January 6-13th
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 came home before break with another being sent home tomorrow, 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.

PTO News
Happy New Year! Welcome back! Our next Box Top contest deadline is February 22. Please continue submitting those neatly trimmed Box Tops. The winners will be announced in the March Orbitor. Tin Fish of Tradition has offered to host our next Family Night Out. More information will become available soon. Also, P.E. is hosting its annual Rocket Games the first week of January for K-5 students. Contact Robert.Santoro@stlucieschools.org directly if you would like to assist in that event.

Palm Pointe wishes our students and families a Happy New Year!

Science Fair Results!
Forty One student projects were selected to compete in this year's school based science fair. We had a total of ten categories and the following individuals were chosen as the top competitors in each of their respective categories! Congratulations, Rockets!

**Animal Science**
1st place – Frantic “Antics”, by Andre Gomez Lopez 8th grade

**Behavioral Science**
1st place - In Front of Learning, How the development of the frontal lobe over time affects visual learners? by Jayden Baker 8th grade

**Honorable Mention**
- Does gender impact how people process visual information? by Breanna Myles 8th grade
- Color and Accuracy, by Natalia Callejas 8th grade

**Biomedical and Health Sciences**
2nd place- To drink or not to drink? The effects of soda on teeth by Aaron Oleviera 8th grade

**Chemistry**
1st place - Why aren’t all medicine pills? by Summer Melrose 6th grade

**Engineering**
- Bailey Bug be Gone, by Bailey Brown 8th grade

**Environmental Science**
- Solar Power Water Desalination, by Alviani Gibson 7th grade

**Honorable Mention**
- Does going green cause an Algae Bloom? by Ellyn Delano 8th grade

**Mathematics**
1st place – Cloudy with a Chance of Acid Rain, by Anna Burtseva 8th grade

**Physics**
1st place – A Basketball Apex, by Samantha Watson 8th grade

**Plants**
2nd place- Planting with the waves, by Alexandra Brutus 8th grade

**Robotics**
2nd place- Smart Backpack by Dominique Thomas 6th grade

**Honorable Mention**
- Designing and building an R.O.V for inland water conservation and observation, by Riley Holtzclaw 7th grade
**History Fair Information**
Our 6th and 8th graders recently completed their 2016-2017 History Fair independent/group projects, showcasing their interpretation of the theme "Taking a Stand in History" in one of nine categories. After taking part in the school-based judging process, 86 students were selected to participate in Palm Pointe's History Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, January 4th at 2:45 p.m. in the Auditoria. At the ceremony, 26 students' projects will be recognized and they will represent Palm Pointe at the district's History Fair on Thursday, January 12th at IRSC. Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and dedication!

**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.

**History Fair Information**
To our 8th Grade Families…High School information will be coming home within the next few weeks. Please be on the look-out. If you have any questions, please contact our middle school counselor, Mrs. Kuba, at: summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org.

**Staff Recognition Honorees**
Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe's winners for staff recognition for the 2016-2017 school year!
- **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

**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.

**January 2017**
Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day, which is every Friday.

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**SOL Breakfast 9:00 am Launch Pad**