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Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:45pm
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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,
The month of February was a busy one! We were well represented at the District Science Fair, with many students receiving honors. The District History Fair is fast approaching. There were many family events this month. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Please review and support our changes to procedures in order to maintain safety at all times while our students are on campus. At our next SAC meeting at 8:30am on March 21st, we will discuss the steps that have been and continue to be taken in order to keep our campus safe. It is difficult to believe that the end of the third nine weeks is fast approaching and our FSA testing is beginning. Your students are well prepared by dedicated staff and will perform well. We are confident our rockets will continue to soar! I want to personally thank you for sharing your most prized possession with us. We love teaching them every day! Enjoy your spring break- March 12th - 16th!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Shrek Jr. Takes the Stage April 5th and 6th!

The Palm Pointe Players are proud to announce that their spring production will be *Shrek Jr!* This abbreviated version of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical closely follows the beloved animated movie, and features all your favorite characters, including Shrek, Princess Fiona, Donkey, and many more! Shrek's hilarious fairytale adventure will be performed on April 5th and April 6th at 6:00pm in the Auditoria. Tickets go on sale in the front office on March 20th, and will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students (children aged 4 and under are free!) We hope you will join us!



FSA Testing Begins

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) testing begins **March 6th** with Writing. Both paper based and computer based writing test sessions are 120 minutes. Attendance and promptness during FSA season is most appreciated! Please mark your calendars for your child (ren)'s specific testing days. Breakfast will be served for all students at no cost from March 1st through the end of the year. We are encouraging all students to eat a healthy breakfast each day. The specific subject/grade level schedule for the remaining assessments is as follows:

Test	Dates	Grade
FSA Writing-computer	Mar 6	8
FSA Writing-paper	Mar 6	4-7
FSA ELA-paper	Apr 16 & 17	3
FSA ELA-computer	Apr 23 & 24	4-5
FSA ELA-computer	Apr 25 & 26	7-8
FSA Math-computer	Apr 25 & 26	6
FSA Math-computer	Apr 30 & May 1	3-4
FSA ELA-computer	May 2 & 3	6
FSA Math-computer	May 2 & 3	7
FSA Math-computer	May 7 & 8	5
FSA Math-computer	May 7 & 8	8
EOC Alg 1 - computer	May 14 & 15	8
NGSSS Sci - paper	May 1	8
NGSSS Sci - paper	Apr 30 & May 1	5
EOC Civics - computer	May 10	7

School Safety

Thank you for supporting the additional measures we have put in place to keep our campus safe and secure. We are asking that parents do not drop off students before 9:15 each day. There is no supervision before this time and this has always been the rule. All students who come on campus in the morning for an activity other than band or chorus **MUST** enter through the front office. No students should go to the auditoria unless they are enrolled in Boys & Girls Club or are going to band or chorus. We are asking that all visitors enter through the front office and exit and check out the same way. We now must check you out of the Raptor system upon leaving. Our gates can no longer be used for an exit. We will continue to have families report directly to the auditoria for Honor Roll and Citizen of the Month, but no parents will be allowed to walk back through the campus to exit. You must exit through the auditoria doors where you entered. We appreciate your support in adhering to changes that are being put in place.

Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to selected students in each class 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: 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, but cannot leave the auditoria to enter the school grounds, as they are not checked into the campus.

FEBRUARY CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

KINDERGARTEN: Maria Velasco, Olivia Cruz, Brody Ly, Chloe Giaquinto, Sofia Peralta, Connor Lindsay, Alexander Brown, Dakota Duffy, Ian Garcia

FIRST GRADE: Agostina Censabella, Kieran Dodson, Keegan Walton, Valeria Rivera, Liana Bonet, Layla Moises, Kinslee Plain, Kelsey Sylvia, Samantha Carfino, Russell Renella

SECOND GRADE: Alicia De La Cruz, Stella French, Justin Soto, Michael Pennachio, Olivia Chaplin, Ryson Solesky, Gianna Edelkraut, Logan Buck

THIRD GRADE: Jackson Starling, Brianna Crockett, Gavin Piscopo, Aiden Bloomfield, Evyn San Martin, Jealyn Green, Joshua Mathew, Madison Eddinger, Alejandro Diaz, Toby Stratton, Isabella Jurovski, Caroline Croce

FOURTH GRADE: Ricardo Diaz, Aliza Romelien, Christopher Spears, Liani Rivera, Melania Apostolico, Brian Majors, Chayna Thompson, Onyx Diaz

FIFTH GRADE: Camrin Weeks, Juan Beltran, Jaxson VanName, Kamryn Larmon, Gabriela Castelo, Sara Teninty, Rihanna Garcia, Isabella Vassor, Michael Didonato, Quane Daley

SIXTH GRADE: Kennedy Moody, Angeline Roland, Ella Allen, Bridline Aurelien, Vanessa Fisher, Jady Cruz, Tiffany Perrott, Sara Boulais, Amber O'Berry

SEVENTH GRADE: Jayme McGregor, Keron Leslie, Camryn Bird, Victoria Porter, Gia Villasana, Emily White, Bryan Leyva, Joshua Berger, Jacob West, Savanna Wilson, Roodjen Joseph, Tyra Dimatteo, Julian Morales, Kaydence Collier

EIGHTH GRADE: Blake Smith, Julianne Dannenberg, Brianna Gonzalez, Michael Travis, Emilie Saincy, Daniel Monzon, Kaydee Alley, Kiahra Wood, Dylan Doughney, Colby Kuba, Samantha Striffler, Holden Browning

St. Lucie County Fair Display

Please vote for our display at the SLC Fair! "Destination Learning, Our School's Success" is the theme this year. You can vote each day you visit. The school with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award of \$1000. The fair runs from February 24th - March 4th. A special thank you to our art teachers, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Schott, for creating our display with our students' beautiful artwork! We received 2nd Place for K-8 schools!

Field Trip Reminders

As our students are beginning to attend field trips, we wanted to remind families again about some of the changes we made this year in regards to these trips. Our 17-18 Student Handbook (p. 23) clarifies that, "Parents who chaperone must be willing to ride the bus and be there to supervise on the way to and from the trip. Driving separately or leaving the group at the end of the trip to extend your stay at the location is not allowed. Student safety and supervision is the purpose of having chaperones and they are needed the entire trip, start to finish. Please consider this before volunteering to chaperone." To ensure all students' safety, students may not be checked out by their parent(s) at the end of the field trip, even if their parent is not serving as a chaperone. ALL students and chaperones must ride the bus to and from the trip. Families may pick their children up at Palm Pointe upon the students' return, if they arrive back on campus after the end of the day. Thank you for your attention to this.

PTO NEWS

The classes that submitted the most Box Tops are Mrs. Hartman's class, Mrs. Wilkes' class, & Mrs. Justice's class. Your ice cream reward will be served during lunch on March 2 and the trophies will be delivered to the classrooms. The PTO has also purchased "student appreciation" gifts for each of the children. They will go home with your students on Friday, March 9 to be enjoyed over spring break. We have also provided snacks for the students taking their FSA tests.

Spring Picture Day is Here!

Grades K-8 will take pictures on March 21st. Refer to the flyer that will be sent home with your child for dress code expectations and details.

ESE Parent Survey

Each year the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education. The web-based survey will open February 1, 2018. You can complete the survey online at <http://www.esesurvey.com> or request a paper survey from one of your child's school ESE specialists (Karol Carvelli or Linda Hughes). Your feedback is important to us!

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

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.

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Earbuds are for sale for \$4.00. Student Planners are on sale for \$5.00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Clubs/Activities Before & After school: Band- Everyday 8:15 Chorus- Tues, Thur 8:15 Sports-Boys Basketball A Team & Girls: Tues, Wed, Thur 4:30-5:30 Track - Tues 4:15-5:00 Robotics- Tues morning 8:15 Beta Club Meeting 3/28 @ 8:15</i>			1 C Book Fair Volunteer Mtg 8:30 in Media Center	2 D Gr. K Dr. Seuss Day PBIS Smencil Sale	3 Boys A Team Basketball Tournament @ Allapattah Flats 9:10 AM
4 ALL TUTORING CAN-CELED THIS WEEK	5 E	6 FSA ELA Writing Exam Grades 4-7 PBT & Gr 8 CBT NO Tutoring or Clubs Today	7 F PTO 9:00 Drama Rehearsal 3:15-5:30pm	8 A	9 B Early Dismissal \$1 No Dress Code to Support the March of Dimes End of 3rd Nine Weeks	10
11	12 Spring Break: March 12-16	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Teacher Workday No School for Students	20 C Students Return to School Gr. 2 Field Trip to IRSC Planetarium Lloyd, Jean, Snyder, Zdenek 9:45-12:30	21 D Lifetouch Spring Picture Day SAC 8:30 Gr. 2 Field Trip to IRSC Planetarium Polanco, Sanchez, Callejas, Daniel 9:45-12:30 4th Gr. Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00 Drama Rehearsal- 3:15-5:30	22 E Symphonic Band Pre-Evaluation Festival TCHS 6-9pm All County Chorus @ LPA (Identified Students Only)	23 F \$1 No Dress Code to Support Autism Awareness	24
25 Spring Book Fair 3/26 - 4/6	26 A Gr. 1 Marcos Pizza Fundraiser 5:30- 8:00 Kindergarten 4H Presentation in Classrooms 11:30-12:00 Benton, Foohs 12:00-12:30 Brekke, Kreitzman 12:30-1:00 Perez, Roberts 1:50-2:20 Knapp, Haupt	27 B Robotics Club 8:15-9:15 Gr. K 4H Farm Field Trip- Benton, Knapp, Kreitzman, Perez Last day ELA Tutoring	28 C Citizen of the Month 10:30 Drama Rehearsal- 3:15-5:30- audeteria	29 D Gr. K 4H Farm Field Trip- Brekke, Foohs, Haupt, Roberts Last day Math Tutoring	30 Holiday For All	31