Volunteer Orientation
Thursday, September 17 @ 9:30am in Launch Pad
Get involved in Palm Pointe. Be a volunteer.
This will be informative and give insight into ways you can help our school. Hope you can join us!

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Located in the front office. We have a large amount of items, so please encourage your children to come and look for any missing items. Also, please write your child’s first and last name in items such as jackets and lunch boxes.

Communication
Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter and now Instagram @ Palm Pointe K-8
Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school.
Monthly parent newsletters will be sent home at the beginning of each month starting in September. A monthly calendar will be included with the newsletter. Newsletters and calendars will also be available to view on our website.

Mark Your Calendar
On Early Release days school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:

Tardy Students and Early Pick Up
We guard instructional time. Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 3:30pm each day.

Dress Code
Thank you for supporting our “Dress for Success” for students. They look fabulous. Remember dress code guidelines are outlined in the student handbook and on our website.

Change of Address
If your home address has changed in the course of the school year, please provide the office with two of the following documents dated within the last 30 days to help us stay up to date on our current records: electric, water, or land line telephone bill, signed lease agreement, current mortgage deed, sales/builder’s contract, or rent receipt.
We do not accept: driver’s license, cell phone bills, cable bills, bank statements, checkbooks, child support checks, or pay stubs as proof of address.

Citizen of the Month
The Citizenship Award is given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one student per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe’s School-wide Rules:
- Take Responsibility
- Engage in Your Learning
- Act Respectfully
- Make Safe Choices
Dates for Citizen of the Month are as follows:
9/30, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 5/18
All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Auditorium. Parents & Family members may report directly to the Auditoria.

CHAMPS
This year all of Palm Pointe is using a new classroom management system called CHAMPS. It is a positive approach to classroom management because it teaches students the expectations for all activities they will do throughout the day. There are 5 components to CHAMPS. Each letter of the word CHAMPS is a reminder of how students are expected to behave. The “C” reminds students of the voice level they can use for the activity. The “H” tells students how to ask for help when they need it. The “A” stands for the type of work they will be doing. The “M” lets students know if they can move during the activity and for what purpose. The “P” reminds students what it looks like if they are fully participating. When students comply with all of the rules and procedures, the “S” stands for the SUCCESS they will experience! When students meet the CHAMPS expectations the teacher lets them know they are doing a good job by praising them and providing Rocket Fuel which students can use to “buy” incentives. When students don’t follow an expectation, the teacher corrects the infraction and reminds the student of what needs to be done. Consequences are imposed if the infractions continue. Talk to your student about the CHAMPS expectations. He/She will be able to tell you more about them.
If you have any questions about CHAMPS, you can ask your child’s teacher.

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**PTO News**
Welcome Back Rockets! We trust your summer was amazing! The PTO meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in room 1-123. Our first PTO meeting is 9/2 and starts promptly at 9:00, of course children are welcome. As promised, your PTO is excited to announce that we are hosting the Yankee Candle Fall fundraiser from 10/10-10/15. The beautifully scented packets will be sent home with your child. We will also raffle a basket, a $150 value, filled with 5 Yankee Candle Large Jars - a scent for every occasion. Gather up all the Box Tops you clipped over the summer & turn them in with your Home room teacher’s name on the bag. Our first contest is 9/21, 2015.

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**Tobacco Free District**
Tobacco Free signage is going up around our district. School Board Policy 2.90 went into effect August 1, 2013 and is applicable to students, employees, parents, volunteers, spectators and visitors. No student, employee, volunteer, contractor or school visitor is permitted to use tobacco products of any kind or e-cigarettes: a. in any building, facility, or vehicle that is owned, leased, or rented by the District.

On any district-owned, leased, rented, or chartered grounds and property – including all schools, district offices, athletic fields, practice fields, playgrounds, parking lots, administrative offices, maintenance, transportation areas, etc.

At any off-campus, school-sponsored event.

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*Purchase your Coupon Book for $20.00...Proceeds will benefit your child’s Teacher, as well as the School & the SLC Education Foundation

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**BIRTHDAY BASH Packages**
Palm Pointe’s Cafeteria is offering no hassle Birthday packages for your children. You can choose from the following options:

1. cupcake & 4oz. juice for $1.00 per child
2. Ice-cream & small water for $1.00 per child
3. A “GANK” chocolate chip cookie for $1.50 ea. 16 servings, juices are an additional 75 cents per child.

The Birthday boy or girl will also receive a Birthday Hat!

If you would like to schedule your child’s special Birthday Bash, simply call, Della Myerze 345-3254. Your child will receive his/her birthday bash during their regularly scheduled lunch period.

**PTO Meeting/100 Book Challenge**
What: For parents to learn about Title One requirements and K-3 100 Book Challenge Program
Where: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
When: Thursday, Sept. 10th
5:30-6:00pm Title 1 Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00pm 100 Book Challenge

**Unauthorized Facilities Usage**
Over the past few months, there have been an increasing number of students who change their method of transportation to walk off campus after school and return to the campus after school hours to use our facilities. Students are not allowed to return to campus during unauthorized unsupervised times of the day. School policy states, that students who plan to change their method of transportation should have written approval from parents. This change should be turned in to the child’s teacher prior to dismissal. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for sharing this information with your child.

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

**Spirit Shirts are available for $10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any Palm Pointe T-Shirt on Spirit Day.**