Principal's Corner

2014-2015 Staff Honorees in MLK Parade.
Nicole Charles- First Year Teacher, Jenny Clancy- Teacher of the Year, Kip Wright- Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year, Robyn Wyatt- School Related Employee of the Year.

MLK Oratorical Contest First Place Winners
Lauren Beard- St. Lucie County Middle School Winner
Bella Favata- St. Lucie Elementary School Winner

These four fifth grade students from Palm Pointe Educational Research School & Tradition were selected to attend “Saturday with a Scientist” on Saturday, 10, 2015 at V.G.T.I. (Vaccine Gene Therapy Institute). Students were able to do several hands on scientific experiments. The students all learned valuable lessons and enjoyed the experiments that they did. Pictured from left is one of the V.G.T.I. Scientists, Bernol Roache, Matthew Tucker, Kate Barcelona, Aryan Vashishta and another V.G.T.I. Scientist.

Florida Standards Assessment
The 2015 testing schedule begins with the Writing Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in March with other content tests to follow. All students and parents are encouraged to visit the Florida Standards Assessments website for specific testing information, updates, and practice tests. The website is www.fsaassessments.org.

We have been so pleased to see so many students participating during the Reading Takes You Places Challenge for the duration of the 2015 school year. The dates for the year are as follows:
- 2/18, 3/25, 4/29, 5/26, 6/2, 6/3

March of Dimes
Thank you for your support. Our goal was $500 or $½ mile in dimes. Palm Pointe exceed their goal by collecting $632.70. The top three classes that collected the most dimes were:
- Mrs. Keen’s class- 932 dimes
- Mrs. Fragart’s class- 777 dimes
- Mrs. Costanzo’s class- 635 dimes

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm

Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time. Our school begins at 9:40 am.

Here are some tips you can use to practice reading skills with your loved ones this Valentine’s Day:
- Make homemade valentine cards and practice writing words, sentences and friendly letters. Use synonyms for the word love to help expand your child's vocabulary.
- Follow a recipe to make a valentine's treat together. Then you can enjoy your sweet treat together.
- Check out some books on topics your child LOVES and read them together.

Mark Your Calendar
On Early Release day’s school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
- 2/18, 3/25, 4/29, 5/26, 6/2, 6/3
- 4/28, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13

March into May and feel free to check the website for specific testing information, updates, and practice tests.

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 and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:
- 2/18, 3/25, 4/29, 5/26, 6/2
- 4/28, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13

All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Auditeria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Auditeria. Congratulations to all!

January Citizens of the Month
- Kindergarten: Breeanna Weiser, Madison VanGough, Anthony Ochoa, Logan Blair, Anthony Luongo, Shayann Perry, Hanaki Takata, Sofia Berrios, Toby Stratton, Alejandro Diaz
- 1st Grade: Lamarr Parks, Tori Dickinson, Chloe Fender, Emily Sexton, Melik Enoch, Benjamin Ariu, Aidan Lexen, Madison Stevenson
- 2nd Grade: Kaly St. Louis, Maiara Leandro, Joshua Louis, Jasmine Dukes, Trotter Chaison, Olivia Pacek, Zachary Berger, Robert Adams
- 3rd Grade: Kaylee Hunt, Jordyn Bush, Sara Boulais, Malik Williams, Kimberly Joseph, Christopher Young, Nayiliana Gonzalez, Christopher Heelan
- 4th Grade: Mia Mihajlovski, Asia Dywer, Sabrini Fontanez, Emma Cavalier, Colin Wright, Kailee Folter, Brooke Pizzi, Dominque Thomas
- 5th Grade: Shannon MacGregor, Cristian Del Rosario, Kacy Zdenek, Landon Matson, Joshua Sherman, Kaitlyn Yarhouse, Jared White, Connor Stottlemire, Brooke Vega
- 6th Grade: Jennica Strang, Tanisha Betancourt, Harlem Llally, Abigail Carbonell, Jacob Landron, Coral Ferris-Merendino, Thomas Collins, Isabella Nazario-Colon, Ahtreasa Kallari
- 7th Grade: Nathaniel Padilla, Melanie Londoño, Sidney Scailleti, Briena Hall, Michelle Keaton, Joshua Hannan, Alliyah Hall, Devon Kelly, Karina Sanchez, Natalie Hernandez
- 8th Grade: Lauryn Beard, Jasmine Cortez, Laila Dib, Tyler Edwards, Natalie Ruppert, Kayla Simpson, Melanie Turner, Taghana Springs, Elizabeth Sterling, Maxine Volcin
Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

**Kindness Week**
Palm Pointe takes 1st Place

In conjunction with many activities to celebrate MLK, Palm Pointe students participated in Kindness Week. Activities included:
- A door decorating contest was held for all K-8 classroom teachers and their students. The doors were judged on Originality, Creativity and Best in Show.
- A brick wall was built to represent the cooperative effort of a diverse community of people to create an environment of kindness. The various colors depict the elements of kindness. The silhouettes signify the multi-ethnic backgrounds of our students, staff and parental community. Students produced original work demonstrating their personal understanding of TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!!
- Throughout the week, teachers distributed Kindness Tokens to students when they saw a simple act of kindness. The goal was to get as many students to commit acts of kindness as possible.
- On January 15, 2015, the students and staff were invited to wear a solid colored tee shirt representing kindness. Red: Strength/Kindness Yellow or Orange: Friendship/Joy/Happiness Purple: Wisdom Blue: confidence

Green: Growth and Harmony

Congratulations for being 1st place in St. Lucie County.

Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter and now Instagram @ Palm Pointe K-8
Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school.

**PTO News**

Thank you to all the families that came out to 5 Guys Burgers & Fries to support your PTO. Proceeds from this event will help fund the rewards that PTO provides during the Florida State Assessments. With your financial support, the PTO was able to provide $50 to each of our teachers to be used for much needed classroom supplies. We were also able to reward each of our students with a “Student Appreciation Gift.” Your child(ren) should have come home with a 22 ounce water bottle.

We are still collecting TYSON A+ labels along with Labels for Education. As always please continue neatly clipping those Box Tops. The contest for the $250 ends 2/25/15. Winners will be announced March 2nd on the morning announcements.

**SCHOOL ISN’T THE SAME WITHOUT YOU**

Parents please remember that it is important for your child to be in attendance each day. Statistics show that regular attendance promotes academic and social success which will lead to continued success throughout life. It is the school district's policy that written notes are provided within 3 days for an absence to be excused. In unavoidable situations, where your family must travel and your child has accumulated fewer than 10 excused or 5 unexcused absences, the principal can excuse the travel for 5 days or less. These situations will need approval in advance from Ms. Snyder in order to be excused. A written note or email will be acceptable. When a child has accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences in a calendar month, a meeting may be arranged to develop interventions that promote regular attendance.

**50th Annual St. Lucie County Fair**
The Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Ft. Pierce supports School Art Exhibits each year with monetary awards. Mark your calendar now for February 27 - March 8, 2015. Stop by the School Exhibits and vote for Palm Pointe. The school with the most votes wins the People’s Choice Award of $500.

**February**

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<td>5 Honor Roll Gr. 3 &amp; 4 10 am Gr. 6-8 History Fair &amp; Awards 2:45-3:45 pm Jazz Band MPA @ Jensen Beach High Performance 11:00 am</td>
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<td>20 Symphonic Band Rehearse-a-Thon 4–8 pm @ PPE</td>
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**PTO News**

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