Debra Snyder, Principal

PTO News
A huge “Thank You” to all the amazing volunteers who worked so hard in the Holiday Shoppe so our kids could have an enjoyable experience. We also thank all the families who continue to turn in your neatly trimmed Box Tops. Our next contest deadline is February 20. Your class may be the lucky winner. Remember, Labels for Education are needed as well.

Take a break from all that holiday cooking and join us at 5 Guys Burgers & Fries in St. Lucie West on January 21 from 4:00-9:00. Tell them you are with Palm Pointe.

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. 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.

STEM & Science Fair
All students in grades 6-8 participated in the Science Fair this year. Middle school students had their first opportunity to complete a S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering Math) based project and be able to compete to take their new invention or improvement to our school and district fair. Fifty-seven students were selected to compete in this year’s school based fair and expo. 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!

Earth Science: Tyler Edwards
Chemistry: Eilyn Delano, Taylor Milton, Jackson Martin, and Maria Prussing
Physics and Astronomy: Lucian Beaubrun, Ty Dargis, Madeline Grohowski, and Cole Ehrrsam
Engineering: Material and Bioengineering: Isabella Nazario-Colon, Lauyn Beard, Justin Cruz, and Shannon Hab yan
Engineering: Electrical and Mechanical: Erin Ageeb, Carly Bentel, David Ferguson, and Tatiana Philogene
Plant Sciences: Harlem Lilly, Ryan Busby, Coral Ferris-Merendino, and Taylor Bentel
Animal Science: Caroline Enoch
Math: Bryanna Vincens
Environmental Sciences: Tiana Qubain
Energy and Transportation: Sarah Wouters, Jacqueline Jaimes, Jayden Baker, and Alexander Gust

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:

- Accept Responsibility
- Engage in Your Learning
- Act Respectfully
- Make Safe Choices

Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award
Ceremonies:
1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/22, 5/13
All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Auditoria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Auditoria. Congratulations to all!

December Citizens of the Month
Due to the short month, there will be no Citizen of the Month ceremony.
Our next ceremony to recognize our outstanding citizens, will be January 21, 2015.

Counselor Corner
The Florida School Counselor Association’s website is a great resource for parents. It provides information on bullying, dealing with a crisis, college and career planning, special needs, parenting tips, appropriate use of the internet, test anxiety, transition to middle school as well as an online bookstore. Please check out this amazing resource. http://www.fsca.org

ESOL News
Colorin Colorado! is an extremely helpful bilingual resource for families of English Language Learners. Here, you will find tips on helping your child become a better reader, common core standards, language acquisition, homework help, as well as a variety of other topics to help you to help your child be successful in school. http://www.colorincolorado.org/

Palm Pointe Parents and Guardians! Palm Pointe’s Cafeteria also offers following.

No Hassle
“BIRTHDAY BASH” PACKAGES

For your child(ren):
You can choose from the following options:
1 cupcake & 4 oz. juice for 75¢ – pichlid
Or 1 ice-cream & small water for $1.00 – pichlid
Or a “GIANT” chocolate chip cookie for $15.00 ea. – 16 srvgs.
In addition, an additional 50¢ pichlid.

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 Myzer @ 345-3254 and we can discuss the options available and total cost. Leave the work to us!

Your child will receive his/her birthday bash during their regularly scheduled lunch period.

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

Mark Your Calendar
On Early Release day school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
- 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/2, 6/3

REGISTRATION 2015-2016
The registration deadline is fast approaching. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2015.
Please remind your family and friends to register before the deadline.

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Principal's Corner
On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we wish you a Happy Holiday. We hope your Winter Break is filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We know that our school will continue to shine in 2015. It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated. See you in 2015.

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THE ORBITER
We are more than halfway through our Reading Takes You Places Challenge for Quarter 2. We are asking students to read 30 minutes each night. Research proves that increased time reading improves comprehension, vocabulary, and performance on assessments. Students are earning raffle tickets each week for prizes like free books, a chance to be on the morning announcements, or a special lunch time. Please encourage your children to keep reading and enjoy reading time together. Choose a book to read with your child over the break! See where reading takes you!

Exceeding Expectations

East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) identified Palm Pointe as a Title I school across the state of Florida that is exceeding expectations in improving student achievement. For more information on ECTAC and the Exceeding Expectation Project, you can visit the website at http://www.ectacfl.net.

A team of school and district level peers from ECTAC members will visit Palm Pointe on January 8, 2015. Teams will observe classrooms and talk to leadership, teachers, staff and students about our educational practices. At the completion of their visit, a determination will be made if our school has meet the Award School status. This is a very prestigious award and Palm Pointe is very deserving. We are looking forward to the visit and showcasing our excellent teachers and wonderful students.

How common is head lice?

Head lice are parasites that are found on human heads and has been common among humans for hundreds of years. They are found in almost all countries and climates around the world. Head lice infection is very common, it has been estimated that up to one in every 10 children in school acquires head lice at some time. Head lice is spread by personal contact or the sharing of combs, brushes, caps, and other clothing. So it is easy to transmit head lice from one person to another. Please take time, on a routine basis, to check your child’s head. Thank you for your time and effort in helping to keep our students in school.

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

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