Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

What an exciting year we have had so far, and it's hard to believe the 2014-2015 school year is coming to a close. The following are some very important end of year celebrations here at Palm Pointe. So mark your calendar now.

Wednesday, May 27th - Kindergarten Pinning

PPE’s Auditoria
9:45 am Costanzo, Oats, Petrosino
10:45 am Knapp, Muto, Guelli
2:30 pm Rubel, Fооhs, Innamorato

Monday, June 1st – PPE’s Auditoria
10:00 am Grade 8 Celebration
1:30 pm Grade 5 Moving Up

Tuesday, June 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd are Early Release Days and June 3rd is also the last day of school for students.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Looking for Something to do this Summer?

As the school year comes to a close and summer begins, don't forget to encourage your child to reinforce and practice skills learned in class. For math, have him/her practice grade level-appropriate addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts to build fluency and visit the V-Math Live website, http://www.vmathlive.com/login. For reading, visit the Ticket to Read website, http://www.tickettoread.com/. Remember to have your child to read daily, too - and K-3 students can still log and track their steps! For math, reading, science materials, the Think Central website, https://www.k6.thinkcentral.com, will also still be available. All online resources can be accessed with your child’s 562 student digit lunch number. For math, reading, science materials, the Think Central website, https://www.k6.thinkcentral.com, will also still be available. All online resources can be accessed with your child’s 562 student number and 5-digit lunch number. Look for more grade-specific summer information to come home with your child later this month.

Palm Pointe Yearbook Signing Party

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

We will be having a yearbook signing party on May 19th. Those students who purchased a yearbook will be able to participate. In the Auditoria, K-2 students will participate from 9:45-10:30 and 3-5 students from 10:45-11:30. K-2 students will meet in their pod from 9:45-10:30. If your child did not pre-order a yearbook, there will be additional yearbooks available beginning May 18 on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Yearbooks will cost $35, please make check payable to Palm Pointe.

Winners of Dr. Gaines Essay Contest at Palm Pointe

Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition would like to congratulate the following students for placing recently in the Dr. Samuel S. Gaines Essay Contest. Annarose Hilhorst a fourth grader in Ms. Perry’s class placed first in the Elementary School Category, Riley Holtzclaw a fifth grader in Ms. Patton’s class placed second in the Elementary School Category, and Laney Keys a third grader in Ms. Clancy’s class placed third in the Elementary Category. Athresha Kalluri a sixth grader in Mrs. Fazzaloro’s class placed first in the Middle School Category. These students were recognized at the SLCSB meeting on April 28, 2015. Pictured from left is Athresha Kalluri, Laney Keys, Principal, Ms. Debra Snyder, Annarose Hilhorst and Riley Holtzclaw. Way to Go Rockets!

100 Book Challenge Update

On April 8th, the consultant from 100 Book Challenge was at Palm Pointe teaching 3rd grade teachers how to implement this reading program. Over spring break hundreds of new fiction and nonfiction books on various reading levels arrived for our third graders. Third grade teachers have assessed their students’ reading abilities and placed them in the program. Students are currently reading on their assigned level for 30 minutes each day and logging 2 steps (1 step for each 15 minutes they read in school). By now, most of our third grade students have at least 20 steps or 5 hours of independent, silent reading. In May, our 3rd grade students will be bringing their reading logs home, and parents will be asked to verify that their child is reading 30 minutes each night by signing the reading log.

The 100 Book Challenge goal for 3rd grade students is to demonstrate the ability to read and comprehend informational and literary texts and be able to understand and properly use the vocabulary encountered in their readings.
National Junior Honor Society

On May 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium, Palm Pointe will be honoring those students in the 7th grade who have met all the criteria for the National Junior Honor Society and we will hold an induction ceremony. Our current NJHS President will speak to our inductees and current NJHS members will be there to support our new members. Your child will receive a letter if/she/has met the necessary requirements and would like to apply for membership in Palm Pointe’s chapter of the National Junior Honor Society in advance of this event.

Young Authors

Our K-3 students have worked hard to craft their original books and now our young authors are ready to share their creations with their classmates and families! Class representatives will be receiving invitations to our school’s Young Author’s Celebration, which will be held on Monday, May 11 at 2:30 in the auditorium. At that time, grade level representatives will be recognized. Identified students will then represent Palm Pointe at the district celebration on Saturday, May 16.

PTO NEWS

The week of May 4 is Staff Appreciation. Please remember to recognize all the wonderful staff and faculty we are fortunate to have supporting our children. The PTO is saying thank you to all the wonderful staff and faculty we are fortunate to have supporting Palm Pointe.

There is still time to get those BTs clipped, May 19th is the deadline. Also this month is our final BoxTop contest. Thank you to all parents who supported our team. Palm Pointe received a Silver Level and raised over $4,300!!

ECTAC Presentation

After an extensive interview and review process, Palm Pointe has been recognized by the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) as a 2014 - 2015 Exceeding Expectations Award School. Each year, a select number of Title 1 schools are awarded for exceeding expectations, by demonstrating significant progress in improving student achievement. This year, Palm Pointe was one of only 18 schools in Florida to receive such a prestigious honor. Staff members have been invited to attend and present at ECTAC’s annual conference on May 6-7.

Every Friday is Spirit Day.

May-June 2014

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<td>4 Guidance Tour for Perspective Students @2:00pm</td>
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<td>6 PTO General 8:30am PTO Board 9:30am Gr. 8 FSA Math-CBT 82k S3 (60min each)</td>
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<td>16 District Young Authors k-3 (Identified participants) Oak Hammock noon-1:30pm</td>
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<td>PRS Mid-8:30am FSA Algebra/Geo-CBT S1 (90min-11hrs) Gr.7 w/ Mers 10:30am</td>
<td>Yanks to your support Palm Pointe raised a total of 1,083</td>
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