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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



Look for PPE on Facebook and/or Twitter
@Palm Pointe
K-8. Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school. Be sure to Like Us on Facebook!



Principal's Corner

WOW! It is December and your children will be busy learning and growing while participating in some holiday fun. Please see December calendar for activities at Palm Pointe. Also, colder weather dress code is included; please review so everyone is prepared for our changes in climate. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children. Everyone ROCKS at PPE.

Debra Snyder, Principal

Annual School Status Report

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that school districts provide parents with an annual school status report at the beginning of each school year. To meet this requirement, school reports must be made available to the public. The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has posted these reports containing data for the required indicators and the Annual Measurable Objectives report on the Web at: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbsp/index.cfm>.

Palm Pointe's Science Expo

Palm Pointe middle schoolers have been working hard on their STEM (Science) Fair projects that were due November 9th. Top ten winners in each pod will be displayed in the middle school pods the week of December 1-4th. They will also be displayed in the Audeteria on December 16 at 2:45pm for The Science Fair Expo and Awards Celebration. Invited participants and families will be able to view the projects on display from 2:45 – 3:10pm. The award ceremony will begin at 3:10pm.. Please join us in wishing "Good Luck" to our Future Scientists!

United Way Campaign- "Change A Child"

November 30th – December 4th is our annual "Change A Child" change drive. In SLC, the United Way continues to support local critical issues. We hope you will consider supporting our drive by cleaning out those piggy banks and collecting that spare change. Teachers will collect change in their class that your child brings in. Parent can also donate to the jar located in the main office.

REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN

The application for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. The application window will close on January 31, 2016.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 2:10pm. The dates for the year are as follows:
12/18, 1/27, 2/24, 3/18, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27

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.

Dress Code Outerwear

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.

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:

12/16 1/20, 2/78, 3/16, 5/18

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

November Citizens of the Month

KINDERGARTEN: Ethan Forshner, Reece Majewski, Ronald Kai Andersson, Aliya Gomez, Shane Duffy, Aria Croce, Kayla Yearwood, Olivia Drawdy

FIRST GRADE: Rosemary VanName, Devin Ferguson, Alexander Kahr, Kyle Lees, Jeremy Snead, Katelyn Zimmerman, Jasmine Kelly, Ryssa Peters, Toby Stratton, Austin Howard, Evan Lewis

SECOND GRADE: Jessie Dukes, Madison Pesula, Mathieu Le, Christian Pacitti, Aleana Decker-Perez, Jayla Lopez, Brianna Crockett, Ariel DeJesus

THIRD GRADE: Dylan Stanton, Dylan Schang, Hannah Raymond, Jaxson VanName, Ava Booth, David Cassidy, Samuel Tejada, Asia Chuong, Sharhee Scott, Camrin Weeks, Cali Keefer, Madeline Crockett

FOURTH GRADE: Laney Keys, Dominick Brown, Kai Boxer, Ellan Allen, Kennedy Moody, Christopher Young, Kimberly Joseph

FIFTH GRADE: Brooklyn Warens, Alexia Manditch, Amani Braswell, Alejandra Peralta, Brooke Piccoli, Allison Sexton, Emma Cavalier, Mariana Cossetti

SIXTH GRADE: Haylynn Tate, Nicole Beltran, Sameer Iqbal, Melissa Meneses, Victoria Sierra, Kayla Ferdinand, Riley Holtzclaw, Kimberly Quigley, Nelly Carretero-Martinez, Sofia Lopez

SEVENTH GRADE: Ashley Coronel, Kayla Jungiohan, Krystin Neal, Lavar Russell, Sarah Hawblitzel, Jackson Martin, Chloe Zimmerman, Cassidy Taylor, Ivelise Cordero, Delaney Cassidy

EIGHTH GRADE: Kai Rivera, Ethan Jones, Chloe Capen, Krish Vashista, Richard Periche, David Zepeda, Malakhi Oliver, Anthony Lyons, Asia Alegre

PTO News

NO GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SHOPPE.

If you are a school approved volunteer and are able to assist, we will be in the Launch Pad from 9:45-4:00 each day from 12/1-12/10.

Congratulations to: Mrs. Callejas, Mrs. Berger & Mrs. Larsen. Their classes are the winners of the Box Top contest; each receiving \$25 gift cards

Please continue saving those **BOX TOPS**. There will be another contest.

Your class may be the next winner! We also except ink cartridges for recycling and Labels for Education for our Science & PE Depts.

Shoparoo.com is a quick & easy way to earn for Palm Pointe.

Thank You to all of our Rocket Families for your continued support!

Have a safe Holiday!!



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Breakfast Served 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Santa Arrives at 9:30 a.m. Palm Pointe Audeteria



Santa's exclusive visit to Palm Pointe will be Saturday, December 6. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast, and Holiday Craft Booths.

All breakfast tickets are pre-sale only.

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee or juice

Entertainment
by our very own
Dean Estrada
&
Mrs. Larsen

Student Admission \$5.00
Includes Breakfast and 3 activities

Individual Breakfast \$5.00

Your prepaid
tickets will be
available for pick
up at the door,
the day of the
event

Bring your own camera. Santa will be available for pictures 9:30-11:00 a.m.

*An adult must supervise their child (ren) while at breakfast and making crafts.

❖ Last day to buy tickets is December 3.

Congratulations to the following employees who have been elected as Palm Pointe's winners for staff recognition for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Larsen- **Teacher of the Year**
Dean Estrada -**Distinguished Minority of the Year**

Mrs. Kayla Berger - **Outstanding New Teacher of the Year**
Mrs. Whalen-Henik -**School -Related Employee of the Year**

Toys For Tots

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 for our donation sleigh! We will be collecting toys from November 23rd-December 11th.

Additional donation dates at Palm Pointe include:
 December 3rd at the Holiday Concert (Elementary Chorus & 6th Grade Band)
 December 5th at Breakfast with Santa
 December 10th at the 7th& 8th Grade Band Concert
Palm Pointe's Goal is to collect 250 gifts!

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a premier organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

National Junior Honor Society Officers are as follows:

President: Tiana Qubain Vice President: Sarah Wouters
 Treasurer: Jessica Lee Secretary: Melanie Blasco

Book Fair News

What a "monster" of a great Book Fair we had! The media staff would like to thank all those students, parents, teachers and community members who made our book fair the most successful in our history. We sold over \$15,000.00 worth of materials during the nine days of the fair including the \$5.00 vouchers provided to 596 students for their participation in the summer reading program with 25% of that a profit for the Media Center. 82 books were purchased by individuals for their teachers' classrooms through the Classroom Wish List program and over \$570.00 was raised by One for Books donations to purchase even more books for classrooms. That total will be matched by Scholastic to help three national literacy organizations, as well!

Special thanks go to the volunteers who gave so much time and energy to decorating, counting coins, setting up, helping students with their purchases, working the cash register and so much more. We could never do it without them!

Changing Mindsets

Every parent thinks/says, "I would anything, give anything, to make my child successful." But according to Carol Dweck, author of Mindset The New Psychology of Success, parents do many unintentional things that don't lead to their children's success. Some words and actions that we think are helpful are actually sending the wrong message to our children. When we tell our children messages such as "You are smart." "You learned so quickly!" "You got an A without even studying, and you are brilliant." most parents feel they are sending supportive messages. However, Dweck says we are sending a different one. If I don't learn quickly, I am not smart, If I have to study they won't think I am brilliant. After studying hundreds of students, she found praising their intelligence can harm their motivation and their performance. Want to learn why? <http://mindsetonline.com/howmindsetaffects/parentsteacherscoa>

McKinney Vento Homeless Act

Every school district has a local homeless education liaison, whose job is to make sure that homeless children and youth can go to school and get all the services they need. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Andrea Tang, Guidance Counselor who serves as the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison for Palm Pointe. I am dedicated to ensuring our students who are homeless or become homeless have the same opportunity to be successful in their education.

We currently have 2 students who have been identified as homeless students under the McKinney Vento Act and may direct them to your organization for assistance if needed. If you are aware of other resources or organizations that may be of assistance to our students and families please let me know. I can be reached at 772-345-3248 or Andrea.Tang@stlucieschools.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance and I look forward to working with you in the future.

First Quarter Attendance

Our school attendance average for the 1st quarter is 96.61%. Students are recognized every quarter for **Perfect Attendance**. Aim for Perfect Attendance for/with your child/ren. Encourage them to remain in class for the entire day. Let us produce leaders with great attendance ethics. Help them to stay the course. Remember, *School Is Not The Same Without Them*". Quarter 2 goal is 96.5% and together we can do it. For attendance help, please contact the attendance clerk Angella Robinson at **772-345-3251** or email angella.robinson@stlucieschools.org.

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

DECEMBER

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PTO Holiday Shoppe Dec 1-10 in Launch Pad	2 Perspective New Parents Tour 2pm	3 6 th Gr. Band and Elem. Chrous Holiday Concert 6:30pm	4 TCUS 1:30pm	5 Breakfast with Santa 9-11am
		D5	E1	F2	A3	
6 Middle School Exams 12/7-12/18	7 Code Red Drill	8	9 Language Arts and Reading MS Exams	10 MS Holiday Fine Arts Extravaganza 6:30pm	11 Tradition Square Performance Jazz Band Only Science and Elective Exams 1 st Gr. Students to Sunrise Theatre 9:30-12:30	12
	B4	C5	D1	E2	F3	
13	14 Hat Sale Dec 14-17 to support PBIS \$2.00 Civics Exam-Columbia Algebra and Geometry Exams	15 Grading Window Opens Parent Academy-6 Principles for Effective Parenting 9:30am-10:30am Grade 3 New Years Around the World 2:45pm Apollo- Social Studies Exam	16 Citizen of the Month 10am Perspective New Parent Tour 2pm Math Exams Science Fair Awards (Audeteria) 2:45pm	17 Last day of Hat Sale Ugly Holiday Shirt/Sweater \$1.00 to support NJHS	18 End of Second Nine Weeks Early Release 2:10 Dismissal PBIS Holiday Hat Day	19
	A4	B5	C1	D2	E3	
20	21 Winter Break Holiday Begins For All Students Return Jan 5, 2016	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Students return January 5, 2016.