The Orbiter

Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 pm
School Hours 9:40-4:10 pm

April 1, 2023

Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Progress Monitoring 3
The upcoming PM3 FAST testing begins in late April. All students will be provided practice test sessions. The focus of the practice test sessions is to increase student experience using the test taking tools, familiarity with the question types, and how to answer and advance to the next questions. Students will review how to navigate selecting answers in Reading passage sets to keep moving forward in the test. Math practice tests will allow students to review choosing an answer to keep moving forward in the test.

The tests are Computer Adaptive Tests. This means it is a test which adapts to the student's ability in real-time by selecting different questions from the bank to provide a more accurate measure of their ability level on a common scale. If you wish to view the PM3 practice tests, open this link to view any of the sample tests.

State History Fair
Palm Pointe students participated in the District History Fair held on March 3rd. Students competed in the exhibit, documentary, performance, and historical paper categories with students from other middle schools across the county. We are excited to share that 5 of Palm Pointe's projects were selected to advance to the Florida State History Day event being held in Tallahassee in early May! Placing 1st and 2nd in group exhibits respectively are Mariana Sanchez Serrano, Emely Duarte-Garcia, and Chrystel Oliveira for The Undiscovered: Mariana Trench, and Zoe Walden and Makayla Grigsby for Laura Ingalls Wilder: American Author. Placing 1st in individual documentaries is Coralie Reich for America's National Park Service: A Frontier in Land Preservation. We also placed 1st in group performance with Slavery: Harriet Tubman's Great Escape by Janiyah Talabert, Brielle Charles, and McKenzie Vickers, and 1st place in historical paper with Mother Dearest: The Surrogate Mother Experiment by Robbie Hood. We are beyond proud of all of Rockets and look forward to cheering them on at the state competition!

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
We will be celebrating our annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation during the week of May 8th – May 12th. Please take the time to recognize our teachers and staff for all the hard work and dedication to our students throughout the year. Send your favorite Palm Pointe teacher or staff member a thoughtful note or email or anything else you would like. If you have other ideas or would like to show your appreciation to teachers and staff in different ways, please feel free! We can't wait for all the fun to begin! We have the best staff, and this is the week to recognize and thank them for all they do for our Rockets each day!

March Citizen of the Month
Students were selected based on Palm Pointe’s School-wide Expectations: Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, Make Safe Choices, and for demonstrating the CLE theme for the month: Dates and times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 4/26, and 5/17. All assemblies are at 10:15 am in the Auditoria. Parents/guests must register through Raptor prior to the ceremony to proceed directly there to get your pass to enter. All those who do not RSVP must report to the office to check in prior to the ceremony.

First Grade: Leah Noa, Liam Dorel, Brielle Genereux, Ryan Armand, Rock Viens, Paisley Glass, Gian Pichardo, Kaynan Ortiz
Second Grade: A’moni Dennis, Emery Morgan, Jesse Williams, Luca Pickard, Alyssa Morgan, Nora Majewski, Taylor Hoff, Joshua Habib, Aashni Konduru
Third Grade: Te’lynn Cummings, Massino Pitino, Skylar Harper, Sebastian Jimenez, Gavin Mosco, Emily Brusamarello, Sienna Guerrino, Steven D’Argenio, Raelyn Brunet
Fourth Grade: Samantha Gantz, Anthony Fernandes, Evelyse San Martin, Emily Mejia Espinoza, Jewel Mayer, Miles Costa, Bradley Jasmin, Annabelle Goz, Arianna Howard, Nicholas Ferree
Fifth Grade: Taleya Chavez, Ashton Turner, Brody Ly, Kingston Timothee, Caleb Allen, Wilkie Hypolite, Ashley Collado, Cameron Webb, Carlos Peregrin
Sixth Grade: Marianna Navarro, Logan Ferree, Agostina Censebella, Carson Mahaney, Layla Jansen, Nalani Jackson, Lucas Calderon, Skylar Perez, Ashlyn Voelker, Jasmine Spence, Olivia Royle, Ryan Harrison
Seventh Grade: Veyda Saccocio, Savannah Hardman, Aiden George, Aaron Cabral, M’Kenzie Edwards, Reece Majewski, Ruth Nazeair, Caylee Arpin, Brooklyn Panckeri, Lillian Treadway
Eighth Grade: William Soran, Al Niebch, Rhen Solesky, Andrew Luikin, Mariana Sanchez Serrano, Patricia Beralus, Deanna Simpson, Tatiana Fantoja, Rio Lindsey, Alivia Angrand, Raul Lopez

Star Reading
Star Early Literacy
Star Math
Star Science
Civics EOC

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**Cultural Learning Environment (CLE)**

Our CLE topic for April is cooperation and collaboration. Both cooperation and collaboration serve as keys to success in the classroom and in our student’s futures. Cooperative learning encourages several social and emotional skills such as, managing feelings and behaviors, maintaining positive relationships with peers, making good choices, contributing to the school community, and achieving important personal and academic goals. On April 6th, we will participate in a fun and cooperative activity. At home you can encourage cooperation and collaboration with your kids by allowing them to help around the house with various chores, giving your child choices while maintaining the rules, and taking time to model problem-solving when a situation allows for it.

**22-23 Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey Results**

Thank you to the 399 families who completed our annual survey. Your valuable feedback will be used to help inform the planning of 23-24 school programs and improve teaching and learning. Survey results will be posted on Palm Pointe’s website in April and reviewed in more detail by SAC at its next meeting.

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**Exceptional Student Education Survey**

Each year parents or guardians of students enrolled in Exceptional Student Education Programs in PK-12th grade are afforded the opportunity to participate in a survey to provide feedback to the Florida Department of Education on how well schools are supporting parental involvement in their child’s education. This information helps guide our schools and district efforts to support students and families. This year the survey will only be offered in a web-based format through June 30, 2023, and can be accessed at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESEParentSurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESEParentSurvey) and via the attached QR Code. (Please look for the link and QR code in your child’s weekly newsletter through the months of April and May and on the District Website) While individual demographic information must be collected in compliance with federal requirements, the responses are completely confidential.

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3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
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5. Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad* (available until all ads are sold) or Yearbook Only Option** (available until 5/3/23 or until all yearbooks are sold)
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