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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30 pm
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Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

We would like to wish all our Palm Pointe families a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to great things ahead in 2023!



History Fair

The Palm Pointe 2023 History Day school fair will be held on January 24th at 2:45 in the Auditoria. The school fair showcases projects from students in grades 6 and 8 selected by their teachers for their excellence in representing the annual theme, the quality of research and analysis, and visual impact. From these projects, a select few will advance to the district-level of competition. Students who have been selected for the school fair will receive an invitation from their history teacher.

Staff Honorees

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this year's honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

Teacher of the Year: Alison Perry

Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez

Outstanding First Year Teacher: Crystal Jovicic

School Related Employee of the Year: Stephanie Lassiter*

***Mrs. Lassiter is also chosen as a District finalist for this category!**

FAST Progress Monitoring 2

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is the progress monitoring tool that is administered three times per year for all K-8 students to track student progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) standards throughout this school year. Third grade through Eighth grade will take the FAST Reading and Math progress monitoring assessments.

Grades 3 and 4 will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 18, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 19, 2023.

Grades 5 and 6 will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 11, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 12, 2023.

Grades 7 and 8 will take the FAST Reading on Jan. 9, 2023 and the FAST Math on Jan. 10, 2023.

Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and the results are posted to your child's Skyward account after testing is completed. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

A positive test experience begins at home with a restful night's sleep before the test date, a nutritious breakfast (at home or school!) and being on time to begin the school day. Please help your child be present for these test days.

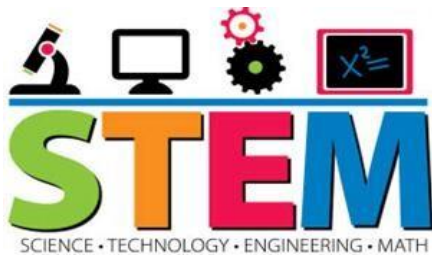
Family Grade Level Events in January

We have a lot of grade level family events planned in the month of January to kick off this new year. Please look carefully at the calendar and watch for details for your grade level's specific event details that will be shared in your weekly grade level news on Friday.

STEM Fair

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Palm Pointe at the District STEM Fair.

The district STEM Fair will be held on January 13, 2023 at IRSC.



Student Name	Project Name	Category
Makenna White	The "Tooth" About Sugar	Biomedical & Health Sciences
Madison Voelker	Breathless	Biomedical & Health Sciences
Holland Lilley	The Scoop	Chemistry
Gabriella Page	Electrolytes	Chemistry
Coralie Reich	"Dawn" of a new Way to Clean Oiled Wildlife	Earth & Environmental Sciences
Gabriella DaCosta	Clean Water for Days	Earth & Environmental Sciences
Rachel Reid	Potato Battery	Physics & Astronomy
Lucas Cruzado & Keon Drummond	Coils and Electricity	Physics & Astronomy
Aiden Hong	Algae-rific	Plant Science
Maya Zawackis	Growth Spurt	Plant Science

Palm Pointe Staff Shout Out

Is there a teacher or staff member who has recently had a positive impact on your child's school experience? If so, take a moment to recognize them! We know our teachers and staff members go above and beyond each day to create a safe and caring learning environment for our students, all while engaging them in rigorous content and they would love to hear about these moments from you! Scan the QR code to share your "Shout Out!"



Order your Yearbook Now

Our 2022-2023 Palm Pointe Yearbooks are now for sale! To order a 2022-2023 Palm Pointe yearbook, follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.balfour.com
2. Click on the "Yearbooks" tab and then "Buy Your Yearbook"
3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
4. Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click "Shop for this Student"
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)
6. Click 'Get Started', select homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
7. Click "Add to cart" and then Click "Checkout"
8. Checkout by paying with Paypal or credit card

*If you order the 'Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad' option, you will receive an email shortly after the order. Fill out the information and provide a photo for the ad prior to the deadline date. **Yearbooks will be delivered during the last week of May.

Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **2/1, 3/10, 4/19, 5/31, 6/1**

REGISTRATION for 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open from September 1, 2022 - February 1, 2023. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student each year, even if you already have siblings here at PPE.

Cultural Learning Environment (CLE)

Our CLE trait of the month is kindness and compassion.

Compassion is the feeling that arises when you perceive another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering. When compassion leads to action, the result is called kindness.

The key to having children actively demonstrate kindness, courtesy, and compassion is to train our minds to notice those acts when they occur. Noticing when children behave kindly, courteously, and compassionately, and praising these moments, not only encourages more of that kind of conduct, it has other benefits as well. It expands a child's consciousness, fosters the rooting of a positive value system, and primes the brain for future success in school, society, and life. On Monday, January 9th, students and staff will participate in a CLE activity.

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts and sweatshirts online! You can also purchase your prepaid Dollar Days pass to dress down on specific days this year!

JANUARY 2023

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FAST PM 2 Reading & Math 1/3-1/27	2 Teacher Workday	3 <i>E</i> Students Return No Dress Code Day for those who participated in Toys for Tots	4 <i>F</i> K-5 ESE—A Slice of Fun Family Event 5:30-7:00 2:00-3:00 3rd grade K-9 PSLPD	5 <i>G</i>	6 <i>A</i> Lollipop Sales to Support PBIS - Every Friday at the end of the day.	7
8	9 <i>B</i> Gr 7 & 8 PM 2 Reading CLE Activity—Kindness & Compassion	10 <i>C</i> Gr 7 & 8 PM 2 Math	11 <i>D</i> Gr 5 & 6 PM 2 Reading Gr. 7—Escape 7th Grade Family Event 5:30-7:00	12 <i>E</i> Gr 5 & 6 PM 2 Math Gr K -4H In House Field Trip 10-12	13 <i>F</i> 8—3:30 District STEM Fair @ IRSC (identified students) 3:30 NJHS Twin Day to Support the Art Department (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) Lollipop Sales for PBIS	14
15 January 17 - 21 st - IRSC Honor Band Festival	16 <i>Holiday for All</i> <i>MLK Day</i>	17 <i>G</i> Report Card Day	18 <i>A</i> Progress Reports Gr 3 & 4 PM 2 Reading 9:45—1:00 Gr 2 Field Trip (Krip/Bliss) Gr K Family Game Night 5:00-7:00	19 <i>B</i> Gr 3 & 4 PM 2 Math 9:45—1:00 Gr 2 Field Trip (Haupt/Petrino/Ascani) 8:45 SAC Mtg.	20 <i>C</i> Focus on Forever Class Photos K-5 Lollipop Sales for PBIS Gr 4 Parents' Night Out 4:30-7:30	21
22 Celebrate Literacy Week 1/23—27	23 <i>D</i>	24 <i>E</i> 9:45—1:00 Gr 2 Field Trip (Bednar/Rodriguez) 2:45 Palm Pointe History Fair	25 <i>F</i> 9:45—1:00 Gr 2 Field Trip (Snyder/Johnson) 10:15 Citizen of the Month Jump Rope for Heart Packets go home	26 <i>G</i> Gr 8 Family Event— A Cookout to Get Out to HHS 5:30-7:00	27 <i>A</i> Lollipop Sales for PBIS 9:45-11:50 Gr.1 Oxbow In-House Visit	28
29 iReady Reading & Math - Winter Diagnostics 1/30-2/4	30 <i>B</i>	31 <i>C</i> Grades 3 & 4 Honor Roll Students Recognized 9:45-11:50 Gr.1 Oxbow In-House Visit	Sports Practice Soccer— W & Th 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Girls Basketball M, & Th 4:20 PM—5:15 PM Boys Basketball T, W, & Th 4:20 PM—5:45 PM	Clubs Coding Club 8:15—9:15 (W starting 1/11) Crazy 8 Math Club 8:15—9:15 (T) Odyssey of the Mind 4:30—5:45 (T & TH) Gr. 4 Chorus 8:15-9:15 (T starting 1/10) Gr. 5 Chorus 8:15-9:15 (Th starting 1/12)		