



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30
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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.

Celebrating Success in Social Studies!

February and March were exciting months for Middle School Social Studies! Our students competed at the district level for History Day and Project Citizen. Students also participated in the "If I Were Mayor..." challenge prompt. We are excited to share that 4 Palm Pointe Rockets will be honored at the upcoming St. Lucie Social Studies Awards Ceremony on March 27th for their excellence in History and Civics. 8th grade students Fateen Bouchfaa, Colten Furman, and Sophia Aragonez will be recognized for placing in the top 3 of their respective categories for History Day, and 7th grader McKenzie Vickers will be honored for her "If I Were Mayor..." written response. History Day students will also learn if their project has been selected to advance to the Florida State History Day competition being held in Tallahassee later this spring.

We are so proud of our Rockets!

Mark Your Calendar!

The following dates have been established for PM3 at Palm Pointe:

April 2024	
Date	Assessment Details
Tuesday, April 2	Gr. 4 B.E.S.T. Writing
Wednesday, April 3	Gr. 5 & 6 B.E.S.T. Writing
Thursday, April 4	Gr. 7 & 8 B.E.S.T. Writing
Thursday, April 18	Gr. K FAST PM3 Reading
Friday, April 19	Gr. 1 & 2 FAST PM3 Reading
Monday, April 22	Gr. K FAST PM3 Math
Tuesday, April 23	Gr. 1 & 2 FAST PM3 Math
May 2024	
Date	Assessment Details
Wednesday, May 1	Gr. 7 & 8 FAST PM3 Reading
Thursday, May 2	Gr. 5 & 6 FAST PM3 Reading
Friday, May 3	Gr. 4 FAST PM3 Reading
Monday, May 13	Gr. 7 & 8 FAST PM3 Math, B.E.S.T. Algebra/Geometry EOC
Tuesday, May 14	Gr. 3 FAST PM3 Reading, Gr. 4 FAST PM3 Math
Wednesday, May 15	Gr. 5 & 6 FAST PM3 Math
Thursday, May 16	Gr. 7 Civics EOC
Tuesday, May 21	Gr. 3 FAST PM3 Math
Wednesday, May 22	Gr. 5 & 8 Statewide Science Assessment (SSA)

Spring PM3 Test Dates

Spring is the season for State Assessments! This year writing and K-2 Reading and Math will be administered in April. All other assessments are scheduled for the month of May. It is critical that vacations and other appointments are not made to conflict with your child's test days. Teachers plan exciting Crunch-Time lessons based upon when students are scheduled for their FAST tests and participation creates a confident, prepared learner! Specific letters with details for individual Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3) grade level tests and directions will be sent home this month. Families may view sample items and sample tests with their Gr. K-8 children by visiting this link: [Students & Families \(ffast.org\)](http://ffast.org) All students are required to participate in the state assessment program. Lack of participation can result in the absence of vital data used for scheduling and placement. Please help us from home by having your child get a good night's rest, eating a healthy breakfast on the morning of each test, and arriving at school on time. Additionally, students must keep all electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, smart watches, Bluetooth earbuds, etc.) out of the testing environment. We ask for your help by ensuring your child understands that all cell phones and other devices will be turned off and kept out of the classroom during testing. Please keep smart watches and Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds home on these days. We appreciate your support during this testing season!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation during the week of May 6th – May 10th. 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, and Make Safe Choices.** All assemblies are at 10:15am in the Auditoria. Parents/guests must register through Raptor prior to the ceremony to proceed directly there to get the pass to enter. Parents/guests will need to show identification to receive the badge. All those who do not RSVP must report to the office to check in prior to the ceremony. Congratulations!

Kindergarten – Summer Morrow, Cristian Campbell, Willow Baise, Dominic Importa, Eleni Williams, Rylann Micheli, Leah Valdes, Paxton Voelker, Luke Rich

First– Emma Hong, Bryce Dickinson, Bodi Boxall, Livi Cain, Parker Keele, Jack Schoen, Benjamin Lindo, Avery Shrader, Catalina Garcia

Second– Hailey Szarowicz, Zoey Rosen, Lana Improta, Luciano Garcia, Aiyanah Garcia, Tyler Peters, Conor Costello, Rossana Contreras, Sophia Maczko

Third– Jayanni Chaidez, William Blickenstaff, Amelia Kenyon, Taylor Hoff, Benjamin Rodriguez, Madison Rivera, Gianna Colon, Abigail Fellipone

Fourth– Sarah Duran, Victoria Laguerre, Deven Allen, Ameliamaria Sarzuela, Parker Cooley, Khloe Wright, Raymond Vinaya, Ellie Marino, Olivia Viens, Bryce Davis, Jakob Hong

Fifth - Kadafi Armstrong, Sophia Dibenedetto, Grace Kapaloric, Charlotte Haupt, Samantha Gantz, Jionni Petitfrere, Elijah Arias, Miles Costa

Sixth– Brody Ly, Gabriella Johnson, Abigail Mishler, Kevin Osorio Yaure, Marco Pilloni, Weston Zeigler, Kingston Timothee, Zoey Marino, Rosalie Aybar, Maria Velasco Contreras, Erick Brusamarello, Gabrielle Mildort

Seventh - Ryan Marino, Nori-Ann Grant, Madison Escoto, Brandon Madonia Ryan Harrison, Cohen Givens, Isabella Melendez, Janiyah Talabert, Sophia Martinez, Wyatt Friedberg

Eighth– David Ferguson Jr., Kaelyn Scott, Andrea Garrido, Jayden Bacho, Erin Pittman, Rhys Mendoza, Elizabeth Castelo, Shane Martinez, M'kenzie Edwards, Gabriella Dacosta, Holley Millan

Dismissal Procedures

Palm Pointe would like to thank our families for adhering to the changes that have taken place to our dismissal process. We are committed to improving our car lines and dismissal will begin the earliest in these lines. We start each afternoon at 3:54. Walkers/bike riders will be dismissed at approximately 4:15 each day in order to allow our car lines to start and proceed quickly. As a reminder, you may be ticketed for illegal parking in the surrounding neighborhoods.

PikMyKid is our dismissal system, and we are asking **all families** to be sure to utilize the app. With this system, you are able to designate your child's daily dismissal and are able to make changes when needed, such as for after-school activities like tutoring, clubs or sports. This information is used daily to dismiss students from class to their designated dismissal area and it is critical that it is updated. We also need **ALL carline riders need to have their child's tag in their window, even if you think staff members know you. Not having this slows down our line.** We appreciate your help with this and support of our efforts to make dismissal a safe and smooth process.

23-24 Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey Results

Thank you to the 550 families who completed our annual survey. Your valuable feedback will be used to help inform the planning of 24-25 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.

Attendance Matters

As we approach the final months of school, it is just as important for our students to attend each day, when it's possible to do so. Students are continuing to engage in new learning and review of skills as they get ready for state assessments. It is important to keep good attendance habits as a priority. If you have questions about your child's attendance, please contact our attendance clerk, Mrs. Karina Cendejas, at karina.cendejas@stlucieschools.org.

2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

Preorder your Palm Pointe yearbook today!
Directions for online ordering:

Go to www.balfour.com
Click on the "Yearbooks" tab and then "Buy Your Yearbook"
Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click "Shop for this Student"
Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad* (available until all ads are sold) or Yearbook Only Option** (available until 5/10/24 or until all yearbooks are sold)
Click 'Get Started', select homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
Click "Add to cart" and then Click "Checkout"
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 to students during the last week of May.*



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<https://getfortifyfl.com>

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**APRIL
2024**

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit:
<https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 F Spring Book Fair 4/1-4/10	2 A BEST Writing– Gr 4 World Autism Awareness Day-Light It Up Blue 8:15 Gr. 1 Reading	3 B BEST Writing– Gr 5&6	4 C BEST Writing– Gr 7&8 8:15 Gr. 1 Reading Academy	5 D 8:15 Gr. 1 Reading Academy 2:45 Sports Banquet No Dress Code Day for those whose parents completed the T1 Parent Survey (Must have sticker worn to participate)	6 TBD Flag Football Tournament @ FPC
7 Fire Drill Week	8 E Report Card Day	9 F	10 A Progress Reports Spring Book Fair Ends PBIS Blaze Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser 4-7	11 B	12 C 8:15 Gr. 5 Math/Sci Academy 8:30 Faculty & Staff Mtg 3:30 NJHS Mtg	13 TBD Flag Football Tournament @ FPC 9:00—2:00 Gr. 2-4 STEM Academy
14	15 D 10:15 Gr. 3&4 Honor Roll	16 E 10:15 Gr. 5&6 Honor Roll PPE Met's Game Night	17 F Early Dismissal Day 10:15 Gr. 7&8 Honor Roll	18 A Gr K FAST PM3 Reading 8:45 SAC Mtg 4:15-6:15 Gr. 1-3 Reading Academy	19 B Gr 1&2 FAST PM3 Reading 8:15 Gr. 5 Math/Sci Academy Non-Dress Code to Support Autism Awareness (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	20 Track Meet @ Lawnwood 7:30-12:00
21	22 C Gr K FAST PM3 Math District 13 Solo & Ensemble Festival	23 D Gr 1&2 FAST PM3 Math	24 E Gr K-2 PM3 MU 4/24-4/30 10:15 Citizen of the Month	25 F Crumb1 Cookies Day 8:15 Gr. 3 Reading Academy 6:00- Groovin' through the Decades Vocal Music Concert	26 A 8:15 Gr. 5 Math/Sci Academy	27 9:00-12:00 Gr. 8 Reading Academy
28	29 B	30 C 6:30 –8:00 MS Art Show	Clubs & Activities Symphonic Band 8:15-9:15 Chorus Gr. 4-5 T 8:15-9:15 Champions Club Gr. 6-8 F 8:30 Crazy 8s Gr. K W 8:15 Crazy 8s Gr. 2 T 8:15 K STEM M or T 8:15 Scribe Tribe Gr. 1-2 W 8:15	Clubs & Activities Cont. STEM Lego Gr. 3-4 F 8:15 STEM Stackers Gr. 1-2 T or Th 4:15 Yoga Gr. 2 W 8:15 or Th 8:15 Gr. 6 Rdg Academy T 8:15 Sports Flag Football M/W 4:15-5:30 Track T/Th 4:20—5:20		