



# The Orbiter



## Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:15 – 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.

### Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,  
Welcome back to our returning Rockets and welcome to our new students and their families! Thank you so much for helping your child(ren) adjust to the new school year. We are off to a great start!



As a School of Excellence, we are proud of the continued success we have had as a school. We have maintained our "A" rating since we opened in 2008! I couldn't be prouder to be your principal and I know that your commitment to our school and students will ensure continued academic excellence this year!

Each year we have a theme and this year we are back to our roots with our "Mission Ready" theme. Our rockets are ready to launch into an exciting school year!

On behalf of the Administration Team, Mrs. Nieves, Mrs. Newsome, Ms. Markowitz, and I, we look forward preparing all our rockets for their next mission!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez

### FAST Progress Monitoring 1

We have already begun our Fall FAST Progress Monitoring (PM1) for all Kindergarten through eighth grade students. There are three windows set by the FLDOE for Fall, Winter, and Spring PM administrations. For PM1 and PM2 both reading and math are assessed.

In the Spring, the addition of Writing, and the EOCs are added. Kindergarten through grade 2 take age-appropriate Star Early Literacy, or Star Reading, and all K-2 students take Star Math. Grades 3-8 take the FAST reading and math PMs. All PM tests are adaptive and focus on providing data to enhance their teacher's instruction.

Letters with specific test dates for each grade level were sent home this past week in the communication folder. Please look for these dates and be mindful of supporting your child with on-time attendance, and a restful night's sleep the night before test day.

### School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community: parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. SAC members gather to discuss the school's academic plan and progress. They discuss the School Improvement Plan, which is a plan made of goals and objectives established for the school determined by needs. The purpose of the School Improvement Plan is to increase student performance. The SAC committee provides input and feedback on plans and actions that help lead to student achievement and performance.

Parents who want to get involved are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC committee. Palm Pointe's SAC meets on the third Thursday of the month on campus beginning at 8:45. Meetings generally last from 45 to 60 minutes. If you would like to join, please attend the first SAC meeting on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting in September is on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

### Lunch Visits with Families

We are so happy to be able to offer time for our families to have lunch with their children again. We ask that you reserve this for special occasions only. It is so important students eat with their peers and form those bonds with their classmates. We will begin the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please adhere to the schedule below if you would like to come to have lunch with your child. The day of the week and grade are specified for who can attend lunch. Due to limited space and to have ample opportunity all for, designated days are scheduled for specific grades. All lunches with family will take place in the outside covered dining area. *Be sure your child knows if it rains, you may not be there that day as there is no alternate seating.* Our cafeteria is very full during each lunch and there is no extra space. We ask that lunch visitors come in through the front office and exit through the front office, not through a gate, and stay only for your child's lunch time. Additionally, when on campus, adult restrooms in the cafeteria are located in the staff lounge to the left of the cafeteria doors; student restrooms are for students only. We appreciate your adherence to the guidelines and this schedule.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch: 6 <sup>th</sup> – 11:34 – 12:04 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11:37 – 12:07 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11:40 – 12:10		Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 12:15 – 12:45 5 <sup>th</sup> – 12:20 – 12:50 4 <sup>th</sup> – 12:25 – 12:55	Gr. 3 & Gr. 5	Gr. 4	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 12:55 – 1:25 K – 1:00 – 1:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1:05 – 1:35	Gr. K & Gr. 2	Gr. 1	Gr. K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2

### Volunteer Orientation & PTO

We are looking for fun, energetic and friendly faces to volunteer and/or join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please join us for our upcoming Volunteer Orientation Breakfast on Monday, September 23 at 9:45 am. In the next few weeks, we will host our first PTO meeting. Please keep an eye on your child's communication folder for the upcoming date and time.

### Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Palm Pointe is selling Barton Chocolate Dream Bars. Each box contains 60 candy bars with a mixture of milk chocolate, dark chocolate, crisp and caramel. The Barton Chocolate Fundraiser runs 9/3/24-9/20/24. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please fill out a form and a box will be delivered to your student that same day. If you need another form, please call the front office. Thank you for your help and we appreciate your support in this fundraiser for our school!

### Attendance Matters

Did you know, missing 10%, or 2 days a month over the course of the school year can affect a student's academic success? September is attendance awareness month, and the campaign to end chronic absence starts now! Going to school every day is important and contributes to success in both school and life. Each day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Let's work together to ensure students make it to school on time, ready to participate, every day possible. Be Present. Be Powerful! #attendancematters



**Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

Thank you for your support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. We are shortening our time for each of the car lines but still dismiss about 800 students through the car lines each day. The district is working on fixing the potholes in our new K/1 Car Loop. As a reminder, only those students who are verified and live within the 2-mile radius of the school will be allowed to be designated as walkers. It would be a good idea to have your child carry a raincoat or umbrella in their backpack for rainy days to use while walking off campus. Those who live outside the 2-mile radius are eligible to ride a bus and should contact transportation to secure a bus if you need one. This includes students from previous years who live in a zone other than red. Please utilize our dismissal system, PikMyKid, for all dismissal needs. If you don't have the app downloaded, contact your child's homeroom teacher, or the front office, who can help you get access. Use the app as dismissal changes and updates are shared through the app when there is inclement weather.

For arrival through the car line, we need your help by having your child(ren) exit the car in the drop off zones from poles 1-10. We are diligent about keeping the line moving and some families do not allow their children to exit the car near pole 10. You cannot always unload at pole 1 as this continues to cause back-ups in our line and all our families want their children to arrive on time for class. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring your child(ren) exit the car at poles 1-10.

**Fall Picture Day**

Fall picture day for students will take place on September 20. Please be sure your child is in dress code for this picture. This picture is the one which goes in our yearbook. Watch for a flyer with more details.

**Planners**

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale online for \$7 through School Pay if you still need get one for your child. <https://schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MeZT>

**School Lunch Program**

If you have not already done so, please support our School Lunch Program by applying today. You must reapply each year in order to qualify for the program. We are asking all families to apply, even if your child always brings a lunch box. You can apply online at [www.stlucieschools.org](http://www.stlucieschools.org). Just click on the School Benefit Application tab to begin the process. Funding is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! You must apply early in order for your application to be processed before the end of the month. Please call our school (345-3245) if you need assistance. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school-thank you!

Breakfast is FREE this year for all students. If your child wants breakfast, have them report to the auditeria between 9:15-9:35 each day.

**Student & Parent Handbook**

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, at <https://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/ppe>

**Mark Your Calendar**

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **9/18, 12/20, 2/5, 3/14, 4/23, 5/30 and 6/2.**



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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day Holiday For All</i>	3 D <b>Gr 1&amp;2 PMI Math</b> Barton Chocolate Bar Fundraiser to Support Staff Incentives 9/3-9/20	4 E <b>Gr 3&amp;4 PMI Math</b>	5 F <b>Gr 5&amp;6 PMI Math</b>	6 A <b>Gr 7&amp;8 PMI Math</b> Non-Dress Code Day to support Drama (Must have pre purchased lanyard to participate)	7
8	9 B <b>Gr K PMI Math Gr K-8 PMI Makeups</b>	10 C	11 D Chipotle Family Night 4:00-8:00pm to support PBIS Staff	12 E	13 F 3:30 NJHS Meeting	14
15	16 A	17 B	18 C <b>Progress Reports</b> Early Dismissal- PL	19 D 8:45 SAC Mtg.	20 E Last Day of Barton Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Fall Pictures	21
	23 F 9:45 Volunteer Orientation Breakfast  2:00 Leadership Mtg. School Store Fundraiser To Support Teachers 9/23-10/11	24 A	25 B 10:15 Citizen of the Month	26 C Crumb1 Cookie Day to support PBIS Staff	27 D Sports Jersey Day to support Big Brothers/ Big Sisters (Must have pre- purchased lanyard to participate)	28
29	30 E					