



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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

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

Attendance Matters

Thank you to our families for supporting great attendance habits. One of our goals this year is to increase our average daily attendance which is currently at 96% which is one percentage point above our goal! Going to school each day matters, but we understand some absences are unavoidable, such as when students have a contagious sickness. Let's work together to prevent absences whenever possible. Be present. Be powerful!

Stop Bullying & Unity Day

SLPS and Palm Pointe are standing up against bullying! On Monday, October 7, our school will wear blue for bullying prevention, and on Wednesday, October 16, our school will celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange. A flyer with dress code requirements will be shared in Wednesday folders.



PTO is Back!

We had a fabulous turn out for our Volunteer Orientation Breakfast! Thank you for joining us. So many of you expressed interest in joining our Palm Pointe PTO. We have our first official meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 10/16 at 8:45 am. We are looking forward to electing our officials at this meeting and revitalizing our PTO. Further information about Palm Pointe PTO will go home to families in Wednesday folders and be posted on our official Facebook page.

Parent Conference Week

The week of October 15 is Parent Conference Week. Times will be available for conferences before and after school on October 15 & 16 with October 17 being conference night from 4:45-7:45 pm. You must sign up in advance for a 15-minute conference meeting. A flyer will be shared in Wednesday folders as well as an email with details and procedures from your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you during this event!

Middle School Sports

Middle school sports have begun. The Girls' Volleyball Teams have been selected and our first game will be on October 15th at 5:30 pm. Practices are on Monday and Wednesday starting at 4:15 pm. All games will be played after school, and the coach will notify players and parents. Co-Ed soccer tryouts will be running through next week and the Soccer season will run from October-December. Volleyball and soccer seasons will conclude with a district tournament in December. Our Basketball Season will run from November-February. Flag Football Season will run from February-March. Co-Ed Track will run from March-April. More information will be shared about tryouts and practice as each season gets closer.

In order to tryout and participate all students must have a sports registration packet (signed and notarized) and a sports physical completed and turned in to Mr. Ochacher prior to participation. All forms can be found on the Palm Pointe website under the extracurricular tab. There is a one-time \$20 registration fee (payable through SchoolPay).

Clubs at PPE

Our Palm Pointe club kick-off begins next week. At this time, we have our Drama Juniors Club for 5th grade participants and Our Stagecraft Club for 8th grade participants ready to begin 10/7, with more to come, in the future. Upcoming grade level-specific club opportunities will be advertised through flyers, which will go home to families in Wednesday folders and will be posted on our PPE website or Facebook page. Please know that club opportunities are contingent upon teacher interest and availability in sponsoring a club, and the number of participants in each club may be limited.



September 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 10:15 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. Congratulations!

Kindergarten – Amir Bonhomme, Zahran Haq, Nash Outlaw, Jenesis Hall, Emma Lai, Adam Hamideh, Michael Jantunen, Juna Rummery, Isabella Muscarella, Olivia Ramos

First Grade – Wyatt Roberson, Salma Dyer, Lilah Uber, Rossangel Contreras Rodriguez, Sydney Poole, Carter Knowlton, Ethan Moore, Rylann Micheli, Timmy Davis

Second Grade – Preston Davis, Anthony Morgan, Presley Micheli, Kaleah Fenty, Andrew Echevarria, Layla Irizarry, Cameron Day, Calla Farrell, Mason Byers, Avery Alter, Alexander Lara, Aria Navia

Third Grade – Leila Rummery, Michael Guzak, Jaycob Gadson, Matthew Lopes, Aranza Alvarracin Dominguez, Victoria Viso Martinez, Jasmine Luft, Harper Combs, Zaya Jones

Fourth Grade – Jackson Giaquinto, Avianna Alexander, Karter Clarke, Leah Garcia, Michaela Petit-Frere, Abbigayle Vassor, Charles McKeon, Joseph Esposito, Dominic Acosta, Kallee Morgan, Easton Cane, Noah Gomez

Fifth Grade – Liam James, Kai Horner, Mea Clement, Madelyn Blair, Olivia Viens, Angelise Brown, Neriah Joseph, Ariella Howard, Natalia Azcona

Sixth Grade – Peyton Lawston, Amaury Castrien O'gilvie, Karina Zavala, Ciana Ortiz, Madison Andre, Quantrell Brown, Sydney McHenry, Eli Hernandez, Amiya Krumins, Anabella Amiuny

Seventh Grade – Kaden White, Isabella Tran, Kingston Timothee, Adriana Reid, Joshua Cranston, Malaya Latortue, Sawyer Timothee, Aneisha Meteyer, Christopher Rodriguez, Elisha Simon, Abigail Mishler, Myles Morales, Alisiya Luque

Eighth Grade – Wyatt Friedberg, Jack Tolman, Emily Estrada, Layton Rushing, Julien Mera, Ryan Marino, Ryan Harrison, Janiyah Talabert, Eviana Chavez

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. 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. Please use the app for dismissal changes and check for any updates as they are shared through the app such as when inclement weather occurs.

Only students who have the designation of walker have the option to choose "walker". 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.

Thank you for your patience, as we work to get the K/1 Car Loop up and running. We are making progress! We had the striping and lane delineators installed over the weekend. There is a section of the new loop that needs additional asphalt. We are expecting to have this section completed this week and the loop should be ready for use at the start of next week, barring unexpected delays.

As always, please stay safely buckled inside your vehicle until the car comes to a full stop at drop-off. Please remember to pull all the way up, as far forward, as you can to allow for maximum capacity in the loop. Additionally, please continue to follow the "rules of the road" in the loop, especially at the merging point. Please stay in your lane and be kind to others.

Planners & Spirit Shirts

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale online for \$7 at: <https://schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MeZT> if you still need get one for your child. You can also purchase spirit shirts, hoodies and much more from this link.

Mark Your Calendar

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

School Store Fundraiser 9/23-10/11

All families should have received the School Store Fundraiser packet. Please sign up at schoolstore.net and invite your family and friends to support your student. Return the Student Prize Code envelope with the student prize code for your child to receive a fun participation prize of one of the National Park Book Buddies Mystery Animals.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll Ceremony

Honor roll ceremony dates: Nov. 12th - 3rd and 4th grades, Nov. 13th - 5th and 6th grades, Nov. 14th - 7th and 8th grades. Our procedure for the ceremony is as follows: We will send home an invitation with an RSVP for no more than 2 guests per student. You will provide your 2 names and birthdates to preregister through our Raptor system. All RSVPs need to be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher. If you do not RSVP for the event or do not come in when notified that your license/ID is not in the system, we will have limited resources to run badges the day of the event. This will delay or prevent you from attending the ceremony. Once pre-registered, you will be able to proceed directly to the Auditoria to receive your badge to enter. We appreciate your adherence to all safety & security protocols. More information will be shared on the honor roll invitation.

PM 1 Testing

All Gr. K-8 families can access students' FAST PM1 results by clicking on the Cambium Assessments link in the Skyward Family Portal. Your child's homeroom teacher will be sending instructions home with this Friday's grade letter newsletter.

Student results for the FAST PM1 assessments are available for grades 3-8. Please note that because Gr. K-2 testing is facilitated by a 3rd party program, all student scores will be available after the testing window is closed on October 4th. If scores are needed prior to this time, please contact the school. We hope that scores will be visible for all new and returning PPE families by following the outlined directions, but if anyone is unable to do that, reach out to the school for assistance and/or a hard copy.

We are working to finalize our PM2 testing schedule and will share specific dates with you soon. The assessment window for Gr. 3-8 stretches from December 2nd until December 20th, while the window for Gr. K-2 lasts from December 2nd until January 24th.

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!

**October
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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	2 A Progress Reports	3 Fall Holiday For All	4 B Mismatch Day to support 8th grade field trip (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate) PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	5
6	7 C Fall Picture Retakes SLPS Wears Blue to Stop Bullying	8 D	9 E Panda Express Family Night 4-8pm to support PBIS Staff	10 F	11 A End of 1st Qtr. 3:30 NJHS Meeting PBIS Schoolwide Events Last day of School Store Fundraiser	12
13	14 Teacher Workday	15 B Fall Book Fair 10/15-10/24 6:30 Fall 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert	16 C Unity Day—Wear Orange 8:45 PTO Mtg	17 D 4:45-7:45 Parent Conference Night Fall Family Book Fair Event	18 E PBIS Sit with a Friend Day	19
20	21 F	22 A	23 B 9:30 Bus Driver Breakfast	24 C 8:45 SAC Mtg. Last Day of Fall Book Fair	25 D	26 Band Field Trip to Broward Performing Arts
27	28 D Report Card Day	29 E 10:30 Gr K-Storybook Character Parade	30 F Progress Reports 10:15 Citizen of the Month	31 A Wear your Favorite Fall/Halloween shirt to support 4th grade field trip (Must have pre-purchased lanyard to participate)		