



The Orbiter

Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm
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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,

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, we wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope your winter break was filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We are looking forward to the new year ahead!

In this new year, we have had some changes to our administration team. As you may know, Mr. Keelor was assigned to Fairlawn Elementary during the last quarter to assist in the absence of one of the administrators at that school. We received notification that he will remain there for the rest of the school year. Mrs. Annette Newsome, who was working at Palm Pointe this year as one of our deans, has been assigned to fill our open administrator position for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Newsome comes to us with leadership experience from St. Lucie County and from around the world! We wish Mr. Keelor much luck this year and welcome Mrs. Newsome as our second assistant principal!

We have one semester to go and we know our Rockets will continue to soar! It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Social Emotional Learning

In January, we will focus on one of the five SEL competencies, "Responsible Decision Making," throughout the month in class and during Community Circles. The definition of making responsible decisions is: "the ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety concerns, and social norms." To make the most appropriate behavioral choices, students need to learn how to evaluate the situation, analyze their options, and consider the potential consequences of each of those options for themselves and others. On January 18th, students are invited to wear a neon shirt to show their support for Responsible Decision Making!



Week of Kindness

This year's St. Lucie County Week of Kindness will be Jan. 14th-18th. Here at Palm Pointe we are excited to be helping a local charity that touches so many in our community. We will be collecting items to create cancer care bags for the Maddie's Fight Foundation. These bags will be put together and donated to kids fighting cancer around the country. Please stay tuned for a flyer this week with donation suggestions for this cause and daily kindness challenges during this special week.

Fortify FL

The safety and security of our students, staff, and schools remain the highest priorities for St. Lucie County Public Schools. We encourage everyone to 'say something if you see something' because the safety of our schools is the collective responsibility of the entire community.

We want to make you aware of a new resource that has been developed to improve public safety by allowing individuals to report potential threats and suspicious activity. This free mobile phone app is available for download on Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store.

The FortifyFL app allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>. We are encouraging students to download app with parent permission. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Koenig or Mrs. Newsome directly if you have any questions or concerns.



PTO News

Happy New Year! Thank you to the volunteers that helped during the holiday shop. We value your assistance. On Thursday, January 10th from 5:00-9:00 Five Guys Burgers & Fries in St. Lucie West will host our Community Night. Please bring your flyer or mention Palm Pointe. We will receive 30% back from the proceeds to help support our Rockets.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **1/23, 2/13, 4/3, 6/3, & 6/4.**

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open from September 1, 2018-February 1, 2019. FAU will begin selecting students in March (for kindergarten). Please share this information with those you may know who want to enroll their children at PPE, as it is different from the enrollment period for other schools in St. Lucie. Please visit <http://applypk12.fau.edu> to enroll online.

Congratulations to Our 2017-2018 Staff Honorees!

Please join us in celebrating our staff honorees for the 2018-2019 school year! We are so proud!

Teacher of the Year:

Mrs. Amy Fazzalano

Distinguished Minority Educator Award:

Mrs. Rosa Garcia-Herrera

Outstanding First Year Teacher:

Ms. Samantha Genise

School Related Employee of the Year:

Mrs. Kathleen Ferguson

Volunteers of the Year

The following are the Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. Congratulations to them and thank you to all our volunteers!

Youth: Rollin Pattison

Adult: Mrs. Melissa Lehman

Senior: Mrs. Diane Yeager

Planners (\$5) and Earbuds (\$4) are on sale in the front office.

JANUARY 2019

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day Fridays.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Clubs/Activities/Sports 01 Period Band- M-F 8:15-9:15 Rocket Chorus- T/TH 8:25-9:15 Chess Club-Mon 8:15 Poetry Club -Fri 8:15 Vocal Vision-TH 4:30-5:30	1 Intramurals: Girls BB starts 1/9 T, W, F 8:20-9:10 Boys BB starts 1/9 T, W, TH, 4:30-5:45	2 Track starts 1/9 ends 4/27 M, W 8:00-9:15 Soccer ends 2/28 T, TH 8:10-9:10	3	4	5	
6 Gr. K-8 I-Ready Diagnostic 1/8-2/4	7	8 B Students Return	9 C 9:00 PTO	10 D PTO Family Night Out @ 5Guys 3pm-close 4:30 - 5:30 Gr. 6-8 Auditions for PPE Vocal Vision	11 E 10:30 PPE Science Celebration (identified students) in Launch Pad PBIS Smencil Sale \$1.00 3:40 NJHS Meeting in Launch Pad	12 Saturday with a Scientist (Identified Gr. 5 students)	
13 Week of Kindness (1/11-1/19) Tutoring Begins 1/15 Math - Tuesday ELA - Wednesday (identified students)	14 F 2:00 Code Red Drill	15 A 5:30-7:00 Gr 3 FSA Game Night Parent Event	16 B 8:30 SAC Mtg. 4:15-5:00 BETA Club Mtg. Big Apple Night	17 C Rocket Games 5th-10:00-11:25 3rd-1:00-2:25 4th-2:30-3:55 IRSC 4 County Honor Band Rehearsal 5-9 pm @ IRSC (select students)	18 D Rocket Games 1st-10:00-11:25 2nd-11:35-1:00 K-1:40-3:05 Wear Neon for SEL/ Responsibility IRSC Honor Band Rehearsal/Concert 1-8:30 pm @ IRSC	19 Rehearsal 12-4 pm Band & Jazz Band Concert 6 pm	
20	21 Holiday For All MLK Parade	22 E Report Card Day	23 F Progress Reports 5:30-7:00 Gr 3-5 Reading Excavation Extravaganza Parent Event	24 A 2:30 PPE History Fair & Awards (identified students)	25 B 10:00 PPE Potential Parent Tour Lifetouch K-5 Group Picture Day	26	
27	28 C 10:30 Gr 7 & 8 Honor Roll 2:30 Gr 5 & 6 Honor Roll	29 D 100th Day of School	30 E 10:30 Citizen of the Month 2:30 Fire Drill Jazz Band MPA @ SLWCHS	31 F 10:30 Gr 3 & 4 Honor Roll Jazz Band MPA @ SLWCHS			