



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.

Social-Emotional Learning

Our SEL topic for January is kindness. Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. The key to raising children who actively demonstrate kindness, helpfulness, courtesy, and compassion is to train our minds to notice those acts when they occur.

Noticing when children behave kindly, helpfully, courteously, and compassionately — and praising these moments — not only encourages more of that kind of conduct, but 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 Friday,

January 22nd, students, both virtual and in-person, will participate in a SEL activity related to kindness. Throughout the month, students will be challenged to do small acts of kindness and celebrate them within their classrooms each day! The link provided will bring you to more

information on encouraging kindness with your child: <https://www.smores.com/67v2e>



Panorama Survey

Students in grades 3-8 participated in the Panorama Social Emotional Survey. This survey was completed on the computer. Panorama focuses on measuring three social emotional areas: student competencies (this includes measures of grit, growth mindset, and self-efficacy); student supports and environment (this area includes teacher student relationships, sense of belonging, and school safety); teacher skills and perspectives (this includes professional learning about SEL, school climate, and resources for school support). Results from this year's survey will be compared to last year's data, which will become areas of focus for our social emotional instructional delivery to students.

PPE Mask Lanyards

Palm Pointe logo lanyards with two clips to hold your face mask in place are now available. The lanyard will always keep the mask around your neck, so no more worries about it dropping on the floor! Visit:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PPELYFM>

Daily Home Screening Tool & Health/Safety Procedures

As a reminder, parents must use the Daily Home Screening Tool to assess their child's health every morning. Any student displaying any of the symptoms listed must stay home to protect the safety and well-being of others. While at school, if your child reports to the clinic exhibiting one of the symptoms on the screening tool, parents will be called to pick up their child and he/she must stay home until symptom free for 24 hours. A copy of this daily tool can be found at:

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pdf/DailyHomeScreening.pdf>

Please continue to send your student to school with a clean face covering, a spare mask stored in a baggie in the bookbag, and a refillable water bottle each day. **If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask that you please keep your child at home and contact Mr. Keelor at (772) 345-3245.**

iReady Diagnostic

The Mid-Year i-Ready Diagnostic will be administered in January for all students. This computer-based assessment is important because it provides a "snapshot" of how students are progressing toward their goal to grade level proficiency in literacy and math skills. The Diagnostic Assessment is an additional tool to help provide unique and targeted instruction for your child.

Watch for the specific grade level dates that the i-Ready Diagnostic will be given in your child's teacher newsletter. You can help your child by ensuring they are well rested and in attendance on their specific test dates.

PPE Science Fair

The Science Department is excited to announce the Top 5 Science Fair projects, which have been selected to represent Palm Pointe at the St. Lucie County Annual Science Fair.

Congratulations to the following students:

- 5th place – Preston Slacum, 7th grade
- 4th place – Brooke Sharkey, 8th grade
- 3rd place - Mia Campanella, 6th grade
- 2nd place – Kirsten Bremekamp, 8th grade
- 1st place - Samuel Carrabino, 6th grade

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's Science Fair. We are so proud of our Rockets!

Citizen of the Month for December 2020

Although we are unable to hold live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being an outstanding citizen. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by their teacher. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, Make Safe Choices, and for demonstrating the SEL theme for the month.** Congratulations to:

KINDERGARTEN: Joshua Habib, Jessica Simon, Victoria Thomas, Leilani Matos, Zoey Clough, Joseph Murphy, Jordynn Pearce, Bryan Bokhart, Brody Selp

FIRST GRADE: Jade Satler, Elizabeth Villasuso, Daniel Burtsev, Hailey Ruiz, Bryan Barrett, Justin Swan, Noah Villier, Cove Johnson

SECOND GRADE: Emma Rodriguez, Gabriella Imbert, Lyon Yearwood, Aubrey Rowley, Mya Clement, Amiya Clendenin, Kumar Telsaint, Azalea Heli, Bradley Jasmin, Isaiah Rolle, Dylan Stott, Finley Lehman

THIRD GRADE: Drew Curry, Owen Price, Julianna Ramos, Aryel Villier, Nicole Savoree, Luma Siqueira, Maria Velasco, Antonio Davis, Valentina Valencia, Kingston Timothee

FOURTH GRADE: Asher Ghobrial, Jacob Scrima, Aarov Gowda, Ashlyn Voelker, Madison Escoto, Bella Farrow, Micah Dorelien

FIFTH GRADE: Rachel Reid, Reece Majewski, Gianna Edelkraut, Pedro Germano, Fateen Bouchfaa, Savannah Hardman, Alana De Jesus, Giovanni Irizarry, Jaden Martin Ramos

SIXTH GRADE: Sebastian Genereux, Evyn San Martin, Alivia Angrand, Sadie Keelor, Dominic Dimarco, Dareek Scutt, Tessa Scadlock, Naicha Guerrier, Sean Tatum, Raul Lopez

SEVENTH GRADE: Angelica Sanchez, Madison Steveson, Kerry Parks, Jose Lopez Rivera, Christian Pacitti, Tori Dickinson, Makayla Ortiz, Oswaldo Herrera, Trey Bott, Maya Kormov, Jessica Jaimes, Connor GIVens

EIGHTH GRADE: Macayla Cooke, Keiana Zavala, Hannah Raymond, Andrew Rowell, Gabriella Rivera, Isabella Vassor, Dylan Schang, Caleb Chuquillanqui Reyes, Alexia Morgan, Julian Greco

Student Placements & Virtual/Traditional Transition Procedures

For students transitioning from virtual to traditional school, laptops must be returned prior to receiving class placement/schedule information. If you did not return your laptop on Friday, December 18th, we ask that your child come to the front office on January 4th upon arriving at school. The laptop will be checked in from there and someone will walk your child to his/her classroom, if needed. All textbooks and materials from home need to be brought to class the first day back, as we only have one set of materials per student.

Please remember that, unfortunately, there is no guarantee that a child will be assigned the same class/teacher for the entirety of the school year. Because families will be permitted to flexibly transition their children to school or My School Online, and to maintain scheduling and class size requirements, staff members and students may be reassigned to different sections throughout the school year. We appreciate your understanding with placements and hope that changes are requested only when necessary. Please let us know if we can assist you to make either your My School Online or Traditional school experience a better one. Please reach out to your child's school counselor so that we can support you.

Many procedures are different this year due to the pandemic, including arrival and dismissal procedures, and it is important that all families who are returning to traditional school review them before January 4th. Please go to the website at www.tradition.fau.edu and click on Open House to review all of the new rules and procedures to make your child's first week back a success!

Dollar Day Prepaid Lanyards

This year's "Dollar Days" will either be theme-based or a No Dress Code Day to support a worthy cause. Instead of paying for them each time and collecting cash, we will be offering a prepaid lanyard, which is available through the School Pay link below. Our traditional students must have this lanyard ahead of time to participate. Our My School Virtual students can join in the fun for free with our themed days. It's not too late to purchase yours for the remainder of the school year!

Visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PPE2021DD>

Registration for 2021-2022

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open from Sept. 1, 2020-Feb. 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **1/27, 2/10, 3/12, 4/28, 6/3 and 6/4**

Car Line Drop-off Reminders

To help ensure smooth, timely transitions in the morning, we ask that families using the Gr. 1-8 car line have their child(ren) exit vehicles on their own from Poles 1-9. Also, please remember that only families with kindergarteners are permitted to use the K car line. In both lines, students must make sure their face masks are properly in place before exiting their vehicles. For the safety of our staff and other students, we ask that parents remain in their vehicles during drop-off/pick-up times and refrain from getting out to assist their child(ren). If a child needs help, staff members on duty will be sure to provide aid and support.

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts, face masks, mask lanyards, and sweatshirts online! →

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Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Clubs:</u>				1 Winter Break	2
3 <i>iReady Winter Diagnostic ELA & Math K-8 (1/4-2/5)</i>	4 G Students and Teachers Return	5 A	6 B	7 C	8 D Twin Day to Support Drama (must have & wear pre-purchased lanyard to Participate)	9
10 <i>Writing Benchmark #3 (Informative) 1/11-1/22</i>	11 E	12 F	13 G	14 A 10:00 Fire Drill 6:00 -7:00 Gr. K "Math & ELA Game Night" Virtual Family Event	15 B	16
17	18 Holiday For All MLK Day	19 C	20 D Citizen of the Month- Student Recognized PPE MS Virtual History Day School Celebration (Pre-recorded) Release time at 5:30	21 E 8:50 SAC Mtg. 5:30-6:40 Gr. 7 "Are You Smarter Than Your 7th Grader" Virtual	22 F SEL Activity Day	23
24 <i>Celebrate Literacy Week</i>	25 G	26 A PSAT Make-up Session for Identified Gr. 8 Students	27 B Early Dismissal Day 5:30-6:40 Grade 3 "FSA Game Night" Virtual Family Night	28 C	29 D	30
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