



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

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

### Social Emotional Learning

The Social Emotional learning topic for November is Diversity and Inclusion. Diversity is what makes each of us unique as individuals and inclusion is the behaviors, or social norms that help to make people feel welcome. The following are a few ways you can implement diversity and inclusion within your home: Discuss tolerance and diversity honestly, expose kids to diversity, and help kids embrace their own culture. It is important that children learn to accept others for who they are. To celebrate World Kindness Day, and to promote inclusion, as a school we will be participating in kindness challenges throughout the month. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, our school wide SEL activity will take place. Follow this link to read more about Diversity and Inclusion at home.

<https://www.kiddiematters.com/teaching-children-about-tolerance-and-diversity/>

### Car Line Support Needed from Families

To help ensure smooth, timely transitions during arrival, we ask families who are using the Grades 1-8 Car Line to have their child(ren) exit vehicles on their own from Poles 1-9. For the safety of our staff and students, we ask parents to remain in their vehicles during drop-off/pick-up times and refrain from getting out to assist their child(ren). If a child needs assistance, staff members on duty will be sure to help.

Additionally, unless your family has been contacted by an ESE School Specialist, students should not be dropped off in our designated ESE drop-off area, located near the bus loading zone, adjacent to the auditoria. As a reminder, students should not be dropped off any earlier than 9:15 with school beginning promptly at 9:40, and this is when the students are expected to be in their seats, ready for learning. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive to class after this time.

### REGISTRATION for 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open from September 1, 2020- February 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student, even if you already have siblings here at PPE. Please share this information with your family and friends who may want their children to become Rockets!

### Staff Honorees

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this years' honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

**Teacher of the Year: Bridget Austin**

**Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez**

**Outstanding First Year Teacher: Angela Fernandez**

**School Related Employee of the Year: Gina Millan**

### History & STEM Fair

Palm Pointe's middle school STEM Fair and History Day projects have begun! Students in grades 6 and 8 participate in History Day, and students in grades 6, 7 and 8 participate in STEM Fair. Both experiences feature research-based projects supporting a thesis or claim. For History Day, this year's theme is Debate and Diplomacy. The final projects are due December 13th, and the school-level fair will be held in mid-January. Students are working on many of the components in class but will need to finish their final projects at home - more details about the project rules and guidelines coming soon! For STEM Fair, final projects are due December 1st. Judging will take place the week of December 6th. The school-level STEM Fair will be held virtually on December 13th, and students advancing to the district competition will be announced on December 17th. If you have any questions, please contact our school-based coordinators. For History Day: [Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org). For STEM Fair: [Allison.Pozo@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Allison.Pozo@stlucieschools.org)

### Live Performances

We are excited to announce that we will hold live performances in December for our Palm Pointe Players presentation of Annie and with our middle school bands. We will need all families' cooperation to make this happen and still follow social distancing and Covid guidelines. Benches will be spaced apart in the auditoria making the audience much smaller, masks must be worn by all audience members and seating will be assigned in advance. We are so excited about this and the students are eager to perform to a live audience! Thank you in advance for your support!

### October Citizen of the Month

Although we are currently not holding 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. Awards are presented to each child by administration and families will receive a picture via email and the presentation of all the honorees will be posted on Facebook each month. 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:** Easton Akerley, Lena Brown, Christian Fernald, Xander Ghobrial, Paisley Glass, Osias Godfrey, Aiyannah Gracia, Colton Outlaw, Diana Romero

**First Grade:** Breanna Burdge, Zion Castro, Karter Clarke, Anthony Coppola, Avery Curry, Chloe Knowles, Austin Madonia, Mila Perez, Aliyah Saia, Liam Suarez, Karsen Lasseter

**Second Grade:** Bryan Barrett, Angelise Brown, Samantha Dauber, Kai Horner, Mikayla Krimsley, Gavin Mosco, Sahil Rosario, Nathaniel Stephenson

**Third Grade:** Santiago Cardona, Alivia Dean, Anthony Dibenedetto, Adriana Jackson, Braelyn McCall, Sydney McHenry, Ciana Ortiz, Owen Royle, Jacob Rowell

**Fourth Grade:** Scarlett Drechsler, Ian Garcia, Isabella Gonzalez, Kendra Fleuriot, Marco Pilloni, Adriana Reid, Camila Santos, Myah Smith, Valentina Valencia

**Fifth Grade:** Mason Albritton, Aiden Alter, Lucas Calderon, Ilario Guerra, Makaylah Lindstamer, Astrid Nelson, Olivia Royle, Nicholas Skursky, Jack Tolman, Audriana Townsley

**Sixth Grade:** Lucas Alguire, Wolfgang Baere, Jake Blizzard, Caden Burr, Emma Dickinson, Nile Edwards, Kaycee Keen, Ryson Solesky, Immanuel Morgan, Natasha Taveras, Maya Zawackis

**Seventh Grade:** Dylan Durgie, Lucas Cruzado, Rosemary VanName, Logan Gluck, Makayla Grigsby, Anthony Ochoa, Mariana Sanchez-Serrano, Tessa Scadlock, Madison Voelker

**Eighth Grade:** Alia Buchanan, Daniel Bologna, Onyx Diaz Diaz, Jacob Gomez, Lillian Heelan, Ethan Howe Barton, Jessica Jaimes, Jose Lopez Rivera, Leilani Sanchez, Emily Sexton, Gabrielle Thomas, Findley Wessel

**Suite 360**

St. Lucie Public Schools is utilizing Suite360 to meet the required instruction components on Substance Use & Abuse Health Education (6A-1.094122), Mental and Emotional Health Education (6A-1.094121), and Child Trafficking Prevention Education (6A-1.094123). Suite360 meets the needs of instruction and works in collaboration with concepts of SEL education. The program consists of content appropriate for students in grades K-12 that is differentiated by grade level. Grades K-5 will complete the Kid Power: The Power to Stay Safe lesson first during the first semester with School Counselors. The first lesson for grades 6-12 for the month of October is Mental Health Awareness & Assistance which will be completed with identified middle school and high school teachers. Each lesson provides the opportunity for engaging discussion, a video component, a teacher resource guide, and an assessment piece. The lessons are designed to be student paced where students can work on lessons individually or they can be delivered through whole group instruction depending on available resources.

**Thanksgiving Lunch for Students**

Student Thanksgiving Lunch Feast: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. On this special day, our fabulous cafeteria staff will be offering students a Thanksgiving lunch feast during their regularly scheduled lunch times. Please consider having your child join us on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> for this specially themed meal.

**Honor Roll**

We will not be holding any in person large ceremonies at this time. However, we will be acknowledging your students' Gold and Silver Honor Roll achievements in the classroom the morning of November 4, 2021 and posting a presentation to our Facebook page. We look forward to recognizing our Rockets!

**Mark Your Calendar**

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **12/17, 2/2, 3/11, 4/20, 5/31, 6/1**

**Student & Parent Handbook**

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, on the home page at [www.tradition.fau.edu](http://www.tradition.fau.edu).

**Dismissal Procedures**

This year, dismissal changes can be made through our new PikMyKid app or by calling the school up until 3:15 each day. Changes can only be made by a parent and students cannot be picked up early after 3:15 each day.

**Picture Make Up Day**

Picture Make Up Day is November 12. Students who were absent or need to retake their picture will be able to do so on this day. Stay tuned for more details.



**Palm Pointe's Uniform Drive**

**HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR FALL CLOSET CLEAN -OUT?**

**THIS IS A PERFECT TIME!**

**PALM POINTE'S CLINIC IS LOOKING FOR GENTLY USED UNIFORM ITEMS! PLEASE DROP ITEMS OFF TO THE FRONT OFFICE.**

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!

**NOVEMBER 2021**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Clubs &amp; Sports</b> <b>Soccer</b> - T & Th 8:00 AM-9:00 AM  <b>Volleyball</b> - T, W, Th 4:20 PM-5:15 PM  <b>Book Club</b> - Explores Gr 5-8 W 8:15-9:15	1 G	2 A	3 B Gr 1 Family Event- Benchmark Blast Off 6:00-7:00pm	4 C Last Day of Fall Book Fair  Qtr. 1 Honor Roll Students Recognized	5 D	6
7	8 E Coupon Book Fundraiser to Support PBIS 11/8-11/19	9 F	10 G <b>Progress Reports</b>  Gr 6 Family Event- Virtual Jeopardy 4:45-5:45pm	11 Holiday for All Veterans Day	12 A Fall Picture Retakes 1:30 TCUS  3:40 NJHS Mtg.- Audeteria  Orders due for Art to Remember Grades K-5	13
14	15 B	16 C	17 D Citizen of the Month Students Recognized	18 E 8:45 SAC Mtg.  Gr 4 Family Event- Together 4th Grade Will Shine 5:30-6:30pm	19 F No Dress Code to Support United Way (Must have & wear pre purchased lanyard to participate)  Last day for PBIS Coupon Book SEL Activity Day	20
21	22 Thanksgiving Holiday November 22-26 <small>(12 Month work November 22-24)</small>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 G	30 A				

