



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 throughout the school year. One of our goals this year is to increase our average daily attendance which is currently at 95.32%, almost a full percentage point higher compared to last year at this time! Going to school each day matters, but we understand some absences are unavoidable, for example, when students have a contagious sickness.

Let's work together to prevent absences whenever possible! #showinguptogether #attendancematters

On Wednesday, October 18th, our school will celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange! *A flyer with dress code requirements will be sent closer to the date *



PPE's 23-24 PFEP and SIP

In collaboration with the School Advisory Council, Palm Pointe develops and implements an annual Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and School Improvement Plan (SIP). The 2023-2024 PFEP and SIP are available to view on the school's website and copies of each plan will be sent home with your child in early October. For questions regarding Title I, SIP, or PFEP, please contact Rachel.Koenig@stlucieschools.org.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) Events

A variety of parent and family engagement activities designed to promote effective school/home partnerships and improve understanding of curriculum and assessments will take place during the 2023-2024 school year. PPE's grade level family events are about to commence, beginning with fifth grade's "Coffee and Content" event on Sept. 28th. Later this month, all families will be offered the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) during Parent Conference Week. Additionally, community events, such as Santa's Holiday Workshop, Book Fairs, ESOL Breakfast/Title III Parent Information Session, and Winter and Spring Performing/Visual Arts Events, will also be scheduled. In accordance with our PFEP, events and meetings will be scheduled at varied dates and times throughout the year. Families who are unable to attend scheduled meetings and events will be able to access presentation materials on the school website, via email, or through other digital platforms.

Tutoring

Through a combination of grants, PPE is pleased to offer identified students tutoring support during the 23-24 school year. Gr. 6-8 math tutoring began in September; families of middle schoolers interested in attending these weekly sessions must RSVP in advance, referencing details in their child's grade level newsletter. PPE's B.E.S.T. Tutoring program will span the second and third nine-week periods. Seats for this program are limited and students will be invited to attend based upon academic need. Before-/after-school and weekend academies will be offered throughout the year as well, and your child's teacher will share these details with you.

Clubs

This fall marks the kick-off for many of our academic enrichment clubs. For an overview of club sessions planned this school year, please visit our PPE website or Facebook page. Upcoming grade level-specific club opportunities will be advertised through flyers, which will go home to families in Wednesday folders. 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.

Middle School Sports

Middle school sports are starting. Girls' volleyball has begun practice and games will begin in October. 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. Coed soccer just had their first practice last week. Practices will continue Mondays and Thursdays starting at 4:15 pm. Games will start in mid-October. Volleyball and soccer seasons will conclude with a district tournament in December.

Palm Pointe's Got Talent!

We are excited to host the second annual Palm Pointe Talent Showcase on October 26th at 6pm. The talent showcase will feature a variety of acts from our amazing students in grades 5-8, appropriate for an audience of all ages! Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased through School Pay (link below) or at the door just before the event starts. We will also be selling concessions for \$1-\$2. All proceeds will go to support our 8th Grade Gradventure trip and for student incentives. We hope to see you there!

School Pay: <https://schoolpay.com/link/PPETalent2324>

Parent Conference Week

The week of October 17 is Parent Conference Week. Times will be available for conferences before and during school on October 17th & 18th with October 19th being conference night from 4:45-7:45pm. You must sign up in advance for a 15-minute conference meeting. Watch for a flyer and an email with details and procedures. We can't wait to see you!

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 - Sydney Poole, Colton Hardy, Ariana Renno, Savi Bell, Layla Henry, Zinnia Wolfe, Dorothy Glomb, Genevieve Koenig, Giovanni Kheemraj

First Grade - Penelope Latorre, Daxton Urquhart, Avery Alter, Parker Keele, Aria Navia, Jordan Dublin, Myles Haughton, Avery Shrader, Zayden Shaw

Second Grade - Steve Osorio Yaure, Colton Outlaw, Eleanor Minnich, Kian Dyer, Lillian Van Allen, Matthew Lopes, Maddox Laurien, Beckett Hardy, Sophia Maczko, Delaney Poma, Leila Rummery

Third Grade - Sydney Kelleher, Graeson Stewart, Camila Montanez, Sophia Cornelius, Bryan Bokhart, Eliana Pino, Lorenzo Bologna, Alexander Diaz, Lucas Cornelius

Fourth Grade - Hillary Lee, Karson Huggins, Mikayla Krimsley, Noah Villier, Emma Lindsay, Malayka Vickers, Madison Alvarez, Angelise Brown, Caylee Shrader

Fifth Grade - Zamora Jones, Karina Zavala, Jewel Mayer, Jocelyn Wilson, Charlotte Kelly, Liam Cohen, Amir Saadah, Daniel Morris, Josiely Trinidad, Charlotte Kelly

Sixth Grade - Sofia Bologna, Abigail Van Valkenburg, Isaiah Savion, Allyson Matos, Myah Smith, Michael Lindo, Colton Takas, Delilah Calderon

Seventh Grade - Mason Albritton, Esther Sylvain, Bella Farrow, Logan Sommer, Addison Lehman, Ariana Tookes, Michaella Mathison, Layton Rushing, Julian Allen, Micah Dorelian, Isabel Menendez, Jackson Harris, Marianna Navarro

Eighth Grade - Michaela Gnoffo, Emory Harper, Catherine Lindo, Andrea Garrido, Kailey Rowell, Gianna Edelkraut, Reece Majewski, Mia Roman, Eden Smith, Shane Martinez, Deneilia Bennett, Devin Hagel, Andrea Garrido

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. We have noticed some of our families joining our car lines instead of designating their child as a walker, when they do not actually walk home. We strongly encourage more of you to do the same.

We again ask you to please be respectful of our surrounding neighbors and do not park/wait on the street while waiting for your child. Law Enforcement can issue tickets for this and they will begin to do this soon. The district and the surrounding community are closely monitoring the disruption caused by cars waiting on the road who load and unload their children. Signs are clearly posted. Parking/waiting on the street is most often observed on East Park Ave. We strongly encourage you to join our car rider lines if your child does not walk all the way home. 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. If your child is a walker, 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.

Planners

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale online for \$5 at <https://schoolpay.com/link/Studentplanner2324> if you still need get one for your child.

Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **10/25, 2/7, 3/14, 4/17, 5/29 and 5/30.**



School Store Fundraiser 9/26-10/13

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 his fun participation prize of one of the SeaLife Mystery Animals.

Honor Roll Procedures

We are going to bring back "in person" Honor Roll ceremonies on a trial basis. We had stopped them due to safety & security on our campus and the large numbers of guests on campus needing to be checked in during the school day. 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 RSVP's need to be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher. Once preregistered, you will be able to proceed directly to the auditoria to get your pass to enter. All those who do not RSVP must report to the office to check in prior to the ceremony.

We appreciate your adherence to all safety & security protocols.

PM 1 Testing

Student results for the FAST PM tests are available for grades 3-8. You can access your child's FAST results in the State portal **through the Skyward Family Access portal**. You will be able to see and print your student's scale score, achievement level, and a bar graph indicating the student's scale score and where it falls in the achievement level. Grade 3-8 parents were sent instructions (with screen shots) to access information in the electronic newsletter from your child's teacher sent home in September.

Renaissance Star Reading, Early Literacy, and Math scores for Kindergarten, First, and Second graders are currently being loaded into the Skyward Family Access portal. The Star Parent Report PDFs are being loaded within a week of students taking their assessments. Parents can find these in Skyward in the Portfolio section. Scores reported initially from the Renaissance Star system will vary slightly than the official scores that will be available in about a month. However, the Parent Report is still a good resource to know the range in which your child is scoring in their reading and math skills. Instructions will be sent to you via the electronic newsletter from your child's teacher.

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!

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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	2 <i>E</i>	3 <i>F</i> 10:00 Volunteer Orientation Breakfast -Launch Pad 5:30 Gr 1 Family Event-Let's Taco 'Bout Standards	4 <i>A</i> Progress Reports	5 <i>B</i> 5:30 Gr K Family Event-Fall Into Kindergarten Talent Show Auditions 4:15	6 <i>C</i> <i>PBIS-Sit w/ Friend</i> Mismatch Day to Support 8th Grade (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	7
8	9 <i>D</i>	10 <i>E</i>	11 <i>F</i> PBIS Chipotle Restaurant Fundraiser- Tradition 4-8 2:00 Parent Tour	12 <i>A</i> 5:30 Gr 6 Family Event- Tacos & Trivia	13 <i>B</i> End of the 1st Qtr PBIS School Wide Event School Store Fundraiser Ends 3:30 NJHS Mtg	14
15	16 <i>Teacher Workday No School For Students</i>	17 <i>C</i> Fall Book Fair 10/17-10/26 Health Screenings 4:15 Talent Show Rehearsal	18 <i>D</i> Unity Day- Wear Orange	19 <i>E</i> 8:45 SAC Mtg 4:45-7:45 Parent Conference Night Fall Family Book Fair Event	20 <i>F</i>	21
22	23 <i>A</i>	24 <i>B</i> 9:45 Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast-Launch Pad 4:15 Talent Show Rehearsal	25 <i>C</i> Progress Reports Early Release Day 10:15 Citizen of the Month	26 <i>D</i> Fall Book Fair Ends 6:00 Middle School Talent Show	27 <i>E</i> <i>PBIS-Sit w/ Friend</i> 10:45 G. 1 In House Field Trip- Fire Safety	28
29	30 <i>F</i> Report Card Day	31 <i>A</i> Wear your favorite Fall/ Halloween Shirt to Support 4th Grade <small>(Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)</small>	Clubs & Activities Jazz Band 8:15-9:15 Chorus Gr. 4-5 T 8:15-9:15 Book Explorer's Gr. 5-8 T-4:15-5:15 & W 8:15-9:15 Chapter Book Gr. 1&2 W 4:15-5:15 Chess Club Gr. 6-8 T 4:15-5:15 Coding Club Gr. 5-6 W 8:15-9:15 Drama Jr. Gr. 5 W 8:15-9:15 Creole Club Gr. 4-5 T 4:15-5:15	Clubs cont. Odyssey of the Mind Gr. 3-5 & Gr. 6-8 T 4:15-5:15 Science Club Gr 3-M 8:15-9:15 Science Club Gr. 2, 4,5-W 8:15- 9:15 Setting the Stage Gr. 6-8 W 4:15- 5:15 Yoga Club Gr. 2-T 8:15-9:15 Sports Girls' Volleyball M & W 4:15-5:15 Coed Soccer M & TH 4:15-5:15		