



# The Orbiter

## 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.

### Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

Welcome back to our returning Rockets and welcome to our new students and their families! Thank you so much for helping your child(ren) adjust to new schedules, classrooms, teachers, and routines!

Throughout our history, our students have excelled, making Palm Pointe an "A" school for 10 consecutive years! We are extremely proud of the 47-point gain in this year's scores! I couldn't be prouder to be your principal and I know that your commitment to our school and students will ensure continued academic excellence for years to come. Our mission is to motivate, educate, and empower our students, helping them to soar and ensuring academic growth and excellence for ALL! Each year we have a theme and, this year, we are Diving Deep Into the S.E.A.S (Successfully Educating All Students).

On behalf of the Administration Team- Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Koenig and I, we look forward to "Diving Deep" into the 2018-2019 school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

### School Safety

The 2018-2019 School Year is off to a great start!

Palm Pointe maintains a strong commitment to ensuring safety for all students and staff. Please note that new protocols are in place for entering the school. When you come to school, please press the buzzer and state your purpose. Once verified, you will be buzzed into the building. Visitors are not permitted to hold the door open for others. It is important that you present a form of identification as one of the necessary steps to receive your "Visitor Badge." We ask that all visitors enter and exit through the main office. Additionally, you will see two School Resource Deputies on campus this year- Deputy Delgado and Deputy Braden. We thank you for helping us keep our school safe and for adhering to the new procedures.

### Annual Title I Parent Meeting/Classroom Kickoff Event

We hope that you can join us on Wednesday, September 26th for our annual "Classroom Kickoff!" Based upon the success of last year's change in format, we will continue offering an interactive presentation with information about your child's individual progress. Learn how to interpret your child's iReady ELA and Math diagnostic data reports, learn essential Title I and curriculum details, and participate in hands-on activities that will help you assist your child at home. Two repeat sessions will be offered: 4:30pm - 5:30pm and 5:40pm - 6:40pm. Sessions will take place in your child's homeroom class. An RSVP flyer will be sent home with your child soon.

Hope to see you here!

### PTO News

Welcome all our Rocket Families! Our Annual Fall Fundraiser will begin September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Scented Yankee Candle packets will be sent home with your child. You may order through the catalog or online. Online orders will be promptly shipped directly to your home.

We are collecting Box Tops for our first school wide contest. Please trim tops neatly and write only your child's homeroom teacher's name on a zip lock bag. The last day to turn in your bags of Box Tops is October 25. The winners from grades K-2, 3-5, & 6-8 will receive an ice cream reward during their scheduled lunches. Be mindful, the Box Tops do expire and those cannot be submitted.

### Volunteer Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and/or business partner at Palm Pointe, please attend the Volunteer Orientation on **Thursday, September 20th** at 2:30 pm in the Launch Pad. All new volunteers will be required to complete an online application. Attending the orientation is not mandatory, but we hope to see you there! Contact Karol Carvelli at [Karol.Carvelli@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Karol.Carvelli@stlucieschools.org) for more information.

### Coupons for Classroom Fundraiser

On August 29<sup>th</sup> we began our annual Coupon Book Fundraiser to help support the Education Foundation of St. Lucie County and Palm Pointe. K-5 students will receive a book and middle school grades will receive an envelope for their sales. \$2.00 for each book sold goes directly to your student's teacher. For every book a student sells, he/she will be entered into a raffle drawing. The fundraiser concludes on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Welcome Back Night at Big Apple Pizza (9/12)

Big Apple off Gatlin Blvd. will be hosting Palm Pointe Nights every month to give back to our school. Students do not need their flyer at the time of purchase. All they have to do is mention Palm Pointe!! Families can dine-in, take out, or get a delivery. The first night is Wednesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. We appreciate you supporting our school!

### Planners

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale for \$5 in the front office if you still need get one for your child.

### Lunch

Thank you for allowing time for our students to develop routines and independence in the audeteria. We encourage limited visits so that students can continue to socialize and develop a sense of independence. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the audeteria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your child(ren) only. Please do not allow your child or sibling on the playground during lunch. It is a liability concern and we appreciate your cooperation. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office to receive a visitor pass before proceeding to lunch and exit back through the front office to sign out. **If anyone other than a parent wants to come for lunch, a written note must be received in advance of the guest to be permitted to the audeteria.** The visitor will need to bring a valid ID to be checked into school.

### Guidance Department News

We have three certified school counselors on our campus this year who are specifically trained to help all students in the areas of academic achievement, social-emotional development, and college and career readiness. If you have any concerns about the academic, social, or emotional development of your child, please contact Mrs. Hitsman, for K-2, Ms. Rowley for Grades 3-5 or Dr. Kuba, for middle school.

### McKinney-Vento Program

If, due to a loss of housing, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in abandoned buildings; or doubled-up with relatives or friends; then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. If you need assistance or additional information, please contact the guidance department at (772) 345-3245.

### Dads Take Your Child to School Day

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, PPE invites fathers and male role models to bring their child(ren) to school, sign a pledge of involvement, and demonstrate the value of being involved in our Rockets' education! Look for more information to come home soon regarding details about this annual event. We hope you can join us that morning!

**School Lunch Program**

If you have not already done so, please support our School Lunch Program by applying today. You must reapply each year in order to qualify for the program. We are asking all families to apply, even if your child always brings a lunch box. You can apply online at [www.stlucieschools.org](http://www.stlucieschools.org). Just click on 'Meal Application' to begin the process. Funding is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! You must apply by **Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** in order for your application to be processed before the end of the month. Please call our school (345-3245) if you need assistance. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school.... thank you!

**Mark Your Calendar**

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **8/29, 9/26, 12/21, 11/21, 1/23, 2/13, 4/3, 6/3, and 6/4.**

**REGISTRATION for 2019-2020**

Registration for the **2019-2020** school year is open from September 1, 2018- February 1, 2019. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten.

**Home School Communication**

We will continue to send home all work and flyers each week in our new blue **Wednesday Folders**. Please look for it each week, take out the contents, and sign and return it the following day. All grade levels will also continue their weekly parent communication. Please be sure that your child's teacher has your correct contact information and email so that you are included in the weekly information blast.

**ESOL Corner**

Kindergarten students were recently given the IPT assessment (Oral Language Proficiency Test). Florida State Law mandates that if a student is unable to demonstrate proficiency in the English language, they must be placed in the ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) program where they will receive additional academic support in their regular classroom. If your child is in the ESOL program and you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Rowley at (772) 345-3245 or [Tiffany.Rowley@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Tiffany.Rowley@stlucieschools.org).

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

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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
2 Educational Foundation-Coupon Book Fundraiser Begins (8/29-9/21)	3 Holiday For All	4 D	5 E 9:00 PTO 11:00 WPBF Weather Alert for Identified 5th gr. classes	6 F Fire Drill @ 2:30	7 A PBIS Smencil Sale \$1.00 2:30-3:30 K-Grandparents Day NJHS Mtg 3:40- L. Pad \$1—No Dress Code Day to Support School Wide Sunshine	8
9	10 B Interim Reports Go Home this week Gr. 3 Health Screening	11 C	12 D 8:30 SAC Mtg BETA Club Meeting 4:15-5:00 Big Apple Night	13 E	14 F 1:30 TCUS	15
16	17 A	18 B Solo Ensemble Music Selection Night @ TCHS 5-8 pm	19 Holiday For All	20 C 2:30 Volunteer Orientation- L.Pad	21 D \$1 Jersey Day to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters Coupon Book Fundraiser Ends	22
23 PTO Fall Fundraiser 9/26-10/12	24 E Lifetouch Fall Picture Day **Students must be in Dress Code	25 F	26 A Dad's Take Your Child to School Day Early Dismissal 4:30—5:30 Title 1 Parent Mtg & Classroom Kickoff 5:40—6:40 Repeat Session	27 B 10:30 Citizen of the Month	28 C Free Student Dress Code for Classroom Kickoff Attendees	29
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