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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 our new schedules, classrooms, teachers, and routines, whether attending in person or virtually!

We are extremely proud of our students and staff! 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 even during these challenging times.

Please reach out to your child's teacher and school counselor if you need assistance in adjusting to My School Online. We are here to help support the choice you made for your child and will ensure our students and families adjust to this new way of learning.

Each year we have a theme and, this year, PPE is *Glowing with Pride - It is Our Time to Shine!* Our neon theme will focus on school pride and looking forward to brighter days in our future. On behalf of the Administration Team, Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. Newsome, and I, we look forward to "Shining Bright" in the 2020-2021 school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez

Social-Emotional Learning

The theme for social emotional learning this month is RISE: Resilience, Innovation, Safety, and Emotional Literacy. As a school community, we know there have been many changes in our day-to-day lives. We are committed to continuing to build our school culture and encourage students to RISE to the new year. For the next 30 days, students will participate in 30 minutes of community circles daily, where teachers will focus on building classroom community, empathy, self-care, and being resilient. For more information about our theme and fun activities to do at home with your child, check out the SEL Newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/v58s2-august-september-self-newsletter?ref=ny>

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. Apple for Gr. K-2, Mrs. Campbell for Gr. 3-5, or Ms. Rowley for middle school. Mrs. Rowley is currently out on maternity leave. Mrs. White is the interim counselor until she returns in October.

Student Placement

Due to the nature of the district-adopted model outlined in the *SLPS Safe Return to School Plan 2020-2021*, 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 during designated periods, if needed, 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.

Daily Home Screening Tool & New 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 they 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. Students are required to wear a face covering at school during all times that social distancing is not possible.

Thank you for your support with our new arrival and dismissal procedures. Everything has been going smoothly, thanks to your support. The procedures are clearly outlined in our Open House videos located on our website, should you want to review them again. Parents of "walkers" must remain off campus at arrival and dismissal times and cannot congregate in the courtyard, in front of building 1, or on the walkways. Plan to meet at a location off campus or change your child to a car rider and drive through the car line each day. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

School Pictures

Next week is School Picture Day on September 9th. We are using a new photographer this year, Focused on Forever, for those attending school traditionally. We have scheduled a picture day for any family whose child is attending My School Online. That date is scheduled on

October 20th. [Details to schedule your child for a picture will be coming out prior to that date.](#) We use these photos for our annual Yearbook, please know that all students must be in DRESS CODE for this picture day.

Home School Communication & My School Online

It is very important that your parent contact information is up to date, including email addresses and phone numbers, as this is this primary means of communication from school to home. This year, all flyers for the week will be posted virtually on the school website and Facebook on Wednesdays. If your child attends school traditionally and would like a paper copy of all notices, please be sure to complete your teacher's form. You will also need to indicate if you need a paper copy of a progress report as well. All students in My School Online must use a laptop with camera capabilities; in this environment a smart phone will not suffice. If you need a laptop and have not checked one out, they are available to all students.

Changes to Dismissal/PikMyKid

This year we have started to use a new dismissal management system called PikMyKid. We hope you have all downloaded the App, registered in the system, and practiced a little. If your child is a car rider, please place the PikMyKid Car Tag on your visor to show each day as you enter the line. 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.

Student & Parent Handbook

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, on the home page at www.tradition.fau.edu.

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 or currently attends school virtually. You can apply online at 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 early 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!

REGISTRATION for 2021-2022

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

Planners

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale online for \$5 at <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>, 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: **10/16, 12/18, 1/27, 2/10, 3/12, 4/28, 6/3 and 6/4**

Dollar Days

This year we will continue with our dollar days. They 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 card, 11 days throughout the year for \$10. This must be paid through School Pay. See the link below for more details. In order to get your card in time for the first day on September 25th, please pay and order by September 18th. Our My School Virtual students can join in the fun for free with our themed days! See the flyer for details!

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

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.

Conveniently purchase your Planners, Ear Buds, Spirit Shirts, and PPE Face Masks online this year all in one click! →

**SEPTEMBER
2020**

Pay Online with Credit Card or Check:
<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Clubs: Jazz Band M-F 8:15	1 G	2 A	3 B	4 C	5
6	7 Holiday For All—Labor Day	8 D	9 E Focused on Forever Fall Pictures - Traditional students only. Virtual Fall Pictures - October 20th	10 F	11 G	12
13	14 A MTSS Begins* PBIS Fundraiser 9/14-9/29 (on-line only)	15 B	16 C	17 D 8:50 School Advisory Council Mtg.	18 E	19
20	21 F	22 G	23 A	24 B	25 C Dollar Day—Wear Neon To support Band (must Be purchased in advance)	26
27	28 Fall Holiday For All	29 D	30 E Citizen of the Month students to be recognized			