



# The Orbiter



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

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30 pm  
School Hours 9:40 - 4:10 pm

### 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 the new school year. We have gotten off to a great start!



We are extremely proud of our students and staff! We are so proud that we have continued to maintain our "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education since opening in 2008. I couldn't be prouder to be your principal and I know your commitment to our school and students will ensure continued academic excellence this year regardless of the changes to school testing!

Each year we have a theme and, this year, Team PPE has got their GAME ON! At Team PPE- Together Everyone Achieves More! We have devised our Game Plan and we are ready to Tackle this year!

On behalf of the Administration Team, Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Newsome, Ms. Markowitz, and I, we look forward to another successful school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez

### iSucceed

We will be implementing a new initiative with the district called **iSucceed in Safe and Caring Schools**. The goal of this initiative is to provide a safe, secure, and predictable environment for all students and staff, in schools and on buses. Even though the initiative is new, it is comprised of many programs that we are already using at the school including: Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Single School Culture, PBIS, and CHAMPS, while incorporating Life Management Skills/Culture & Learning Environment, and Student Success Plans. We are excited to start this initiative this year and will continue provide the best learning environment for all of our Palm Pointe students.

### Cultural Learning Environment (CLE)

This year, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) has transitioned to CLE, or Cultural Learning Environment. Students will continue to participate in morning meetings each day helping them to engage and interact with one another. Additionally, this year, students will make personal goals for themselves with a tracking sheet in their classroom. Using the harmony goals, students can select a personal goal and keep track of their progress throughout the year. In September, our CLE theme will be motivation and agency. Motivation and agency are centered around being self-directed and invested in your own growth in change. You can encourage your child to practice motivation and agency by giving them opportunities to practice responsibility through chores, completing assignments, and setting individual goals. As a school we will celebrate motivation and agency on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Star and FAST Progress Monitoring 1

Last week in your Wednesday folders, each grade level received specific letters about our new progress monitoring for grades K-8.

The window for the first PM is 8/22-9/21. We began this week with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The remaining schedule has been placed on our September calendar. Please look for your child(ren)'s specific day(s). All testing takes place in the morning and our teachers are trained and ready to begin. In the near future, parents will be able to access scores through Skyward Family/Student Access. Once it is fully operational, we will communicate this with our families.

### Lunch Visits with Families

We are so happy to be able to offer time for our families to enjoy lunch with their child(ren) again. We ask for you to reserve this time for special occasions only as it is so important students eat with their peers to form bonds with classmates. We will begin the week of September 19 following the schedule below. Please adhere to this schedule, which includes the specific days of the week and grades for who can attend lunch, if you would like to plan lunch with your child. Grades K-3 have 2 designated days per week, and grades 4-8 have 1 designated day per week. All lunches with family will take place in the outside, covered dining area. We do not have alternate seating, so in event of inclement weather, please be sure your child knows you may not be able to join them for lunch. Our cafeteria is at capacity during each lunch and we do not have extra space. All lunch visitors must come in through the front office, stay only for their child's lunch time, and exit through the front office. Gates are not to be used for entrance and/or exit. We appreciate your adherence to these guidelines as we bring this time back for our families.

	M	T	W	TH	F
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> - 11:40-12:10 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11:43-12:13 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11:46-12:16		Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> - 12:20-12:50 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 12:25-12:55 4 <sup>th</sup> - 12:30-1:00	Gr 3	Gr 1	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 1
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> - 1:00-1:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 1:05-1:35 K - 1:10-1:40	Gr K	Gr 5	Gr 2	Gr K	Gr 2

### School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community: parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. SAC members gather to discuss the school's academic plan and progress. They discuss the School Improvement Plan, which is a plan made of goals and objectives established for the school determined by needs. The purpose of the School Improvement Plan is to increase student performance. The SAC committee provides input and feedback on plans and actions that help lead to student achievement and performance.

Parents who want to get involved are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC committee. Palm Pointe's SAC meets on the fourth Thursday of the month on campus beginning at 8:45. Meetings generally last from 45 to 60 minutes. If you would like to join, please attend the next SAC meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45.

### Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Palm Pointe is selling Barton Chocolate Dream Bars. Each box contains 60 candy bars with mixture of milk chocolate, dark chocolate, crisp and caramel. The Barton Chocolate Fundraiser starts 9/1/22-9/22/22. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please fill out a form and a box will be delivered to your student that same day. Thank you for your help and support. If you need another form, please call the front office. We appreciate your support in this fundraiser for our school!

### Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. With the exception of the beginning of the year's lengthy dismissals, it has been going smoothly, thanks to your support. As a reminder, 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 strongly encourage you to join our car rider lines if your child does not walk all the way home. Please be respectful of our surrounding neighbors and do not park on the street while waiting for your child. Law Enforcement can ticket you for this. This is most often observed on East Park Ave. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters. Please use our dismissal system, PikMyKid, for all your dismissal needs. If you do not have the app downloaded yet, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or the front office and we can assist.

### 22-23 Parent-School Compact

As a Title I school, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition creates and distributes a Parent-School Compact each year. The compact is reviewed and revised by the School Advisory Council, a group comprised of staff, parents, and community members to outline how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. You will receive a copy of the 22-23 compact on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Please be sure to discuss it with your child, and then sign and return the compact to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

### PPE's Title I Annual Meeting/Curriculum Overview Session

On Wednesday, September 28th, our annual Title I informational presentation will be released on our school website and YouTube Channel. The focus of this session will be on Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards, FAST progress monitoring, and explaining how our school works to support all students, including through Title I and Title IX. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

### Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **10/26, 12/16, 2/1, 3/10, 4/19, 5/31, 6/1**

### 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. Applying each year is part of your admissions agreement for attending Palm Pointe. You can apply online at [www.stlucieschools.org](http://www.stlucieschools.org). Click on the School Benefit Application tab 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 2023-2024

Registration for the **2023-2024** school year is open from September 1, 2022- February 1, 2023. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student each year, even if you already have siblings here at PPE.

### Planners

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

### 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).

### McKinney-Vento Program

If you and/or your family are presently in any of the following situations, then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act: A. Living in an emergency or transitional shelter B. Living with family or friends temporarily due to our loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason C. Living in a car, park, temporary trailer park, campground, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing or similar settings D. Living in a hotel or motel temporarily due to loss of housing, or economic hardship or similar reason. If you need assistance or additional information, please contact the guidance department at (772) 345-3245.

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>

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4	5 <i>Holiday for All</i>	6 <b>E</b>	7 <b>F</b>	8 <b>G</b> <b>FAST PMI Gr3&amp;4</b> <b>Reading</b>	9 <b>A</b> <b>FAST PMI Gr3&amp;4</b> <b>Math</b>  3:30 NJHS Mtg. - Audeteria	10
11 <i>Fire Drill Week</i>	12 <b>B</b> <b>STAR PMI Gr 1&amp; 2</b> <b>Reading</b>	13 <b>C</b> <b>STAR PMI Gr 1&amp; 2</b> <b>Math</b>  State Tornado Drill	14 <b>D</b> Band Clinic - 9:40-10:30 (Identified Students)  Family Night Out at Panda Express Fundraiser to support FBIS	15 <b>E</b> <b>STAR PMI Gr K</b> <b>Reading</b>  10:15 & 2:30 New Students to PPE Ice Cream Social	16 <b>F</b> <b>STAR PMI Gr K</b> <b>Math</b>	17
18 <i>Code Red Drill Week</i>	19 <b>G</b>	20 <b>A</b> Focus on Forever-Fall Pictures	21 <b>B</b> <b>Progress Reports</b>	22 <b>C</b> 8:45 SAC Mtg. Wear a Sports Jersey to support BB&BS (Must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)  Choc. Bar Fundraiser Ends	23 <i>Teacher Workday-PD Day</i>  <i>Student Holiday</i>	24
25	26 <b>D</b> School Store Fundraiser to support Classroom Teachers 9/26-10/14	27 <b>E</b>	28 <b>F</b> 10:15 Citizen of the Month  5:00 Video Release- Title 1 & FAST STAR PM Information Session for Parent	29 <b>G</b> Gr 3 Oxbow-Inhouse Field Trip 1:00-2:00&2:00-3:00	30 <b>A</b> Gr 3 Oxbow-Inhouse Field Trip 1:00-2:00&2:00-3:00  CLE Classroom Activity- Motivation & Agency	