



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.

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 are off to a great start!



As a School of Excellence, we are proud of the continued success we have had and although there are no school grades this past year, our scores have exceeded our expectations and were more than enough to maintain our A rating, should school grades have been issued. 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 this year!

Each year we have a theme and this year we are feeling groovy with our Peace, Love and Learn theme. You will see this theme throughout the year!

On behalf of the Administration Team, Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Newsome, Ms. Markowitz, and I, we look forward to a groovy year full of peace, love and learning!

Lunch Visits with Families

We are so happy to be able to offer time for our families to have lunch with their children again. We ask that you reserve this for special occasions only. It is so important students eat with their peers and form those bonds with their classmates. We will begin the week of September 18th. Please adhere to the schedule below if you would like to come to have lunch with your child. The day of the week and grade are specified for who can attend lunch. Due to limited space and to have ample opportunity all for, designated days are scheduled for specific grades. K-4 have 2 designated days a week and Gr 5-8 have one day. Gr 2 is split for the 2nd day by last name. All lunches with family will take place in the outside covered dining area. Be sure your child knows if it rains, you may not be there that day as there is no alternate seating. Our cafeteria is very full during each lunch and there is no extra space. We ask that lunch visitors come in through the front office and exit through the front office, not through a gate, and stay only for your child's lunch time.

Additionally, when on campus, adult restrooms in the cafeteria are located in the staff lounge to the left of the cafeteria doors; student restrooms are for students only. We appreciate your adherence to the guidelines and this schedule.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Lunch:					
6 th - 11:40 – 12:10					
7 th - 11:43 – 12:13		Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	
8 th - 11:46 – 12:16					
2nd Lunch:					
3 rd - 12:25 – 12:55					
4 th - 12:30 – 1:00	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5
5 th - 12:35 – 1:05					
3rd Lunch:					
1 st - 1:00 – 1:30		Gr. 1		Gr. 1	
2 nd - 1:05 – 1:35	Gr. K		Gr. K		Gr. 2
K - 1:10 – 1:40		Gr2 A-L		Gr2 M-Z	

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.

FAST Progress Monitoring 1

FAST Progress Monitoring (PM) for all students will continue this year for all Kindergarten through eighth grade students. There are three windows set by the FLDOE for Fall, Winter, and Spring PM administrations. The Fall PM window is from August 7 – September 29; the Winter PM window is from December 4 – January 26, 2024; and the Spring administration is from April 15 to May 31. For PM1 and PM2 both reading and math are assessed. In the Spring, the addition of Writing, and the EOCs are added. Kindergarten through grade 2 take age-appropriate Star Early Literacy, or Star Reading, and all K-2 students take Star Math. Grades 3-8 take the FAST reading and math PMs. All PM tests are adaptive and focus on providing data to enhance their teacher's instruction. Letters with specific test dates for each grade level were sent home in the August 30 communication folder. Please look for these dates and be mindful of supporting your child with on-time attendance, and a restful night's sleep the night before test day.

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 third 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 Thursday, September 21st at 8:45.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Palm Pointe is selling Barton Chocolate Dream Bars. Each box contains 60 candy bars with a mixture of milk chocolate, dark chocolate, crisp and caramel. The Barton Chocolate Fundraiser runs 9/1/23-9/22/23. 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. If you need another form, please call the front office. Thank you for your help and we appreciate your support in this fundraiser for our school!

Attendance Matters

Did you know, missing 10%, or 2 days a month over the course of the school year can affect a student's academic success? September is attendance awareness month, but we are focusing on building good attendance habits throughout the entire school year. Going to school every day is important and contributes to success in both school and life. Each day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Our goals this year are to increase our average daily attendance (the percentage of students present, daily) and decrease our chronic absenteeism rate (students who miss 15 or more days of school). Let's work together to ensure students make it to school on time, ready to participate, every day possible. At Palm Pointe, we are showing up together! #attendancematters

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. Except for the beginning of the year lengthy dismissals, our dismissal has been running smoothly. As a reminder, parents of “walkers” must remain off campus during arrival and dismissal times; parents must not congregate in the courtyard, in front of building 1, or on the walkways. Those areas are part of the campus. Plan to meet at a location off campus or change your child’s dismissal to a car rider and drive through the car line to pick up your child each day. It would be a good idea to have your child carry a raincoat or umbrella in their backpack for rainy days to use while walking off campus. Please be respectful of our surrounding neighbors and do not park on the street while waiting for your child. Law Enforcement can issue tickets for this. Signs are clearly posted. Parking on the street is most often observed on East Park Ave. We are still seeing some cars waiting on the road there who will need to find another place. We strongly encourage you to join our car rider lines if your child does not walk all the way home. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. 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.

Fall Picture Day

Fall picture day for students will take place on September 19th. Please be sure your child is in dress code for this picture. This picture is the one which goes in our yearbook. Watch for a flyer with more details.

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.

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. Just 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!

Breakfast is FREE this year for all students. If your child wants breakfast, have them report to the audeteria between 9:15-9:35 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 .

23-24 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 23-24 compact on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. 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 6, 2023.

PPE's 23-24 Family Partnership and Title I/IX McKinney-Vento Presentation

On Thursday, August 10th, our annual Title I and Title IX McKinney-Vento informational parent presentation was released on our school website and YouTube Channel. It explains how our school works to support all students, including through Title I and Title IX McKinney-Vento. Thank you to the more than 1,000 families who viewed this important presentation and returned the related form to school. To view the presentation, please visit: <https://tradition.fau.edu/>

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>