



The Orbiter

Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm
School Hours 9:40-4:10

Supervision

There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

The month of September proved to be a busy month. We hope all our families are back to a regular routine after Hurricane Irma. At school, we have returned to a regular schedule and have rescheduled all events that were missed during our days off. As you know by now, we are having a full day of school on September 27th and October 27th is now a school day for our students.

We had our first Citizen of the Month assembly, where we honored many students who have followed the school-wide expectations and consistently demonstrated efficacy and effort. We had over 250 dads and male role models participate in "Dads Take Your Child to School Day." For our students who participated in our Summer Reading Program, we celebrated with an ice cream social. Students are also completing their i-Ready diagnostics in both Reading and Math and several Unit Assessments in all subject areas. If you have any questions about i-Ready or unit assessments, please reach out to your child's teacher to talk on the phone or set up a conference. You should be receiving a weekly update from your child(ren)'s teacher. Many grade levels are using an email format. If you have not received communication regularly, please reach out to your child's teacher to update your email address. We are your partner in your child's education. Please also look weekly for the Wednesday Envelope. Please remove all contents and sign and return the envelope the following day.

Since funding to support our school is attached to this program, thank you to those families who supported our National School Lunch Program and have applied. You must reapply each year. Apply online at www.stlucieschools.org. Just click on 'Meal Application' to begin the process.

With the end of the first quarter approaching, please continue to help us at home in supporting an academic growth mindset and motivating our students to set goals and see them through. As always, thank you for your support.

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Annual Title I Parent Meeting/Classroom Kickoff Event

We hope that you can join us on Wednesday, October 11th for our rescheduled "Classroom Kickoff!" Based upon families' feedback, this "Curriculum Night 2.0" event will be more interactive and incorporate information about your child's individual needs. 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: 5:30 - 6:20 and 6:30 - 7:20. Sessions will take place in your child's homeroom class. Be sure to return the RSVP form from the event flyer to your child's teacher.

Parents' Right-to-Know

In your child's Sept. 20th Wednesday envelope, you should have received a letter detailing families' rights to request and receive information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers and paraprofessionals. If you have any questions related to this letter, please contact Mrs. Larsen at (772) 345-3245.

October is Bullying Prevention Month

INCREASE TOLERANCE

October is Bullying Prevention Month. We have planned many activities at PPE to assist with preventing bullying and protecting students. We will teach embracing acceptance, emphasizing commonalities, embracing diversity, teaching tolerance, and promoting acceptance.

Big Apple Pizza Night (10/4)

Big Apple Pizza 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 next night is Wednesday, October 4th! We appreciate you supporting our school!

Attendance Matters! Tardy Students and Early Pick Up

If a student misses just 2 days a month, that adds up to missing 10% of the school year! School attendance counts! We guard instructional time.

Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but it disrupts the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. **Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 3:30pm each day.**

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **10/25, 11/21, 12/22, 1/24, 2/14, 3/9, 4/6, 5/30, 5/31**

PTO News

"Thank You" to all the families that supported our Five Guys Burgers & Fries evening. A good time was had by all. Our Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser begins this week. When you place orders online you will receive your delivery directly to your homes. Out of state family and friends will love this great feature. Raffle tickets are also available for the Yankee Candle "Winter Wonderland Basket," which is on display in the front office. This item retails for \$150.00. Also, Tijuana Flats in SLW is hosting our second Community Night on October 18. You must bring the flyer in order for Palm Pointe to receive credit.

Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers will also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act**

Respectfully, Make Safe Choices and for consistently demonstrating Efficacy and Effort.

Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 10/25, 11/15, 12/20, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/16

All assemblies are at **10:30am** in the Auditoria. Parents and family members can report directly to the Auditoria.

Kindergarten: Tresean Briggs, Jovanny Ferdinand, Nicole Savoree, Christian Kenney, Gabriella Croce, Sophia Edelkraut, Maddex Weeks, Caleb Allen, Megan Dippolito, Eli Kern; **First Grade:** Shelby Blickenstaff, Alexah Tout-Puissant, Ilario Guerra, Madison Middlebrook, Kaylee Stott, Mason Santiago, Skylar Aronoff, Lucas Calderon, Parker Lehman; **Second Grade:** Emma Dickinson, Holland Lilley, Dakota Buonocore, Xander Emma, Christina Guerrier, Natasha Taveras, Jett Lambert, Gabriella La Porta, Cohen Givens, Logan Tavares; **Third Grade:** Aiden Gluck, Breanna Weiser, Madison Voelker, Brooke Massman, Aidan Massman, Andrew Lulkin, Mia Campanella, Jackson Armstrong, Gweneth Gilooly; **Fourth Grade:** Lillian Heelan, Stevie Walters, Aiden Gachette, Jordyn Landron, Gabrielle Thomas, Breck Heishman, Nevaeh Jock, Jocelyn Hatfield; **Fifth Grade:** Matthew Antonakos, Devin Habyan, Julia Wilmoth, Nicolas Friman, Annabella Hall, Madison Sage, Brianna Maciel, Alexia Morgan, Jasmin Dukes, Julian Greco; **Sixth Grade:** Nayliana Gonzalez, Nikko Lopez, Jasmin Duarte Garcia, Connor Neziol, Nicolas Tovar, Tyler Reid, Andrew Jones, Keely Moody, Ricardo Ingleton, Shayna McGregor; **Seventh Grade:** Michael Brown, Nathalie Moreno, David Ortega, Andrew Lopez, Emily White, Isabella Pardo, Treyvon King, Ashley Buchanan, Alex Golden, Michael Arias Quezada, Kevin Lalanne; **Eighth Grade:** Remari Bookall, Lusi Vardanyan, Aubrey Mason, Victoria Sierra, Melissa Philogene, Autumn Eichenlaub, Nicolas Polanco, Alexy Perez, Paige Clow, Joshua Russell, Cassandra Isaac, Adrian Narcisse

i-Ready

Students are completing their diagnostics in both reading and math. Once they are complete, an individualized instructional path will be designed for them. The lessons complement what is being taught in the classroom. It provides differentiated instruction to meet your child's individual needs.

How does my child navigate i-Ready? Open an internet browser. Go to login.i-ready.com. Students use their "56" number as the username, and their lunch number as the password; select Florida and click go. Select either reading or math. The My Progress box records the lessons completed and the score. Click on Start Lessons to begin.

What will my child gain by using this at home? Any time that your child works on i-Ready lessons will enhance his/her classroom learning. Additionally, for kindergarten through second grade students, working on i-Ready reading lessons can be counted as a 100 Book Challenge step for each fifteen minutes they are in the program.

Volunteer Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and/or business partner at Palm Pointe, please attend the rescheduled Volunteer Orientation on **Tuesday, October 3rd** at 9:30 am 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 for more information.

School Advisory Council

Thank you to the families who joined our first monthly SAC meeting on September 25, 2017. We welcomed our new members and reviewed school wide FSA Data.

We also reviewed the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan, which was unanimously approved by our SAC members. We also discussed this school year's Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Our next SAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 8:30 in the Launch Pad.

Lunch

Parents are always invited to lunch. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the Auditoria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your children. Only your own child may have lunch with you. Adult lunches are \$3.00. **We ask that you limit your visits for special occasions so students have opportunity to socialize and eat lunch with their classmates.** Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the auditoria. If you are giving permission for extended family or friends to have lunch with your child, a note must be sent to the front office prior to the lunch date.

Registration for the **2017-2018** school year is open from September 1, 2016- February 1, 2017. FAU will begin selecting students in March.

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Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day which is every Friday. Earbuds are for sale for \$4.00.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PTO Fundraiser 9/27-10/13	2 C	3 D Volunteer Orientation 9:30 LP	4 E PTO 9:00 Big Apple Pizza Night	5 F ESOL Breakfast 9-10 LP Gr. 1 Health Screening	6 A \$1 No Dress Code Day to Support BETA Club	7
8	9 B 1st Quarter Grading Window Opens	10 C	11 D Title I Parent Meeting and Classroom Kickoff 2.0 (in classrooms; 5:30-6:20; repeat session at 6:30-7:20)	12 E	13 F End of 1st 9 weeks No Dress Code for Classroom Kickoff Attendees ASD Classes - Fall Harvest 2:00 - outside dining PTO Fundraiser Ends	14 St. Lucie County Middle School Marching Band Night
15	16 Teacher Workday/PD Day No School for Students	17 A Fire Drill 2:15	18 B Progress Reports SAC Mtg 8:30 PTO Family Night Out @ Tijuana Flats-Spirit Night	19 C Flu Shots 12:30-3:45 PTO Candle Raffle Drawing during morning announcements	20 D \$1 No Dress Code Day to Support NEDA (National Eating Disorder Association)	21 NEDA Walk-Tradition Square 8:30
22	23 E Code Red Drill 10:25	24 F PPE Jazz Band performs @ Lewis Branch Library 10:30-noon Step Up Instrument Night @ TCHS	25 A Early Dismissal- Record Keeping Citizen of the Month 10:30 NJHS Mtg 1:35pm Popcorn, Plickers, & Prizes: Strategies for the Exceptional Student 5:00-6:00pm	26 B 1st Grade Vocabulary Parade (2:30-3:30)	27 C Full Day for Students	28
29	30 D Report Cards Go Home	31 E K-Storybook Character Parade 10 am				

