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Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm
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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,

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!

I am tremendously proud to have the honor of being your principal to begin our ninth year at Palm Pointe. Every staff member at our school is committed to empowering our students to meet their full potential. We all understand that with time, support, effective effort and effective life choices, all of our students will learn at high levels and grow their intelligence.

There is a new epidemic spreading at Palm Pointe....Growth Mindset! Walking the halls and visiting with students, it is apparent that our growth mindset culture is well underway. Our Rockets are realizing that perfection is not the expectation, but perseverance is!

When people believe their intelligence is unchangeable, they hold a fixed mindset. When people believe that intelligence can be developed through learning, they hold a growth mindset. Decades of research by Dr. Carol Dweck show that when people believe they can grow their intelligence through learning, they are more motivated to seek challenges, value learning and effort, and persist through difficulty, ultimately achieving more.

Through thoughtful planning, dedicated, creative and collaborative efforts, and an unwavering commitment to our students, our staff has provided a learning environment at PPE in which students thrive. As always, we need your help at home in supporting our Rockets as part of our team, sending them to school ready to learn. On behalf of the Administration Team- Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Koenig and I, we look forward to continuing to build upon the tradition of excellence in the 2016-2017 school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Public School Accountability Report

The Florida Department of Education publishes an annual report card on the progress of our district and schools, as well as the School Public Accountability Report (SPAR). A letter detailing this information went home with your child on Friday, August 26, 2016. This information is also available at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>, and <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm> or you may contact the school at (772) 345-3245 to request a copy of the report.

PTO News

Welcome Back Rockets! PTO meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting is September 7th at 9:00, and of course, children are welcome. On September 20, Five Guys Burgers will host our first family night. Please join us from 3:00 - 9:00 for burgers, fries & shakes. Five Guys will donate a portion of the proceeds to Palm Pointe. Flyers will be sent home with the details.

Your PTO is excited to announce that we are hosting the Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser from 9/30-10/14. The scented packets will be sent home with your child with details for online ordering and a list of prizes. We will also raffle a basket (a \$150 value).

Gather up all the Box Tops you clipped over the summer & turn them in with your homeroom teacher's name on the bag. Your class could win the \$25 gift card! Box Tops also has an app; just download it on your smart phone. Also, download your Shoparoo app, select Palm Pointe and start snapping pictures of all your receipts. It's as EASY as 1-2-3.

Volunteer Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and/or business partner at Palm Pointe, please attend the Volunteer Orientation on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 9:30 am in the LaunchPad. This year, all volunteers will be required to complete a new online application. Attending the orientation is not mandatory; we hope to see you there! Contact Karol Carvelli at Karol.Carvelli@stlucieschools.org for more information.

Coupons for Classroom Fundraiser

On September 7th we will begin 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. Additional details will follow.

Welcome Back Night at Big Apple Pizza (9/1)

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 Thursday, Sept. 1st. We appreciate you supporting our school!

Planners

Planners are mandatory 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 Auditeria 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 at this time. It is a liability concern and we appreciate your cooperation. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to lunch.

Guidance Department News

Along with incorporating growth mindset activities into Palm Pointe's school culture, we will also be focusing on a *Character Trait of the Month*. For the month of September, RESPONSIBILITY is our trait. Responsibility is "taking ownership of thoughts, words, and actions." This trait is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person and is the basis for a free and civil society where each individual does what is expected.

If your child is having difficulty coping with Divorce or Separation please contact Mrs. Hitsman (K-5) or Mrs. Kuba (6-8) for additional information about "High Hopes for Kids," a small group counseling program provided by Castle at Palm Pointe.

Homeless Education: Every Child Has the Right to an Education

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 Summer Kuba at (772) 345-3245 or summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org.

Title 1 & Curriculum Night....Save the Date!

A flyer will be coming home early next week about the event on **Wednesday, September 14th beginning at 5:30pm**. We will provide information about the Title One program and grade level curriculum in breakout sessions. Two sessions will be offered in each grade level in case you have more than one child here at PPE!

School Lunch Program

If you have not already done so, please support our School Lunch Program by applying today. We are asking all families to apply, even if your child always brings a lunchbox. You can fill out the paper form or apply online at www.stlucieschools.org. Just click on Meal Application to begin the process. Money is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! You must apply by **Sept 14th** in order for your application to be processed before the end of the month. Please call our school (345-3245) and speak to the Cafeteria Manager if you need assistance or need another paper application. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school...only half have applied to date.

Thank you!

Look for PPE on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @ Palm Pointe K-8 Updates will occur regularly about happenings around the school.

REGISTRATION for 2017-2018

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

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **8/31, 9/28, 10/26, 11/22, 12/16, 1/25, 2/15, 3/10, 4/5, 5/24, 6/1, and 6/2.**

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

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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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Coupons for Classrooms Fundraiser 9/7-9/27	5 Holiday For All-Labor Day	6	PTO at 9:00	1 Prospective parent tour at 2:00pm Big Apple—Welcome Back Night B4	2 C5	3 10
11 Band Uniform Fitting 9/12-9/30	12 B5	13 Volunteer Orientation at 9:30 in Launch Pad	14 SAC at 8:30 in Launch Pad Title 1 & Curriculum Night 5:30-Title 1 in Auditoria 6:00- Session 1 in pods 6:45- Session 2 in pods	15 Summer Reading Celebration Picnic (during lunch times)	16 \$1 Jersey Day - Supporting Big Brothers-Big Sisters	17
18	19 Gr. 2 - 4H Science Presentation in Launch Pad	20 PTO Family Night at 3:00-9:00 at Five Guys Solo Ensemble Night at TCHS	21 Citizen of the Month 10am	22 Throwback Thursday-PBIS (5 Rocket Fuel)	23 Student Holiday	24 Big Brothers/Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake at 9:00 am at Superplay USA
25	26 Lifetouch Picture Day—All K-8 Students	27	28 Early Dismissal Day— Dads Bring Your Child To School Day	29 ESOL Breakfast at 9:00-10:00 in LP	30 PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser 9/30-10/14	
	E4	F5	A1	B2	C3	