



# The Orbiter



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

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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.

### Social Emotional Learning

As parents and caregivers our attitude about leadership in our children's education and our communities can inspire our children. Raising caring, confident, capable children through guidance and reminders, is a big part of parent leadership skills and responsibilities. Here are five ways to help your child practice building leadership skills at home:

1. Let them solve their own problems.
2. Teach them how to make decisions.
3. Help them practice their listening skills.
4. Apologize when necessary.
5. Encourage them to start something.

All students will be celebrating leadership and service as a school on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Click on the following link for information about building leadership at home. <https://www.imom.com/how-to-raise-a-future-leader/>

### REGISTRATION for 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open from September 1, 2020- February 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student, even if you already have siblings here at PPE. Please share this information with your family and friends who may want their children to become Rockets!

### Staff Honorees

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this year's honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

**Teacher of the Year: Bridget Austin**  
**Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez**  
**Outstanding First Year Teacher: Angela Fernandez**  
**School Related Employee of the Year: Gina Millan**



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### History & STEM Fair

The final History Fair projects are due December 13th, and the school-level fair will be held in mid-January. Stay tuned for more details. The STEM Fair is a unique opportunity for students to use the Scientific Process to ask questions and seek answers about the natural world. Through the development of the STEM Fair project, students gain a valuable, hands-on experience with scientific investigation. Students in grades 6-8 will submit their projects to their teacher by Dec. 1. Finalists will be featured in our school-based Virtual STEM Fair to share their results with family, peers, and the community. Gold Medalists will continue to the St. Lucie Schools District STEM Fair. Please be sure to check out the Virtual Science Fair on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> on our YouTube channel and facebook page. Those moving on to the district fair will be announced on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### November Citizen of the Month

Although we are currently not holding live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being an outstanding citizen. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by their teacher. Awards are presented to each child by administration and families will receive a picture via email and the presentation of all the honorees will be posted on Facebook 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 demonstrating the SEL theme for the month.** Congratulations to:

**Kindergarten** - William Degraffenreid, Nadia Estrada, Brielle Genereux, Amelia Gordon, Tyler Peters, Valentina Presigiacomio, Elijah Rosemond, Zoey Rosen, Leila Runnery

**First Grade**- Lincoln Abel, Mikaela Escoto, Joseph Esposito, Ethan Fontilien, Leah Garcia, Jackson Giaquinto, Micaiah Henry, Jackson Maypole, Cade Van Valkenburg

**Second Grade** - Skylar Duffy, Ariella Howard, Hannah Kenny, Liam Lawston, Abigail Paglino, Mateo Pichardo, Susej Tovar Polanco, Noah Swantic, Charlotte Ziegler

**Third Grade**- Amiya Clendenin, Camila Corral, Kaliyah Garcia, Bentley Girard, Hope Hamblin, Tristan Joseph, Austin Narcisse, Evelyse San Martin, Miguel Tinoco Morales, Bella Volcin

**Fourth Grade** - Taleya Chavez, Antonio Davis, Ruby Diaz Diaz, Jenesis Guerrero, Zechariah Louis, Carlos Peregrin, Izobella Pierre, Julianna Ramos, Thiago Rivera, Maddex Weeks

**Fifth Grade** - James Baumgartner, Shelby Blickenstaff, Charles Chuong, Isabella Fernandes, Layla Moises, Ellenoir Oxendine, Natalya Pierre Louis, Kelula Saint Soir, Alexah Tout- Pouissant

**Sixth Grade**- Emily Cole, Isabella Cruzado, Gianna Edelkraut, Colten Furman, Millie Mejia Espinoza, Sofia Piloni, Jaden Martin Ramos, Angel Seda, Alessandro Simmons, Ariah Steplin, Brianna Torres

**Seventh Grade** - Jackson Armstrong, Lauren Bernal, Madison Eddinger, Samantha Echeverri-Cespedes, Ivy Golden, Christian Guerrero, Lensley Jean, Emma Outlaw, Dareek Scutt, Elyjah St. Fleur, Madison Van Gogh

**Eighth Grade**- Princeton Binns, Melik Enoch, Lillian Heelan, Zoey Lockett, Brianna Louis-Pierre, Jayden McGregor, Naiya Pierre-Louis, Isabella Ramos-Cordero, Efrén Rodriguez, Gabrielle Thomas

**ESSER III and ICP Feedback**

In accordance with the DOE, Palm Pointe is seeking feedback from stakeholders on its Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP), as well as how best to expend its Emergency and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) allocated funds of \$1,745,508. At least 20% of the funds must address learning loss.

According to the ESSER III guidelines, funds must be budgeted:

- To address learning loss through curriculum, teacher support, additional staffing, and technology enhancements;
- To address health services, mental health and social emotional student needs through staffing, and partnerships;
- To continue strategies started with ESSER II funds and add new ones;
- To recoup general funds utilized in the Return to School Plan;
- To enhance facilities for health and safety.

Feedback can be submitted through our Forms survey by December 3rd. You may scan this provided QR code with your phone to access the survey. A link to the survey, along with the school's Instructional Continuity Plan, is available on Palm Pointe's website.



**Mark Your Calendar**

On early dismissal days, school ends at 2:10 pm. The dates for the year are as follows: 12/17, 2/2, 3/11, 4/20, 5/31, 6/1

**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).

**Dismissal Procedures**

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.

**Live Performances**

We are excited to hold live performances in December for our Palm Pointe Players presentation of Annie and with our middle school bands. We want to remind all those with advance tickets that we will need all families' cooperation to make this happen and still follow social distancing and Covid guidelines. Benches will be spaced apart in the auditoria making the audience much smaller, masks must be worn by all audience members and seating will be assigned in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Thank you in advance for your support!

Palm Pointe is wishing each of our families a happy, healthy holiday season!



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!

**DECEMBER 2021**

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ> Planner are required for all students.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Sports Practice</b> Soccer- T & Th 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Boys Basketball T & Th 4:30-5:45  <b>Volleyball- T, W, Th</b> 4:20 PM-5:15 PM	* Toys for Tots - Toy Drive 12/01-12/10  * Holiday Shoppa 11/29-12/7	<b>1 B</b> STEM Fair Projects Due  5:30-6:30 pm Grade 3, Part 1 GSA Game Night/ Partnering w/Parents to Ask the Right Questions	<b>2 C</b>	<b>3 D</b> Super Hero Day to Support Toys for Tots (Must have & wear pre purchased lanyard to participate)	<b>4</b> PPP Musical Set up 1-4pm  MS Soccer Tour-TCHS
5	<b>6 E</b> 5:30-6:30 Grade 2 Jeopardy Game-Parent Event  6:00pm PPP Musical- Dress Rehearsal	<b>7 F</b> 6:00pm PPP Musical- Annie Jr (Tickets to MUST be purchased in ad- vance)  6th Grade Health Screening	<b>8 G</b> <b>Progress Reports</b>  6:00pm PPP Musical- Annie Jr	<b>9 A</b> 6:30 pm 6th Grade Band Concert	<b>10 B</b> MS Elective/Reading Semester Exams  SEL Activity Day - Leadership & Service  3:40 NJHS Meeting in Auditoria	<b>11</b> MS Soccer Finals- FPCHS
12	<b>13 C</b> MS ELA Semester Exams  History Fair Projects Due  5:30 PPE Virtual STEM Fair  No Dress Code Day for Those Who Bring in a Toys for Tots Toy	<b>14 D</b> MS Social Studies Semester Exams  11:00 ESOL Parent Event - Virtual	<b>15 E</b> MS Science Semester Exams  Citizen of the Month Students Recognized 6:30 pm 7th Grade & Jazz Band Concert	<b>16 F</b> MS Math Semester Exams  8:45 SAC Mtg.  6:30 pm 8th Grade & Jazz Band Concert	<b>17 G</b> Wear Your Ugly Sweater/Shirt Day to Support NJHS (Must have & wear pre purchased lanyard to participate)  PBIS Quarter 2 Schoolwide Events  Early Dismissal Day  PPE STEM Fair Winners Announced	<b>18</b>
19	<b>20</b> Winter Break for Students December 20 - January 3rd Students Return January 4th.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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