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Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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

COVID Updates
Florida is currently experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, therefore, please review the email sent to all families on January 3rd from St. Lucie Public Schools. It contains important information regarding COVID-19. Florida law prohibits requiring students to wear a face mask. However, a parent, at the parent's sole discretion may allow his/her child to wear a face mask. We strongly encourage face mask use and following all guidelines set by the CDC and St. Lucie County Department of Health. Parents must use the Daily Home Screening Tool to assess their child's health every morning. Any student displaying any of the symptoms listed must stay home to protect the safety and well-being of others. While at school, if your child reports to the clinic exhibiting one of the symptoms on the screening tool, parents will be called to pick up their child and he/she must stay home until symptom free and fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours. A larger copy of the email can be found at: Microsoft Word - daily HOMEScreening tool 8.19.0 FINAL (student.k12.fl.us) Additionally, the email includes vaccines and testing information, and what to do if your child tests positive or is exposed. If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask you please keep your child(ren) at home and contact Mr. Keeler or Mrs. DeGarmo at (772) 345-3245. St. Lucie Public Schools has set up a hotline for COVID-19 to help answer some of your questions. The number is 772-429-3601.

We need to continue to work together to keep our school community safe and healthy and we appreciate your support. A copy of the email is being copied for our families and is included in your child's Wednesday folder.

Happy New Year

December 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. 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:

K - Milania Remno, Matthew Lopez, Santiago Pardo Carcedo, Cassandra Gantz, Wyatt Christensen, Shreyar Pilly, Mateo Tinoco, Annellese Koening
1st - Abbigayle Vassor, Adyson Maldonado, Easton Can, Quinn Dublin, Nora Milowski, Olivia Gerard, Daniel Ndagui, Ariella George
2nd - Liliana Mustelier, Cora Murray, Adam Latchman, Khloe Littledown, Janelle Bois, Madelyn Blair, Makenna Albright, Stephen D'Argeo, Caedon Olkor, Bryan Barret
3rd - Alexander Dwyer, Sophia Estrada, Maiya Escalante, Michael Dimartino, Sophia Dincenot, Chelsea Donald, Ashton Johnson, Zamora Jones, Alexis Gonzalez, Samantha Gantz, Kumar Telsaint, Eva Bensen
4th - Madysen Escalante, Sam Stoller-Elzah, Arya Panchal, Maria Velasco Contreras, Dakota Duffly, Alexander Brown, Brody Ly, Zoey Outlaw, Abbygail Mason
5th - Blake Geneureux, Brianna Hudson, Julian Allen, Anwar Gowa, Skylar Aronoff, Hayden Raymond, Brendan Roros, Raphael Goncales
6th - Mayah Alchenes, Caylee Arpin, Gabriella La Porta, M'Kenzie Edwards, Nael Francois, Mikayla Meteyer, Isabella Gomez, Naomi Joseph, Sophia Aragonez, Benjamin Jasmin, Andrea Garrido
7th - Briana Garwood-Wallace, Ameer Noft, Bailey Johnson, Aibrili Fleurant, Lamarr Parks, Sophia Arroyave, Gabriella Sanchez, Adriana Fleurinor, Aaron Dippolito, Ethan Byrnes, Julia Peralti
8th - Kyle Richardson, Gabriell Silva, Alysandria Hanley, Sebastian Rebol, Mathieu Le, Joaquin Markle-Velez, Rudra Patel, Allie Stott, Alana Hannon Colella, Amaya Carrasco, Ethan Harper, Connor Given
### 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

#### Student & Parent Handbook

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, at 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 PiMyKid 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.

### 2021-2022 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

Preorder your 2021-2022 Palm Pointe yearbook today!

**Directions for online ordering:**
1. Go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)
2. Click on the “Yearbooks” tab and then “Buy Your Yearbook”
3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
4. Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click “Shop for this Student”
5. Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad* (available until 1/21/22) or Yearbook Only Option** (available until 5/21/22)
6. Click ‘Get Started’, type homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
7. Click “Add to cart”
8. Click “Checkout”
9. Checkout by paying with Paypal or credit card

*If you order the ‘Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad’ option, you will receive an email shortly after your order. Fill out the information and provide a photo for the ad prior to the deadline date.

**Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of May.

#### Mark Your Calendar

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

### JANUARY 2022

#### January 2022 Calendar

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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!
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! This memo was sent to all families via email on January 3rd. Florida is currently experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, therefore, please review this email for important information regarding COVID-19. Florida law prohibits requiring students to wear a face mask. However, a parent, at the parent’s sole discretion may allow his/her child to wear a face mask.

- **Daily Home Health Screening Tool**

  Continue to use the Daily Home Health Screening Tool as a check each morning with your student before sending them to school. If your student is displaying any symptoms of illness they must stay home until the are symptom free and fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.

### Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning with your child or children before

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If the student/parent/caregiver answers YES to any of the above questions in Section 1, the student must stay home until symptom-free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

If the student answers YES to any question in Section 1, then:
- If positive test for COVID, student should stay home for 10 days until symptom free and at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications. If these criteria are met, the student does not need a negative test or doctor’s note to return to school.
- If student has a negative COVID test obtained during current symptoms, student should stay home until fever free for at least 24 hours and all other symptoms have gone away.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

  SLPS encourages all eligible individuals age 5 years old and older to be fully vaccinated, including the recommended booster shots. Please visit [Florida Department of Health](https://floridahealth.gov) to find a COVID-19 vaccination site.

- **COVID-19 Testing**

  SLPS has partnered with Allied Health to host an on site COVID-19 testing location at Manatee Academy. The site is open Monday – Friday, from 8:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Continue to monitor the SLPS social media sites for updated information and new sites.
Additional testing sites in the county can be found by visiting the SLPS website at www.stlucsieschools.org.

- **Students Who Test Positive or are Exposed to COVID-19**
  Refer to the 2021-2022 Florida Department of Education COVID-19 Decision Tree. (below and attached)

- **COVID Safety Measures**
  
  **VACCINATIONS**
  SLPS strongly recommends that all eligible individuals age 5 and older be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

  **SOCIAL DISTANCING**
  Please stay at least 6 feet apart whenever possible.

  **HANDS**
  Frequent hand washing, breaks and use of hand sanitizer prior to eating to lunch, rests, and return.

  **CLEANING**
  We are cleaning in accordance with CDC guidelines and disinfecting high-touch surfaces throughout the day.

  **SICK**
  Anyone, staff or students, who are sick must stay home. Please refer to the SLPS Daily Home Screening tool located on the District website.

  **FACE COVERINGS**
  All employees, students, visitors and guests must wear a face covering while on campus.

- **Questions?**
  Please direct questions to your student’s school or to the COVID Hotline at 772-429-3601.