



# Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

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*A Visionary Partnership between Florida Atlantic University and Saint Lucie Public Schools*

## IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDERS

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! First and foremost, thank you in advance for your patience during the first week of school! We know that buses can be late and car lines are extremely long. Dismissal and Arrival do smooth out during the second week of school. The following are some reminders/information for our families:

- St. Lucie Public Schools has a mandatory mask policy for all students, staff and visitors on campus while indoors. Parents can opt out by going to the Family Access in Skyward and completing the simple form. Beginning Monday, all students will wear masks unless they have opted out.
- There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please do not bring your child to school before that time. If you arrive to drop off your child before 9:15, we ask that all children wait in your car until duty staff arrive at 9:15 to receive them. Please contact the Boys & Girls Club if you need to arrange before or after school care for your children(s).
- Walkers and Bike Riders will be dismissed at 4:00 pm. Parents and guardians of walkers will not be permitted to congregate on school grounds during arrival or dismissal. Students designated as "walkers" must keep moving and walk off campus to meet their parent/ siblings (past the crossing guard).
- Lunch visits for parents will be allowed this year when it is safe to do so. For the first month of school we will not have visitors due to the need for students to learn lunch routines and socialize with their peers. When families are allowed to visit, there will be limitations to the number of visitors. All lunch visits will take place in the outside dining area. Designated days will be established for specific grade levels to limit the number in the outside area. All visitors on campus must wear a mask.
- We ask all students to purchase a planner each year. The cost is \$5.00 and they can be bought through SchoolPay on our website.
- Don't forget to apply for the National School Lunch Program and complete the flyer and return it to school with your 5 digit code. Forms are due by August 17<sup>th</sup> for your child to receive a No Dress Code Pass for August 31<sup>st</sup>. You must reapply each year. Even if your child brings a lunch each day, we ask all families to apply because funds are attached to this program that benefit our school.
- When dropping off or picking up your child(ren) each day please remain in your vehicle. In order to expedite the car line, please have your child exit your vehicle at any pole that a staff member is present.
- Car signs need to be displayed on the car dash daily with student's name and Pik My Kid Code. You can make dismissal changes through PikMyKid or by calling the school. Dismissal changes cannot be made either way after 3:15 each day.
- Kindergarten Car Line families, thank you for your patience as we work out a system that will satisfy the community and get our students dismissed safely. Please do not follow the route given to you any longer. For both drop off and dismissal, please come down Rowley, turn on to West Park and proceed directly to the car line. Please do not arrive early, that is when back ups will occur. When exiting the car line, you must turn right and go back down West Park to Rowley.
- Stopping in the road to drop off or pick up a child is unsafe and a safety concern for our students. Please refrain from doing this. Signs are clearly posted. It is also a ticketable offense.
- All walkers must use the cross walk following the direction of the crossing guard.
- We have 2 School Resource Deputies on our campus this year-Deputy Barrera and Deputy Stublely.



- Keeping our learning environment safe and secure for our students and staff is our top priority. All schools in SLPS are continuing to use the Entry Door Access Protocol at the main entrance. All visitors are expected to state the purpose of their visit and/or specify whom they have an appointment with by speaking through the intercom. All visitors must wear a mask and complete the Self Check Covid Screener before entering. Only those with business at school will be permitted inside. It is important that our visitors do not hold the door open for others. We appreciate your cooperation with these new procedures.
- Should the weather prevent us from having a regular dismissal, we have an Alternate Dismissal Plan in place. We ask that you are patient with us, as it takes a while to dismiss students safely when the weather is stormy. We will send a message through PikMyKid.

## SCHOOL TIMES

### Arrival

- 9:15 am Students may begin to enter the building to have breakfast, wait in Auditoria, or in the main hallways. Students do not enter class until 9:30.
- 9:30 am First Bell. Students enter class.
- 9:40 am School Begins. Students arriving after 9:40 must report to the office for a tardy pass.

### Dismissal

- 4:00 pm Dismissal begins
- 4:20pm All students need to be picked up from campus

**Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with the above procedures. The health and safety of our students is of utmost importance to all of us. We are looking forward to a great school year!**



# We Need Your Help!

## National School Lunch Program Applications



August 10, 2021

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Each year, Palm Pointe asks all families to complete a food service meal application form for the National School Lunch Program. This form must be filled out every year, even if you don't think your family qualifies. **Federal funding for Palm Pointe is attached to our food service meal applications. If your child is eligible for free or reduced breakfast/lunch, a new application must be submitted at the beginning of each school year or he/she will lose their status.** Because of this, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the application online.

Please only complete one application per family online, but indicate each child's name on this form and have one child return it to his/her homeroom teacher. The application can be found online at [www.stlucie.k12.fl.us](http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us). Under the "Parents/Students" tab, click on the "School Benefit Application" link on the left sidebar.

Students should return this form, including the 5 Digit Code given once the application is completed online, by **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** to their teacher. Those students will receive a free dress code pass for **Tuesday, August 31, 2021**, once the application is verified. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Diana Bennett at (772) 345-3245 or [Diana.Bennett@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Diana.Bennett@stlucieschools.org). We appreciate your support of this important program!

| Child's Name  | Grade | Homeroom Teacher |
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| Please return no later than <b>Tuesday, August 17, 2021</b> . |       |                  |

Check One:  Completed application online on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\* 5 Digit Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_ \*