



The Orbiter



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,
On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope your Winter Break was filled with wonderful moments and memories with family and friends. We are looking forward to the New Year ahead! We have one semester to go and we know our Rockets will continue to soar! It is an honor to work with your children, and your continued support is appreciated!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open from September 1, 2017-February 1, 2018. FAU will begin selecting students in March. Please share this information with those you may know who want to enroll their children at PPE as it is different from the enrollment period for other schools in St. Lucie. Please visit <http://applypk12.fau.edu> to enroll online

"Blankets of Hope for the Homeless"

This year Palm Pointe has partnered with the **Salvation Army of St. Lucie County** for our "**Blankets of Hope for the Homeless**" Project for the **Martin Luther King, Jr. "Week of Kindness"** which will be held January 8-12.

We are in need of as many **new** blanket(s) as possible, in order to help those who are homeless and in need of a little warmth on cold nights. This project is also designed to help students get involved with a community service project that teaches them how to serve others in a time of need.

Please show your support by encouraging your children to bring in **new** blankets for the "**Blanket of Hope for the Homeless**" project. Our goal is to collect as many blankets as we can to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Let's work together to make this project a success!

January Family Literacy Events

Gr. 6-8 families, do you have what it takes to survive? Join us for a night of thrilling excitement (and even reptiles!) in the Auditoria on **Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** for our **Terror at Bottle Creek Gamification Kickoff Event**. Trail mix snacks will be served and the whole family is welcome for a scavenger hunt. Flyers/RSVP forms were sent home with your middle schooler on Dec. 20th and again on Jan. 10th.

Gr. 3-5 families, our **Framed! Whodunnit? Family Event** will take place on **Thursday, Jan. 25th, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditoria. Invitation flyers will go home on Jan. 10th. RSVP for your French TOAST dinner and clue-based stations this week!

Science Fair Results

Congratulations to all of our Rocket Scientists! We had students place in 11 different categories and they will be moving on to the 2017-2018 30th Annual St. Lucie Regional Science & Engineering Fair STEM Competition.

The competition will be held on **February 9, 2018**, at the Kight Center at IRSC in Fort Pierce from 8:00AM- 3:00 PM. On **February 15, 2018** the STEM Fair Award Ceremony will be held from 6:30PM-8:00PM, venue TBA.

Animal Science

1st place (tie)- Creating a Habit in My Fish by Philip Dimarco 6th grade and **A Gerbil's G.P.S** by Ariana Rivera 6th grade

Behavioral Science

1st place -The Memory Game by Asia Dwyer 7th grade

Biomedical and Health Sciences

1st place - Artificial Pancreas by Summer Melrose 7th grade

Chemistry

1st place - Bromine vs. Chlorine by Anna Barnhart 7th grade

Engineering

1st place- Hair Clip Magnet 2.0 by Sofia Tovar 8th grade

Earth & Environmental Sciences

1st place – Filtering Water: One Cup at a Time by Gabriel Foss 8th grade

Mathematics

1st place – Computers and Different Room Temperature by Leo Perez 7th grade

Microbiology

1st place- How Effective are Surgical Masks by Brianna Constransitch 8th grade

Physics

1st place - Magnetic Attraction by Connor Stottlemire 8th grade

Plants

1st place – All Hyped Up by Keely Moody 6th grade

Robotics

1st place – Improvement on the R.O.V for Inland Water Conservation and Observation by Riley Holtzclaw 8th grade

PPE History Fair

Our 6th and 8th graders recently completed their 2017-2018 History Day independent/group projects, showcasing their interpretation of the theme "Conflict and Compromise in History" in one of nine categories.

After taking part in the school-based judging process, students were identified in each category to participate in Palm Pointe's History Day Fair, which will take place on Monday, January 22nd at 2:45 p.m. in the Auditoria. At the ceremony, school finalists will be recognized and they will represent Palm Pointe at the district's History Day Fair on Tuesday, February 20th at IRSC. Congratulations to all of our young historians for their hard work and dedication!



PTO NEWS

Happy New Year! As the New Year begins, we want to thank everyone who supported us thus far. The next Box Top contest deadline is February 21. Please submit your neatly trimmed Box Tops with your homeroom teacher's name on the bag. GOOD LUCK!

Title I Updates

Materials and resources from our 2017-2018 Classroom Kick-off event are available on our school website, including the annual presentation of Title I and Title IX (Homeless Education) information related to PPE. Under Title I, parents have the right to provide input on school programs which utilize grant funding, and to request information regarding the professional qualifications of instructional staff.

For more information about how you can get involved, or for any questions or concerns related to Title I, please contact Melanie Larsen - Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org.

SIP/PFEP Updates

Summaries of PPE's School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parent-Family Involvement Policy (PFEP) will be sent home with your child this month. Both documents, as well as their translated versions, are also available on the PPE website.

Arrival to School

For those families who drop students off in the morning, please be mindful that our gate closes at promptly 9:40 am. That is when the late bell rings. If they just get into the gate before it closes, they are still tardy and cannot get to class before that bell rings. If you can back up your drop off time by 5 minutes, this will ensure they arrive in class on time ready to learn by 9:40.

Dress Code Outerwear

Properly fitting cardigans, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers in solid blue, gray, white, black and tan are allowed. Small prints in those colors will be permitted. All others will not be permitted while in the school building.

Cold Weather Clause

When the temperature falls 50° or below K-5 students may wear dress code jeans, slacks or school approved skirt with leggings under.

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

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.

JANUARY 2018

Earbuds are for sale for \$4.00. Student Planners on sale for \$5.00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Teacher Workday	6
7 2nd Quarter Grading Window Closes Week of Kindness 1/8-1/12	8 D Students Return History Fair project judging- all week	9 E	10 F PTO 9:00	11 A Rocket Games 10:00-11:15-1st Gr 11:30-12:45- 2nd Gr 1:40-2:55- K Gr. K Health Screening ROI Data Planning Gr 6 & 3 AM - MA/Sci PM - ELA/SS	12 B Rocket Games 10:00-11:15-5th Gr 1:00-2:15-4th Gr 2:30-3:45-3rd Gr Parent Academy 9:45 PBIS Smencil Sale	13
14	15 Holiday For All	16 C	17 D SAC 8:30 Gr 6-8 Gamification Family Event 5:30-7:00	18 E IRSC Four County Honor Band Rehearsal 6-9 @ IRSC (selected students only)	19 F Report Cards Go Home Rehearsal/Concert/Dinner 1:00-8:30 @ IRSC selected students only)	20 IRSC Four County Honor Band Rehearsal Noon-4pm MS Concert @ 6:00 5th Gr Saturday w/ a Scientist (identified students)
21	22 A PPE School History Fair 2:45 (identified students)	23 B K-5 Class Group Picture Day (Cameras on Stage)	24 C Progress Reports Early Release Citizen of the Month 10:30	25 D 100th Day of School Framed! Who Done It? Gr. 3-5 ELA Family Event 5:30-7:00	26 E Potential New Student Family Tour @ 11:00AM NJHS Meeting @ 3:40 pm	27
28	29 F Honor Roll Gr 5 & 8 -10:15 Honor Roll Gr 6 & 7 -2:30	30 A ESOL Breakfast 9-10 am Honor Roll Gr 3 & 4 -2:30	31 B Jazz Band MPA - both Jazz bands @ Westwood HS			