



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:45pm
School Hours 9:40-4:10

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,

The month of September proved to be a busy month. We had our first Citizen of the Month assembly, where we honored many students who have followed the school-wide expectations and consistently demonstrated efficacy and effort. We had over 200 dads show up for Dads Take Your Child to School Day. Our biggest celebration last month was more than 750 students participating in our Summer Reading Program Celebration. Students were treated to a BBQ and a \$5.00 gift certificate to the upcoming Book Fair. Students have also all completed their i-Ready diagnostics in both Reading and Math and several Unit Assessments in all subject areas.

If you have any questions about i-Ready or unit assessments, please reach out to your child's teacher to talk on the phone or set up a conference. We are your partner in your child's education.

With the end of the first quarter approaching, please continue to help us at home in supporting an academic growth mindset. Please emphasize to your child how much he/she has grown since the start of the school year and how our focus continues to be on persistence, resilience, and the process of learning. When your child is struggling, remind him/her that he/she may not be able to do it *yet*, but taking on new challenges, demonstrating great effort, and not giving up are ways that we grow! As always, thank you for your support.

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

October is Bullying Prevention Month

INCREASE TOLERANCE

October is Bullying Prevention Month. We have planned many activities at PPE to assist with preventing bullying and protecting students. We will teach embracing acceptance, emphasizing commonalities, embracing diversity, teaching tolerance and promoting acceptance. Read more about Bully Prevention month in the attached newsletter.

Big Apple Pizza Night (10/5)

Big Apple Pizza 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 next night is Wednesday, October 5th. We appreciate you supporting our school!

i-Ready

What is i-Ready? I-Ready is an interactive online learning environment designed to assess students and provide individualized instruction based on each one's unique needs. After an initial reading and math diagnostic test, the software assigns lessons that are unique to each student's learning needs.

How does i-Ready work with what my child is learning in the classroom? The lessons complement what is being taught in the classroom. It provides differentiated instruction to meet your child's individual needs.

How does my child navigate i-Ready? Open an internet browser. Go to login.i-ready.com. Students use their "56" number as the username, and their lunch number as the password; select Florida and click go. Select either reading or math. The My Progress box records the lessons completed and the score. Click on Start Lessons to begin.

What will my child gain by using this at home? Any time that your child works on i-Ready lessons will enhance his/her classroom learning. Additionally, for kindergarten through second grade students, working on i-Ready reading lessons can be counted as a 100 Book Challenge step for each fifteen minutes they are in the program.

School Advisory Council/ Ways to be Involved

Thank you to the families who joined our first monthly SAC meeting on September 14, 2016. We welcomed our new members and reviewed our 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan, both of which were unanimously approved by our SAC members. Our next SAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19th at 8:30 in the Launch Pad. Any PPE parent is welcome to attend. Looking for other ways to become involved at PPE? Visit:

<http://tradition.fau.edu/students-and-parents/Parentinformation.php>

Tardy Students and Early Pick Up

We guard instructional time. Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but it disrupts the teacher and entire class.

Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. **Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 3:30pm each day.**

PTO News

Thank you to all our families for supporting Five Guys Family Night. We had a great turnout. Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser has begun. The scented packets were just sent home with your child with details for online ordering and a list of prizes. For your convenience, you may place your orders online and receive at home delivery. Please, NO door to door sales! We are hoping all families will support this fundraiser.

We are always collecting BoxTops, Labels for Education, & Tyson A+ Labels. These may be turned in to your child(ren)'s class. All our fundraising supports classroom needs.

Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers will also choose a student 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 consistently demonstrating Efficacy and Effort.

Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies: 10/26, 11/30, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24

All assemblies are at 10:00am in the Auditoria. Parents & family members can report directly to the Auditoria

Kindergarten: Aurianna Murray, Liana Bonet, Jaxon McCully, Chloe Dean, Kaylee Stott, Genesis Lopez, Ava Gachette, Madison Escoto, Isabella Dimarco.

First Grade: Reece Majewski, Jordan Shrader, Zahir Thomas, Sophia Pomares, Rhys Mendoza, Aliya Gomez, Alexandra Cerbone, Aaron Cabral, Shelby Wessel.

Second Grade: Karoleena Brooks, Madeleine Mahaney, Lauren Bernal, Malachi Henderson, Andrea Keaton, Devin Ferguson, Andrew Lulkin, Mia Campanella, Matthew De La Cruz, Lyla Sinclair.

Third Grade: Lamarr Parks, Gabriell Silva, Kayleigh Kerr, Taylor Imbert, Alyxandria Hanley, Justin Maitland, Melania Apostolico, Gabriella Cabrera-Melendez, Angel Salcedo, Jayden McGregor

Fourth Grade: Jaquelin Mayor, Brianna Maciel, Jaxson Vanname, Mark Delauro, Madison Sage, Gabriella Castelo, Kenadie Byrd, Aedan Davis

Fifth Grade: Nicolas Tovar, Ashley Guerra, Alondra Torres, Jayden Soto, Vanessa Fisher, Karie Dyer, Juliahna Falciglia-Mattes, Lupita Vargas, Ricardo Ingleton

Sixth Grade: Emily Poole, Mariana Cossetti, Leo Perez, Alyssa Bentley, Lucas Padilla, Kaylani Krigger, Saige Holmes, Allison Sexton, Jackson Lambert

Seventh Grade: Alyssa Dwyer, Naomi Henderson, Connor Stottlemire, Kate Casey, Malik Jackson, Sereniti Smith, Sofia Tovar, Kiana Mehu, Rollin Pattison

Eighth Grade: Noah James, Sarah Hawblitzel, Jorge Miranda, Aashana Francis, Moya Smith, Logan Laite, Chase Martin, John Sarullo, Jack Gallo, Ashlyn Tucker

Skyward Family Access

Family Access is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Before you can use family access you must have a user name and password for your new account. Please go to the web address below and print out a school family access form. Fill it in and return it to school along with a copy of your ID. Once the form is processed an email will be sent to you with your user name and password. Using one password, you can access records for all of your children, even if they are attending different schools within the district.

<http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/parents-students/family-access.aspx>

Title 1 & Curriculum Night Presentations

If you weren't able to attend our Title I Parent Meeting/ Curriculum Night on September 14, 2016, go to our PPE website for a summary of what was shared and/or view the presentations. Copies of the Title 1 presentation are also available in the front office.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Lunch

Parents are always invited to lunch. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the Auditoria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your children. Only your own child may have lunch with you. Adult lunches are \$3.00. **We ask that you limit your visits for special occasions so students have opportunity to socialize and eat lunch with their classmates.** Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the auditoria. If you are giving permission for extended family or friends to have lunch with your child, a note must be sent to the front office prior to the lunch date.

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

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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 which is every Friday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Code Red Drill at 10:45 am D4	4 E5	5 PTO at 9:00 am Flu Shots - Students and *Staff from 12:30-3:45 pm Big Apple Night F1	6 A2	PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser: 9/30-10/14 7 \$1.00 No Dress Code Supporting National Eating Disorders Association Parent Academy: Internet Safety at 9:30 am in Launch Pad PBIS Olympics (\$5): 6th Gr. at 10 am 8th Gr. at 2 pm B3	8 NEDA (Nat'l Eating Disorder Assoc.) Walk at 8:30
9	10 PTO Yankee Candle Raffle: 10/10-10/19 PBIS Olympics (\$5): 1st Gr. at 10 am K at 2 pm C4	11 PBIS Olympics (\$5): 2nd Gr. at 10 am 4th Gr. at 2 pm NJHS Mtg at 3:30 pm in Launch Pad D5	12 Holiday For All	13 PBIS Olympics (\$5): 3rd Gr. at 10 am 5th Gr. at 2 pm E1	14 End of Quarter 1 PBIS Olympics (\$5): 7th Gr. at 10 am F2	15 MS Art Excursion @ Vero Museum of Art
16	17 Student Holiday/ Teacher & Staff Workday Grading Window Closes	18 Gr. 1 SL Fire Dept. Smoke Simulator - Parking Lot: 9:45-10:30 Maas 10:30-11:10 Hazen 11:10-11:50 Hartman 11:50-12:18 Troup 20 Are You Smarter Than a 7th Grader? Event at 6:00-7:30 pm A3	19 National Unity Day (Wear Orange) SAC at 8:30 am in Launch Pad Gr. 1 SL Fire Dept. Smoke Simulator - Parking Lot: 9:45-10:30 Heissenberg 10:30-11:10 Garcia 11:10-11:50 Watson & Petrino 11:50-12:18 Apostolico Gr. 2 Get the Scoop on Math Event at 5:30-6:30 pm B4	20 C5	21 PTO Raffle Drawing D1	22
23	24 PBIS Core Team Mtg. @ 8:15 am E2	25 F3	26 Early Dismissal Citizen of the Month at 10:00 am A4	27 Gr. 3 Health Screening B5	28 Report Cards Go Home Gr. 1 Vocab. Parade-2:30 Auditoria MS Music Night at TCHS C1	29
30	31 Gr. K Storybook Character Parade at 10:00 am D2					