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Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm
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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

The Social Emotional learning topic for November is Diversity and Inclusion. Diversity is what makes each of us unique as individuals and inclusion is the behaviors or social norms that help to make people feel welcome. The following are a few ways you can implement diversity and inclusion within your home: discuss tolerance and diversity honestly; expose kids to diversity; and help kids embrace their own culture. Many adults tell children “we don’t see color” and “we are all the same inside,” but people do come in different colors. It is more important that children learn to accept others for who they are instead of pretending differences don’t exist. To celebrate World Kindness Day and to promote inclusion, as a school, we will be participating in kindness challenges throughout the month. Check out the SEL newsletter for more information on how to promote diversity and inclusion at home! Visit:

<https://www.smore.com/12jmu>

Student Placements

Due to the nature of the district-adopted model outlined in the *SLPS Safe Return to School Plan 2020-2021*, there is no guarantee that a child will be assigned the same class/teacher for the entirety of the school year. Because families will be permitted to flexibly transition their children to school or My School Online during designated periods, at the end of the quarter, and to maintain scheduling and class size requirements, staff members and students may be reassigned to different sections throughout the school year. The next change period for Quarter 3 will be announced soon. We appreciate your understanding with placements and hope that changes are requested only when necessary. Please let us know if we can assist you to make either your My School Online or Traditional school experience a better one. Please reach out to your child’s school counselor so that we can support you.

Attention Grade 5 and 6 Parents

SLPS is providing an online tool to be used as a practice test to get data from students who did not take the FSA last year. Adaptive Progress Monitoring (APM) is an online assessment tool to help assess students’ current knowledge, skills, and abilities. Gr. 5 and 6 students will participate in a Reading and a Math practice test. The Reading practice test will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, and the Math practice test will be held on Thursday, November 12th. Both test events take place in the students’ classroom with their teacher and are estimated to be 45 to 60 minutes. Since these are practice tests, no grade will be given for this test, nor will the scores impact their academic standing in any way. Look for more details from your child’s teacher in the coming weeks.

Daily Home Screening Tool & Health/Safety Procedures

As a reminder, 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 for 24 hours. A copy of this daily tool can be found at:

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pdf/DailyHomeScreening.pdf>

Please continue to send your student to school with a clean face covering, a spare mask stored in a baggie in the bookbag, and a refillable water bottle each day. If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask that you please keep your child at home and contact Mr. Keelor at (772) 345-3245.

Research Partnerships

As a research lab school, Palm Pointe regularly collaborates with Florida Atlantic University on educational research projects involving students and staff. Participating in research is an exciting and important opportunity to help inform and improve educational practices from the ground up. This year, our school is participating in three projects. Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to be part of a childhood friendship study led by Dr. Brett Laursen and funded by the US National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The study began last year, and involves students completing a series of surveys throughout the school year. Another continuing project is focused on writing skills in elementary grades. The project is led by Dr. Lara Costa of UNC Chapel Hill in collaboration with Dr. Katie Miller of FAU, funded by the US Department of Education Sciences. For this project, Palm Pointe shares participants’ writing samples with the researchers who are compiling samples from multiple schools and identifying trends. Palm Pointe’s latest collaboration is with researchers from Yale and UConn, inviting students in grades K-1 to participate in an online Reading-based learning game. More information about this project will be going home soon. For all our research collaborations, parents are provided with detailed information and then asked to give consent prior to their child participating. If you would like more information about Palm Pointe’s research collaborations, please contact Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **12/18, 1/27, 2/10, 3/12, 4/28, 6/3 and 6/4**

Citizen of the Month for October 2020

Although we are unable to hold 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. 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: Ana Sophia Dimart, Bryson Jean, Avery Curry, Zion Castro, Alyna Sanchez, Hailey Parades, Leah Garcia, Adrian Jamison
- FIRST GRADE: Mateo Pichardo, Liliana Mustelier, Jasper Snead, Madelyn Blair, Abigail Paglino, Aiden Thompson, Easton Buck, Omar Nofal
- SECOND GRADE: Angelys Thompson, Eva Ortiz, Ashton Johnson, Anthony Dibenedetto, Sophia Toth, Anthony Fernandes, Luca Julian, Caitlyn Casariego, Joel Francis
- THIRD GRADE: Nand Patel, Caleb Allen, Zoey Outlaw, Joslyn Hernandez, Sawyer Timothee, Lily Farrel, Brittley Burgess
- FOURTH GRADE: McKenzie Vickers, Hayden Raymond, Samuel Mazuero Osorio, Olivia Royle, Mia Gluck, Danica Schuster, Jaxon McCully
- FIFTH GRADE: Nijah Bois, Abigale Kelly, Shane Martinez, Alejandro Ramos-Cordero, Gabriela La Porta, Sofia Piloni, Wolfgang Baere, Melanie Tavera, S’er Jameson Palmer, Dylan Pickard
- SIXTH GRADE: Lamarr Parks, Logan Gluck, Angelina Reid, Breanna Weiser, Kylie Lees, Dominic Gould, Lauren Bernal, Madison Voelker, Brianna Louis Pierre, Gavin Piscopo, Elyjah St. Fleur, Aiden Gluck, Zoe Walden
- SEVENTH GRADE: Shaylin Carter Evans, Madison Santiago, Efren Rodriguez, Kameron Keaton, Julia Mesic, Dominic Heissenberg, Ricardo Baca, Edward Saks
- EIGHTH GRADE: Josslynn Withrow, Alexia Morgan, Addison Moore, Gavin George, Eliana Martinez, Veronica De La Torre, Gabriella Albritton, Noah Lehman, Devin Habyan

Virtual Holiday Shop is Coming: Nov. 12th-27th!

This year, we are able offer a virtual version of our annual Holiday Shop. The shopping dates will be November 12th- 27th. Please be on the lookout for more details about how your child(ren) can shop virtually, with a flyer coming home in November. Rest assured that you will be able to review the amount at checkout without seeing the items, so you will know the amount your child has spent. This is a fun tradition at Palm Pointe and we are pleased that it can continue this year.

PPE Mock Election

The St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections office has created an online mock election for our students. On Oct. 29th, students cast ballots for President and the Federal/State Representatives for Florida during their Social Studies classes/content time. PPE had unique, single-use codes for each student to use and we anticipate our results soon!

Car Line Drop-off Reminders

To help ensure smooth, timely transitions in the morning, we ask that families using the Gr. 1-8 car line have their child(ren) exit vehicles on their own from Poles 1-9. Also, please remember that only families with kindergarteners are permitted to use the K car line. In both lines, students must make sure their face masks are properly in place before exiting their vehicles. For the safety of our staff and other students, we ask that parents remain in their vehicles during drop-off/pick-up times and refrain from getting out to assist their child(ren). If a child needs help, staff members on duty will be sure to provide aid and support.

Dollar Day Prepaid Lanyards

This year's "Dollar Days" will either be theme-based or a No Dress Code Day to support a worthy cause. Instead of paying for them each time and collecting cash, we will be offering a prepaid lanyard, which is available through the School Pay link below. Traditional students must have this lanyard ahead of time to participate. Our My School Virtual students can join in the fun for free with our themed days! <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PPE2021DD>

Presale PPE Sweatshirts

We are preselling Palm Pointe Sweatshirts again this year. These are on sale now through Nov. 15th, with a delivery date after Dec. 1st. Access details with this link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/StudentJacket>

REGISTRATION for 2021-2022

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open from September 1, 2020- February 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten.

Student Thanksgiving Lunch Feast: Nov. 17th

On this special day, our fabulous cafeteria staff will be offering students a Thanksgiving lunch feast during their regularly scheduled lunch times. Please consider having your child join us on Nov. 17th for this specially themed meal. Remember that complimentary breakfast is served each day for our students, too.

Conveniently purchase Planners, Ear Buds, Spirit Shirts, PPE Face Masks, and PPE sweatshirts online this year all in one click!

**NOVEMBER
2020**

Pay Online with Credit Card or Check:
<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 G	3 Day Off for All	4 A Progress Reports	5 B	6 C No Dress Code Day to Support United Way (must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate) 1st Quarter Honor Roll Students Recognized	7
8 Kindness Week	9 D Gr. 4 FAU Research Study	10 E Gr. 5&6 ELA Adaptive Progress Monitoring (APM) Testing	11 Holiday for All	12 F Gr. 5&6 Math Adaptive Progress Monitoring (APM) Testing Virtual Holiday Shop Begins (11/12-11/27)	13 G World Kindness Day	14
15	16 A Gr. 4-5 FAU Research Study	17 B Gr. 5 FAU Research Study Students' Thanksgiving Feast during Lunch	18 C Citizen of the Month Students Recognized	19 D 8:50 SAC Mtg. 5:30-6:30 Gr. 2 Jeopardy Virtual Family Event	20 E	21
22	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24	25	26	27 Virtual Holiday Shop—Last day to shop	28
29	30 F				Clubs: Jazz Band: M-F 8:15	