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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.

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 Sneed, 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 Casario, Joel Francis
THIRD GRADE: Nand Patel, Caleb Allen, Zoey Outlaw, Joslyn Hernandez, Sawyer Timothee, Lily Farrel, Brittlely Burgess
FOURTH GRADE: McKenzie Vickers, Hayden Raymond, Samuel Mazuero Osorio, Olivia Royle, Mia Gluck, Danica Schuster, Jaxon McCully
FIFTH GRADE: Ninia Bois, Abigale Kelly, Shane Martinez, Alejandro Ramos-Cordero, Gabriela La Porta, Sofia Pilloni, Wolfgang Baere, Melanie Taverna, S’er Jameson Palmer, Dylan Pickard
SEVENTH GRADE: Shaylin Carter Evans, Madison Santiago, Efren Rodriguez, Kameron Kepton, 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

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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

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

Mission Ready…That’s the Pointe!
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!