



The Orbiter

Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm
School Hours 9:40-4:10

Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

Welcome back to our returning Rockets and welcome to our new students and their families! Thank you so much for helping your child(ren) adjust to new schedules, classrooms, teachers, and routines!

Throughout our history, our students have excelled, making Palm Pointe an "A" school for 11 consecutive years! We are extremely proud of our students and staff! I couldn't be prouder to be your principal and I know that your commitment to our school and students will ensure continued academic excellence for years to come. Each year we have a theme and, this year, we have "2020 Vision: Focused on the Future."

On behalf of the Administration Team-Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. Newsome, and I, we look forward to Focusing our Vision in the 2019-2020 school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

School Safety

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start!

Palm Pointe maintains a strong commitment to ensuring safety for all students and staff. Please note that we have a single point of entry into the building with a specific protocol. When you come to school, please press the buzzer and state your purpose. Once verified, you will be buzzed into the building. Visitors are not permitted to hold the door open for others. It is important that you present a form of identification as one of the necessary steps to receive your "Visitor Badge." We ask that all visitors enter and exit through the main office. Additionally, you will see two School Resource Deputies on campus this year-Deputy Shireman and Deputy Mangel. We thank you for helping us keep our school safe and for adhering to these procedures.

Social-Emotional Learning

For the month of September, Palm Pointe will focus on empowerment.

The goal for our students is to understand that they have the ability to create positive changes in their own lives and in the lives of others simply by how they react and act in situations. By doing this, they will contribute to their classroom and the larger school community. Teachers will continue to implement morning meet-ups where students will discuss how they can empower each other throughout their daily lives.

We will recognize empowerment school-wide on September 27th by asking all students to wear a yellow shirt and to participate in classroom activities that day.

Guidance Department News

We have three certified school counselors on our campus this year who are specifically trained to help all students in the areas of academic achievement, social-emotional development, and college and career readiness. If you have any concerns about the academic, social, or emotional development of your child, please contact Mrs. Apple for K-2, Mrs. Campbell for grades 3-5, or Ms. Rowley for middle school.

PTO News

Welcome back, Rockets! Five Guys Burger & Fries will host our first Community Night on Thursday, 9/12 between 3:00-9:00 p.m. Check your Wednesday folder for the information flyers. Our Annual Fall Fundraising event will begin soon as well. Look for the beautifully scented Yankee Candle catalogs coming home soon. Remember to clip and save those Box Tops. Our first contest/submission deadline is 10/24.

Lunch

Thank you for allowing time for our students to develop routines and independence in the audeteria. We encourage limited visits so that students can continue to socialize and develop a sense of independence. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the audeteria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your child(ren) only. Please do not allow your child or sibling on the playground during lunch. It is a liability concern and we appreciate your cooperation. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office to receive a visitor pass before proceeding to lunch and exit back through the front office to sign out. **If anyone other than the parent or legal guardian is having lunch with the child, a written note must be received in the front office no later than 10:00 a.m. and the note must be verified via phone by the front office staff. In addition, parents/guests are ONLY allowed to have lunch with their own children. Students are not permitted to eat lunch with other students and their guests.** Guests will be permitted to leave the front office no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their child's lunch time and should meet the child at the audeteria entrance to eliminate classroom interruptions. **The visitor will need to bring a valid ID to be checked into school.**

Additionally, if a student's lunch is dropped off in the front office during the K-8 lunch timeframe (between 11:30 – 1:30), there is no guarantee that the lunch will be able to be delivered to the student by the start of his/her designated lunch time. Food should be contained in a standard lunch box or lunch bag. Open beverages (i.e. soda, fountain drinks, coffee beverages, shakes, etc.) and food from take-out or drive-through restaurants will not be delivered to a student. Parents/guardians may bring the above-mentioned open beverages and restaurant food for students only when eating lunch with their child.

McKinney-Vento Program and Attendance Awareness Month

If, due to a loss of housing, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in abandoned buildings; or doubled-up with relatives or friends; then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. If you need assistance or additional information, please contact the guidance department at (772) 345-3245.



**We belong
IN SCHOOL**
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

September is Attendance Awareness Month, but the time to end chronic attendance is now! Good attendance contributes to students doing well in school and eventually in the workplace. The early school years are essential for laying a foundation for strong attendance and academic success in future years. By middle and high school, poor attendance is even more predictive of dropout. Each absence represents a preventable lost opportunity to learn in the classroom. We can't afford to think of absenteeism as merely a lack of compliance with school rules.

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

On Wednesday, September 25th, PPE invites fathers and male role models to bring their child(ren) to school, sign a pledge of involvement, and demonstrate the value of being involved in our Rockets' education! Look for more information to come home soon regarding details about this annual event. We hope you can join us that morning!

School Lunch Program

If you have not already done so, please support our School Lunch Program by applying today. You must reapply each year in order to qualify for the program. We are asking all families to apply, even if your child always brings a lunch box. You can apply online at www.stlucieschools.org. Just click on 'Meal Application' to begin the process. Funding is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! You must apply by **Sept 13th** in order for your application to be processed before the end of the month. Please call our school (345-3245) if you need assistance. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school.... thank you!

REGISTRATION for 2020-2021

Registration for the **2020-2021** school year is open from September 1, 2019- February 1, 2020. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten.

Home School Communication

We will continue to send home all work and flyers each week in our new blue **Wednesday Folders**. Please look for it each week, take out the contents, and sign and return it the following day. All grade levels will also continue their weekly parent communication. Please be sure that your child's teacher has your correct contact information and email so that you are included in the weekly information blast.

Planners

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale for \$5 in the front office if you still need get one for your child.

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **8/28, 10/31, 12/20, 1/22, 2/19, 4/1, 6/1, and 6/2.**

Planners (\$5) and Earbuds (\$4) are on sale in the front office.

**SEPTEMBER
2019**

Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00 in the Front office. Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day Fridays. PPE Sweatshirts can also now be ordered and cost \$20. Contact the front office for details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Holiday For All 9/3 - 9/17 PBIS Catalog Sales	3 D	4 E 9:00 PTO Mtg.	5 F	6 A PBIS Fun Sale 10:15 Gr K Grandparents' Day 3:40 NIHS Mtg. in Launch Pad	7 Clubs/ Sports: Soccer: T/TH 8:00 Volleyball: T/ TH 4:30 BETA: 9/26 at 4:15
8	9 B 8:45 PBIS General Mtg.	10 C	11 D 8:45 SAC Mtg.	12 E Gr. 3 Health Screening 3pm- 8:00 PTO Family Night @ Five Guys	13 F \$1 Jersey Day to support Big Brothers Big Sisters 1:30 TCUS Mtg.	14
15 9/18-9/30 Band Fundraiser	16 A	17 B	18 C Progress Reports	19 D	20 Teacher Professional Development Day—No school for students	21 9
22	23 E Lifetouch Fall Portraits (Students must be in Dress Code)	24 F 2:30 Volunteer Orientation in Launch Pad	25 A 8:30 Dads Take Your Child to School Day	26 B 10:30 Citizen of the Month	27 C SEL-Empowerment—Wear Yellow Free Dress Code Pass for Classroom Kickoff Attendees	28
29	30 D 10:30-12:30 Gr. 1 Smoke Simulator					

