



# 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.

### Social-Emotional Learning

Our Social Emotional theme for the month of October is Empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand the emotions of another person.

Because it is human nature to focus on oneself, students must be taught to empathize. This month, all students, virtual and traditional, will participate in a school-wide empathy activity. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, students are asked to wear a blue **uniform** shirt to bring awareness to bullying. October 21<sup>st</sup> is National Unity Day and students are asked to wear an orange shirt to show support.

For more information on empathy and other fun activities for your child, check out the SEL Newsletter:

<https://www.smore.com/q1mkx-october-self-newsletter?ref=my>

### Changes to Dismissal/PikMyKid

Our new dismissal management system, PikMyKid, is working well. We hope you have all downloaded the app, registered, and have used the system. If your child is a car rider, please place the PikMyKid car tag on your visor to show each day as you enter the line.

This year, dismissal changes can be made through our new PikMyKid app or by calling the school until 3:15 each day (or 1:15 on early dismissal days). Changes can only be made by a parent and students cannot be picked up early after 3:15 each day (or 1:15 on early dismissal days).

### 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 first change period for those who requested within the first window will take place the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, which is the beginning of the second quarter. 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.

### Daily Home Screening Tool & 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 they 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 child to school each day with a clean face covering, a spare mask, and a refillable water bottle.

### Palm Pointe Title I and Parent and Family Engagement

For 2020-2021, Palm Pointe has been classified as a Title I school. As a Title I school, Palm Pointe receives federal funding to help ensure all students have access to a high-quality education program and to improve academic achievement. Each year, Palm Pointe presents information regarding Title I and Title IX (Homeless Education) as part of an annual meeting. In lieu of a traditional meeting, please visit [www.palmpointe.fau.edu](http://www.palmpointe.fau.edu) to view a brief video presentation featuring information about both Title I and Title IX at

Palm Pointe. Additionally, in collaboration with the School Advisory Council, Palm Pointe develops and implements an annual Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The 2020-2021 PFEP is also available to view on the school's website. For questions regarding Title I or PFEP, please contact [Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Melanie.Larsen@stlucieschools.org).

### How Does Working on i-Ready Help My Child?

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your child practice concepts taught in the classroom. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your child can learn at a pace that is just right for them. Practicing just 45 minutes a week in both reading and math help keep skills fluent and engages students to apply their learning.

### Citizen of the Month

Although we are unable to hold live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being outstanding citizens. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by his/ her 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: Breanna Burdge, Penelope Nelson, Mason Murphy, Isabella Basto Ardila, Zane Nofal, Isabella Szary

FIRST GRADE: Sahil Rosario, Regina Rodriguez, Madison Alvarez, Wyatt Keirs, Adam Latchman, Joshua Lewis, Hailey Ruiz, Rylan Turner, Marcus Joseph, Stephen D'Argenio

SECOND GRADE: Alivia Dean, Eli Hernandez, Rainelys Velez, Jocelyn Wilson, Lucille Walton, Giovanni Laporta, Miles Costa, Emma Rodriguez, Peter Schoen

THIRD GRADE: Victoria Antonakos, Leila Livingston, Sam Stoller-Elazab, Noah Lyons, Ameia Kehres, Emily Blind, Mason Schang, Maddex Weeks, Jayden Smith

FOURTH GRADE: Mason Santiago, Liana Bonet, Gianna Horne-Swick, Isabella Fernandes, Lucca Domingues, Ilario Guerra, Jr., Agostina Censabella, Kinslee Plain, Delilah Dejesus Ramirez

FIFTH GRADE: Nasj Barcelona, Michaela Gnoffo, Abigail Matos, Alexis Clements, Mia Roman, Kaden Huggins, Mikela Serbia Santillana, Serelia Kotko, Nile Edwards

SIXTH GRADE: Lili Milosevic, Tessa Scadlock, Matthew Jones, Isabelle Ramos, Lensley Jean, Aaron Niebch, Jackson Armstrong, Ivy Golden, Isabella Jurovski

SEVENTH GRADE: Madison Arpin, Johan George, Camila Echezuria, Jimi Zawackis, Jacob Gomez, Kayla Capocci, Emily Sexton, Emanuella DaSilva, Christian East, Emily Sexton

EIGHTH GRADE: Brailey Chenard, Christopher Esposito, Kamryn Larmon, Jayden Beither, Diana Lopez, Camrin Weeks, Keyanna Jackson, Christian Tripodi, Maddyzen St. Fleur, Ella Moeck, Zachary Berger

**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 or currently attends school virtually. You can apply online at [www.stlucieschools.org](http://www.stlucieschools.org). Just click on 'Meal Application' to begin the process. Funding is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! If you were designated as receiving free or reduced lunch last year, and have not yet reapplied for this year, your status will change to full pay. Please call our school (345-3245) if you need assistance. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school and we are not yet there!

**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.

**Planners**

Planners are required for all students in K-8. They are on sale online for \$5 at <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>, if you still need get one for your child.

**Student & Parent Handbook**

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, on the home page at [www.tradition.fau.edu](http://www.tradition.fau.edu).

**Mark Your Calendar**

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **10/16, 12/18, 1/27, 2/10, 3/12, 4/28, 6/3 and 6/4**

**Reminders of Arrival & Dismissal Procedures**

Thank you for your continued support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. The procedures are clearly outlined in the Open House videos located on our website, should you want to review them again, especially if your child is transitioning back to school.

**Dollar Days**

This year we will continue with our dollar days. They 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, however, we will be offering a prepaid card, which must be paid through School Pay. See the link below for more details. Our My School Virtual students can join in the fun for free with our themed days!

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PPE2021DD>

**McKinney-Vento Program**

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.

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Clubs:</b> Jazz Band: M-F 8:15				1 <b>F</b>	2 <b>G</b> Jersey Day to Support ALS (must pre-purchase lanyard)	3
4	5 <b>A</b> Wear a <u>Uniform Blue Shirt/PPE Spirit Shirt</u> to Support Bullying Awareness	6 <b>B</b>	7 <b>C</b>	8 <b>D</b>	9 <b>E</b>	10
11	12 <b>F</b>	13 <b>G</b>	14 <b>A</b> Grade 8 PSAT	15 <b>B</b> 8:50 Student Advisory Council Mtg.	16 <b>C</b> <b>Early Dismissal Day</b>  End of First Nine Weeks	17
18	19 <b>D</b>	20 <b>E</b> Traditional Make-Up & Virtual Picture Day	21 <b>F</b> National Unity Day— Wear an <u>Orange Shirt</u> to Show Your Support	22 <b>G</b>	23 <b>A</b>	24
25	26 <b>B</b>	27 <b>C</b>	28 <b>D</b> Citizen of the Month Students Recognized	29 <b>E</b>	30 <b>F</b> Dress Like Your Favorite Character to Support Sunshine (must pre-purchase lanyard)	31