



# 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.

### COVID Updates

Florida is currently experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, therefore, please review the email sent to all families on January 3rd from St. Lucie Public Schools. It contains important information regarding COVID-19. Florida law prohibits requiring students to wear a face mask. However, a parent, at the parent's sole discretion may allow his/her child to wear a face mask. We strongly encourage face mask use and following all guidelines set by the CDC and St.

Lucie County Department of Health. 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 and fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours. A copy of this daily tool can be found at: [Microsoft Word - daily HOMEscreening tool 8.19.0 FINAL \(stlucie.k12.fl.us\)](#) Additionally, the email includes vaccines and testing information, and what to do if your child tests positive or is exposed. **If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask that you please keep your child(ren) at home and contact Mr. Keelor or Mrs. DeGarmo at (772) 345-3245.**

**St. Lucie Public Schools has set up a hotline for COVID-19 to help answer some of your questions. The number is 772-429-3601.**

We need to continue to work together to keep our school community safe and healthy and we appreciate your support. A copy of the email is being copied for our families and is included in your child's Wednesday folder.



### FSA Testing Information

The Florida Statewide Assessments (FSA) begin in April with the Reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and the Writing for grades 4-8. There are 12 weeks until the beginning of the FSA season. Your child's attendance is extremely important during these test window dates. There will be scheduled required practice test sessions in the weeks leading to the actual test dates. Please be mindful of appointments or out of school excursions that may cause your child to miss review or practice opportunities.

Grade	Assessment	Date	
3	Reading	April 5 & 6	
4-6	Writing	April 7	
7-8	Writing	April 4-8	TBD
	Makeups	Completed by April 14	
4-6	Reading	May 2 & 3	
3-6	Math	May 5 & 6	
	Makeups	Completed by May 13	
7-8	Reading & Math	May 2-27	TBD
5	Science	May 16 & 17	
8	Science	May 16	
	Makeups	Completed by May 20	
7	Civics EOC	May 2-27	TBD
8	Alg 1 EOC	May 2-27	TBD

### Social Emotional Learning

Our SEL topic for January is kindness. Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. The key to raising children who actively demonstrate kindness, helpfulness, courtesy, and compassion is to train our minds to notice those acts when they occur.

Noticing when children behave kindly, helpfully, courteously, and compassionately — and praising these moments — not only encourages more of that kind of conduct, it has other benefits as well. It expands a child's consciousness, fosters the rooting of a positive value system, and primes the brain for future success in school, society, and life. On Friday, January 28th, students will participate in an SEL activity and will also be challenged throughout the month to spread kindness to one another. Click the link for information on encouraging kindness with your child: <https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/8862-awesome-ways-to-encourage-being-kind-at-school#:~:text=24%20Awesome%20Ways%20to%20Encourage%20Being%20Kind%20at,Talk%3A%20Virtual%20Edition%20event.%20...%20More%20ite>

### December Citizen of the Month

Although we are currently not holding 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. Awards are presented to each child by administration. Families will receive a picture via email and the presentation of all the honorees will be posted on Facebook 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 demonstrating the SEL theme for the month.** Congratulations to:

- K – Milania Renno, Matthew Lopes, Santiago Pardo Canedo, Cassandra Gantz, Wyatt Christensen, Shreya Pilly, Mateo Tinoco, Anneliese Koenig
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Abbigayle Vassor, Adyson Maldonado, Easton Cane, Quinn Dublin, Nora Majewski, Olivia Gerard, Daniel Nduku, Ariella George
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liliana Mustelier, Cora Murray, Adam Latchman, Khloie Lyttleton, Janelle Bois, Madelyn Blair, Makenna Albritton, Stephen D'Argenio, Caiden Olorok, Bryan Barrett
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alexander Dwyer, Sophia Estrada, Maiya Escalante, Michael Dimartino, Sophia Dibenedetto, Chelsea Donald, Ashton Johnson, Zamora Jones, Alexis Gonzalez, Samantha Gantz, Kumar Telsaint, Eva Bensen
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Madyssen Escalante, Sam Stoller- Elazab, Arya Panchal, Maria Velasco Contreras, Dakota Duffy, Alexander Brown, Brody Ly, Zoey Outlaw, Abbygail Mason
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Blake Genereux, Brianna Hudson, Julian Allen, Aarav Gowda, Skylar Aronoff, Hayden Raymond, Brenden Roros, Raphael Goncalves,
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Mayah Alcineus, Caylee Arpin, Gabriella La Porta, M'Kenzie Edwards, Nael Francois, Mikayla Metayer, Isabella Gomez, Naomi Joseph, Sophia Aragonez, Benjamin Jasmin, Andrea Garrido
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Briana Garcon-Wallace, Ameer Nofal, Bailey Johanson, Abrielle Fleurant, Lamarr Parks, Sophia Arroyave, Gabriella Sanchez, Adrianah Fleurinor, Aaron Dipolito, Ethan Byrnes, Julia Peralta
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Kylie Richardson, Gabriell Silva, Alyxandria Hanley, Sebastian Rebelo, Mathieu Le, Joaquin Markle-Velez, Rudra Patel, Allie Stott, Alanna Hannon Colella, Amaya Carrasco, Ethan Harper, Connor Givens

**REGISTRATION for 2022-2023**

Registration for the **2022-2023** school year is open from September 1, 2020- February 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student, even if you already have siblings here at PPE. Please share this information with your family and friends who may want their children to become Rockets!

**Staff Honorees**

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this year’s honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

- Teacher of the Year: Bridget Austin**  
**Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez**  
**Outstanding First Year Teacher: Angela Fernandez**  
**School Related Employee of the Year: Gina Millan**

**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) .

**Dismissal Procedures**

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

**2021-2022 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE**

Preorder your 2021-2022 Palm Pointe yearbook today!  
 Directions for online ordering:

1. Go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)
2. Click on the “Yearbooks” tab and then “Buy Your Yearbook”
3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
4. Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click “Shop for this Student”
5. Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad\* (available until 1/21/22) or Yearbook Only Option\*\* (available until 5/20/22)
6. Click ‘Get Started’, type homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
7. Click “Add to cart”
8. Click “Checkout”
9. Checkout by paying with Paypal or credit card

*\*If you order the ‘Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad’ option, you will receive an email shortly after the order. Fill out the information and provide a photo for the ad prior to the deadline date.  
 \*\*Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of May.*

**Mark Your Calendar**

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **2/2, 3/11, 4/20, 5/31, 6/1**

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts and sweatshirts online! You can also purchase your prepaid Dollar Days pass to dress down on specific days this year!

**JANUARY  
2022**

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ>  
 Planner are required for all students.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Sports &amp; Clubs:</b> Boys & Girls BBT & Th 4:30-5:45  Comic Art Club- Wednesdays starting 1/12 8:15-9:15					1
2	3 Last day of Winter Break for Students Teacher Workday	4 <b>A</b> Students Return	5 <b>B</b>	6 <b>C</b> 5:30-6:30pm Grade 7 Family Virtual Event- Writing Workshop	7 <b>D</b> Twin Day to Support The Art Dept. (Must have & wear pre purchased lanyard to participate)	8
9 <b>Week of Kindness</b> 1/7-1/14	10 <b>E</b>	11 <b>F</b>	12 <b>G</b> 5pm History Fair Video Ceremony	13 <b>A</b> 6:00-7:00pm Gr K Family Virtual Event-Kindergarten Game Night	14 <b>B</b> Gr 3 Health Screenings	15
16	17 Holiday for All MLK Day	18 <b>C</b>	19 <b>D</b> Report Card Day  5:30-6:30pm—5th Grade Family Virtual Event— Gr 5 FSA Tips & Tricks	20 <b>E</b>	21 <b>F</b> Kindergarten Health Screenings	22
23	24 <b>G</b>	25 <b>A</b>	26 <b>B</b> Citizen of the Month Students Recognized  Jump Rope for Heart Packets to go home K-5  Classroom Companion- Virtual Series #4-ELA	27 <b>C</b> 5:30-6:30 Gr 8 Family Virtual Event-Spotlight on High School	28 <b>D</b> Gr 1 Health Screenings  SEL Activity Day	29
30	31 <b>E</b>					

