



# The Orbiter



## Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45  
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**Supervision**  
There is no supervision before 9:20 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

### Principal's Corner

Dear Palm Pointe Families,

What an exciting year we have had so far! It is hard to believe the 2016-2017 school year is coming to an end! Our kindergarten class that opened the school is heading to high school this year and next year will be year 10 for Palm Pointe!

Palm Pointe will honor and celebrate the dedication of our outstanding faculty and staff during the week of **May 1-5**. PTO, NJHS, and Administration have planned many special events. If you have a chance, please take a moment to have your child or yourself say thank you to our staff during this special week.

This is an exceptional school because of the staff, students, and, of course, you! Thank you for your support throughout the year. I'm looking forward to continuing to prepare our Rockets for their next mission!

Kathleen Perez, Principal

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### End of Year Events

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Pinning** 9:45 am & 10:45 am

**May 31<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** 10:00 am

(Invitations coming home with Orbiter)

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition to Middle School (MS) & Celebration** (for students)

**MS Transition Night-** For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents & Students 6:00 pm

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Early Dismissal**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal & Last Day of School**

### Testing in May

We are in the final stretch of testing. Thank you again families for your support at home with getting our Rockets to school on time for their scheduled days. The remaining testing days are as follows:

**Gr 5 - Science-** May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 sessions-PBT

**Gr 8 - Science-** May 2<sup>nd</sup>-PBT 2 sessions in one day

**Algebra-** May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 sessions-CBT

**Gr 7 - Civics-** May 15<sup>th</sup>-Columbia, May 16<sup>th</sup>-Apollo -1 session-CBT

### Title I Annual Review - Parent Survey Results

The 2016-2017 Title I Parent Satisfaction survey was completed in the beginning of April. We extend our thanks to all who participated and provided feedback on our Title I program at Palm Pointe. We had 542 responses representing 640 students. We are still in the process of compiling the responses, and anticipate that the results will be available on our school website, [www.palmpointe.fau.edu](http://www.palmpointe.fau.edu), by Monday, May 8th, 2017. This information will help inform our Title I program needs, including parent involvement, for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, Palm Pointe's School Advisory Council reviewed and provided input on our School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan at their April meeting. We thank our council members for their assistance, and will incorporate their feedback into next year's plans.

### Yearbooks Arriving Soon!

The 2016/17 yearbooks will be arriving the end of May! For those students who pre-ordered their yearbook, it will be delivered to your child on June 2nd at the yearbook signing party. Party Schedule:

**Gr. K-1 Students:** Friday, June 2nd from 9:50-10:20 (Auditeria)

**Gr. 2-3 Students:** Friday, June 2nd from 10:25-10:55 (Auditeria)

**Gr. 4-5 Students:** Friday, June 2nd from 11:00-11:30 (Auditeria)

**Gr. 6-8 Grade Students:** Friday, June 2nd from 9:45-10:15 (Pods)

All students will be able to attend their grade's signing party for music, mingling, and SIGNING! If you would like to purchase a softcover (\$40) or hardcover (\$45) yearbook, **they will be sold during the yearbook parties.** Please send in cash or check on June 2nd.

### Will You Participate in the Summer Reading Challenge?



Summer is almost here and, yes, there will be plenty of time for relaxation and rest, but we don't want to forget about the adventures that reading can take us on. Information will be coming home soon with your child regarding our Summer Reading Challenge. Reading is the single most important activity you can do to increase knowledge and learning. Did you know that over time, the summer learning slide can add up to the equivalent of three years of reading loss by the end of fifth grade? Set your child up for success by having them read and join us in Grades 1-8 for our Summer Reading Challenge. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

### Citizen of the Month

*Congratulations to our April recipients!*

**Kindergarten:** Samantha Carfino, Asher Ghobrial, Jewels Gutierrez, Elliott Schmid, Amanda Felipe, Alexah Tout-Puissant, Mason Santiago, Makenzie Saks

**First Grade:** Maya Alcineus, Isabella Gomez, Emanuel Thompson-Smith, Isabella Silva, Anyah Tyrell-Morgan, Terry McKeon, Gabriella Dacosta, Aria Croce, Nijah Bois

**Second Grade:** Jackson Starling, Caroline Croce, Jackson Armstrong, Bailee Cowgill, Matthew Jones, Jahari Chin, Alex Kahn, Logan Pino, Sadie Keelor, Dylan Durgie

**Third Grade:** Antony Chow, Justin Ingleton, Nikolai Gorman, Kayla Thomas, Kerry Parks, Laila Stokes, Gweneth Gilooly, Xiomara Perez, Joaquin Markle Velez, Benjamin Hight, Gavin Lunsford

**Fourth Grade:** Elia Colucci, Benjamin Berrios, Ian Meyers Gonzalez, Julien Gutierrez, Cali Keefer, Emily Niebch, Daniel Tavera, Kayla Lloyd

**Fifth Grade:** Hunter Darville, Nayliana Gonzalez, Laila Vernon, Ariana Rivera, Joshua Volcin, Kenzie Kemerson, Jasmine Echazabal, Alexandria Paxton, Quane Dailey

**Sixth Grade:** Jacob West, Bryce Lundgren, Dominique Thomas, Jacoby Smith Nautel, Camryn Bird, Amaya Hernandez, Yanique Scott, Serena Tripodi, Moses Schacter

**Seventh Grade:** Brenda Vargas, Shantilya Nicholson, Mia Wheeler, Rebecca Moyer, Ariadna Hiller, Stephanie Diaz, Jasmin Adames, Emilie Saincy, Naomi Henderson

**PTO News**

The first week of May is Staff Appreciation. Remember to acknowledge your child's hard working teachers who have helped prepare them for the upcoming school year. The PTO will also thank the staff and faculty with our annual luncheons and breakfast.

The final Box Top contest deadline is May 17. There will be one contest winner and that class will receive a \$50 gift card. The 2016/17 PTO Board will remain in place for the 2017/18 school year as per the nominations of the April general meeting. Thank you for your continued support; enjoy your summer.

**Middle School Electives**

*Elective Sheets for next school year will be handed out to students by mid-May. The turn-around time will be swift, so be looking for the sheet when your child brings it home in their backpack. Remember, if your child does not return their elective sheet, their elective choices will be limited to whatever is still available.*

**i-Ready News**

The final data collection with the i-Ready diagnostic will take place during the month of May. You will note that your child will not have access to lessons at home until the math and reading diagnostic have been completed here at school. Teachers are scheduling this assessment in a whole group test environment to promote the best performance for all our Rockets. Please encourage your child to focus and "show what they know." Thank you! ☺

**Homeless Education**

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

Mrs. Kuba at (772) 345-3245 or [summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org](mailto:summer.kuba@stlucieschools.org).

**Parent Information Resource Center**

Did you know there is a Parent Information Resource Center located in the Front Office-FAU room? You can find a number of brochures and videos in English and Spanish. Some of the topics include: ways to help children succeed in school; learning activities for rainy days; helping children cope with divorce, ADD/ADHD, depression, etc. Parents are teachers, too, and we hope to see you checking out the information in our FAU room!

Please have your child check the Lost and Found cart located in the Audeteria by the maintenance area.

**MAY/JUNE 2017**

Students may wear any PPE T-Shirt on Spirit Day, which is every Friday. Spirit Shirts are available for \$10.00

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                             |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <i>Faculty &amp; Staff Appreciation Week</i> | 1 i-ready Spring Diagnostic Window<br>5/1-6/2 K-8 ELA + Math<br><br>E5  | 2 Gr.5 Sci PBT (S1)<br>Gr.8 Sci PBT (S1+2)<br>(No 8 <sup>th</sup> Electives)<br><br>F1  | 3 Gr.5 Sci PBT (S2)<br>Sci Make ups by 5/5<br>PTO 9am<br><br>A2   | 4 Gr 5 Spark testing<br>9:45-11:00<br><br>B3   | 5 Parent Academy 9:30-11 in<br>Space Station<br><br><b>Gr. 5 Spark Testing 9:45-11:00</b><br>C4  | 6                               |
| 7  | 8 Gr 8 Alg EOC (S1)<br><b>State History Fair</b><br><br>D5  | 9 Gr 8 Alg EOC (S2)<br><b>State History Fair</b><br><br>D5  | 10 Gr. 5 Spark<br>Testing 9:45-11:00<br>Big Apple Night<br><b>Gr 8 Alg EOC (S1)</b><br>Make-up<br>F2  | 11 Gr.8 Alg EOC<br>(S2) Make-up<br>First Gr. Young<br>Author's Book<br>Launch @ 10:30 am<br>(Parents)<br><br>A3  | 12 \$1.00 No Dress Code-<br>Supporting Tourette Syndrome<br>Parent Academy 9:30-11 in Launch<br>Pad<br>ASD Classes- Mother's & Father's<br>Day Social @covered dining area<br>2pm<br>Gr.K Mother's Day Munch in<br>classrooms 11:45-12:15<br>Gr.8 Dance 7-10pm<br>B4 | 13                              |
| 14   | 15 Gr.7 Civics- Columbia<br>EOC<br>Gr. K-2 PBIS Event Fun in<br>the Sun 2:45-3:45<br>C5                             | 16 Gr 7 Civics-Apollo<br>EOC<br>Gr 3-5 PBIS Event -Fun<br>in the Sun 2:45-3:45<br>D1  | 17 SAC 8:30 in LP<br><br>Gr. 8 PBIS Tug of<br>War (RF) 2:45-3:45<br>Gr. 6 PBIS Tug of<br>War (RF) 10-11<br><br>Gr. K-Firefighter<br>Demo 1:30-2:00<br>Kreitzman, Roberts,<br>Knapp, Perez<br>E2 | 18 Gr. 5 Orlando<br>Science Center Trip 8<br>am-8pm<br><br>Gr. 7 PBIS Tug of<br>War (RF) 2:45-3:45<br><br>NJHS Induction 6-7<br>pm<br>F3   | 19 Parent Academy 9:30-11 in<br>Launch Pad<br><br>Gr. K-Firefighter Demo 1:30-2:00<br>Brekke, Krigger, Foohs, Benton<br><br>Gr .8 Gradventure 2pm-2am<br>Gr. 4 St. Augustine Trip 5am-9pm<br>A4  | 20<br><i>Band Awards @ Noon</i> |
| 21   | 22 Gr.6 Holocaust<br>Survivor<br>Presentation 10am in<br>Audeteria<br>Beta Ceremony 2:30-3:30<br>in Audeteria<br>B5 | 23 Semester Exam<br>Window 5/23-6/2<br>Semester Exams: Math/<br>Science<br>C1   | 24 Early Release<br>Day<br><br>Gr. 5 & MS Band -<br>The 4th Wall<br>Ensemble 10:00<br>D2  | 25 Citizen of the<br>Month 10am<br><br>Sports Banquet 5:30-<br>7:30 in Audeteria<br><br>Semester Exam:<br>LA/SS<br>E3  | 26 Parent Academy 9:30-11 in<br>Launch Pad<br><br>M/S Semester Exam:<br>Reading/Elective<br>F4   | 27                              |
| 28   | 29 Holiday For All-<br>Memorial Day   | 30 K-Pinnings<br>· 9:45- Ms. Foohs, Ms.<br>Kreitzman, Ms.<br>Brekke & Mrs.<br>Perez<br>· 10:45-Mrs. Roberts,<br>Mrs. Krigger, Ms.<br>Knapp & Mrs.<br>Benton<br>A5 | 31 Gr.8 Graduation<br>10am<br>B2  | 6/1 Gr. 3 Wonder Works<br>Trip 8:00 am - 6:00 pm<br><br>Gr. 5 MS<br>Transition/Celebration<br>(For Students) AM<br><br>Gr. 1 Red Carpet Awards<br>@ 2:30 (parents)<br><br>Gr. 5 Transition to MS<br>Parent Night 6:00-7:00<br>pm<br>C2 | 6/2 Early Release Day<br>End of 4th quarter<br><br>MS & Elem. End of Year Parties<br><br>Yearbook signing parties in the<br>auditeria:<br>· Gr. K-1 9:50-10:20<br>· Gr. 2-3 10:25-10:55<br>· Gr. 4-5 11:00-11:30<br>· Gr. 6-8 9:45-10:15 - In Pods<br>D3             | 6/3                             |
| 6/4  | 6/5 Early Release Day<br>Last Day for Students & 10<br>month employees<br>MS grading window closes<br>E4            |   |   |  |  |                                 |

