



# The Orbiter



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

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45  
School Hours 9:40 – 4:10

**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,

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks of school is over. Our fabulous Palm Pointe faculty and staff have consistently displayed their dedication to your children. Our rockets are deep into new learning based on the Florida Standards and are soaring to success. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff and your children! Thank you!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

### Data Verification

Please review the Data Verification form that was sent home with your child's report card. All forms need to be signed and returned even if no changes need to be made. If there are changes that need to be made, please make changes directly on the form. If you have an address change, please attach a copy of a utility bill or proof of residency. We strive for accurate data for all students and this form enables us to have the most current emergency and contact information.

### School Improvement and Parent Involvement

Summaries of Palm Pointe's 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) are being sent home with the Orbiter. If you need an additional or translated copy, please contact the front office or visit Palm Pointe's website at

<http://www.tradition.fau.edu/>

To view the complete, approved SIP, please visit

<https://www.floridacims.org/districts/fau-lab-sch/schools/0020>.

Have you visited **Palm Pointe's FAU Room**? Located in the front office, this parent resource room has multiple printed materials available for families, as well as daytime computer access for those who need it.

### PTO News

We would like to thank all of our families who participated in our Yankee Candle Fundraiser. We will notify you by phone when the items arrive. Your orders will be delivered to your child(ren)'s pods. Also, thank you for all of the Box Tops. Tijuana Flats in St. Lucie West is hosting our next Family Night out on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5:00-8:00. Flyers went home with your child(ren). You may also find the post on our official FB page - Palm Pointe K-8. PTO is hosting the annual Fall Feast for our hard working faculty and staff. Finally, the Holiday Shoppe will open December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Launch Pad. If you are an approved volunteer and would like to help, contact us at: [palmpointept@gmail.com](mailto:palmpointept@gmail.com).



### Growth Mindset Makers

Have you heard? Mindset is the word! Over the past year, our staff has committed to learning about the power of developing a growth mindset on overall achievement and personal growth. Having a growth mindset means believing your talents and abilities can be developed through effort, a positive attitude, and perseverance. Think back on Aesop's *The Tortoise and the Hare*; many people will recount that the moral of the story was "slow and steady wins the race." Likewise, the fable also warns us not to rest on our natural talents because others may pass us by. When we think about education, we want our students to realize that learning is a process. When something is a challenge, it isn't that they CAN'T do it; they just can't do it YET. We don't expect perfection, but we do expect perseverance.

As you speak with your children about their achievement in school, shift the focus away from 'right now grades' to discussions on how to continuously grow and improve, or 'not yet grades.' Many of our students are already engaging in conversations with their teachers about cultivating a growth mindset, and realizing that there is ALWAYS room for improvement, no matter the score. We don't want high achievers to settle for what is easy, nor do we want students who need more time or assistance to feel discouraged.

Try framing each day of the week with a different mindset discussion at home:

- **Motivating Monday** – What is something you are doing that is hard, and how can we work together to overcome it?
- **Terrific Tuesday** – What is something that is going really well? How did you get to that point?
- **Wise Wednesday** – Have your son/daughter teach you a skill that he/she is mastering.
- **Try-It Thursday** – What is something new you want to try, or something new you are learning about?
- **Family Friday** – Celebrate the successes and make new goals.

Above all else, remember to praise the process, not the person. Praise children's efforts just as much or even more than their talents.

### Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5 and one per homeroom class in grades 6-8. Elective and resource teachers will also choose a student each month. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations: **Take Responsibility, Engage in Your Learning, Act Respectfully, and Make Safe Choices**, and for consistently demonstrating **Efficacy and Effort**.

**Dates and Times for Citizen of the Month Award Ceremonies:** 10/26, 11/30, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24

All assemblies are at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditoria. Parents and family members can report directly to the Auditoria

### October Honorees are:

**Kindergarten:** Kristoff Simmonds, Lucas Calderon, Brianna Hudson, Brielle Charles, Maraya Carter-Evans, Joshua Elias, Ilario Guerra, Jr., Bella Farrow, Mason Klouse

**First Grade:** Gianna Edelkraut, Olivia Garcia, Camden Ersham, Brody Johnson, Tyler Le, Sophia Castro, Alana Ferguson, Eliana Carbenia, Rakshan Cain, Daniel Montez-Calderon

**Second Grade:** Rhen Solesky, Shmily Philippe, Alize Thompson, Elyjah St. Fleur, Dominic Dimarco, Meredith Prince, Gavin Piscopo, Devin Hagel, Sienna Lawrence

**Third Grade:** Victoria Zaravelis, Findley Wessel, Benjamin Arisi, Michael Gamboa, Mathieu Le, Reese Parrish, Tori Dickinson, Nicholas Stewart, Ed Cesar

**Fourth Grade:** Noah Lehman, Kevin Ferdinand, Missoni Thompson, Annabella Hall, Lauren Imbert, Nachbi Pierre, Madison Parrish, Jesus Gutierrez-Carcamo

**Fifth Grade:** Savannah McMichael, Marvin Rivero, Kennedy Moody, Mia Montes Escobar, Isaac Fraga, Naje Carter-Evans, Michael Betancourt Mercado, Tyler Heckler, Austin Glover

**Sixth Grade:** Derek Smith Nautel, Kevin Lalanne, Collin Kugele, William Garcia, Mallory Rafter, Martin Gamboa, Trevin Vanname, Elyana Perez, Kiera Natta, David Ortega

**Seventh Grade:** Tristan Palumbo, Colby Kuba, Jaden Jones, Braylen Lopez, Cristian Azcona, Catiana Bois, Nicolas Cusa, Nicolas Polanco, Alessandra Periche, Maximilian Simco, Daniel Monzon

**Eighth Grade:** Andres Martinez, Harlem Lilley, James Pernel, Capel Lewis, Lavar Russell, Athresha Kalluri, Alexandria Coutret, Alexander Antonakos, Devin Parham, Jack Gallo, Ashlyn Tucker

**Skyward Family Access**

Family Access is a web based tool designed to enhance parent/guardian and school communication. Before you can use family access, you must have a user name and password for your new account. Please go to the web address below and print out a school family access form. Fill it in and return it to school, along with a copy of your ID. Once the form is processed, an email will be sent to you with your user name and password. Using one password, you can access records for all of your children, even if they are attending different schools within the district.

<http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/parents-students/family-access.aspx>

**Attendance Tips**

As a reminder...signing out your children early will be reflected in their attendance. In elementary, it is marked as a tardy. In middle school, all classes missed are marked as absences. Please keep this mind when making appointments for your children.

**Clinic News**

Students who become ill or need first aid will be sent to the clinic. Written parental consent, authorized by a physician, must be provided if you wish the clinic to dispense medication. You will be notified with a phone call if your child is sent to the clinic and the situation requires your immediate attention. **ALL** medications are to be kept in the health clinic. This includes prescription and non-prescription medications. No medication, prescription or nonprescription (i.e. Tylenol, aspirin, or cough drops) can be given at school without a written Physician Authorization For Medication form (PA Form) filled out completely and correctly by the physician and signed by the physician. Medication should be brought to school by the parent and **MUST** be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and labeled to match the physician's orders. **Students are not allowed to have any medication in their possession.** It is the student's responsibility to come to the clinic to take the medication and to remember to take the medication home. The clinic employee is not responsible for reminding students to take medication. If a student has a fever, the parent will be called to take the student home per the SLPS Clinic Policy. Students may return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.).

Registration for the **2017-2018** school year is open from September 1, 2016- February 1, 2017. FAU will begin selecting students in March.

**NOVEMBER 2016**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lifetouch Picture Make-Up Day  C1	2 PTO Meeting 9:00  PTO Family Night Out @ Tijuana Flats 5:00 - 8:00  D2	3 Gr. 2 Thanksgiving Performance @ 2:30 on Stage  E3	4 Parent Academy: Internet Safety at 9:30 am in Launch Pad  F4	5 NEDA (Nat'l Eating Disorder Assoc.) Walk at 8:30  BETA Club Car Wash @ PPE 9:00-12:00
6	7 Book Fair begins 11/7 and ends 11/18  A5	8 Book Fair- Donuts for Dads 8:30am 10:00 Honor Roll Gr5 & 6 2:30 Honor Roll Gr 7 & 8 Gr. 3-8 Palm Pointe Votes- Mock Election  B1	9 \$1.00 No Dress Code - Supporting United Way  NJHS Mtg. 9:40-10:05 in Launch Pad  C2	10 10:00 Honor Roll Gr. 3 & 4  D3	11 Holiday For All- Veterans' Day	12
13	14 Drama Dress Rehearsal until 6:00  E4	15 Gr. 6 Health Screening  Drama Dress Rehearsal until 6:00  Step Up Instrument Night @ TCHS  F5	16 SAC Mtg. 8:30 in Launch Pad  Fall Musical— Pocahontas 6:00  A1	17 Book Fair-Family Night 4:00-5:45  Fall Musical— Pocahontas 6:00  B2	18 Gr. K-5 PBIS Movie Day (10 RF)  Gr. 6-8 PBIS Dance 2:45-3:45 (10 RF)  C3	19 MS Art Excursion @ Vero Museum of Art
20	21 Gr. 1 Multi-Cultural Munch 2:30  D4	22 Early Release Day  E5	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving Holiday for All	25 Thanksgiving Holiday for All	26
27	28  F1	29 PPE Night @ Barnes & Noble 6:00-8:00  A2	30 Holiday Shoppe 11/30-12/8  Citizen of the Month 10:00 B3			