



# The Orbiter



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

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:45pm  
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 Rockets are deep into new learning based on the Florida Standards. Our Classroom Kickoff was a big success, with more families attending this redesigned event than in years past. As always, thank you for your support of our school, its staff, and your children! Thank you!  
Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal



The Palm Pointe Players invite YOU to come along with us to Neverland, where "dreams are born and time is never planned!" This classic tale, abbreviated from the Broadway production, follows Peter, Wendy Darling, and her brothers as they combine forces with the Lost Boys and the Brave Girls to thwart the plans of Captain Hook and his band of pirates. Filled with famous songs such as "I'm Flying," "I Won't Grow Up," and many more, this romping musical is sure to delight audiences of all ages! Performances will be held on November 30th and December 1st at 6:00 p.m., and December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale November 9th, and cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

### PTO NEWS

We would like to THANK the families who joined us at Tijuana Flats, as well as those who participated in the Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser. The Yankee Candle prizes were delivered to your students' homerooms last week. Your orders will arrive mid-November and will be delivered to your students' classrooms. We will notify you when delivery has been received at Palm Pointe.

The Box Top contest winners will receive their ice cream reward on Friday November 3rd during their scheduled lunches. Our winners are:  
K-2-Kreitzman, Gr. 3-5-Royle and Gr. 6-8-Cruz. Looking ahead, December 4th begins our Annual Holiday Shoppe. If you would like to assist our little shoppers, please email [palmpointept@gmail.com](mailto:palmpointept@gmail.com) before November 30th. Shopping schedules will go home before Thanksgiving.

### Congratulations to our 2017-2018 NJHS Officers!

President: Sofia Tovar  
Vice President: Briana Constransitch  
Secretary: Riley Holtzclaw  
Treasurer: Kiahra Wood

**Toys for Tots:** Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Palm Pointe for children ages 0-14 for our donation sleigh! We will be collecting toys until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Clarification of Current Policies

In order to ensure a safe and caring school community, we want to ask that all families read the clarifications on current policies provided below. We ask that you adhere to these policies and respect our staff, whose job it is to enforce them. We appreciate your support!

#### School Lunch Program

We still have a large number of families that have never applied to the School Lunch Program. We need every Rocket family to fill out an online application. There are significant financial benefits to the school associated with this program. A flyer will be coming home to those families that have yet to apply for the 2017-2018 school year. We appreciate your help and support in applying to help our school!

#### Early Pick Up

Please be sure that anyone who you want to pick up your child is on your emergency contact list. We ask that you send a note in that morning. We cannot allow a phone call for this process. If you do call, we will request that you send in an email /fax to verify before we allow your child to go home. We must have something in writing in order for anyone on the emergency contact list to pick up your child. If that person is not on the list, when you send your note, request that they be added.

#### Drop Off and Dismissal

As a courtesy, we want to remind you that it is against the law to stop your car in the road to load or unload your child. Signs are posted. PSL Police have been monitoring and will be giving out tickets. Please also refrain from parking in areas designated as 'No Parking' in neighboring streets. Many parents walk up to school to get their "walker," but are parked illegally in the neighborhood. Many are stopped on the street, not in a parking spot, or are parked where it clearly states 'No Parking.' We try to cause minimal disruption to our neighbors and we ask that you adhere to these guidelines and rules of the road.

#### Lunch

Parents are always welcome but visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Only your own child may have lunch with you. **We ask that you limit your visits for special occasions so students have opportunities to socialize and eat lunch with their classmates.** Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass. If you are giving permission for extended family or friends to have lunch with your child, a note must be sent to the front office prior to the lunch date, even if they are on your emergency contact list.

#### Data Verification

Data Verification forms will be sent home soon. **All forms need to be signed and returned, even if no changes need to be made.** If there are changes, please write 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. Please pay careful attention to who you designate as an emergency contact and correctly mark whether or not that person has permission to pick up your child. Please mark YES or NO for each person on the card.

### Citizen of the Month

The Citizenship Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5, homeroom classes in grades 6-8, and one per Elective and Resource teacher. These students were selected based on Palm Pointe's School-wide Expectations. Parents and family members can report directly to the Auditoria. All assemblies are at **10:30am**.

**Kindergarten:** Sofia Bologna, Amelia Kehres, Alexander Hight, Savannah Hayes, Mason Schang, Addison Manditch, Aryel Villier, Joella Tengco

**1<sup>st</sup> Gr:** Makenzie Saks, Angelica Jimenez, Chloe Dean, Lomar Metellus, Ari Robinson, Joshua Elias, Jaxon McCulley, Genesis Lopez

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gr:** Nash Barcelona, Davi Siqueira, Wolfgang Baers, Kaelyn Scott, Sophia Rooney, Eliana Carbenia, Shelby Wessel, Camden Ehrsam, Calvin Williams, Nile Edwards

**3<sup>rd</sup> Gr:** Emely Duarte-Garci, Sadie Keelor, Caroline Croce, Logan Inigo, Jaycie Mead, Jayla Willette, Malachai Henderson, Nai'ma Guerrier, Devin Hagel

**4<sup>th</sup> Gr:** Melik Enoch, Daniel Almonte, Findley Wessel, Justin Maitland, Michael Gamboa, Alia Buchanan, Gavin Lunsford, Jaxson Martin, Savannah Clements, Taylor Imbert, Kerry Parks

**5<sup>th</sup> Gr:** Missoni Thompson, Aleena Espinal, Dylan Schang, Jaxon Behringer, Donovan Tripodi, Noah Lehman, Emily Niebch, Keegan Kern, Devin Habyan, Evelyn Hiller

**6<sup>th</sup> Gr:** Jayden Soto, Jacob Eichenlaub, Chloe Zdenek, Jordyn Bush, Christine Stoyanova, Joanna Rubel, Juliana Falciglia-Mattes, Kai Boxer, Tyler Heckler, Ava Wheeler, Taylor Cook, Fabrizio Capocci

**7<sup>th</sup> Gr:** Jasmine Chuong, Isaac Lazaar, Shanelle Ferguson, Yessenia Gonzalez, Jake Najm, Ashley Buchanan, Kate Ehrsam, Amani Braswell, Leo Perez, Branden Birch, Anna Barnhart, Moses Schacter, Alexia Manditch

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr:** Shantilya Nicholson, Melissa Meneses, Mehjai Lloyd, Evan Wolfe, Ricardo Perez, Christian Azcona, Kacy Zdenek, Dylan Grothe, Sameer Iqbal

**Attendance Matters!**

Family vacations are not automatically excused absences and cannot exceed 5 days annually. Students must have fewer than 10 unexcused or 5 excused absences in order for any vacation request to be considered. Also taken into consideration are the student's attendance and academic history, mastery of the curriculum, and reason for travel. Please try and schedule family vacations during designated school vacation time. Please also consider that if a student misses just 2 days a month that adds up to missing 10% of the school year! School attendance counts! Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but it disrupts the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence.

**Mark Your Calendar**

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **11/21, 12/22, 1/24, 2/14, 3/9, 4/6, 5/30, 5/31**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Attractor Program Night**

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Attractor Night will be held at the Fenn Center from 6-8 p.m. for identified 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The event begins with a General Session in the gym followed by open house-style breakout rooms for individual high school showcases. *Identified students are invited by letter of invitation.* The event showcases Attractor Programs at Fort Pierce Westwood High, Fort Pierce Central High, Port St. Lucie High, and Lincoln Park Academy.

**Naviance**

Mrs. Kuba, our middle school counselor, has met with all middle school students to accomplish their assigned Naviance tasks and will continue to do so throughout the year. Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that helps students discover their strengths and interests in order to help them reach their academic and career goals. This platform will also be used throughout their high school career to help them develop their plan of study and prepare for a college and/or a career path that is right for them. For additional information, please visit, <https://www.naviance.com/solutions/middle-schools>.

**iPad News for i-Ready**

Curriculum Associates has made significant instructional content available for use on iPads. By 2018, content will be available on iPads, Chromebooks, and computers. The *i-Ready* app is designed to work on iPads that are compatible with iOS 10.0, such as the iPad 4, iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad Pro, and the new iPad model released by Apple in 2017. iPad minis and iPhones are not supported by *i-Ready* at this time. Students accessing *i-Ready* lessons from home now have multiple options. School access will be through laptop or desktop computers.

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

**NOVEMBER 2017**

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. Earbuds are for sale for \$4.00.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 F PTO Mtg 9:00 AM	2 A	3 B Middle School Marching Band Night with TCHS Band	4
5 Fall Book Fair 11/6 - 11/17	6 C	7 D Lifetouch Fall Make-Up Picture Day  Honor Roll Grades 5 & 8 10:15 Honor Roll Grades 6 & 7 2:30  Gr. 6 Health Screening-AM	8 E Progress Reports SAC Mtg 8:30  Grub for Grownups-Book Fair 8:30-10:00  Honor Roll Gr 3 & 4 2:30 PM	9 F \$1 No Dress Code to Support the United Way	10 Holiday For All	11
12	13 A 3rd Grade FSA Family Game Night 5:30-7:00 PM	14 B	15 C Citizen of the Month 10:30 AM	16 D NJHS Meeting @ 3:40 PM	17 E \$1 No Dress Code to Support ALS  Gr. 5 Turtle Presentation in pods	18 Soccer B Team Tournament @ FPCHS  Girls Volleyball B Team Tournament @FPCHS
19	20 F 1st Grade Multicultural Munch -Family Event 2:00-3:15 in pods  Student Science Fair Projects due	21 A Early Release	22 Thanksgiving Holiday	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving Holiday	25
26	27 B BETA State Convention 11/27-11/28  Rehearsal on Stage for Play 3:30 PM-6:00 PM	28 C PLC Motivation Book Club #1- 8:50 TBD  Rehearsal on Stage for Play 3:30 PM-6:00 PM	29 D Progress Reports Due  Rehearsal on Stage for Play 3:30 PM-5:30 PM  8th Grade Attractor Night- Fenn Center 6-8:00 PM	30 E Palm Pointe Players - Peter Pan Jr. 6:00 PM		

