



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,

Welcome back to our returning Rockets and welcome to our new students and their families! Thank you so much for helping your child(ren) adjust to new schedules, classrooms, teachers, and routines!

The 2017-2018 year begins the tenth year for Palm Pointe. Throughout our history, our students have excelled, making Palm Pointe an "A" school for 9 consecutive years! I couldn't be more proud to be your principal and I know that your commitment to our school and students will ensure continued academic excellence for years to come. This year we will reflect on our past...TEN YEARS: a decade of distinction. We will continue to learn in the present, collaborate to refine our practice, and work together to rocket into the future. Our mission is to motivate, educate, and empower our students, helping them to soar and ensuring academic growth and excellence for ALL! Each year we have a theme and, this year, each team has chosen a decade to highlight.

One of our focus areas for the year is on Mindset & Motivation. Over the past year, our Rockets have learned a lot about growth mindset, and the power of applying a 'not yet' attitude when faced with challenges. Having a growth mindset helps us persevere when things are difficult, and to strive to improve our skills a little more every day. But thinking past a struggle is only the first step; we must also have the will to complete the whole journey. This year, our staff is learning about the importance of motivation in achieving success. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Well done is better than well said." It is not enough to say you can do something, you must also follow-through. We are learning that motivation is focused around building relationships, setting and working toward goals, and celebrating successes. Whether it is about earning a certain grade, mastering a new skill, or improving a talent, making a plan for how we will 'grow' and seeing it through unlocks our true power.

On behalf of the Administration Team- Mr. Keelor, Mrs. Koenig and I- we look forward to rocketing into the 2017-2018 school year!

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal

Parents, we heard you! Parent feedback showed a need to consistently communicate with our families. This year all work and flyers will be sent home in the **Wednesday Envelope**. Please look for it each week, take out the contents, and sign and return it the following day.

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

On Wednesday, September 27th, PPE invites fathers and male role models to bring their child(ren) to school, sign a pledge of involvement, and demonstrate the value of being involved in our Rockets' education! Look for more information to come home soon regarding details about this annual event. We hope you can join us that morning!

PTO News

Welcome to all of our Rockets! Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in room 1-123, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. The first meeting is on September 6th and the remaining dates are 10/4, 11/1, 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4 and 5/2. Of course, children are always welcome at the meetings. Our first event of the year is on September 26th, Family Night at Five Guys in St. Lucie West. An information flyer will be coming home soon with all of the details. Our Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser begins at the end of the month. Those packets will be coming home soon. We hope to see new faces at this year's meetings and volunteering to help with PTO sponsored events! We're looking forward to another great year!

Volunteer Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and/or business partner at Palm Pointe, please attend the Volunteer Orientation on **Tuesday, September 12th** at 9:30 am in the Launch Pad. All new volunteers will be required to complete an online application. Attending the orientation is not mandatory, but we hope to see you there! Contact Karol Carvelli at Karol.Carvelli@stlucieschools.org for more information.

Coupons for Classroom Fundraiser

On August 30th, we began our annual Coupon Book Fundraiser to help support the Education Foundation of St. Lucie County and Palm Pointe. K-5 students will receive a book and middle school grades will receive an envelope for their sales.

\$2.00 for each book sold goes directly to your student's teacher. For every book a student sells, he/she will receive a emoji backpack charm.

Welcome Back Night at Big Apple Pizza (9/13)

Big Apple off Gatlin Blvd. will be hosting Palm Pointe Nights every month to give back to our school. Students do not need their flyer at the time of purchase. All they have to do is mention Palm Pointe!! Families can dine-in, take out, or get a delivery. The first night is Wednesday, Sept. 13th from 5-9 p.m. We appreciate you supporting our school!

Planners

Planners are mandatory for all students in K-8. They are on sale for \$5 in the front office if you still need get one for your child.

Lunch

Thank you for allowing time for our students to develop routines and independence in the audeteria. We encourage limited visits so that students can continue to socialize and develop a sense of independence. Visitors are not permitted to eat at the student's lunch table. Special tables are set up at the front of the audeteria or you may eat outside in the picnic area with your child(ren) only. Please do not allow your child or sibling on the playground at this time. It is a liability concern and we appreciate your cooperation. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to lunch.

Guidance Department News

We have two certified school counselors on our campus who are specifically trained to help all students in the areas of academic achievement, social-emotional development, and college and career readiness. If you have any concerns about the academic, social, or emotional development of your child, please contact Mrs. Hitsman, for elementary, or Mrs. Kuba, for middle school.

Divorce or Separation

If your child is having difficulty coping with Divorce or Separation please contact our counselors for information about "High Hopes for Kids," a small group counseling program provided by Castle at PPE.

Every Student Succeeds Act

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.

Title 1 & Classroom Kickoff....Save the Date!

A flyer will be coming home next week about the event on **Wednesday, September 27th beginning at 4:30pm**. We have changed the classroom part of this annual event. We will provide information about Title 1 and give you a chance to check in with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Details about this event will be included in the flyer!

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. You can fill out the paper form or apply online at www.stlucieschools.org. Just click on 'Meal Application' to begin the process. Funding is tied to this program, which benefits all students at PPE! You must apply by **Sept 15th** in order for your application to be processed before the end of the month. Please call our school (345-3245) if you need assistance. Families that completed the application by Aug. 25th will receive Free Dress Code Passes for their children for Friday, September 1st. We are looking for 100% participation to support our school....thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

On Early Dismissal days, school ends at **2:10pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/21, 12/22, 1/24, 2/14, 3/9, 4/6, 5/23, 5/30, and 5/31.**

Student Online Textbook Access

- We wanted to make you aware that students can access their textbooks online. To access the student textbooks, follow the instructions below:
- 1) Go to the St. Lucie Public Schools Webpage
 - 2) Click on Students and Parents
 - 3) Scroll down and look to the right side of the page for Online Resources
 - 4) Click on Online Resources and then click on your grade band. Ex: Middle or Elementary
 - 5) Scroll down and look on the right side of the screen for myhrw.com
 - 6) Click on myhrw.com. The student username is their full 56 # followed by stlucieschools.org and their password is their 5 digit lunch number.
 - 7) This should log them into the texts that are assigned to them.

REGISTRATION for 2017-2018

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

Every Friday only is Spirit Day.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Coupons for Classrooms Fundraiser 8/30-9/25	1 Gr. 5-8 Summer Reading Ice Cream Social 2:30-3:15 C	2
3 Gr 3-8 Writing Benchmark Window open until 9/22	4 Holiday For All	5	6 PTO 9:00 Gr. 3 Health Screening K-Author Visit - Kentrell Martin (2:30-3:30) D	7 Fire Drill 2:15 E	8 K-Grandparents Day 11:45 Band Fundraiser Ends- all orders and donations due F	9 A
10 Band Uniform Fitting 9/11-9/29	11 B	12 Volunteer Orientation 9:30 LP C	13 SAC 8:30 Big Apple Pizza Night 5-9pm	14 Bus Drivers Breakfast Launch Pad 9:45 Band Solo Ensemble Music Selection Night @ TCHS D	15 \$1 No Dress Code to Support BETA Club F	16
17	18 Tornado Drill 10:30 ESOL Breakfast 9-10 am A	19	20 Citizen of the Month 10:30 C	21 Holiday For All	22 \$1 Jersey Day to Support D	23
24 K-iReady Diagnostic 9/27-10/18	25 Lifetouch Fall Picture Day E	26 PTO Family Night Out @ 5 Guys	27 Early Dismissal - Recordkeeping Dads Bring Your Child to School Day 8:30 AM Title 1 Parent Meeting and Classroom Kickoff 4:30-7:00 4:30- Title 1 Mtg 5:00-7:00 Classroom Kickoff F	28	29 PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins 9/29 - 10/13 C	30 B

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