



The Orbiter



Mission Ready...That's the Pointe!

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm
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Supervision
There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

FSA Testing Information

Specific letters with details for individual grade level tests and directions for virtual families have already been sent home. These are also posted on our school website, should you need to refer to them. All students are required to participate in the state assessment program. Lack of participation can result in the absence of vital data used for scheduling and placement. For middle school students enrolled in an EOC course such as Algebra 1 and Civics, a student end-of-course exam makes up 30% of the student's final grade in a course and a passing score on the Algebra exam is a graduation requirement. The current Grade 3 promotion rule is still in place. Because state assessments cannot be taken virtually, Palm Pointe has carefully planned to ensure separate, but optimal testing environments to promote a safe testing experience, with Covid protocols in place for both virtual and traditional students.

Virtual Student Information: Your child will be in testing locations that have been sanitized and cleaned before their arrival. Your virtual child will not be interacting with traditional school students. Adherence to St. Lucie Public Schools' Safe Return to School Plan will be followed.

To streamline the arrival and check in process for our virtual students, **please drop off your child in the bus loading zone near bus Pole 6 no earlier than 10:00, and no later than 10:15.** Watch for identifying signs. You must stay in your car as you drop off your child. You will see staff at tables ready to welcome your child and complete the Daily Classroom Screening for Students. **Face masks must be worn and in place before exiting vehicles.** So that safe social distancing can be maintained, students will enter the building through designated doorways. Students may bring water and their own hand sanitizer. Provided hand sanitizer will be also be available. Parents are not allowed to wait on campus for their child to complete the test. Please plan to pick up your child in the Gr. 1-8 car line at the time provided for that day. If your child does not feel well on the day of testing and does not participate on the assigned date(s), you will be notified of your child's scheduled make-up day(s) and time(s), as well as details regarding arrival and pick-up.

Title I Parent Survey - Due April 7th

Each year, we ask families to provide feedback on their experiences during the current school year by completing the Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey. Results are used to help inform the planning of school programs and improve teaching and learning. To access the survey, please visit our school website, and provide your feedback by **April 7th.** We thank you in advance!

FSA Testing Schedule

The Florida Department of Education has established April and May windows of dates for administering the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) for Writing, Reading, Math, Science, and End-of-Course Assessments (Civics and Algebra 1).

Test	Date	Grade
FSA ELA Reading – paper	April 5, 6	3
FSA Writing – paper	April 13	4
FSA Writing – paper	April 12	5
FSA Writing – paper	April 9	6
FSA Writing – computer	April 8	7
FSA Writing – computer	April 7	8
FSA ELA Reading - paper	May 3, 4	4
FSA ELA Reading - paper	May 13, 14	5
FSA ELA Reading - paper	May 5, 6	6
FSA ELA Reading – computer	May 11, 12	7
FSA ELA Reading – computer	May 17, 18	8
FSA Math – paper	May 7, 10	3
FSA Math – paper	May 11, 12	4
FSA Math – paper	May 24, 25	5
FSA Math – paper	May 13, 14	6
FSA Math - computer	May 19, 20	7
FSA Math - computer	May 19, 20	8
NGSSS Science – paper	May 5, 6	5
NGSSS Science – paper	May 3	8
EOC Civics - computer	May 4	7
FSA EOC Algebra - computer	May 7, 10	8

VIRTUAL AND TRADITIONAL TEST ON THE SAME DAY

8th Grade Celebration

Our 8th grade celebration this year will be held in-person for students only in our cafeteria. We will stream the live event for families, so they are able to view the graduation as it is happening. Unfortunately, we are still not able to hold live events at school, but we are looking forward to celebrating our 8th grade Rockets' success as they head off to high school! This event will take place on June 2nd at 10:30. More details about the ceremony will follow.

Citizen of the Month for March 2021

Although we are unable to hold live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being outstanding citizens. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by their teacher. 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:

KINDERGARTEN: William Blickenstaff, Quinn Dublin, Lorenzo Bologna, Natalie Valencia, Russell Armand, Ethan Fontlien, Ariana Greenhaw, Alana Burgess, Zoe Negron, Etta Wood

FIRST GRADE: Sarah Richardson, Thomas Peters, Angelise Brown, Madison Alvarez, Raelyn Brunet, Andrew Nixon, Matthew Kmiatek, Kendall Takas, Dakota Blaydon, Isabel Hans

SECOND GRADE: Valerie Catu Medina, Ryan Saloman, Aurora Martin Ramos, Dylan Stott, Brielle Roros, Bentley Girard, Tristan Bueno, Aliyah Galeana, Jocelyn Wilson

THIRD GRADE: Gabriella Johnson, Kevin Osorio Yaure, Brody Ly, Amari Cain, Isabella Sacerio, Ginelle Angrand, Annabelle Albritton, Ruby Diaz, Sawyer Timothee, Adrian Polychronis

FOURTH GRADE: Raphael Francois, Mayra Pena-Munoz, Ariana Tookes, Jaxon McCulley, Kylie Nassor, Donovan Guilcapi, Layton Rushing, Richard Kenyon, Ava Gachette, Isabella Aligata, Kaylee Stott, Khloe Hernandez

FIFTH GRADE: Noah Joseph, Michael Pennachio, Rachel Reid, Holley Millan, Valentina De Oliveira, Natasha Taveras, Zuri Superyor

SIXTH GRADE: Sarthak Shah, Sophie Gerbaud, Devin Ferguson, Karoleena Brooks, Jealyn Green, Logan Inigo, Ivy Golden, Meredith Prince, Aidan Massman, Christian Guerrero

SEVENTH GRADE: Ella Harris, Atin Roberts, Taylor Wildes, Gavin Lunsford, Shanice Cruz Gomes, Aiden Gachette, Aodhan Kelly, Liahna Rodriguez, Lola Tavares, A'darion Hall

EIGHTH GRADE: Michelle Donohue, Christian Gatto, Noah Lehman, Elisabeth Pozo, Traniya Spencer, Emily Niebch, Dominic Piscopo, David Ribeiro, Ashley Velasquez, Charles Zollicoffer

Daily Home Screening Tool & Health/Safety Procedures

As a reminder, 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. A copy of this daily tool can be found at: <https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pdf/DailyHomeScreening.pdf>

If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask that you please keep your child at home and contact Mr. Keelor at (772) 345-3245.

Social-Emotional Learning

The Social Emotional Learning trait for April is Leadership & Service. As parents and caregivers, our attitude about leadership in our children's education and our communities can inspire our children. Raising caring, confident, capable children through guidance and reminders is a big part of parent leadership skills and responsibilities. Here are five ways to help your child practice building leadership skills at home:

1. Let them solve their own problems.
2. Teach them how to make decisions.
3. Help them practice their listening skills.
4. Apologize when necessary.
5. Encourage them to start something.

All students, virtual and traditional, will be celebrating leadership and service as a school on April 23rd. Visit the following link for information about building leadership at home: <https://www.imom.com/how-to-raise-a-future-leader/>



PikMyKid - Dismissal System

We have had many families transitioning back to traditional school over the year and wanted to remind all parents about our dismissal system, PikMyKid, which has been in effect since the beginning of the 20-21 school year. It is expected that all families use our system to ensure a safe and smooth dismissal.

1. If you need to change the way your child goes home, you must do so in the PikMyKid app no later than 3:15 (or 1:15 on early dismissal days). Otherwise, your child will be instructed to go to the designated location listed in PikMyKid. If you do not have information about the app, please contact your classroom/homeroom teacher. If you have questions about PikMyKid, you may contact the front office.
2. If you are picking up more than your own child(ren), you must "announce" all children you are picking up in the PikMyKid app, so that all the students are alerted in their classrooms and come down to the pick-up location. Be sure to get the numbers from the parent.
3. If you are picking up in the car lines (either Gr. 1-8 or Kindergarten), you must display the name and number of your child on your dash or visor from when you arrive on campus until you leave. By doing this, it enables the staff to identify your child easily and check if he/she is announced, and dismiss him/her at the end - all of which helps speed up our dismissal process.

Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: **4/28, 6/3 and 6/4**

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts, face masks, mask lanyards, and sweatshirts online! →

**APRIL
2021**

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/2021Spirit>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Clubs: Track M & W, 8:00-9:00 Boys Basketball - T, W, & TH, 4:20-5:45 Girls Basketball - W & F, 8:00-9:00 Comic Art Club: T & Th, 8:15-9:15 AM (Last Day 4/29)			1 G No Dress Code Day to Support Autism Awareness (must have and wear pre-purchased lanyard to participate)	2 Holiday For All Spring Holiday	3
4	5 A Gr. 3 FSA Reading PBT S1	6 B Gr. 3 FSA Reading PBT S2	7 C Progress Reports Gr. 8 FSA Writing CBT	8 D Gr. 7 FSA Writing CBT	9 E Gr. 6 FSA Writing PBT	10
11	12 F Gr. 5 FSA Writing PBT	13 G Gr. 4 FSA Writing PBT	14 A Q3 Honor Roll Students Recognized FSA Writing Make-Ups for Identified Students	15 B 8:50 SAC Mtg. FSA Writing Make-Ups for Identified Students	16 C FSA Writing Make-Ups for Identified Students	17
18	19 D FSAA for Identified Students	20 E FSAA for Identified Students Gr. 4 Mock FSA Reading Assessment	21 F 10:00 Citizen of the Month Students Recognized FSAA for Identified Students Gr. 5 Mock FSA Reading Assessment	22 G	23 A SEL Activity Day	24
25	26 B	27 C	28 D Progress Reports Early Dismissal	29 E	30 F	