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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 – 4:30pm
 School Hours 9:40 – 4:10

Supervision

There is no supervision before 9:15 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time.

COVID Updates

Florida is currently experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, therefore, please review the email sent to all families on January 3rd from St. Lucie Public Schools. It contains important information regarding COVID-19. Florida law prohibits requiring students to wear a face mask. However, a parent, at the parent's sole discretion may allow his/her child to wear a face mask. We strongly encourage face mask use and following all guidelines set by the CDC and St. Lucie County Department of Health. 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. While at school, if your child reports to the clinic exhibiting one of the symptoms on the screening tool, parents will be called to pick up their child and he/she must stay home until symptom free and fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours. A copy of this daily tool can be found at: [Microsoft Word - daily HOMEScreening tool 8.19.0 FINAL \(stlucie.k12.fl.us\)](https://www.microsoft.com/word/daily-homescreening-tool) Additionally, the email includes vaccines and testing information, and what to do if your child tests positive or is exposed. **If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, we ask that you please keep your child(ren) at home and contact Mr. Keelor or Mrs. DeGarmo at (772) 345-3245.**

St. Lucie Public Schools has set up a hotline for COVID-19 to help answer some of your questions. The number is 772-429-3601.

We need to continue to work together to keep our school community safe and healthy and we appreciate your support. A copy of the email is being copied for our families and is included in your child's Wednesday folder.



FSA Testing Information

The Florida Statewide Assessments (FSA) begin in April with the Reading for 3rd grade, and the Writing for grades 4-8. There are 12 weeks until the beginning of the FSA season. Your child's attendance is extremely important during these test window dates. There will be scheduled required practice test sessions in the weeks leading to the actual test dates. Please be mindful of appointments or out of school excursions that may cause your child to miss review or practice opportunities.

Grade	Assessment	Date	
3	Reading	April 5 & 6	
4-6	Writing	April 7	
7-8	Writing	April 4-8	TBD
	Makeups	Completed by April 14	
4-6	Reading	May 2 & 3	
3-6	Math	May 5 & 6	
	Makeups	Completed by May 13	
7-8	Reading & Math	May 2-27	TBD
5	Science	May 16 & 17	
8	Science	May 16	
	Makeups	Completed by May 20	
7	Civics EOC	May 2-27	TBD
8	Alg 1 EOC	May 2-27	TBD

Social Emotional Learning

Our SEL topic for January is kindness. Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. The key to raising children who actively demonstrate kindness, helpfulness, courtesy, and compassion is to train our minds to notice those acts when they occur.

Noticing when children behave kindly, helpfully, courteously, and compassionately — and praising these moments — not only encourages more of that kind of conduct, it has other benefits as well. It expands a child's consciousness, fosters the rooting of a positive value system, and primes the brain for future success in school, society, and life. On Friday, January 28th, students will participate in an SEL activity and will also be challenged throughout the month to spread kindness to one another. Click the link for information on encouraging kindness with your child: <https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/8862-awesome-ways-to-encourage-being-kind-at-school#:~:text=24%20Awesome%20Ways%20To%20Encourage%20Being%20Kind%20at%20Talk%3A%20Virtual%20Edition%20event.%20...%20More%20ite>

December Citizen of the Month

Although we are currently not holding live ceremonies, we want to be sure to recognize students each month for being an outstanding citizen. One student in each homeroom was chosen and recognized in class by their teacher. Awards are presented to each child by administration. Families will receive a picture via email and the presentation of all the honorees will be posted on Facebook each month. 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:

- K – Milania Renno, Matthew Lopes, Santiago Pardo Canedo, Cassandra Gantz, Wyatt Christensen, Shreya Pilly, Mateo Tinoco, Anneliese Koenig
- 1st – Abbigayle Vassor, Adyson Maldonado, Easton Cane, Quinn Dublin, Nora Majewski, Olivia Gerard, Daniel Nduku, Ariella George
- 2nd – Liliana Mustelier, Cora Murray, Adam Latchman, Khloie Lyttleton, Janelle Bois, Madelyn Blair, Makenna Albritton, Stephen D'Argenio, Caiden Olorok, Bryan Barrett
- 3rd – Alexander Dwyer, Sophia Estrada, Maiya Escalante, Michael Dimartino, Sophia Dibenedetto, Chelsea Donald, Ashton Johnson, Zamora Jones, Alexis Gonzalez, Samantha Gantz, Kumar Telsaint, Eva Bensen
- 4th – Madyssen Escalante, Sam Stoller-Elazab, Arya Panchal, Maria Velasco Contreras, Dakota Duffy, Alexander Brown, Brody Ly, Zoey Outlaw, Abbygail Mason
- 5th – Blake Genereux, Brianna Hudson, Julian Allen, Aarav Gowda, Skylar Aronoff, Hayden Raymond, Brenden Roros, Raphael Goncalves,
- 6th – Mayah Alcineus, Caylee Arpin, Gabriella La Porta, M'Kenzie Edwards, Nael Francois, Mikayla Metayer, Isabella Gomez, Naomi Joseph, Sophia Aragonoz, Benjamin Jasmin, Andrea Garrido
- 7th – Briana Garcon-Wallace, Ameer Nofal, Bailey Johanson, Abrielle Fleurant, Lamarr Parks, Sophia Arroyave, Gabriella Sanchez, Adrianah Fleurinor, Aaron Dippolito, Ethan Byrnes, Julia Peralta
- 8th – Kylie Richardson, Gabriell Silva, Alyxandria Hanley, Sebastian Rebelo, Mathieu Le, Joaquin Markle-Velez, Rudra Patel, Allie Stott, Alanna Hannon Colella, Amaya Carrasco, Ethan Harper, Connor Givens

REGISTRATION for 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open from September 1, 2020- February 1, 2021. FAU will begin selecting students in March, beginning with Kindergarten. You must apply for the lottery for a new student, even if you already have siblings here at PPE. Please share this information with your family and friends who may want their children to become Rockets!

Staff Honorees

Congratulations to the following staff members as they will represent Palm Pointe this year at the Night of the Stars! We are so proud of this year's honorees! They are shining stars! We appreciate all you do every day for Palm Pointe!

Teacher of the Year: Bridget Austin

Distinguished Minority Educator Award: Melissa Sanchez

Outstanding First Year Teacher: Angela Fernandez

School Related Employee of the Year: Gina Millan

Student & Parent Handbook

Our complete Student & Parent Handbook is available for review on our website, on the home page at www.tradition.fau.edu.

Dismissal Procedures

This year, dismissal changes can be made through our new PikMyKid app or by calling the school up until 3:15 each day. Changes can only be made by a parent and students cannot be picked up early after **3:15** each day.

2021-2022 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

Preorder your 2021-2022 Palm Pointe yearbook today!

Directions for online ordering:

1. Go to www.balfour.com
2. Click on the "Yearbooks" tab and then "Buy Your Yearbook"
3. Enter school name: Palm Pointe Educational Research School
4. Fill out student information (first and last name, grade level) and then click "Shop for this Student"
5. Choose either Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad* (available until 1/21/22) or Yearbook Only Option** (available until 5/20/22)
6. Click 'Get Started', type homeroom teacher and select the number of yearbooks you would like
7. Click "Add to cart"
8. Click "Checkout"
9. Checkout by paying with Paypal or credit card

**If you order the 'Yearbook with Quarter Page Ad' option, you will receive an email shortly after the order. Fill out the information and provide a photo for the ad prior to the deadline date.*

***Yearbooks will be delivered to students during the last week of May.*

Mark Your Calendar

On early dismissal days, school ends at **2:10 pm**. The dates for the year are as follows: 2/2, 3/11, 4/20, 5/31, 6/1

Conveniently purchase PPE planners, ear buds, spirit shirts and sweatshirts online! You can also purchase your prepaid Dollar Days pass to dress down on specific days this year!

JANUARY 2022

Pay online all in one click with credit card or check. For more details, visit: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdLJ>
Planner are required for all students.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sports & Clubs: Boys & Girls BBT & Th 4:30-5:45 Comic Art Club- Wednesdays starting 1/12 8:15-9:15					1
2	3 Last day of Winter Break for Students Teacher Workday	4 A Students Return	5 B	6 C 5:30-6:30pm Grade 7 Family Virtual Event- Writing Workshop	7 D Twin Day to Support The Art Dept. (Must have & wear pre purchased lanyard to participate)	8
9 Week of Kindness 1/7-1/14	10 E	11 F	12 G 5pm History Fair Video Ceremony	13 A 6:00-7:00pm Gr K Family Virtual Event-Kindergarten Game Night	14 B Gr 3 Health Screenings	15
16	17 Holiday for All MLK Day	18 C	19 D Report Card Day 5:30-6:30pm—5th Grade Family Virtual Event—Gr 5 FSA Tips & Tricks	20 E	21 F Kindergarten Health Screenings	22
23	24 G	25 A	26 B Citizen of the Month Students Recognized Jump Rope for Heart Packets to go home K-5 Classroom Companion-Virtual Series #4-ELA	27 C 5:30-6:30 Gr 8 Family Virtual Event-Spotlight on High School	28 D Gr 1 Health Screenings SEL Activity Day	29
30	31 E					

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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- **Daily Home Health Screening Tool**

Continue to use the Daily Home Health Screening Tool as a check each morning with your student before sending them to school. If your student is displaying any symptoms of illness they must stay home until they are symptom free and fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.



Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning with your child or children before

Symptoms

Does your child have any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others? Please check your child for these symptoms.

Yes	No	Cold-like symptoms, runny nose, coughing or sneezing.
Yes	No	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
Yes	No	Sore Throat
Yes	No	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
Yes	No	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
Yes	No	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If the student/parent/caregiver answers YES to any of the above questions in Section 1, the student must stay home until symptom-free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

If the student answers YES to any question in Section 1, then:

- If positive test for COVID, student should stay home for 10 days until symptom free and at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications. If these criteria are met, the student does not need a negative test or doctor's note to return to school.
- If student has a negative COVID test obtained during current symptoms, student should stay home until fever free for at least 24 hours and all other symptoms have gone away.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

SLPS encourages all eligible individuals age 5 years old and older to be fully vaccinated, including the recommended booster shots. Please visit [Florida Department of Health \(floridahealth.gov\)](http://floridahealth.gov) to find a COVID-19 vaccination site.

- **COVID-19 Testing**


SLPS has partnered with Allied Health to host an on site COVID-19 testing location at Manatee Academy. The site is open Monday – Friday, from 8:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Continue to monitor the SLPS social media sites for updated information and new sites.

Additional testing sites in the county can be found by visiting the SLPS website at www.stlucieschools.org.


- **Students Who Test Positive or are Exposed to COVID-19**
Refer to the 2021-2022 Florida Department of Education COVID-19 Decision Tree. (below and attached)

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR


PROTOCOLS FOR CONTROLLING COVID-19




01 PAUSE
Be surgical, rest, sneezing, quickly assess and limit the impact.



02 STAY
If you feel sick or see symptoms of sickness, stay home or send home.

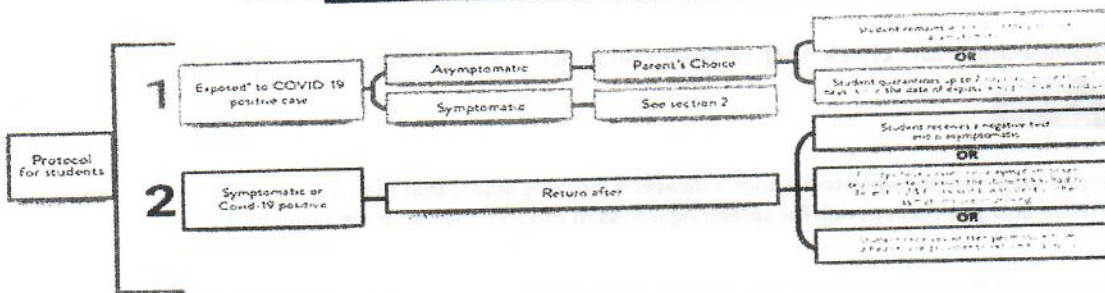


03 CLEAN
Schools will encourage routine cleaning of classrooms and high-traffic areas.



04 WASH
Students will continue to be encouraged to practice routine handwashing throughout the day.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMATIC DECISION TREE



*The CDC exposure level is contact of 5 feet or less for 15 minutes or more. Contact of 5 feet or less for 15 minutes or more is considered a potential exposure to COVID-19.
Updated September 22, 2021



• COVID Safety Measures

St. Lucie PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES



VACCINATIONS
SLPS strongly recommends that all eligible individuals (age 5 and older) be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.



SOCIAL DISTANCING
Please stay at least 3 ft apart whenever possible.



HANDS
Frequent hand washing breaks and use of hand sanitizer prior to transition to lunch, recess and recess.



CLEANING
We are cleaning in accordance with CDC guidelines and disinfecting high touch surfaces throughout the day.



SICK
Anyone, staff or students, who are sick must stay home. Please refer to the SLPS Daily Home Screening Tool located on the District website.



FACE COVERINGS
All employees, students, visitors and guests may wear a face covering while on campus.

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• Questions?

Please direct questions to your student's school or to the COVID Hotline at 772-429-3601