



CHARTER CHATTER

January 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2112 Palm Bay Road NE
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Mission Statement

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UPCOMING

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02/06/16	Brain Powered Study Skills Wkshp, gr 3-5 families, 8:30-11:30am, Trad
02/08/16	Book Clubs, grades K-2, 3-4 pm, Imm
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MyOn Reading Competition

The MyOn contest winners were broken into two groups K-2 and 3-5. Students were challenged to read as many books as possible and complete the quizzes that went along with them.

Congrats to the following students!

K-2 Winners

1st place - Jayden Chung. Read 52 books, won a tablet provided by our MyOn representative.

2nd place - James Channer. Read 50 books, won a book.

3rd place - Kyla Chung. Read 44 books, won a giant coloring book and markers.

4th place - Amara Okoro. Read 40 books, won a book.

5th place - Ian Summer. Read 34 books, won a book.

6th place - Romelo Cole. Read 34 books, won a giant coloring book and markers.

3-5 Winners

1st place - Jayda Loyd. Read 309 books, won a tablet provided by our MyOn representative.

2nd place was Khushi Jansari. Read 282 books, won a chapter book.

3rd place was Jamin Simeus. Read 252 books, won a chapter book.

4th place was Gabby Dancy-Renz. Read 100 books, won a chapter book.

5th place was Kush Jansari. Read 89 books, won a chapter book.

6th place was Kortia Hooks. Read 79 books, won a chapter book.

Please keep encouraging your children to read. If they have not logged on to MyOn yet please contact your student's teacher for assistance. The next competition is in January! This competition will be a challenge to read after school hours. The most hours outside of school will win in each grade level.

Christina Gilchrist, Literacy Coach



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

We are in need of a large umbrella and base to shield our car loop caller from the rain and sun. Please let the Front Desk know if you can help.

Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Tuesdays between 2:15 and 3:00. This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. There is no fee for attending, Information has been handed out. Arrangements must be made with Ms. Collins before children can attend. Please contact Ms. Collins for expectations of students. To contact please send email to: pcollins@palmbayacademy.org

Strings

Strings Group – Ms. Collins will conduct strings group starting on 21st and held on Mondays between 2:15-3:00 pm. There is no fee for attending, students must bring their own instruments (rented or owned) to attend and have the required book and materials. To contact please send email to: pcollins@palmbayacademy.org

Drama

Drama Club – Ms. Crystal conducts drama club every Thursday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Drama is currently full.

Dance

Dance From Around The World Club – Ms. Crystal conducts dance club every Friday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Crystal for more information: ccameron@palmbayacademy.org

Tuesday Tea

Tuesday Teas – usually every third Tuesday between 8:00 - 9:00am (check the website calendar to verify) with Ms. Nina Orellana - Come see how you can help the school!

Family Book Clubs

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Who's Writing Your Story?...

Are you the author of your life? Often, we perceive our lives, abilities, and options through someone else's eyes. By this I mean, that our perception of ourselves is often defined by things outside of ourselves like; our parents, spouse, friends, jobs, even advertising firms. They see us in a certain light. We take on their perception of our reality as our own. It becomes our story, our lives.

What was that? Our lives are being written by someone else? No way! Take a closer look. Have you ever wanted to do or accomplish a particular thing and someone said something like, "Nobody wants to do that", or "You wouldn't enjoy that", or "That's impossible, why waste your time." Did you follow your dream or did you end up following the "advice" of others? It happens more often than we realize. Other people's perceptions of our strengths and weaknesses label us and we think they are right. We get caught up in these stories and assume their limitations. Are we happy with someone else writing our story? And if we aren't happy about it, is there anything we can do about it?

Yes, there is something we can do. You can be in charge of your own perception of reality. Since our stories stem from perceptions, we can...

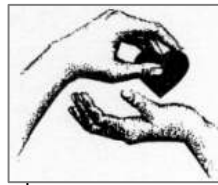
First notice what our perceptions of ourselves are; what is our self-image? How is our self-talk? What are our reactions to circumstances? Are we optimistic or is the world out to get us?

Then we examine our self-beliefs and if they benefit us. Are the beliefs about ourselves productive or damaging? Do they foster creativity, do they help achieve your dreams, or do they limit your options?

Finally, ferret out the limiting beliefs and then challenge them. Are these beliefs driven by out dated events, by the opinions of others? Often we realize that our reality has been shaped by events and people that no longer serve a positive purpose in our lives. If this is so, replace them with new perceptions of yourself, write a new story. Figure out what is important to you, how you want your life to be.

John C. Maxwell said: "People rise and fall to meet your level of expectations." Have high expectations for yourself. Perceive yourself as more than what others perceive. Write yourself a great story!

Donna Moore



A BIG Thank You

The following volunteers were of great help in our *Santa Shop*...

Mrs. Jansari – volunteered every day
Ms. Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Binkley
Ms. Guessous
Mr. Burns
Ms. Allen
Mrs. Sullivan
Mrs. Barreiros
Mrs. Vyhonsky



*Thank you from the bottom
of our hearts. We couldn't
do it without you!*

Volunteers
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PBA Offers Parents Night Out!

Palm Bay Academy will be holding Parent's Night Out on January 29th, 6-9 pm. For a cost of \$10 per child, children will receive a winter themed night of fun, snacks, and coordinated events. Call the front desk by January 27th to reserve your spot. Please pay at drop off. Must be a PBA student to attend.

Puzzlers & Fungestions

Winter Word Search

D	E	K	M	K	A	A	J	Y	R	A	G
S	N	E	T	T	I	M	S	E	R	I	R
X	G	L	O	V	E	S	I	O	E	Z	O
T	P	Y	O	N	K	O	D	W	T	D	Y
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N	M	R	C	L	F	L	C	H	S	Q	S
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S	G	Z	H	Z	H	I	O	P	D	J	O
N	L	T	O	S	Z	C	C	P	O	A	W
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WINTER
SNOW
SLED
ICICLE
BLIZZARD
HOT CHOCOLATE

COLD
FROSTY
FROZEN
JANUARY
GLOVES

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HIBERNATE
COAT
HAT



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Brevard Renaissance Fair: Jan 30 & 31, Feb 5, 6 & 7. Wickham Park Amphith. Knights joust, 3 stages of continuous entertainment. Pony rides, games of skill. Turkey legs, desserts, Meade & more! Under 6 Free; One day entry- Adults \$11, Season passes avail. For Educ. Day details & pricing, visit BrevardRenaissanceFair.com

Kid-A-Palooza Family Festival: Jan 16, Wickham Park - by amphitheater, Family orientated festival, interactive booths, live performances, exhibitions, shows, and more. Event & parking free (\$10 for Inflatable Zone Wristbands).

Cirque Italia: Jan 7-10, Wickham Park Main Pavilion under the stunning White & Blue Big Top Tent. Experience the wonders of Italy through our artists' spectacular performances and the magic of a 35,000 gallons water stage! Multiple shows on the 9th and 10th, Admission varies dependent upon seat section.

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- ♦ **E-Learning For Kids** <http://www.e-learningforkids.org/> Features lessons for all grade/skill levels covering all major topics

Try these websites for a little parents help:

- ♦ **Internet 4 Classrooms** <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm> : A site that helps parents help their kids. Divided up into reading, math, discipline suggestions, helping with homework, and others
- ♦ **Family Education** <http://www.familyeducation.com/home/> : Contains a variety of links and information (I did encounter a number of ads, but usually there were pass links)
- ♦ **Empowering Parents** <http://www.empoweringparents.com/#> : Lists a number of support organization links and has information related to all phases of raising children. Also has a newsletter section

NOTE: These sites have not been examined for viruses or automatic installations. To my knowledge they are okay to visit.



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01/23/17	Literacy Week through 1-20
01/24/17	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 3-4 am
01/24/17	Parents University – Trad, 6-7:30 pm

UPCOMING

02/01/17	Elementary PTO Meeting – Trad, 6 pm
02/02/17	Parent Party– Trad, 6-7:30 pm
02/13/17	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 3-4 am
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02/21/17	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad

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- ♦ Vice President – Heather Davis
- ♦ Treasurer – Janae Beauchamp
- ♦ Secretary – Jennifer Sutton

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Daily Details

Dropping Students Off Late

REMINDER: Students are late after 7:35. They will be marked tardy after 8:05. If your student is tardy, you must come into the office and sign them in. **If your child requires breakfast they must arrive no later than 7:25** in order to receive and have time to eat breakfast before being sent to class at 7:35. **If your child is tardy or if you suspect they may be tardy, and they require a school lunch, please call in before 8:30 am** and order a lunch with the front desk/cafeteria. Once lunches are called in at 8:30, we can not add additional lunches.

Changing Means of Transportation

REMINDER: Due to the Jessica Lunsford Act, we are unable to accept transportation changes via phone calls/messages, text message, email, or voice mail. A Parent/Guardian must give **advance written, dated, and signed notice using the "Transportation Change Form"** to the school (Front Desk and homeroom teacher) when requesting any change in change in transportation. Please note it is not the responsibility of the homeroom teacher to make sure the "Transportation Change Form" is delivered to the Front Desk. **There will be no exceptions.**



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The following volunteers were of great help in our *Holiday Shop*...

Mrs. Binkley– volunteered every day
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Mrs. Mirabal, Ms. Gregg, Mrs. Summer
Mrs. Thibaudeau, Ms. Moore
Ms. Richardson, Ms. Smeltz

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TECHnically Awesome Club

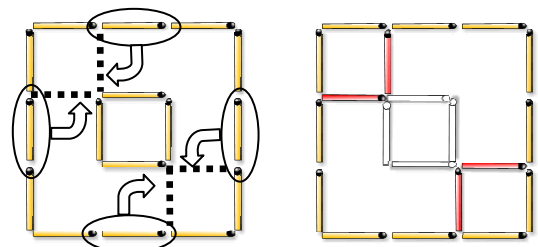
TECHnically Awesome – For 4th and 5th graders, 3 – 4 pm. Play your favorite computer games, then battle each other afterwards to a game of wits with Chess and Dominoes. \$5 fee. Computer Lab.

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I Want My Child To Succeed...

Every parent wants their child to succeed in school. It's just that a parent's job seems to get harder and harder. Many of us don't even understand how our children are being taught in school. And in an impossible busy world, who has time to learn?

I think we may have forgotten that we are our child's first teacher and even though we may not understand concepts like "new math" or "project based learning", we can still have a positive impact. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have. Here are a number of ways to help your child...

- 1. Develop a Relationship With Your Child's Teacher** – Start speaking with the teacher when school starts, be sure to voice your concerns, discuss strategies to help your child. Take advantage of parent/teacher conferences.
- 2. Visit the School and Its Website** – Knowing what's going on at school helps you connect with your child. Check the teacher's website for specific information related to your child's classroom. Websites usually have helpful parent links.
- 3. Support Homework Expectations** – Make sure your child knows homework is a priority, supply them with a quiet space to work and be available to help and review completed work. Learn what your school offers concerning student and parent support.
- 4. Send Your Child to School Ready to Learn** – Make sure they have a nutritious breakfast low in sugar and that they are well rested (10-12 hours of sleep).
- 5. Teach Organizational Skills** – Have your child make a To Do List, keep work in the same place, check your child's folder every night to help keep them on track.
- 6. Teach Study Skills** – Be sure to know when your child has an upcoming quiz/test, go over and review study notes with your child, teach them to study/review in 30-45 minute periods, review information often, monitor TV & internet use, Visit the Library and use their tools.
- 7. Know the Disciplinary Policies** - It's important for your child to know what's expected at

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school and that you'll support the school's consequences when expectations aren't met. It's easiest for students when school expectations match the ones at home, so kids see both environments as safe and caring places that work together as a team.

8. Get Involved - It's a great way for parents to show they're interested in their kids' education. Even giving a few hours during the school year makes an impression on your child. Volunteer at school events, help out in the classroom, Attend school workshops.

9. Take Attendance Seriously – If your child is not ill (feverish, vomiting, or having diarrhea), it's be in school. It's important kids arrive at school on time every day, because having to catch up with class work and homework can be stressful and interfere with learning. Sometimes students want to stay home from school because of problems with classmates, assignments or grades, or even teachers. This can result in real symptoms, like headaches or stomachaches. If you think there's a problem at school, talk with your child - and then the teacher - to find out more about what's causing the anxiety. Also try to avoid late bedtimes, which can result in tardy and tired students.

10. Make Time to Talk About School & Demonstrate a Positive Attitude About Education, Read With Your Child - Parents can get busy and forget to ask the simple questions, which can have an effect on children's success at school. Make time to talk with your child every day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well. Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers.

What's great about these tips is a lot of them can easily be incorporated in our day to day life. Talk while driving in the car. Practice organization and To Do Lists when shopping or cleaning at home. Everyone wants their kids to succeed and our kids are worth the effort.

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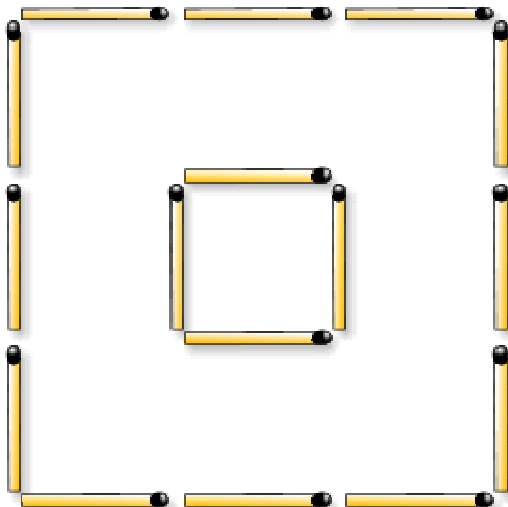
Resources: Articles from...
1. WETA Public Broadcasting
2. The Nemours Foundation

Puzzlers & Fungestions



Move 4 matches to make 3 squares -
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solution supplied by us)

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<http://www.learning-tree.org.uk/>

Brevard Renaissance Fair: Jan 21 & 22, 28 & 29, Feb 3, 4 & 5. Wickham Park Amphitheatre. Knights joust, 3 stages of continuous entertainment. Pony rides, games of skill. Turkey legs, desserts, Meade & more! Under 6 Free; One day entry- 12 & ups \$15, 5-11 \$7, Under 5 Free. Season passes avail. For Educ. Day details & pricing, visit BrevardRenaissanceFair.com

Owl Prowl at Sams House at Pine Island: Jan 14, 6-8 pm, Merritt Island. Explore Sams House after dark! Meet a great horned owl and a screech owl, go on an nocturnal observation journey in search of resident Barred Owls and other creatures of the night!

Pre-Teen/Teen Night at Tony Rosa Community Center: Jan 13, 6-10 pm, Tony Rosa Community Center, Palm Bay. Fee is \$3 per person, ages 8-14. Music, dancing, food, and games with prizes. Food for purchase. \$1 pizza slices, \$1 drinks, 50¢ chips, and assorted candy all \$1 or less

Snow Jokes



1. Why did Tommy put the January calendar in the refrigerator?
2. How do you make antifreeze?
3. What moves faster, heat or cold?
4. Why Do Birds Fly South for the Winter?
5. What do you call ten Arctic hares hopping backwards through the snow together?
6. What do Snowmen call their offspring?
7. What happened when the icicle landed on the snowman's head?
8. Where do snowmen put their webpages?
9. How do snowmen read their e-mails?
10. Why did a snowman send his father to Siberia?

1. Because he wanted to start the year off in a cool way. 2. You put ice cubes in her sleeping bag. 3. Heat, silly! It's easy to catch cold! 4. Because it's too hot to fly south in the summer. 5. A receding hare line. 6. Chill-dren. 7. It knocked him cold. 8. On the winter. 9. With an icy-stare! 10. Because he wanted frozen pop!

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- ♦ **Starfall** <http://www.starfall.com/> : This site offers reading with phonics and includes downloadable journals, books & activities
- ♦ **ABCya!** <http://www.abcya.com/> This site offers grade level K-5 lessons, apps and games for elementary students
- ♦ **E-Learning For Kids** <http://www.e-learningforkids.org/> Features lessons for all grade/skill levels covering all major topics

Try these websites for a little parents help:

- ♦ **Internet 4 Classrooms** <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm> : A site that helps parents help their kids. Divided up into reading, math, discipline suggestions, helping with homework, and others
- ♦ **Family Education** <http://www.familyeducation.com/home/> : Contains a variety of links and information (I did encounter a number of ads, but usually there were pass links)
- ♦ **Empowering Parents** <http://www.empoweringparents.com/#> : Lists a number of support organization links and has information related to all phases of raising children. Also has a newsletter section

NOTE: These sites have not been examined for viruses or automatic installations. To my knowledge they are okay to visit.