



CHARTER CHATTER

March 2017



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Mission Statement

Palm Bay Academy is dedicated to serving the needs of its students by providing an opportunity for an enriched academic environment and acting as an extension of the Brevard County public school system to serve each student with excellence as the standard.

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IMPORTANT TESTING REMINDERS!

Please be sure ...

- Your children get plenty of sleep during the Florida Assessment testing period.
- They receive a good breakfast every morning.
- They limit intake of sugary snacks and drinks.
- They arrive at school early (before 7:45 am).
- They leave electronics and cell phones at home or in the front office.

If your child arrives after testing has started, they will be asked to wait in the front office until the testing period is completed.



- Calendar**
- March**
- 3/01/17 PTO Mtg/Parent Party – Trad, 6 pm
 - 3/06/17 Book Fair – 6th through 10th, Trad
 - 3/08/17 Spring Picture Day – Immersion
 - 3/08/17 Book Fair Parent Night – Trad, 5:30-7:30 pm
 - 3/08/17 New Kindergarten Info Night – Trad, 5:30 pm
 - 3/08/17 Seuss-ebration – Trad, 6 – 7:30 pm
 - 3/09/17 Spring Picture Day – 3-5, Trad
 - 3/10/17 Spring Picture Day – K-2, Trad
 - 3/11/17 Father Daughter Dance, 6-9 pm, Trad
 - 3/12/17 Spring Forward Time Change
 - 3/13/17 Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm
 - 3/16/17 Vision & Hearing Testing, Middle
 - 3/21/17 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
 - 3/23/17 Vision & Hearing Testing, Trad & Imm
 - 3/28/17 Parent University – Trad, 6 pm

UPCOMING

- 4/05/17 PTO Mtg/Parent Party – Trad, 6 pm
- 4/10/17 Spring Break thru 04-14

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Hi!

Editor

I'm Donna Moore, the editor of the Charter Chatter. We want to know what you think! If you have something you'd like to submit, write us a note. The content will be approved by the school. We do reserve the right to edit your material for appropriate content and to fit the space available.

Palm Bay Academy Leadership Team

Administration

- ♦ Madhu Longani – Director & Elem. Principal
- ♦ Jerry RunnerSmith – Principal (Middle)
- ♦ Marilyn Kinsel – Dir. of Operations
- ♦ Kim Gary – ESE
- ♦ Nina Orellana – Title I

Board of Directors

- ♦ Jennifer Wolf – President
- ♦ Manhar Shah – Board Member
- ♦ Allison Cunningham – Parent Liaison
- ♦ Brendan Purcell – Board Member
- ♦ Vacant – Board Member

Meetings: as posted

Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Org.)

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

Meetings: In general, 1st Wed of the month

Who to talk to on questions about...

- ♦ Busing – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Christina Gilchrist
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher

Daily Details

FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

All public schools and public charters in Florida will be participating in the upcoming FSAs...

Testing has already started and will continue as follows...

Mar 27th – 29th

Apr 17th – May 18th

These dates include FSA makeup days. All students will not test every day. Teachers will inform parents of grade level test schedule.

You can help us on testing days by making sure your student eats a balanced diet (low in sugar), drinks enough water, is well rested, and **arrives by 7:45 am for school**. Students arriving late will not be permitted in the testing rooms and will have to make up the test being administered at that time on the designated retake days.

Talk to your child about the importance of the tests! Don't place so much pressure on doing well that the child panics the day of the test. Your child has been learning what they need to know since the first day of school. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the tests. Help your child start test mornings as positively as possible. If disorganization is an issue, make sure that pencils, papers and clothes are ready the night before. A few extra minutes of time may be beneficial so that your student will be more relaxed instead of "rushed".

Electronic devices are not permitted in the testing room. **Students must leave cell phones at home.**

Tahitian Sunset Father Daughter Dance

Palm Bay Academy Traditional Campus will hold the Father Daughter Dance March 5th. Dress is formal. Dance starts at 6 PM. Sign up quickly, only 50 tickets will be sold. One ticket per couple.

No Tickets Sold At Door! Advance Sales Only



Fathers & Daughter will enjoy...

- Dinner, DJ, Music, Games
- \$20.00/couple in advance
- Only 100 places available
- PBA K-5 students only
- Professional photos for fee
- Additional daughters \$5 each

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

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

Family Book Clubs – second Mondays 3-4 pm. Parents and students read a book and then discuss it with their group. Group depends upon reading level and interest. See Ms. Orellana to sign up.

Year End Checklist

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken Mar 8th at the Immersion and Traditional Spring pictures on Mar 9th & 10th. Be sure to come in your nicest clothes so you look your best for your Spring pictures.

Re-enrollment

We are currently collecting re-enrollment forms for the 2017-2018 school year. We are receiving more enrollment forms than usual from outside the school so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment form **with 2 forms of proof of residency** as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot for next year.

Florida Standard Assessment Scores

We have not been informed when FSA scores will be completed. If we receive them before the end of school, we will send them home.

Doing Our Part...

When I was a little, we lived in California, near Disneyland. We could actually see the evening fireworks from our roof. That was as close as we usually got being a family of 5 at the time. During a rare visit to Disneyland, I discovered that one of my favorite attractions was the Carousel of Progress, specifically Progress City (the original dream for EPCOT) in Tomorrowland.

First off, what a future dream it was (to a child in 1964) with everything a future city would need for work, leisure, and daily life all laid out in miniature. I was so impressed by the detail of the tiny city and how everything seemed to move in perfect harmony with everything else. Traffic lights turned green, cars moved, and the city activity changed while it went through an accelerated day and night. As dark descended, street lights and houses lit up and traffic became lighter. It amazed me how every little piece was doing its part and how all those little pieces were interdependent upon each other. I could see how if one of those pieces didn't function properly, it would affect a good portion of the city.

It was a very memorable "aha" moment. Today, while sitting in traffic, mentally pushing down on the gas peddles of the cars in front of me (with no results... sigh), it reminded me of how each of us is a tiny part of our local community. And that community is a tiny part of Earth's community. And just like in the miniature city, if one of us stops in our tracks and doesn't advance, grow, and thrive, a part of that community also stops, becomes stagnant and drags down the surrounding Earthly community.

For me, that translates to, if I don't keep doing my part, advancing and growing myself despite what others around me may do, then I am stagnating my local community (my family, my work, my friends, the list is endless). So even though I am just one person, if as one person, I don't do my part, help out, work, and grow, it is impossible for any one of my communities to consistently grow. And what if two, five, or ten people don't do their part? Those communities are affected even more.

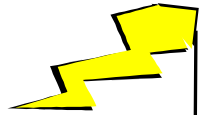
So looking at the big picture (as I did that day so long ago), I can definitely see how one person can make a difference in their communities either as a productive member or an unproductive member. Do you make a productive or unproductive difference?

Donna Moore



News Flash

The Art Room...



The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the Southern Division Elementary Art and Science Fair. There will be an Open House from 3:00 – 6:30 on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Melbourne Civic Auditorium located at 625 Hibiscus Blvd. I hope you will be able to attend to support our talented students.

Lillian McAleavey Kindergarten
D'Andre Douglas

Olivia Ballon 1st Grade
Malia Cuthill

Carlee Rivers 2nd Grade
Serenity Douglas

Savanna Ellison 3rd Grade
Zyrianna Padilla

Taylor Paxton 4th Grade
Destiny Marble

Charlotte Danclair 5th Grade
Antonio Sanchez

Sophia Ellison 6th Grade
Jayden Trimble

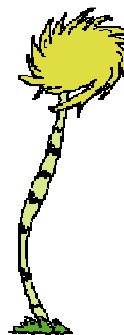
Keep drawing!

Ms. Antillia
Elementary Art
AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org

Palm Bay Academy presents New Kindergarten Info Night

When: Wed, March 8th 2017
Where: 2112 Palm Bay Rd NE
Time: 5:30 pm

Get your child
excited for school!
Bring your incoming
kindergartner for a fun
evening with fellow
kindergarten parents
and students.



Puzzlers & Fungestions

The Lost Robin



Tom Robin is learning how to fly. He can't find the bird bath. Can you help him? Start at a dot, follow the line and see which one leads to the bird bath.

Searching For Spring

O	M	G	Q	R	A	I	N	B	O	W	S	T	H	G
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J	D	A	L	V	B	N	J	C	K	S	O	K	A	S
G	N	I	T	L	E	M	I	P	V	T	R	C	L	P
E	M	I	T	G	N	I	R	P	S	O	D	A	P	R
G	A	D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	O	N	J	S	O
G	N	L	S	E	I	Y	W	Z	H	B	I	M	E	U
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DAFFODIL
FLOWER
GARDENING
GREEN
GROWTH
JACKET
MELTING
PUDDLE
RAINBOW

RAINDROPS
RUBBERBOOTS
SEEDS
SPLASH
SPRINGTIME
SPROUT
SUNSHINE
TULIPS
UMBRELLA

Indiafest: Mar 11th 10 am-6 pm & Mar 12th 11 am-5 pm. Cultural shows, traditional Indian cuisine, fashion show, Indian cooking demo, arts & crafts, raffles & prizes. Wickham Pavilion at 3845 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne. Adults \$5, children under 12 are \$2, children under 5 are free.

Kid-A-Palooza's Big Time Fun

Event: Mar 18th, Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr. Melbourne, 12 pm to 5 pm. 100 family vendors including food vendors. Free fun run for kids. Free admission to event, \$10 for unlimited play wristbands.

Downtown Melbourne Festival of Arts:

Mar 25th – Mar 26th, 10 am-5 pm family friendly event, FREE admission. 836 E. New Haven Ave., in Historic Downtown Melbourne.

Try these websites for children's fun & development:

- ♦ **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.