



CHARTER CHATTER

March 2018

2112 Palm Bay Road NE
Palm Bay • Florida • 32905



Mission Statement

Palm Bay Academy is dedicated to serving the needs of its students by providing an opportunity for an enriched academic environment and 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.



03/05/18	Elem Book Fair – Trad through Mar 9 th
03/06/18	Book Fair Family Night – Trad, 5-7 pm
03/06/18	New Kinder Info. Night – Trad, 5:30 pm
03/06/18	Suess-A-Bratton – Trad, 6:00 pm
03/07/18	Elementary PTO Meeting – Trad, 6 pm
03/10/18	Father Daughter Dance – Trad, 6-9pm
03/15/18	Vision & Hearing Testing @ Imm & Trad
03/15/18	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 3-4 am
03/16/18	Teacher Work Day – Student Holiday
03/17/18	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 10-11 pm
03/20/18	Elem Report Cards Issued
03/21/18	Imm & Trad Title 1 NUT Day – Fee is \$1

UPCOMING

04/02/18	Spring Break through Apr 6th
04/09/18	Students Return
04/11/18	Elem Sprina Pictures through Apr 13th

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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
- ♦ Daniel Scott – ESE Elementary
- ♦ Kim Gary – ESE Middle
- ♦ Janet Estevez – ESOL
- ♦ Nina Orellana – Title I

Board of Directors

- ♦ Jennifer Wolf – President
- ♦ Cheryl Beck – Treasurer
- ♦ Allison Cunningham – Parent Liaison
- ♦ Brendan Purcell – Board Member
- ♦ Vacant – Board Member

Meetings: as posted

Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Org.)

- ♦ President – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ♦ Vice President – Vacant
- ♦ Treasurer – Vacant

Meetings: In general, 1st Wed of the month

Who to talk to on questions about...

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

Daily Details

FSA's (Florida Standard Assessment)

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

Our testing is as follows...

Mar 1 – 9	Gr. 4 - 8 Writing
Apr 9 – 20	Gr.3 Reading
Apr 16 – May 18	Gr. 3 – 8 Math
	Gr. 4 - 8 Reading

Additional testing ...

Feb 26 – Apr 13 Gr. 5 & 8 Science

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

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. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the tests. Help your child start test mornings as positively as possible. Make sure that pencils, papers and clothes are ready the night before. A few extra minutes of time may be beneficial so that the child will be more relaxed instead of "rushed".

Palm Bay Academy presents

New Kindergarten Info Night

When: Tue, March 6th 2018

Where: 2112 Palm Bay Rd NE

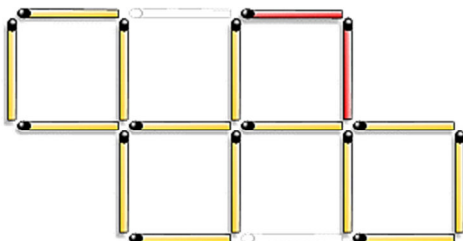
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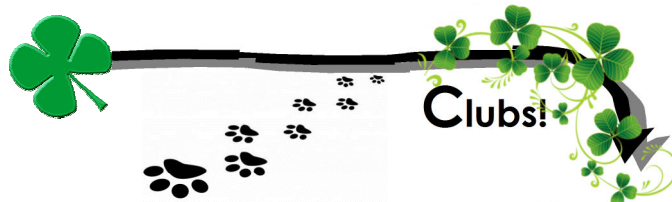
Get your child
excited for school!
Bring your incoming
kindergartner for a fun
evening with fellow
kindergarten parents
and students.



Match – Square Problem Solution



View solution upside down



Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Mondays between 2:15 and 3:00 pm. This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. 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

Family Book Clubs

Family Book Clubs – Second Thursdays 3-4 pm and the second Saturday 10-11 am both at the Traditional Campus. 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.

Tech Club

Tech Club – Mr. Ramos will conduct Tech Club on Tuesday, 2 – 3 pm. Arrangements must be made with Mr. Ramos before children can attend. Permission slips must be completed. Please contact Mr. Ramos for expectations of students. To contact please send email to:
aramos@palmbayacademy.org

Homework Club

Homework Club – Ms. Pearce will conduct Homework Club on Mondays, 2:45 – 3:30 pm. Arrangements must be made with Ms. Pearce before children can attend. Permission slips must be completed. To contact please send email to:
tpearce@palmbayacademy.org

Chess Club

Chess Club – Ms. Allen & Mr. Beck will conduct Chess Club on Mondays, 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Arrangements must be made with Ms. Allen before children can attend. Permission slips must be completed. To contact please send email to:
allen@palmbayacademy.org

Creating Opportunities to Laugh:

Watch a funny movie, TV show, or YouTube video... Invite friends or co-workers to go to a comedy club... Read the funny pages... Seek out funny people... Share a good joke or a funny story... Check out your bookstore's humor section... Host game night with friends Play with a pet... Go to a "laughter yoga" class... Goof around with children... Do something silly... Make time for fun activities (e.g. bowling, miniature golfing, karaoke)

Laughter Is Medicine...

Remember the old adage, "Laughter is the best medicine"? I heard a lot of people say it when I was a kid, but no one ever explained it to me. I didn't grow up in the best circumstances, so by the time I was 17, it had been many years since I had actually laughed or even smiled. I believe this has a lot to do with why I had phase 3-4 cancer at 17. In recovery, I learned...

Laughter improves our physical wellbeing, it lifts our spirits and lightens our hearts, and it helps everyone within earshot. With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health.

Science has a lot to say about laughter...

Physical health benefits of laughter: Boosts immunity, Lowers stress hormones, Decreases pain by releasing endorphins, Relaxes your whole body for up to 45 minutes, Prevents heart disease, Burns calories, Helps conquer cancer.

Mental health benefits of laughter: Adds joy and zest to life, Eases anxiety and tension, Relieves stress, Improves mood, Strengthens resilience, Stops distressing emotions, Shifts perspective to the positive.

Social benefits of laughter: Draws you closer to others, Strengthens relationships, Attracts others to us, Enhances teamwork, Helps defuse conflict, Promotes group bonding, Helps you forget resentments and doubts, Allows you to be more spontaneous, Laughter is contagious—just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile and join in the fun.

If laughter isn't something you have been seeking out (as it was with me in my younger years), here are a few ways to get started...

Smile: When you look at someone or see something even mildly pleasing, practice smiling. Instead of looking down at your phone, look up, smile at people you pass in the street, the person serving you a morning coffee, or the co-workers you share an elevator with.

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Count your blessing: Literally make a list. The simple act of considering the good things in your life will distance you from negative thoughts that are a barrier to humor and laughter.

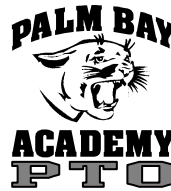
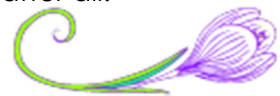
When you hear laughter, move toward it: Sometimes humor and laughter are private, but usually not. People are very happy to share something funny because it gives them an opportunity to laugh again. When you hear laughter, seek it out and ask, "What's funny?"

Spend time with fun, playful people: Even if you don't consider yourself a lighthearted, humorous person, you can still seek out people who like to laugh and make others laugh. Every comedian appreciates an audience.

Bring humor into conversations: Ask people, "What's the funniest thing that happened to you today? This week? In your life?"

So how does laughter rate as medicine? It seems it is the best after all.

Donna Moore



Hello everyone!

Our next meeting will be **Mar, 7th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the Traditional Campus.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Amanda Thibaudeau
President, Elementary PTO

UPCOMING *A Night In Paris*

This year's theme is "A Night in Paris", \$20 per Father Daughter couple, additional daughters \$5 each (**in advance tickets only – no tickets will be sold at the door**).

Saturday,
Mar. 10th,
6-9 PM

PBA K-5th grade
students only.



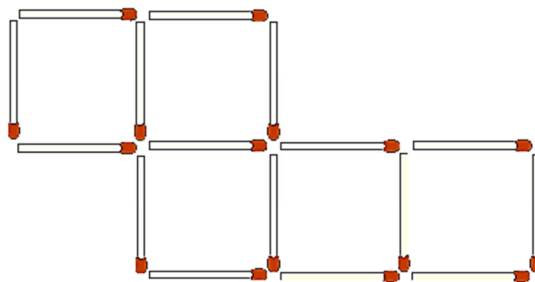


Pi Day Funnies (3-14)

1. Come to the nerd side, we have... Pi!
2. Mathematician: "Pi squared"... Baker: "No! Pies are round, cakes are square!"
3. 3.14% of Sailors are Pi... rates!
4. The roundest knight at King Arthur's was Sir Cumference... He ate too much Pi!
5. What is the official animal of Pi Day?... the Pi - thon!
6. The worst thing about getting hit in the face with Pi is that it never ends.
7. What was Sir Isaac Newton's favorite dessert?... Apple Pi!
8. Never talk to Pi. He'll go on forever.
9. What is 1.57?... Half a pie
10. What do you get when you cut a jack o'lantern by its diameter?... Pumpkin Pi!
11. What do you get when you take green cheese and divide its circumference by its diameter?... Moon Pi.
12. What do you get when you take the sun and divide its circumference by its diameter?... Pi in the sky.
13. What do you get if you divide the circumference of a bowl of ice cream by its diameter?... Pi a'la mode.
14. Albert Einstein's birthday was on Pi Day — March 14, 1879. Perhaps he served pie for his birthday instead of cake.

Match – Square Problem

Using sixteen matches, make the pattern of five squares shown in the diagram;



Your problem is to move two matches to new positions, and make four squares, all of the original size.

Although this puzzle looks much like all other match-square puzzles, it is really one of the hardest of all to solve.



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

Melbourne Air & Space Show: Mar 24th & 25th, Orlando-Melbourne International Airport, Various times. 1 Air Terminal Parkway, Melbourne. Includes performers soaring across the airfield, as well as static aircraft displays over three days. Fee is \$18 adults and \$10 children.

Bass Pro Shops Easter Event: 750 Bass Pro Drive NE, Palm Bay. Sat, 3-31 11am-6pm (1) Free photo with Easter Bunny • 1-4pm Complete a round bunny box • Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 2-10 - Registration begins at 1:30pm- Hunt is 2-3pm. Event is Free.

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 parent's 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.