



# CHARTER CHATTER

April 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.



04/02/18	Spring Break thru Apr 6th
04/09/18	Students Return
04/09/18	FSA Testing Window – Dates TBD
04/09/18	Immersion K-3 Spring Pictures
04/10/18	Traditional K – 2 Spring Pictures
04/11/18	Elementary PTO Meeting – Trad, 6 pm
04/13/18	Traditional 3 – 5 Spring Pictures
04/18/18	Imm & Trad Title 1 NUT Day – Fee is \$1
04/19/18	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 10-11 am
04/21/18	Family Book Clubs – Trad, 3-4 pm
04/24/18	Family STEAM Night – Trad, 5:30-7 pm

### UPCOMING

05/02/18	Elementary PTO Meeting – Trad, 6 pm
05/07/18	Teacher Appreciation Week
05/08/18	Surfin' Into Summer – Kickoff for Summer Reading

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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...

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

Additional testing ...

Apr 9 – 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".

### Surfin' Into Summer Kickoff to Summer Reading

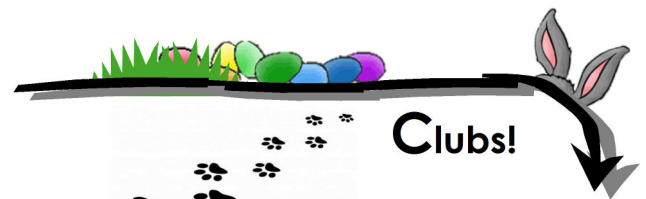
Come visit for beachy fun,  
popsicles, and books to read  
over the summer



Tuesday,  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
6-7:30 pm

### Mix & Match Jokes

- Q1: What do you get when you cross a cow with a trampoline?  
Q2: What do you get when you cross a chicken and a Chihuahua?  
Q3: What do you get when you cross a hamburger with a computer?  
Q4: What do you get when you cross a lemon and a cat?  
Q5: What do you get when you cross a Border Collie and a daisy?



### Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Mondays between 2:15 and 3:00 pm. This group is limited to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pcollins@palmbayacademy.org)

### Family Book Clubs

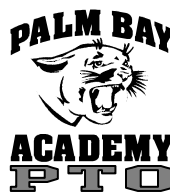
Family Book Clubs – Second Thursdays 3-4 pm and the second Saturday 10-11 am both at the Traditional Campus. Parents and students read a book and then discuss it with their group. Group depends upon reading level and interest. See Ms. Orellana to sign up.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:allen@palmbayacademy.org)



Hello everyone!

Our next meeting will be  
**Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at  
the Traditional Campus.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Amanda Thibaudeau  
President, Elementary PTO

# Can Anyone Lead...

Are people born to lead? Or can just anyone be a leader? It used to be that people's opinions were that leaders were born... you either had it or you didn't. That is no longer the case.

Many people like Henry Ford, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Vince Lombardi, and Walt Disney weren't born leaders. People didn't point at them when they were young and proclaim, "There goes a real leader". What they wanted to accomplish, their dreams and their desire to make them real drove them to become leaders in order to make their dreams come true. The list of self-made leaders grows every day. So how does it happen? How do people become leaders?

It turns out, leadership is something that can be learned. The type of leader you are may be influenced by your personality traits, but whether you are a successful leader, a good leader, is not. It is determined by the seeking out and the assimilation of a collection of skills, which can be learned, developed and improved.

Many studies, including [The Cambridge Handbook of Expertise and Expert Performance](#) show it's not something you're born with, rather excellence at anything requires *deliberate practice*. . "Leaders are made through deliberate practice, struggle, sacrifice, hard work, and regular self-assessment" - George Ambler.

So what does that mean? That means the leaders mentioned and in fact all leaders, first looked into their hearts and souls to determine what they wanted, how they wanted life to be, what they could bring to the world. Then, driven by their dreams, they strived to find solutions to their problems, sacrificed and worked hard to overcome obstacles, persevered through life and resolved to continue in a determined manner to reach their end goal. And once reached, started over again with higher goals.

Burt Nanus in *Visionary Leadership* said, "They are people who figured out for themselves how to dream dreams, enthuse others with their visions, and then make them happen."

Researchers have also found that leadership potential is not influenced by gender, ethnicity, physical ability, your genetics or your life

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circumstances. So why isn't everyone a leader?

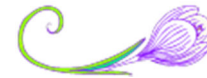
Effort and commitment are not everyone's cup of tea. Some have put limits on themselves; they are afraid, they don't think they are good enough, or they simply don't know where to start.

There aren't many people curious and brave enough to seek to understand their purpose and vision for the world. Not that many people are determined enough to commit to learning how to express their gifts and talents in the world. And not that many people are willing to pay the price necessary to become a leader.

Leadership development is achieved by knowing yourself, the dream you have for the world, the commitment to practice and focus your skills in order to overcome obstacles, and the determination to better yourself and reach far, even beyond your initial goals.

So it seems leadership is more of a choice than a talent you are born with. What's your choice?

Donna Moore



## Mix & Match Answers

A1: A milkshake! A2: Pooched eggs A3: A big mac!  
A4: A sourpuss A5: Cauliflower!



## UPCOMING FAMILY STEAM Night

Enjoy an evening of STEAM  
fun, take home activities,  
coding class, door prizes!

Traditional Campus  
Tue, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm







## Earth Day Every Day

Find all of the Earth Day related words from the list below. The words can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.

Help the bunny find the carrots.



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| AIR          | ENVIRONMENT | OCEAN     | RESOURCES |
| APRIL        | EXTINCTION  | OZONE     | REUSE     |
| CLEAN        | FOREST      | PEOPLE    | SMOG      |
| CLIMATE      | GLOBAL      | PLANET    | TRASH     |
| COMPOST      | LAND        | POLLUTION | TREES     |
| CONSERVATION | LITTER      | RECYCLE   | WASTE     |
| ENERGY       | NATURE      | REDUCE    | WATER     |
|              |             |           | WILDLIFE  |

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**2nd Annual Earth Day Expo:** Sat, Apr 21, 10 am - 4 pm, Unity of Melbourne, 2401 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne. Information on recycling, gardening, renewable energy, natural health and eating, compassionate pet care, and saving the lagoon. Exhibits of hybrid cars, solar panels and other products, eco-friendly activities for the whole family! For more info call 321-223-7081. Event is **Free**.

**Hook Kids on Fishing:** April 7, 9-11am @ Satellite Beach Library Ponds,. Kids 6 to 16 welcome. **Must pre-register** by April 6th by calling Satellite Beach Recreation, (321) 773-6458. A parent is required to stay with children. Event is **Free**. Call (321) 952-3443

**Annual Melbourne Art Festival:** Apr 28 - 29 Wickham Park in Melbourne, Begins at 9 am. Activities include the Flamingo 5K, kids' world, art workshops for children, entertainment, and an art show. 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.