



# CHARTER CHATTER

May 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.

[www.palmbayacademy.org/](http://www.palmbayacademy.org/)

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

### Please be sure ...

- Your student has re-enrolled for next year
- Make note of our mandatory orientation in July (includes current and new parents)
- Check the website for new information, [www.palmbayacademy.org](http://www.palmbayacademy.org)



- 5/06/17 Mother Son Picnic – Middle, 3-6 pm
- 5/08/17 Mother's Day Shop, Trad, thru Thu, 5-11-7
- 5/08/17 Family Book Club - K-2 @ Imm, 3-5 @ Trad
- 5/10/17 Mother's Day Shop Parent Night, 5:30-7 pm
- 5/16/17 Kickoff to Summer Reading – Trad, 6-7:30 pm
- 5/18/17 Chorus Concert – Middle, 6-7 pm
- 5/22/17 Immersion Grand Finale – Middle, 6 pm
- 5/24/17 Traditional Kindergarten Celebration, 9 am

### UPCOMING

- 07/11/17 Mandatory Orientation (For All Parents)
- 08/10/17 \* First Day of School – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
- 08/14/17 \* First Day of School – Kindergarten (please deliver Kindergarten school supplies before their first day)

\* **Note** – Please be aware that the first days of school listed have been approved but not confirmed by Brevard Schools. These dates may change.

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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, 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

### Year End Checklist...

#### 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 and classes are filling up quickly so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment form with the required documentation 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. Otherwise, please call for information.

#### Clinic Medications

Any student medications/equipment left in the Clinic at the end of the school year will be picked up by Brevard Health Department and disposed of. Please pickup your student's medication and/or equipment by the last day of school.

### Summer Websites To Stay Sharp...

Attend our Soaring High with IStation Event on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm at the Traditional Campus.

Remember to use these websites...

ALEKS (Grades 2-5): [www.ALEKS.com](http://www.ALEKS.com)

Brainpop website: <https://www.brainpop.com>

IStation Parent Portal: [www.istation.com](http://www.istation.com)

McGraw-Hill Curriculum Resources:

[www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com](http://www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)

MyON website: <https://www.myon.com>

Scholastic Storia

<http://store.scholastic.com/microsite/storia/free-ebooks-for-children>

For additional information check our website, [www.palmbayacademy.org](http://www.palmbayacademy.org) under PBA Services. Select the Title I dropdown.

### Answers To Riddles

- 1: Nothing
- 2: A candle
- 3: It can have a hole in it.
- 4: Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'
- 5: A fire!
- 6: The letter M
- 7: EMPTY
- 8: A teapot!
- 9: Silence.
- 10: An umbrella.
- 11: The letter "E"
- 12: Add the letter G and it's "GONE"

### Cinco de Mayo



## For New Students

### Enrolling for 2017-2018

- Pick up a packet from the PBA front desk
- All paperwork & required documentation must be handed in complete for applications to be considered for entry. Incomplete registration packets will be on hold.
- If you are a new Kindergartener, please include copy of birth certificate, original up to date immunization form, and original physical form good through September, 2017
- If you are a Brevard student transferring to this school, please include a copy of the last report card and FSA scores if available

### Uniforms

PBA is a uniform school. To be considered in uniform; students will be wearing a Palm Bay Academy uniform shirt (with logo) and bottoms in the school color designated for that campus or program. Shirts will be tucked in. Shoes will be of plain color (no light ups, wheelies or distracting character images) and sandals of any sort. When sweaters/jackets are worn, they will be in appropriate school colors. In cold weather, sweat pants or tights in the designated color (no patterns or stripes) for that campus or program are allowed.

### Medicines

PBA is not allowed to dispense prescription or over the counter medicines without the proper forms filled out by the parent/guardian. Children are not allowed to have medicines in their possession. Parents must bring in the medicines and fill out the forms before they can be dispensed. Prescriptions must be with medicines and over the counter medicine must be in an unopened container.

### Attendance, Absences, Tardies

Students are in their seats and class has started by 7:40. Students are marked tardy after 8:05. Students must be in attendance (in the classroom, not the clinic or front office) for four hours of curriculum time to be marked present for the day. If they are late or checked out early and not present for four hours, they are marked absent. If your child is going to be absent, please call and let the front desk know before 8:00 am that day. It is understood that students may be absent on occasion. Children are allowed 4 unexcused absences per quarter and 9 unexcused absences per semester.

### Breakfast and Lunches

PBA serves breakfast from 7:25 am to 7:55 am. If you are going to be tardy, please call in before 8:30 to order your child's lunch. Extra lunches are not ordered for children who are not in the seats when lunch counts are taken in morning. PBA provides FREE lunch & breakfast to all PBA students.



## Stay Sharp During Summer...

Research shows that students lose academic skills over the summer. It's one of the most significant causes of the achievement gap and one of the strongest contributors to the high school dropout rate.

Students can lose **two to three months in reading skills** and most students lose about **two months of math skills** during the summer break. These reading and math losses add up. By fifth grade, summer learning loss can leave some students **2 1/2 to 3 years behind their peers**.

What can we do about this? Keep your kids actively learning all summer long! Incorporate some of the following ideas into your daily summer routine...

1. **Read:** Visit the library often. Allow children to choose their own books. Have "Family Reading Time" where everyone reads and perhaps older siblings can read to younger ones.
2. **Write:** When my daughter was younger, we used to hold "Afternoon Writing" outside. Her friends would come over. Everyone got a pad and a pencil. We would pick topics like; Where is your favorite place to visit and why? My favorite summer activity is..., If you could take a trip anywhere, where would you go and why? Once everyone finished writing we would read our answers aloud. Writing letters to friends and family is another good way to practice and it's fun taking the letters to be mailed and receiving replies.
3. **Math & Science:** Baking is an excellent way to incorporate both of these concepts. Have your child(ren) read the recipe and measure out the ingredients. Talk about the chemical reaction that happens in the mix when certain ingredients are added and baked, like baking soda or eggs. You can have your child(ren) add up the amount of the groceries before you get to the checkout counter, then see how close they were. Take your kids stargazing and look for constellations using an app like Google Sky or a star chart for your region. Learn about plants indigenous to your area and take a nature walk to see how many you can identify.

The summer break is an exceptional time for parents to stop learning loss and get their children a step ahead for the coming year. Be sure to make it fun!

Donna Moore



### Registration...

Re-registration for current PBA students is complete and we are accepting applications for new incoming students for next school year. **School begins Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten. These dates have not been confirmed!**

Our classes are filling quickly, so if you know someone who would like to attend Palm Bay Academy, please let them know to come in as soon as possible.

### Immunizations...

2017-2018 dosage requirements are as follows; 4 or 5 doses DTaP (last dose must be after age 4), 3-5 doses Polio (last dose must be after age 4), 2 doses MMR, 3 doses Hep B, 2 doses K or Varicella (K-6 and those retained in 5th), 1 dose Tdap (7-12).

### Orientations...

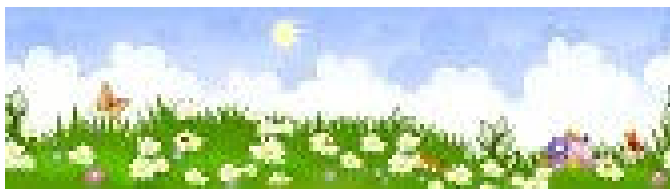
We will have one **Mandatory Orientation** for all students (current and new) on **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you do not receive a letter and/or phone call advising of the orientation, please call the school. All parents /guardians (new and returning) must attend this mandatory orientation.

### Free Lunch & Breakfast...

Our lunch program (Community Eligibility Provision) provides FREE lunch & breakfast to all PBA students. Breakfast is served 7:25 to 7:55 AM. Breakfast must be ordered the day before, lunch ordered the same day.

### Volunteering/Fingerprints (A +) ...

All parents/guardians need to register as an "A+" level Volunteer with Brevard Schools in order to chaperone or assist at events You can register online with Brevard Schools, on their website.







## Riddles

- 1: Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
- 2: I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- 3: How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?
- 4: What is the longest word in the dictionary?
- 5: If I drink, I die. If I eat, I am fine. What am I?
- 6: What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?
- 7: Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?
- 8: What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?
- 9: What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?
- 10: What goes up a chimney down but can't come down a chimney up?
- 11: We see it once in a year, twice in a week, and never in a day. What is it?
- 12: How do you make the number one disappear?

### Mother's Day at the Brevard Zoo:

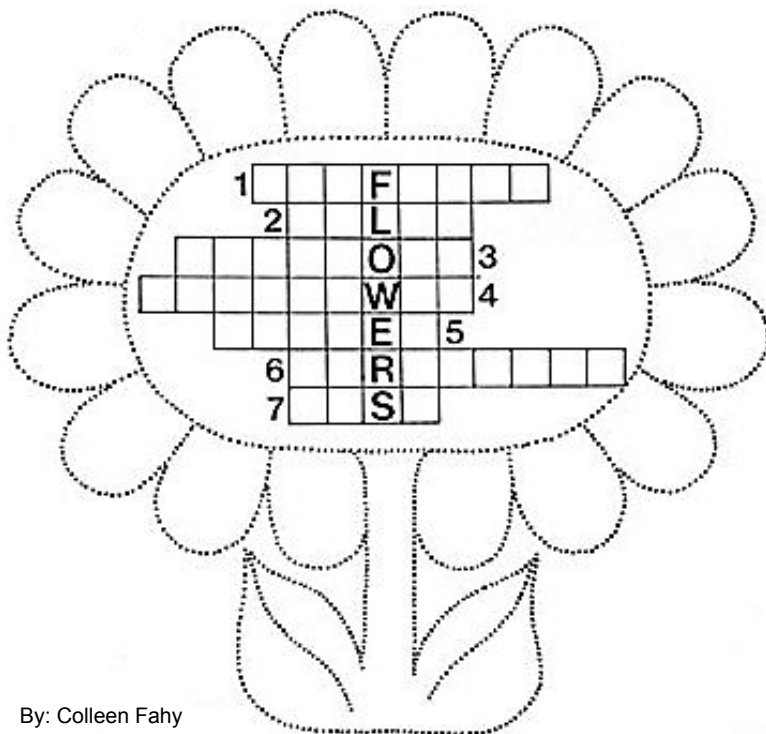
May 14, 10 am, Brevard Zoo. For Mother's Day, offering free general zoo admission to moms accompanied by at least one paying child. Tickets must be purchased in person on Mother's Day.

**Touch A Truck:** May 13, 2017, 9 am - 1 pm. At Wickham Park 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne. Children of all ages can explore a variety of large trucks and heavy equipment up close. Check out all the cool equipment used in our community everyday! Beachside Helicopters will join us for this event! AMAZING!

### Concert in the Park - City of Palm Bay:

Recurring monthly on 3rd Saturday, 6 - 9 PM, Bianca Park, Palm Bay. Family event, Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food provided by vendors. Music begins at 6 pm.

## Flower Scramble



By: Colleen Fahy

Unscramble each group of letters to spell the name of a flower, then write that name in the puzzle. One letter from each flower's name has already been placed in the puzzle.

1. D O F I L F A D
2. P U I L T
3. G L O R M I A D
4. W O R F L U N S E
5. L O T V I E
6. T A N N O I R A C
7. O R E S

### Try these websites for children's fun & development:

- ◆ [Yahoo Kids http://kids.yahoo.com/](http://kids.yahoo.com/) : This site offers games, movies, sports, homework help and lots of other features.
- ◆ [Discovery Kids http://kids.discovery.com/](http://kids.discovery.com/) : Features links to activities with Discovery TV stars and shows and a preschoolers site.
- ◆ [Kidsites.com http://www.kidsites.com/](http://www.kidsites.com/) : This site has a number of links leading to kid friendly websites that are educational and fun. There are also links for teachers and parents.

### Try these websites for a little parents help:

- ◆ [Internet 4 Classrooms http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm](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/](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).
- ◆ [Raising Kids http://www.raisingkids.co.uk/sup/sup\\_par01.asp](http://www.raisingkids.co.uk/sup/sup_par01.asp) : 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.**