



# CHARTER CHATTER

May 2018

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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 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.



05/01/18	FSA Testing Window – May 1st – 18th
05/02/18	Elementary PTO Meeting – Trad, 6 pm
05/07/18	Teacher Appreciation Week
05/07/18	Mother's Day Boutique thru May 11th
05/08/18	Surfin' Into Summer – Kickoff for Summer Reading & Intro to PBA's New Program "Leader In Me"
05/16/18	Imm & Trad Title 1 NUT Day – Fee is \$1
05/17/18	Family Book Club – Trad, 3-4 pm
05/19/18	Family Book Club – Trad, 10-11 am

### UPCOMING

Jul 18	Elem. Mandatory Orientation @ Middle
Aug 10	First Day of School for Gr 1 – 8
Aug 15	First Day of School for Kindergarten

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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

### FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

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

Our testing is as follows...

May 1 – May 18      Gr. 3 – 8 Math  
                                 Gr. 4 - 8 Reading

Additional testing ...

May 1 – May 2    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

### Answers To Riddles & Brain Teasers

- 1: Seven (take away the 's' and it becomes 'even').
- 2: SWIMS.
- 3: The read the same right side up and upside down.
- 4: Throw the ball straight up in the air.
- 5: A sponge.
- 6: A doorbell.
- 7: Your name.

## For New Students



### Enrolling for 2018-2019

- 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, 2018.
- 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. Students wear a Palm Bay Academy gray uniform shirt (with logo) and navy blue bottoms for all programs and campuses. 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 gray or navy blue. 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 starts by 7:30. Students are marked tardy after 7:40. 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 let the front desk know before 7:30 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 7:15 am to 7:40 am. If you are going to be tardy, please call in before 7:45 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



## Next Year!

### PBA "Leader In Me" Program...

Palm Bay Academy's staff is excited to introduce our new program, "Leader In Me", which we believe will have a profound effect on the entire school community! Starting this fall, we will be implementing The Leader in Me program as an introduction to personal leadership. PBA is the first school in Brevard to become a Leader In Me school. We are committed to the cause of helping students develop the leadership and academic skills they need to survive and thrive in the 21st century. Our goal is to find the leader in every child!

### 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. 15<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten.**

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.

### Orientations...

We will have one **Mandatory Orientation** for all students (current and new) **on July 18<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.

### 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.

### Uniforms...

Because of our new program, PBA will be reflecting that change in our uniforms. All uniforms for all campuses will be gray polos with the appropriate logo and navy blue bottoms.



### Riddles & Brain Teasers

- 1: I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
- 2: What word looks the same backwards and upside down?
- 3: What do the numbers 11, 69, and 88 all have in common?
- 4: How can you throw a ball as hard as you can, to only have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything?
- 5: What's full of holes but still holds water?
- 6: What never asks questions but is often answered?
- 7: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?



Cinco de Mayo

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

May 13, 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.

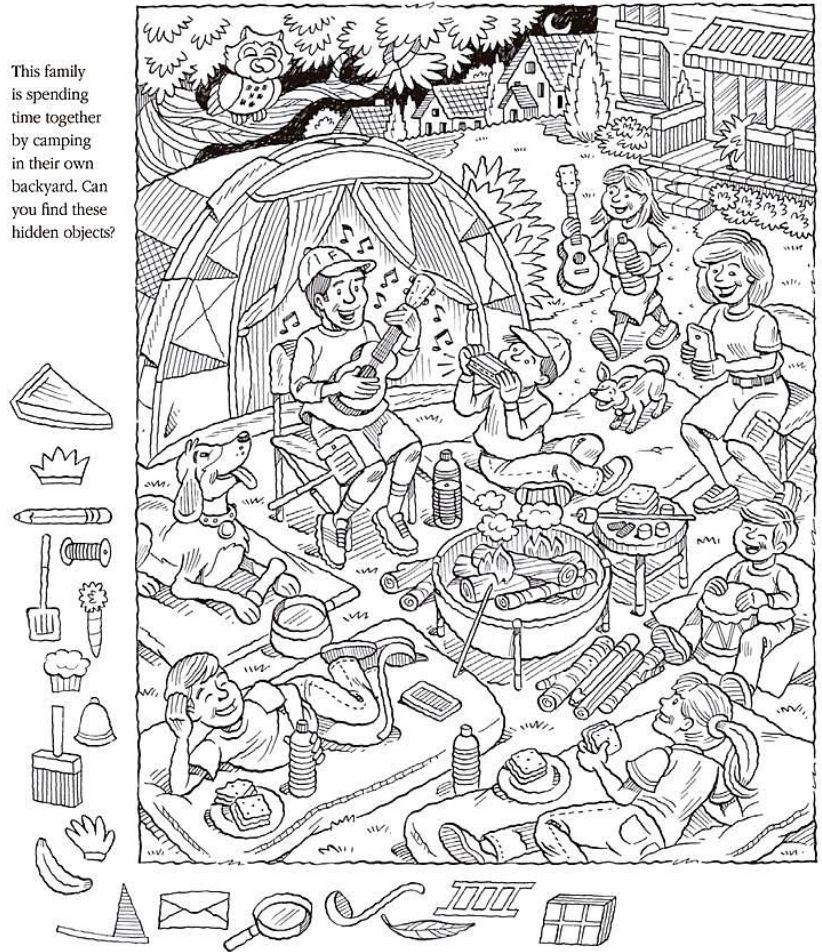
#### Sam's House 1875 Cabin and 1888

**House Tours:** Every Saturday, 3-4 pm at Pine Island Conservation Area, 3195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island. Oldest standing home in Brevard County. Travel back in time here and along the paved trail where interactive exhibits highlight Pine Island's many past inhabitants. Event is **Free**. Call (321) 449-4720.

#### Melbourne Main Street's Friday Fest:

May 11, 6-10 pm. Historic downtown Melbourne. The whole family will love this festive event that features live music, food, late shopping hours and a kids' zone. Event is **Free**.

This family is spending time together by camping in their own backyard. Can you find these hidden objects?



#### 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.**