



CHARTER CHATTER

August 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL

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.

www.palmbayacademy.org/ - Like us on Facebook -

IMPORTANT!

Please be reminded of these policies...

- Lobby is closed from 1:50 to approximately 2:30 for car loop. Latest early pick up time is 1:50 pm (Elem) unless is an Early Dismissal Day, then it is 12:45 pm.
- There is No Stopping or Parking along Tropicana or in the private garage business across the street.
- Do not drop children along Tropicana.
- You must accompany children into school to sign them in when tardy for school



08/08/17 Meet The Teacher Day – Please bring in school supplies

08/10/17 Grades 1 – 8 begin school

08/15/17 Kindergarten begins school

08/23/17 Uniform Picture Day - Immersion

08/24/17 Uniform Picture Day - Traditional

08/31/17 Title I / PTO Kickoff – Trad, 6 – 7:30 pm

UPCOMING

09/01/17 Middle School NUT Day

09/04/17 Labor Day – Holiday For All

09/05/17 Middle School Open House, 5:30-7 pm

09/11/17 Book Fair through 9-15 – Traditional

09/12/17 Book Fair Parent Night – Trad, 6 pm

09/12/17 Elementary Open House, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

09/18/17 Professional Dev. Day – Student Holiday

Charter Chatter

August 2017

Page 1	Important
Page 1	Monthly Calendar
Page 1	Leadership Team
Page 2	Daily Details
Page 2	Clubs
Page 2	Back to School Word Scramble
Page 2	Book Fair
Page 3	What's A Parent To Do
Page 3	PBA PTO
Page 4	Puzzlers & Fungestions



Editor

Hi!

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
- ♦ Sophia Lhrisse – ESOL
- ♦ 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

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

- ♦ President – Vacant
- ♦ Vice President – Vacant
- ♦ Treasurer – Vacant

Meetings: To be announced

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

Breakfast and Lunch

Palm Bay Academy provides FREE lunch & breakfast to all PBA students. Breakfast is served between 7:25 and 7:55 AM. Breakfast must be ordered the day before, lunch ordered the same day. If your student is arriving to school after 8:30 am, please call to order a lunch for that day and breakfast for the next day. Lunches are not ordered automatically.

Student Medical Information

If your child must take prescription or over the counter medication for temporary or chronic illness or allergies (this includes inhalers, Motrin, Tylenol, and cough drops) please stop by the front desk to fill out the required health forms and we will put the medicine under lock in the clinic. Students are not allowed to carry medication on their persons or in their backpacks.

Becoming A Volunteer

Palm Bay Academy requires that all volunteers have an A Plus Volunteer Status from Brevard Schools. We require that all our volunteers keep a copy of their driver's license or Florida picture ID on file with PBA Front Offices and be verified as fingerprinted through the RAPTOR Identification Verification system before being allowed to chaperone field trips or events.

If you wish to be a volunteer, please visit the Brevard Schools website and under the "Parents & Students" tab scroll down to "Volunteer Information". The District asks that you use Internet Explorer and NOT Google Chrome for the application process. There is a link to begin the Pre Application Process.

Cost is \$42.50



NUT Days

Sept. 1 st	Middle School
Sept 13 th	Title I Immersion Campus
Sept 15 th	Title I Middle School and Traditional Campus
Sept 29 th	Middle School

Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group – Chorus will start soon. Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Mondays 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 – Strings will start soon. Ms. Collins will conduct strings group on Thursdays 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

Tech Club

Tech Club – Coming soon with Mr. Ramos – Learn about technology the fun way!

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.

Back to School Word Scramble

book
exam
grade

music
pens
listen

locker
ruler
school



Elementary Book Fair

Please visit our Book Fair next month at the Traditional Campus 9/11 through 9/15 open during the day between 9 am and 12:30 pm.

Book Fair Parent Night is Tue, 9/12, 5:30 pm.

We are also holding Traditional Open House the same night also starting at 5:30 pm.

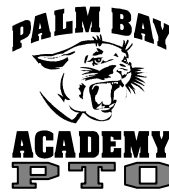
See you there!

What's a Parent To Do...

We all want our children to succeed even thrive in school. We want to instill a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge. That's a very tall order for a parent. So, what's a parent to do? We just happen to have a few suggestions from Mark R. Solomon in MetroParent.com...

1. Teach them that learning is their 'job' - What children really need to learn is that they must also learn things that they don't find particularly interesting. That's the job children have.
2. Aim high - You don't have to be a Tiger parent, but parental expectations have a huge impact when it comes to student performance. If you don't expect your child to do well, your expectations will likely be met.
3. Distinguish studying from learning - Verify your child has learned the lesson. Quiz the child. Quiz the child again on the same material a few days later and then again a week later. Employers later in life will care less about the diplomas your child has and more about the skills and knowledge he or she has acquired.
4. Prioritize study time - All children need down time. However, children should be encouraged to work first and play second. Children also should have regular study hours during which to complete their schoolwork.
5. Provide a proper homework environment - Be sure your child has all the tools needed to do his or her best – desk, a chair, good lighting, necessary school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, calculators, computers, rulers, compasses, protractors, paper clips, note pads, etc.) and, most important, a quiet place to work.
6. Let them figure things out on their own - Have your children think about problems at length before asking you for help. Remember that every time you tell a student an answer to a question, you have deprived that student of the opportunity to figure out the answer on his or her own. At the same time, it is appropriate to help a student who has made a legitimate, but unsuccessful, effort to learn something without assistance.
7. Teach proper reading comprehension skills - Children should not go to the next paragraph in their reading until they have understood what they have already read; if they do, they usually won't understand the next paragraph, either.

Continued on next column...



We welcome everyone back for the 2017-2018 school year. We will hold our Admin PTO Kickoff on **Aug. 31st, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Traditional Campus.** We will be electing our new PTO officers. Please plan to attend and be part of our PBA PTO.

PBA Administration



Continued from previous column...

- Teach children to take notes or outline what they have read. Taking notes and writing outlines reinforces what the student has learned from reading and will allow the student to be better prepared for written examinations.
8. Have them go above and beyond - Generally, the more students practice, the more thoroughly they learn and the more they retain. Parents who want to help their children succeed should encourage their kids to do more than the minimum.
9. Make learning a four-season endeavor - School is out in the summer, but that should not mean that children should take three months off from learning. Summer is a good time for reviewing, for learning things that may not have been taught in school for going to the library and browsing and for trying to develop new intellectual skills, such as how to play games of strategy like chess, checkers or backgammon, or how to follow recipes carefully.
10. Set a good example - Let your child see that learning doesn't end when we leave school. Model good learning behavior in the way you deal with your job and household responsibilities and let your children know that you are still learning. Parents who are still in school can be particularly influential. Be sure that you show your child – through your own action – that good educational habits yield great academic rewards.

Donna Moore



Puzzlers & Fungestions

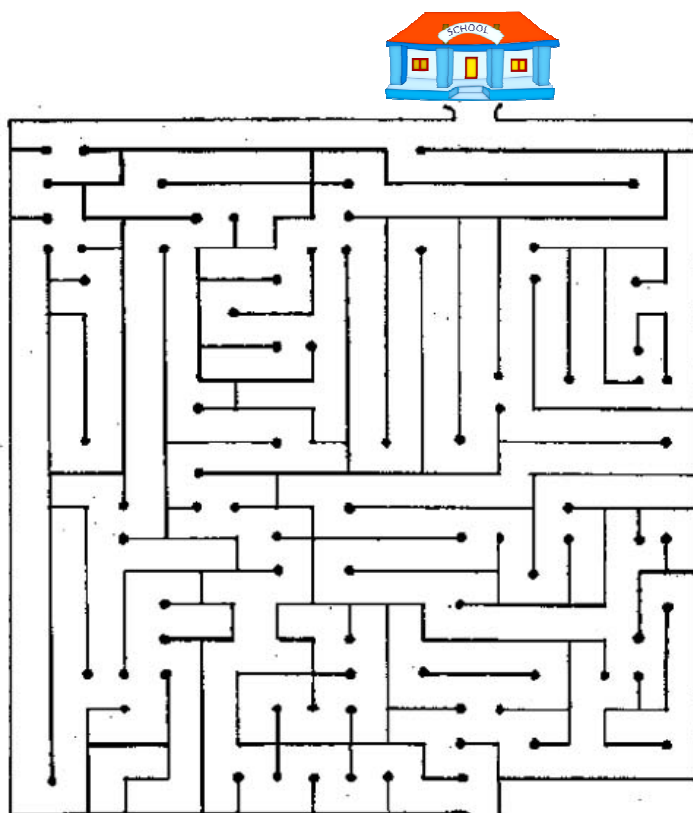
Back to School Word Scramble

Instructions: Unscramble the letters to find the Back to School words.



uerlr	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
degar	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
epns	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ismuc	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
obko	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
enlsit	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
axem	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
holsoc	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
okecrl	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Answers on page ____.



There are two ways from the park to school.

Can you find both?

Cold Blooded Reptile Weekend at

Brevard Zoo: Sept 2-4, 10 am & 3 pm. Special animal encounter with reptiles and birds. Tortoise race at 1 pm. Daily alligator feeding at 3 pm. Event is free with zoo admission.

Friday Fest Family Street Party:

Downtown Melbourne. Aug 11, 6 - 10pm. Family-oriented event, art, craft and business vendors, great food and beverage, children's activity area. Stores/restaurants remain open. Admission/parking free,

Sunday with the Symphony: Free Family Event, Aug 20, 2 pm, Barnes & Noble on W. New Haven Ave (US Hwy192). First 50 guests, ages 18 and up, a voucher good for one free ticket to an upcoming BSO concert. On-site registration required. Registration begins at 1:30 at the BSO table located inside the store.

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.