



CHARTER CHATTER

October 2016

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 acting as an extension of the Brevard County public school system to serve each student with excellence as the standard.



www.palmbayacademy.org/

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IMPORTANT!

Please be reminded of these policies...

- Lobby is closed from 1:50 to 2:20 for car loop. Latest early pick up time is 1:50 pm (Elem) unless is an Early Dismissal Day, then it is 12:50 pm.
- There is No Stopping or Parking along Tropicana or in the private garage business across the street. Please pick up car riders in the car loop.
- You must accompany children into school to sign them in when they are tardy for school.



Calendar

October

- 10/05/16 PTO Meeting – Trad, 6-7 pm
- 10/06/16 Parent Party - Trad, 6-7:30 pm
- 10/07/16 Friday Fun Fest – Trad, 3-4 pm
- 10/10/16 Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm: Grades K-2 @ Imm, Grades 3-5 @ Trad
- 10/18/16 Tuesday Tea – Trad, 8-9 am
- 10/20/16 Middle School Football vs. Trinity Prep
- 10/22/16 PBA Harvest Fest – Middle, 3-8 pm
- 10/24/16 Elem Parent Teacher Conf.: 6 – 7:45 pm
- 10/25/16 Midd Parent Teacher Conf.: Contact school for apt.
- 10/28/16 Parent Night Out, K-5: Trad,, 6-9 pm

UPCOMING

- 11/02/16 PTO Meeting – Trad, 6-7 pm
- 11/02/16 Class Pictures In Uniform – Immersion
- 11/03/16 Class Pictures In Uniform – Traditional
- 11/03/16 Parent Party – Trad, 6-7:30 pm

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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
- ♦ 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

Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Org.)

- ♦ President – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ♦ Vice President – Heather Davis
- ♦ Treasurer – Janae Beauchamp
- ♦ Secretary – Jennifer Sutton

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



Parent/Guardian Contact Information

It is imperative that parents/guardians keep their contact information up to date with the school's front desk. This includes cell phones, work contact information including phone and extension, e-mail, and additional emergency contacts. It is extremely important that we be able to contact you in case of an emergency and that you receive the informative messages we send out to parents and guardians. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Party

Our next Parent Party meeting is on Thursday, October 6th, 6 – 7:30 pm at our Traditional Campus. PBA parents and staff have fun while discussing the support of our kids. Kids will meet with schoolmates and enjoy a movie..

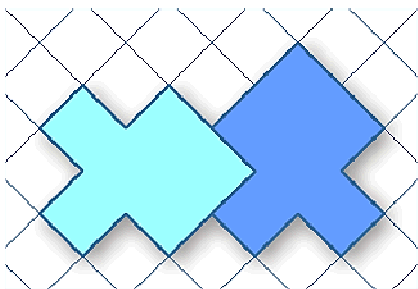


PBA Offers Parents Night Out!

Palm Bay Academy will be holding Parent's Night Out on October 28th, 6-9 pm. For a cost of \$10 per child, children will receive a fall themed night of fun, snacks, and coordinated events. Call the front desk by October 26th to reserve your spot. Please pay at drop off. Must be a PBA student to attend.



Solution to Crazy Cut



Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group –Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Tues & Thurs between 2:15 and 2:45 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 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.

Science Fair Club

Science Fair Club – Learn to create high quality science fair projects. For 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, 3 – 4 pm. \$10 materials fee. Ms. Harvell's room.

Strings

Strings Group –Ms. Collins will conduct strings group on Mondays between 2:15-2:45 pm. 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

TECHnically Awesome Club

TECHnically Awesome – For 4th and 5th graders, 3 – 4 pm. Play your favorite computer games, then battle each other afterwards to a game of wits with Chess and Dominoes. \$5 fee. Computer Lab.

Tuesday Tea

Tuesday Teas – Usually every third Tuesday between 8:00 - 9:00am (check the website calendar to verify) with Ms. Nina Orellana - Come see how you can help the school!



PBA PANTHER FOOTBALL

Please check our website calendar for our game schedule. Next games are 10/20/16 and 10/21/16.

Go

Panthers!



The Dark Spots...

I recently ran across this inspirational piece, The Black Spot. Here it is reproduced in its entirety.

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper, with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions....just a black dot in the center of the page. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's face told them the following:

"I want you to write what you see there."

The students confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

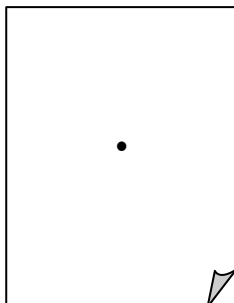
At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them, with no exceptions, described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet, etc. etc. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain:

"I am not going to grade on you this. I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate – nature renewing itself everyday, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see everyday... However we insist on focusing only on the dark spots – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend etc.

The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!

What do you focus on? Are you a dark spot or a white page kind of person?

Donna Moore
(Aspiring to be a white page person)



Hello everyone! Our next meeting will be **Oct, 5th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the Traditional Campus.** We will be taking new PTO members at this meeting and discussing fundraising ideas and parent recruitment. There will be free child care and Olive Garden food for the meeting. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Amanda Thibaudeau
President, Elementary PTO



No Child Left Behind

The new SPAR report is expected to be available on our website at the end of the month. Click on the **No Child Left Behind - SPAR** link to access. Report will be located (when available) online at...

http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1516/nclb1516.cfm?dist_schl=5_6501#graduation

Notification

Palm Bay Academy strives to provide our classrooms with highly qualified teachers. The following teachers are highly qualified and/or out of field to work in the classrooms and are working towards their qualifying status for ESOL or subject requirement.

Elementary School – ESOL

Bill Dobbs – *In Progress*
Roxana Herrera – *In Progress*
Cheyl Lafferty – *In Progress*
Judith Maneiro – *In Progress*

Middle School – ESOL

Koleen Hawkins – *In Progress*
Jennifer Howell – *In Progress*
Samantha Revelle – *In Progress*

Middle School –Other

Paulette Coombs – Reading
Koleen Hawkins – Reading
Caryn Dilorio – Science

Puzzlers & Fungestions

A Martin Gardner Famous Math Puzzle - Crazy cut

You are to make one cut (or draw one line) – of course it needn't be straight – that will divide the figure into two identical parts.

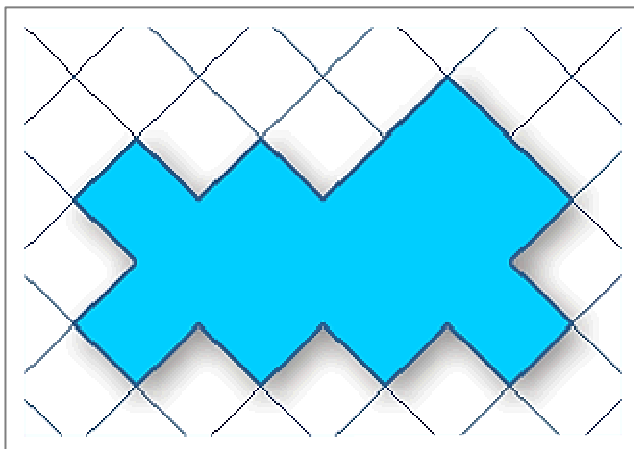
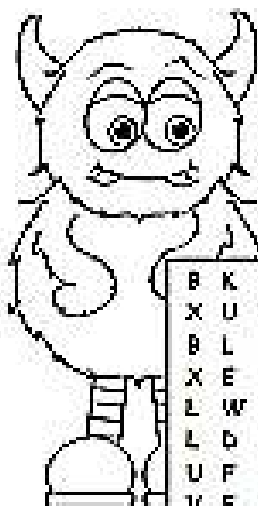


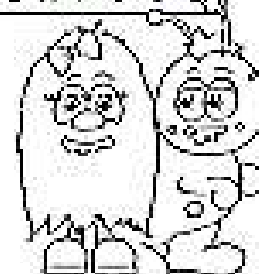
Illustration: Puzzles.com

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Monster Behavior Word Search



Bark	Holler	Scream	Short
Bay	Howl	Screech	Wail
Bellow	Jeer	Shout	Whine
Clamor	Moan	Shriek	Whoop
Growl	Roar	Snap	Yap
Grun	Rumble	Snarl	Yell
Hiss	Scowl		



Brevard Zoo- Boo at the Zoo!!!

Sponsors host 30 treat stations for the children. Boo Choo train, DJ music, creepy crafts, costume contest. 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Oct 14-16, Oct 21-23, Oct 28-30. Fee \$6 - \$14 depending upon day & age.

Trunk or Treat, W. Melbourne Library:

Oct 15. Join us in costume (optional) for BIG trucks, unique vehicles, games, treats, and HUGE FUN! *Explore a city bus, a limo, climb aboard a fire truck, and Brev. Co. Solid Waste's 'Big Silver' and more! *Vehicles subject to change. Address: 2755 Wingate Blvd., West Melbourne.

St. Joseph's Fall Festival: October 13-16, 2016, FREE admission and parking, ride tickets starting at \$1, Daily bracelets are \$15. Vendors, face painting, midway rides, food, games, live music, and more! Address: 5330 Babcock Street, Palm Bay.

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.