



# CHARTER CHATTER

November 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.



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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.



## November

Calendar



- 11/02/16 PTO Meeting & Parent Party – Trad, 6 pm
- 11/02/16 Class Pictures In Uniform – Immersion
- 11/03/16 Class Pictures In Uniform – Traditional
- 11/14/16 Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm: Grades K-2 @ Imm, Grades 3-5 @ Trad
- 11/15/16 Tuesday Tea – Trad, 8-9 am
- 11/17/16 Family Math Night – Trad, 6-7:30 pm
- 11/18/16 Title I NUT DAY
- 11/22/16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Aquarium Field Trip
- 11/23/16 Thanksgiving Holiday through 11-25
- 11/29/16 Parent University - Trad, 6-7 pm

## UPCOMING

- 12/01/16 Parent Party – Trad, 6-7:30 pm
- 12/05/16 Holiday Shop – Trad through 12-9
- 12/07/16 PTO Meeting – Trad, 6-7 pm
- 12/07/16 Winter Slumberland – Trad, 6-7 pm

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## 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 Lherisse – 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Wednesday, November 2nd, 6 – 7:30 pm at our Traditional Campus. PBA parents and staff have fun while discussing the support of our kids. Dinner will be served, door prizes awarded, and parent T-shirts distributed for those that don't have one yet. All interested parents are welcome.

### Friday Fun Fest

Our next Family Fun Fest is on Friday, November 4th, 3 – 4 pm. Come play games with your children that support their language arts and math skills. Find out the games and resources available for check out so you can support your child's academic development at home in fun ways. Snacks and drinks are served.



## Family Math Night Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7:30 pm

Drop by the Resource Room at the Traditional Campus. We will have lots of fun stations, play games to strengthen your math skills. Take home math games for every family!



This is a FAMILY EVENT, so please be sure to stay with your family as you enjoy the games and dinner!

## 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 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pcollins@palmbayacademy.org)

### TECHnically Awesome Club

TECHnically Awesome – For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

## "Hack the Brain" Workshop Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7:30 pm

We make phonics easy for your student with logical and fun strategies. Learn the reasons **WHY** the letters make the sounds that they do using the "Secret Stories" and music. Take home materials will be provided.

# Thanksgiving...

Thanksgiving!! What is it really? It's not just a holiday filled with family gatherings, football, extensive menus including turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. It's not just sitting around the table and listing the items that you have enjoyed that year. If we look at the word carefully, we see something else.

We see the words "giving thanks". Giving thanks is different than being thankful. Being thankful involves your attitude concerning the happenings in your life. An attitude of gratitude lifts your spirit and makes daily trails easier, but it is passive in nature. It affects **your** well-being.

Giving thanks is active and more external. When you say thank you to another it not only lifts your spirits, it lifts the spirits of those around you. Giving thanks is good for **both** parties, the giver and the receiver.

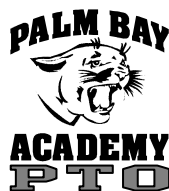
Saying "thank you" is becoming a lost art. When I was growing up, it was impressed upon me that we say thank you to everyone for anything. Thank you for fixing my plumbing. Thank you for serving our table. Thank you for picking up my trash. Thank you for letting me into traffic. Thank you for brining me a cup pf coffee. Thank you for my homework paper. Even thank you for my test.

Some people rarely express their thanks. They rarely say, "thank you". Perhaps it is because they don't know how. Here are a few suggestions...

- Smile and make eye contact – a mumbled, "thanks" without looking someone in the eye feels insincere.
- Give your thanks promptly – saying thank you right away means you care about the other person's well-being. They matter as a person.
- Be sincere - People can tell whether you mean what you say or not. Be sure to be honest and genuine while expressing your thanks.

So make giving thanks a habit. Say, "thank you" to everyone you can. And... thank you for reading!

Donna Moore



Hello everyone! Our next meeting will be **Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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



## *A BIG Thank You*

The following volunteers have been of immeasurable help at some time during the *last 9 weeks*....

<b>Fabiola Binkley</b>	<b>Katherine Reyes</b>
<b>Scott Kemeling</b>	<b>Jill Summers</b>
<b>Jennifer Sutton</b>	

The following volunteers helped make our *Harvest Festival* a great success...

**Katherine Alloway**  
**Courtney Conlin**  
**Heather Davis**  
**Jennifer Sutton**  
**Amy Williams**  
**Jessica Vega**  
**Jaime Suarez**  
**Betsy Lifter**  
**Crystal Aguiar**



Thank you all for your help.  
You were lifesavers!

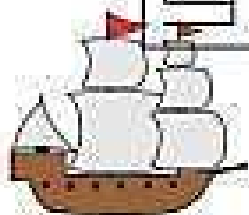
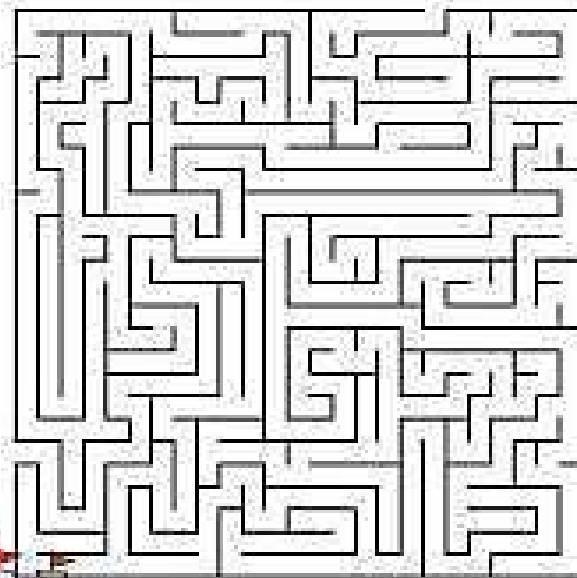


### Little Known Thanksgiving Facts

1. Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.
2. Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.
3. Thomas Jefferson thought the concept of Thanksgiving was "the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard."
4. Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.
5. Fifty percent of Americans put the stuffing inside the Turkey.
6. Turkeys were one of the first animals in the Americas to be domesticated.
7. Contrary to popular belief, Native Americans did not eat cranberries. They did, however, find them extremely useful for dying fabric and decorating pottery.
6. A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.
9. The First Thanksgiving lasted for three days.

## Thanksgiving Maze

Can you help the Pilgrim find his way through the maze to the Mayflower?



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**Space Coast State Fair:** Thru Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Space Coast Stadium, 5800 Stadium Parkway in Viera, More than 200 thrill rides, amusement games, exhibits, free shows, food stands available.

**Native Rhythms Festival:** Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Wickham Park, Fri & Sat 9 am – 10 pm, Sun 9 am – 6:00 pm. Honors Native American culture through music, flute makers vendors & food available. Admission is FREE.

**Light Up Viera:** Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Stadium Parkway, Viera. Light Parade at 6 pm. Professional floats, battle of the bands, visit from Santa and his sleigh, 3-D light enhancing glasses (glasses available during Nov @ Viera Discovery Ctr, 7350 Shoppes Drive, Ste. 103). Parade route follows: Stadium Pkwy, Breslay Dr, Veterans Way, Tavistock Blvd. Viera Blvd, finishing at Space Coast Stadium.

### 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.**