



CHARTER CHATTER

December 2017



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.

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See SPAR Notification on Page 3.

IMPORTANT!

Please be reminded of these policies...

- You must accompany children into the front office to sign them in when they are tardy for school.
- Students who are habitually tardy can have their field trip privileges revoked.
- With the cooler weather, students are allowed to wear sweat pants and zipper or buttoned sweaters in the appropriate color for their uniform. No hoodies are allowed.



12/01/17	6 th Gr Kennedy Space Center Field Trip
12/04/17	Holiday Shop – Trad, through 12-9
12/05/17	PTO Meeting – Trad, 6-7 pm
12/12/17	Winter Slumberland – Trad, 6-7 pm
12/12/17	Title I NUT DAY \$1 - both Imm and Trad
12/14/17	Family Book Clubs @ Trad, 3-4 pm
12/14/17	Traditional Holiday Concert – Midd, 6 pm
12/16/17	Family Book Clubs @ Trad, 10-11 am
12/18/17	Immersion Holiday Concert – Midd, 6 pm
12/19/17	Early Release Days - 19 th , 20 th , and 21 st
12/22/17	Begin Winter Break

UPCOMING

1/08/18	Students Return Back to School
1/10/18	PTO Meeting – Trad, 6-7 pm
1/11/18	Elementary Report Cards Issued
1/17/18	Title I NUT DAY \$1 - both Imm and Trad

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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, 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

Holiday Tips!



Do you remember what it felt like to pray for a particular present, pray every night, and not receive it? Do you remember being jealous of a friend's or sibling's gift? Can you remember what it was like dealing with relatives you didn't know, places you had never been, and situations that bored you to tears? We forget how difficult the holidays can be for children.

Tips to help children with holiday stress:

- 1) Children are expert observers. Model good coping skills for your children.
- 2) Discuss scheduling changes with your children and involve them in holiday responsibilities. Don't stray too far from regular bedtime/morning routines.
- 3) Keep school structure in the picture. Make sure your children keep reading and doing their math facts over the holiday. It keeps them focused on learning and makes the transition back to school easier.
- 4) Having clear boundaries makes their life more predictable and reduces feelings of insecurity. By setting and keeping limits, you reduce stress within the family.
- 5) Look at things positively and you see options. See things negatively and you feel trapped. Teach kids to replace "I never get what I want" with "I got nice presents that I can have fun with."
- 6) Spend quiet time with each child. Individual time spent talking with children while working on something can be very special. Ask how they are feeling, listen carefully, respect their comments.
- 7) Teach simple relaxation techniques. Breathing exercises, muscle relaxation, and imagery exercises are ways your children can gain control over their stress.
- 8) Look for clues of stress like: unexplained aching muscles, neck & backaches, pounding heart, restlessness, difficulty sleeping, early-morning awakening and, conversely, trouble staying awake, chronic irritability and nervous habits. If the child begins to withdraw from activities they used to enjoy this may be a red flag. Seek a mental health professional's care if needed.
- 9) What and **how** you say things to your child affects their ability to handle stress. Monitor how you speak to your children and watch for trends in their reactions. **And remember to take care of yourself also.**

Donna Moore

Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group –Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Mondays between 2:15 and 3:00 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 Thursdays 3-4 pm and the second Saturday 10-11 am both at the Traditional Campus. 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.

Tech Club

Tech Club – Mr. Ramos will conduct Tech Club on Tuesday, 2 – 3 pm. Arrangements must be made with Mr. Ramos before children can attend. Permission slips must be completed. Please contact Mr. Ramos for expectations of students. To contact please send email to: aramos@palmbayacademy.org

Homework Club

Homework Club – Ms. Pearce will conduct Homework Club on Mondays, 2:45 – 3:30 pm. Arrangements must be made with Mr. Ramos before children can attend. Permission slips must be completed. To contact please send email to: tpearce@palmbayacademy.org



Hello everyone! Our next meeting will be **Dec, 6th, 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. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Amanda Thibaudeau
President, Elementary PTO



Learn Anywhere...

The winter holiday season can be a wonderful time of year... the operative words being, "can be". With all the extra activities and responsibilities, the holidays can become very stressful. Parents can end up feeling harried and drained. Children can feel left out. Here are a few ways to stay connected with your children during the holidays without adding much extra work...

1. Greet Christmas Together: Let your child help write holiday cards and letters. If they are a little young for that, they can seal and stamp the card envelope and perhaps decorate with stickers. While you are working on your cards, let your child create homemade holiday greeting cards themselves. When you are finished, you can take them to the mailbox or post office together!

2. Figure The Cost: While shopping, let your child help figure out the cost of items, how much you spent altogether, and how much items on sale will cost.

3. Keep It On The Record: Have your child make up a story for the holidays or retell one that he/she heard. Record these on your phone and send them to friends and relatives.

4. Movie Time: Get holiday DVDs. Watch them with your child at home or listen to them in the car. Ask your child questions about the sequence of events. Talk with your child about the characters and moral messages in the stories. Let your child predict how he/she thinks the story will end.

5. Hit The Streets: Take your child to holiday events sponsored by your city or town. These are usually free and sometimes have areas specifically for children. If you go to a parade, count the number of floats. How many marching bands, how many dance troops? Make it an educational experience by asking them to recall or describe what they saw.

6. Baking Time: Bake some family recipes together. All recipes require math and reading. And eating the end results is wonderful way to end a holiday evening!

Donna Moore

"You'll never find a rainbow
if you are looking down"
Charlie Chaplin



No Child Left Behind (SPAR)

The new SPAR report is available on our website. Click on the [No Child Left Behind - SPAR](#) link to access.

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



Reminders! PBA Security Policies

Transportation Changes – Due to the Jessica Lunsford Act, we do not accept transportation changes verbally, via phone calls/messages, text message, email, or voice mail. A Parent/Guardian must give **advance written, dated, and signed notice using the "Palm Bay Academy Transportation Change Form"** (personal notes **not** accepted) to the Front Office when requesting any changes made in your child's transportation means. Incomplete forms are not honored. **No exceptions.** Changes must be made a minimum of 24 hours prior to pick up/dismissal. *Form available at front desk or on PBA website.*

Car Loop Procedures – Palm Bay Academy has a designated car loop procedure. Stopping and/or parking in no parking zones (at Dominican Tire Auto Repair, anywhere on Tropicana) is not allowed for any reason (i.e. Dropping children or adults in the street or on the sidewalks, picking up students, dropping off paperwork, etc.). In addition, Palm Bay Academy will not be held liable for any instance, occurrence, accident or incident that may occur due to the disregard of these policies and procedures and traffic laws.

Early Pick Up – Palm Bay Academy has strict dismissal procedures. Latest early pick up time is 1:50 pm (Elem) unless it is Early Dismissal Wednesday, then it is 12:50 pm. The lobby doors are locked from 1:50 to approximately 2:30 for car loop dismissal. Afternoon release time for children is 2:20. *Please plan accordingly.*

Uniform Dress Code – Palm Bay Academy is a uniform school. **Traditional K-5 uniform** is gray polo with logo & navy blue bottoms. **Immersion K-5 uniform** is navy blue polo with logo & tan khaki bottoms. **Middle 6-8 uniform** is royal blue polo with logo & tan khaki bottoms. Do not mix bottom or polo colors of other campuses with your students'. Jeans are never acceptable and hoodies are not allowed up on the head. As the weather gets cooler outer wear as well as tights, leggings and socks are to be of the program color. Jeans, leggings, Jeggings or any other type of jean type bottoms are not allowed for either program. Closed toe loafers or tennis shoes with non-slip soles.



Math Puzzles...

1. If you buy every item in the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many items will you buy?
2. What is the ratio (fraction) of birds to the total number of items?

Answers below:

1. $(1 \times 12) + (2 \times 11) + (3 \times 10) + (4 \times 9) + (5 \times 8) + (6 \times 7) + (7 \times 6) + (8 \times 5) + (9 \times 4) + (10 \times 3) + (11 \times 2) + (12 \times 1)$
 WHICH CAN BE SIMPLIFIED INTO JUST DOUBLING
 THE FIRST HALF BECAUSE IT REPEATS
 $2((1 \times 12) + (2 \times 11) + (3 \times 10) + (4 \times 9) + (5 \times 8) + (6 \times 7))$
 $2(12 + 22 + 30 + 36 + 40 + 42)$
 $2(182) = 364$ ITEMS
 2. 12 PARTRIDGES + 22 TURTLE DOVES + 30 CALLING BIRDS + 36 FRENCH HENS + 42 GEESSE + 42 SWANS = 184 BIRDS.
 $184/364 = 46/91$

Holiday Light Parade: Dec 2, Palm Bay Holiday Light Parade - 6:30 pm. The parade marches from the EFSC campus, moves west on Malabar Rd to Eldron Blvd. Disruptions in traffic patterns starting at 4pm. Free.

Breakfast With Santa: Dec 9th, 8:30 am – 11 am. Purchase tickets at Ted Whitlock Community Center (1951 Malabar Rd NW, Palm Bay). Games, holiday fun, photo opp with Santa (bring camera). Call (321) 952-3231 for cost.

Space Coast Lightfest: Thru Jan 1st at Wickham Park 2500 Parkway Dr., Holiday themed drive-through family oriented event, transformed into a winter wonderland filled with hundreds-of-thousands of lights. Popcorn and Hot Chocolate concession sales Hayrides available. Event cost \$15 per car, 10 people to a car limit. For list of special events, www.spacecoastlightfest.com

Can you find these items?

Fried egg key bird yoyo horseshoe
bell screw hand saw bacon lollipop



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.