



# CHARTER CHATTER

January 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2112 Palm Bay Road NE  
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02/05/16	Friday Funfest, 3-4 pm, Traditional
02/06/16	Brain Powered Study Skills Wkshp, gr 3-5 families, 8:30-11:30am, Trad
02/08/16	Book Clubs, grades K-2, 3-4 pm, Imm
02/16/16	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
02/22/16	Book Clubs, grades 3-5, 3-4 pm, Trad

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- 02/14/16 Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
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# MyOn Reading Competition

The MyOn contest winners were broken into two groups K-2 and 3-5. Students were challenged to read as many books as possible and complete the quizzes that went along with them.

## Congrats to the following students!

### K-2 Winners

**1st place - Jayden Chung.** Read 52 books, won a tablet provided by our MyOn representative.

**2nd place - James Channer.** Read 50 books, won a book.

**3rd place - Kyla Chung.** Read 44 books, won a giant coloring book and markers.

**4th place - Amara Okoro.** Read 40 books, won a book.

**5th place - Ian Summer.** Read 34 books, won a book.

**6th place - Romelo Cole.** Read 34 books, won a giant coloring book and markers.

### 3-5 Winners

**1st place - Jayda Loyd.** Read 309 books, won a tablet provided by our MyOn representative.

**2nd place was Khushi Jansari.** Read 282 books, won a chapter book.

**3rd place was Jamin Simeus.** Read 252 books, won a chapter book.

**4th place was Gabby Dancy-Renz.** Read 100 books, won a chapter book.

**5th place was Kush Jansari.** Read 89 books, won a chapter book.

**6th place was Kortia Hooks.** Read 79 books, won a chapter book.

Please keep encouraging your children to read. If they have not logged on to MyOn yet please contact your student's teacher for assistance. The next competition is in January! This competition will be a challenge to read after school hours. The most hours outside of school will win in each grade level.

Christina Gilchrist, Literacy Coach



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

We are in need of a large umbrella and base to shield our car loop caller from the rain and sun. Please let the Front Desk know if you can help.

## Clubs!



### Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Tuesdays between 2:15 and 3:00. This group is limited to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pcollins@palmbayacademy.org)

### Strings

Strings Group – Ms. Collins will conduct strings group starting on 21<sup>st</sup> and held on Mondays 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](mailto:pcollins@palmbayacademy.org)

### Drama

Drama Club – Ms. Crystal conducts drama club every Thursday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Drama is currently full.

### Dance

Dance From Around The World Club – Ms. Crystal conducts dance club every Friday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Crystal for more information: [ccameron@palmbayacademy.org](mailto:ccameron@palmbayacademy.org)

### 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!

### 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.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

**Born:** January 15, 1929, [Atlanta, GA](#)

**Assassinated:** April 4, 1968, [Memphis, TN](#)

**Spouse:** [Coretta Scott King](#) (m. 1953–1968)

**Education:** [Boston University](#) (1951–1955)

## Who's Writing Your Story?...

Are you the author of your life? Often, we perceive our lives, abilities, and options through someone else's eyes. By this I mean, that our perception of ourselves is often defined by things outside of ourselves like; our parents, spouse, friends, jobs, even advertising firms. They see us in a certain light. We take on their perception of our reality as our own. It becomes our story, our lives.

What was that? Our lives are being written by someone else? No way! Take a closer look. Have you ever wanted to do or accomplish a particular thing and someone said something like, "Nobody wants to do that", or "You wouldn't enjoy that", or "That's impossible, why waste your time." Did you follow your dream or did you end up following the "advice" of others? It happens more often than we realize. Other people's perceptions of our strengths and weaknesses label us and we think they are right. We get caught up in these stories and assume their limitations. Are we happy with someone else writing our story? And if we aren't happy about it, is there anything we can do about it?

Yes, there is something we can do. You can be in charge of your own perception of reality. Since our stories stem from perceptions, we can...

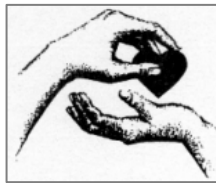
First notice what our perceptions of ourselves are; what is our self-image? How is our self-talk? What are our reactions to circumstances? Are we optimistic or is the world out to get us?

Then we examine our self-beliefs and if they benefit us. Are the beliefs about ourselves productive or damaging? Do they foster creativity, do they help achieve your dreams, or do they limit your options?

Finally, ferret out the limiting beliefs and then challenge them. Are these beliefs driven by out dated events, by the opinions of others? Often we realize that our reality has been shaped by events and people that no longer serve a positive purpose in our lives. If this is so, replace them with new perceptions of yourself, write a new story. Figure out what is important to you, how you want your life to be.

John C. Maxwell said: "People rise and fall to meet your level of expectations." Have high expectations for yourself. Perceive yourself as more than what others perceive. Write yourself a great story!

Donna Moore



## A BIG Thank You

The following volunteers were of great help in our *Santa Shop*...

Mrs. Jansari – volunteered every day

Ms. Scott

Mr. & Mrs. Binkley

Ms. Guessous

Mr. Burns

Ms. Allen

Mrs. Sullivan

Mrs. Barreiros

Mrs. Vyhonsky



*Thank you from the bottom  
of our hearts. We couldn't  
do it without you!*

**Volunteers**  
Make the Difference



## PBA Offers Parents Night Out!

Palm Bay Academy will be holding Parent's Night Out on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. For a cost of \$10 per child, children will receive a winter themed night of fun, snacks, and coordinated events. Call the front desk by January 27<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot. Please pay at drop off. Must be a PBA student to attend.



## Winter Word Search

D	E	K	M	K	A	A	J	Y	R	A	G
S	N	E	T	T	I	M	S	E	R	I	R
X	G	L	O	V	E	S	I	O	E	Z	O
T	P	Y	O	N	K	O	D	W	T	D	Y
K	H	T	T	W	S	N	H	S	N	L	R
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W	C	J	D	J	F	E	L	L	C	U	I
Z	N	X	Y	C	U	H	A	B	H	A	H
H	I	B	E	R	N	A	T	E	Y	R	P
F	K	B	O	X	I	C	E	G	U	Y	W

WINTER	COLD	ICE
SNOW	FROSTY	HIBERNATE
SLED	FROZEN	COAT
ICICLE	JANUARY	HAT
BLIZZARD	GLOVES	
HOT CHOCOLATE		



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**Brevard Renaissance Fair:** Jan 30 & 31, Feb 5, 6 & 7. Wickham Park Amphith. Knights joust, 3 stages of continuous entertainment. Pony rides, games of skill. Turkey legs, desserts, Meade & more! Under 6 Free; One day entry- Adults \$11, Season passes avail. For Educ. Day details & pricing, visit [BrevardRenaissanceFair.com](http://BrevardRenaissanceFair.com)

**Kid-A-Palooza Family Festival:** Jan 16, Wickham Park - by amphitheater, Family orientated festival, interactive booths, live performances, exhibitions, shows, and more. Event & parking free (\$10 for Inflatable Zone Wristbands).

**Cirque Italia:** Jan 7-10, Wickham Park Main Pavilion under the stunning White & Blue Big Top Tent. Experience the wonders of Italy through our artists' spectacular performances and the magic of a 35,000 gallons water stage! Multiple shows on the 9th and 10th, Admission varies dependent upon seat section.

### 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.