



# CHARTER CHATTER

February 2015

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## 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 remember we have early dismissal on Wednesday, 02-11-15 and 02-25-15. Pick up is no later than 1:45 (Elem), 3:00 for Middle. For Early Dismissal, early checkout is no later than 1 hour before the regular time (12:45-Elem and 2:00-Middle).



## February



02/02/15	Under The Sea Book Fair – ends 02-06
02/10/15	Parent Night – Florida Standards Assessments – Gr 3-5, 6-7 PM, Trad
02/11/15	Vision & Hearing testing - Trad
02/11/15	Early Release Day
02/14/15	Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
02/16/15	President's Day – Student Holiday
02/17/15	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
02/25/15	Early Release Day

### Upcoming...

03/02/15	Book Fair – ends 03-05, Trad
03/03/15	Book Fair Parent Night – 5:30-7 PM
03/03/15	Family Literacy Night – 6 – 7 PM, Trad
03/13/15	Teacher Prof Day – Student Holiday
03/14/15	Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
03/17/15	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
03/23/15	Spring Break begins – ends 03-27

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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
- ♦ Eric Marshall - Principal (Middle)
- ♦ Marilyn Kinsel – Dir. of Operations
- ♦ Linda Mahovich – Student Services
- ♦ Mercedita Ortiz - ESE
- ♦ Nina Orellana – Title I

#### Board of Directors

- ♦ Ronald Mc Kendree – President
- ♦ Vacant – Vice President
- ♦ Vacant– Board Member
- ♦ Anthony Ingoglia – Parent Contact
- ♦ Vacant – Board Member

Meetings: as posted

#### PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

- ♦ President – Renata Jordan
- ♦ Vice President – Deborah Shannon
- ♦ Treasurer –Jennifer Roberts

Meetings: To be announced

#### Who to talk to on questions about...

- ♦ Transportation (Busing) – Fran Chatelier
- ♦ Free & Reduced Lunch – Crystal Cameron
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Nina Orellana
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher

## Daily Details

### Prescription & Over The Counter Medication

Prescription medication will only be administered as approved by a physician. Two forms (Parent Request to Administer Medications and Medication Administration Record – available at the Front Desk) must be filled out and signed for the school to administer any over the counter or prescription medications. These forms must be filled out every school year. Over the counter medication must be in an unopened, new container. Prescription medication will only be administered as approved by a physician (must have prescription label on bottle/box). If assistance with non-prescription or over-the-counter medications is requested for periods of time over 3 days the school will require approval of a physician.

The parent must give written permission to the school office, including an explanation of the necessity for the medication during the school day, and/or for the student who may be away from school property on official school business (forms are available at the front desk). The administrator will designate person(s) to be responsible for accepting, counting and administering medication. The designated person(s) will complete a medication log for each student when medication is administered. Medication will be counted and stored properly in the ORIGINAL CONTAINER under lock and key. Medication may be left at the school overnight in cases where the physician and parent make a request for high frequency and lengthy dosage requirements. **Medication shall not be carried on a student's person on the school grounds.**



## School News Flash



### From Elementary Music...

Palm Bay Academy is very excited to announce that the hard work of your children is truly coming to fruition. The PBA choir and both sets of strings have been working very hard on their musical offerings and I couldn't be more proud to tell you that they are finally ready to give a performance. We still have some work to do, and believe me, it never really ends. I just wanted to let you know about the transformation they have undergone over the course of this year, especially since returning from Winter Break in January. I am excited to share the progress we have made together.

We will host a concert for family and friends, and the community in the Cafetorium at the PBA Middle School Campus on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. **Performing students should wear nice clothes, suitable for church and only black and/or white long pants and long sleeved shirts.**

**Dress Rehearsal:** We will have a dress rehearsal **at the Middle School Cafetorium** to prepare and become comfortable in the venue on the evening prior, **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM.**

Mr. Cohen  
Elementary Music

### A Tribute to the Patron Saint of Love

Where there is love the heart is light  
Where there is love the day is bright  
Where there is love there is a song  
to help when things are going wrong  
Where there is love there is a smile  
to make all things seem more worth while  
Where there is love there's quiet peace.

Chaki Eno

## Change The Focus...

It seems so constant, this daily grind. Work harder, harder, harder to fix, gain or accomplish more, more, more. Sometimes we barely get through one issue and the next one is upon us. We become so focused on our world we forget there is a bigger world... one where everyone else lives.

We are lucky that every now and then someone is born who feels that the bigger world is important. These people feel the pain of all mankind. They feel the ideals of duty, peace, integrity, nonviolence, being mindful of thought and action, and acting with wisdom are important to foster in the bigger world. They not only hold the aforementioned ideals as important, but have the strength of will to act on them.

These people are the ones that have brought revolutionary change; social change, and spiritual change. The people I speak of are Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Emmeline Pankhurst, Florence Nightingale, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. and all the others like them we have been privileged to have among us.

And yet, the truth of the matter is, every single one of them were simply ordinary people who have accomplished extraordinary things. And all their extraordinary accomplishments started with one thing. Changing their focus from the outside in, to a focus of inside out. Change from how we react when "they do stuff to us" and begin to think, "what can I do to help them".

So what can we do, as ordinary people? Every now and then, we must lift our noses from the grindstone and take a look around. We need to look beyond our own troubles and consider the plights and condition of our fellow man. Every now and then it's a good idea to focus not on our own bumps and bruises, but to turn our attention to the wounds of others. Change the direction of our sight arrow from inside our tiny little world to the bigger outside world.

There is still much to do there.

Donna Moore



Stay tuned for more information soon!

Renata Jordan

## UPCOMING

### Valentine's Day Dance

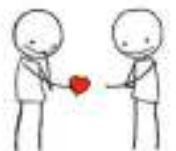
February 13th, \$3 per person, 1-2 PM in the Traditional Campus cafeteria. Tickets will be sold in advance. Grades 3rd - 4th students only.



### Father Daughter Dance

Sat., Mar. 21st, 6-9 PM, theme is "Enchanted Evening, \$15 (in advance) per Father Daughter couple, \$17 at the door, PBA K-5th grade students only.

## Random Acts of Inspiration & Kindness



PBA has been very fortunate recently. Random Acts of Inspiration have been reported popping up in several places. The person responsible for these acts of inspiration is Chaki Eno in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Thank you Chaki!

### The Magic of Love

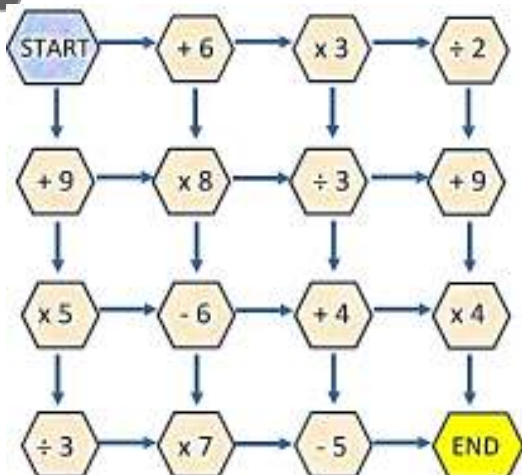
Love can't be bought,  
It is priceless and free,  
Love, like pure magic  
Is a sweet mystery!

Chaki Eno

# Puzzlers & Fungestions



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## Number Maze: Target 100

Start the maze with zero. Finish the maze with a total of 100. You must follow one of the arrows each time. There are two possible routes. Can you find them?

## Super Bowl Sunday Word Search

H	S	L	L	L	A	B	T	O	O	F	T
D	E	P	D	R	C	H	J	H	L	D	R
O	L	L	B	W	H	I	S	T	L	E	O
R	A	E	M	R	E	Y	A	L	P	F	P
E	C	U	I	E	H	B	E	I	I	F	H
I	E	B	H	F	T	M	C	O	I	C	Y

field

football

helmet

player

trophy

whistle



**43rd Annual Taste of Greece:** Feb 20 – Feb 22, 11 AM – 8 PM. Location - St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, \$5 parking fee, free admission, great food, live music, Greek culture, address: 5965 N Wickham Rd, Suntree, Florida 32940.

### Friday Fest Family Street Party:

Downtown Melbourne. Family-oriented event, art, craft and business vendors, great food and beverage, children's activity area. Stores/restaurants remain open. Admission/parking free, 2nd Friday of each month, 6 - 10pm.

### Downtown Melbourne Art Walk:

Feb 21, 5 - 8 pm, in Historic Downtown Melbourne, 40 unique merchants, galleries, studios, and theaters host local artists, artisans, musicians and talent in a welcoming open house setting. Wine tastings, raffles, look for Art Walk signs in business windows, 3rd Sat of each month until Apr 18, 2015, free

### 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.