



# CHARTER CHATTER

February 2016

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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



- 02/05/16 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

### Upcoming...

- 03/03/16 Spring Picture Day – K-2, Trad
- 03/04/16 Spring Picture Day – 3-5, Trad
- 03/09/16 Spring Picture Day – Middle
- 03/05/16 Father Daughter Dance, 6-9 pm, Trad
- 03/11/16 Teacher Prof Day – Student Holiday
- 03/14/16 Book Fair – 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Trad
- 03/15/16 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
- 03/17/16 Vision & Hearing Testing, Middle
- 03/21/16 Spring Break begins – ends 03-25

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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
- ♦ Mercedita Ortiz – Student Services
- ♦ Mercedita Ortiz – ESE
- ♦ 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

#### 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
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Mercedita Ortiz
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher



## Daily Details

### *Dropping Students Off Late*

**REMINDER:** Students are late after 7:35. They will be marked tardy after 8:05. If your student is tardy, you must come into the office and sign them in. **If your child required breakfast they must arrive no later than 7:25** in order to receive and have time to eat breakfast before being sent to class at 7:35. **If your child is tardy or if you suspect they may be tardy, and they require a school lunch, please call in before 8:30 am** and order a lunch with the front desk/ cafeteria. Once lunches are called in at 8:30, we can not add additional lunches to the count.

### *Breakfast & Lunch*

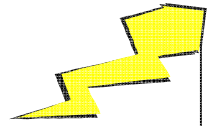
**REMINDER:** Breakfast is ordered the day before for the following morning. Lunch is ordered in the morning for the same day. Both meals are ordered by your student while attendance is being taken, first thing in the morning. Neither breakfast nor lunch is ordered automatically (even if your student is on the free/reduced lunch program). Lunches are called into our Middle School kitchen at 8:30 am. If your student comes in later than 8:30 am, they will need to bring a lunch (we do not automatically order lunches/breakfasts). If you suspect you will be late, you can call the front desk and order a lunch for your child. **We must receive your call by 8:30 am in order to add the lunch to the days lunch count.**

### *Changing Means of Transportation*

**REMINDER:** Due to the Jessica Lunsford Act, we are no longer able to accept transportation changes via phone calls/ messages, text message, email, or voice mail. A Parent/Guardian must give **advance written, dated, and signed notice using the "Transportation Change Form"** to the school (Front Desk and homeroom teacher) when requesting a child be released to someone other than the designated person(s) **or** for any other change made in transportation means. Please note it is not the responsibility of the homeroom teacher to make sure the "Transportation Change Form" is delivered to the Front Desk. **There will be no exceptions.**



## School News Flash



### *PBA Science Fair Winners*

We are very happy to announce this year's PBA Science Fair Winners...

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

##### Physical Category

1st - Luke Summer  
2nd - Kush Jansari  
3rd - Jaylin Boursiquot

##### Biological Category

1st - Fatima Yaseen  
2nd - Dion Campbell  
3rd - Ocean Flowers

##### Environmental Category

1st - Leilani Banks  
2nd - Addyson Schanz  
No 3rd place winner

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

##### Physical Category

1st - Jake Roberts  
2nd - Ram Marana  
3rd - Elijah Ferguson

##### Biological Category

1st - Jayda Loyd  
2nd - Khushi Jansari  
3rd - Nahomie Gelin

##### Environmental Category

1st - Casey Douglas  
2nd - Samaria Clark  
3rd - Serenity Morgan



### *Florida Standards*

### *Assessment Night*

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Thu. Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7 pm**

Learn all about the FSA and what to expect on the tests!

Marilyn Kinsel  
Director of Operations

## "It Is What It Is"...

"It is what it is." I hear this ever more frequently. It reminds me of the statement, "Close enough for government work." Both give me the shivers. To me, the statements represent the act of settling.

I know. I also talk about non-resistance (going with the flow). But, I speak about that in relation to change (non-resistance against oncoming change). Settling is not change. It's putting up with an irritant because you believe there is nothing to be done about it. I understand how frustrating it is to deal with irritating situations and feel that your hands are tied.

But what if people like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a mother of four from upstate New York, and the Quaker abolitionist Lucretia Mott had said, "It is what it is"? What if they had decided to "just deal with" the denial of women the right to vote and run for public office? There would not be an Elizabeth Dole, Carol Moseley Braun, Hillary Clinton, or Carly Fiorina mentioned in politics in any way.

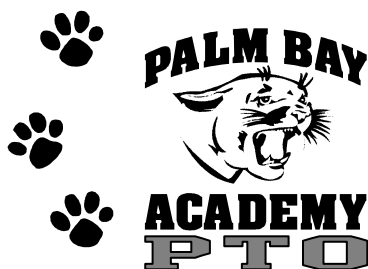
Women's suffrage (and many other women's issues) was not an "it is what it is" thing for these women. And their initial efforts on July 19–20, 1848, in Seneca Falls, New York were not listened to by many.

Only about 100 people heard the words spoken by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, "I should feel exceedingly diffident to appear before you wholly unused as I am to public speaking, were I not nerved by a sense of right and duty—did I not feel that the time had fully come for the question of woman's wrongs to be laid before the public—did I not believe that woman herself must do this work—for woman alone can understand the height and the depth, the length and the breadth of her own degradation and woe. Man cannot speak for us—because he has been educated to believe that we differ from him so materially, that he cannot judge of our thoughts, feelings and opinions by his own".

From this initial protest, it took another 72 years, 3 main women's rights organizations, and countless efforts by dissatisfied women (and men) for the 19th Amendment, providing full voting rights for women nationally to be ratified on August 26, 1920.

Sometime "it is what it is" shouldn't be. Change may be long in coming, but worth the effort to get the ball rolling in the right direction.

Donna Moore



Stay tuned for more information soon!

Renata Jordan



## UPCOMING

### Father Daughter Dance

This year's theme is "Under The Sea", \$20 (in advance tickets only – none will be sold at the door) per Father Daughter couple.

Sat., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>,  
6-9 PM

PBA K-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
students only.



### Brain Powered Study Skills Workshop

Sat. Feb 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 – 11:30 am



Master skills that will help  
your student learn more in  
less time, learn how to retain  
information, take notes, and  
study smarter!



# Puzzlers & Fungestions

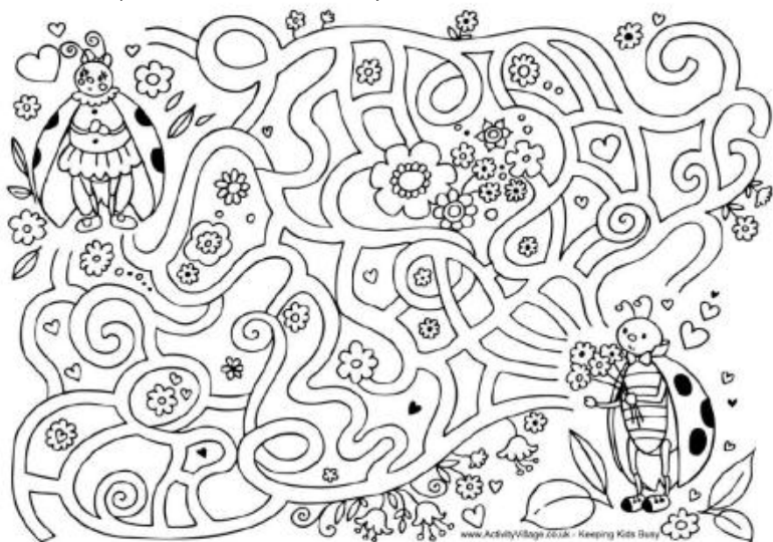


## Football Brain Strainers

Can you figure out which professional football team each clue refers to?

1. seven squared
2. marine mammals
3. proud Americans
4. 747s
5. black birds
6. dollar for corn
7. sunburned people
8. suntanned people
9. Lone Star State residents
10. young male horses
11. expensive British cars
12. Greek mythological giants
13. rodeo horses
14. Native American leaders
15. hostile attackers

*Help the Love bugs find each other*



<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/valentines-day>



**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)

**44th Annual Taste of Greece:** Feb 26 – Feb 28, 11 am – 11 pm on Fri & Sat, 11 am – 6 pm on Sun. St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, \$5 parking fee, free admission, great food, live music, grocery store, Greek culture, address: 5965 N Wickham Rd, Suntree.

**Heart for Habitat Festival:** Feb 13 - 14, 10 am to 5 pm. Location - Space Coast Harley Davidson Dealership in Palm Bay, Free admission/parking, art & craft show, home & garden show, car and bike show, children's activities, heart assemblage (\$5 charge to participate, must wear red t-shirts).

### 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.