



CHARTER CHATTER

March 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 TESTING REMINDERS!

Please be sure ...

- Your children get plenty of sleep during the Florida Assessment testing period.
- They receive a good breakfast every morning.
- They limit intake of sugary snacks and drinks.
- They arrive at school early (before 7:45 am).
- They leave electronics and cell phones at home or in the front office.

If your child arrives after testing has started, they will be asked to wait in the front office until the testing period is completed.



March

Calendar



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| 03/03/16 | Spring Picture Day – K-2, Trad |
| 03/04/16 | Spring Picture Day – 3-5, Trad |
| 03/09/16 | Spring Picture Day – Immersion |
| 03/05/16 | Father Daughter Dance, 6-9 pm, Trad |
| 03/11/16 | Teacher Prof Day – Student Holiday |
| 03/14/16 | Book Fair – 14 th -18 th , 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 |

UPCOMING

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| 04/05/16 | Vision & Hearing Testing, Immersion |
| 04/06/16 | Class Picture Day - Immersion |
| 04/07/16 | Class Picture Day - Traditional |
| 04/08/16 | NUT Day K-5 – Title I, fee \$1 |
| 04/08/16 | Vision & Hearing Testing, Traditional |

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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

FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

All public schools and public charters in Florida will be participating in the upcoming FSAs...

Our testing is as follows...

Mar 1st

Mar 29th-Apr 1st

Apr 12th-May 4th (excluding Mondays)

These dates include FSA makeup days. All students will not test every day. Teachers will inform parents of grade level test schedule.

You can help us on testing days by making sure your student eats a balanced diet (low in sugar), drinks enough water, is well rested, and **arrives before 8:00 am for school**. Students arriving late will not be permitted in the testing rooms and will have to make up the test being administered at that time on the designated retake days.

Talk to your child about the importance of the tests! Don't place so much pressure on doing well that the child panics the day of the test. Your child has been learning what they need to know since the first day of school. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the tests. Help your child start test mornings as positively as possible. If disorganization is an issue, make sure that pencils, papers and clothes are ready the night before. A few extra minutes of time may be beneficial so that the child will be more relaxed instead of "rushed".

Electronic devices are not permitted in the testing room. **Students must leave cell phones at home.**

Under The Sea Father Daughter Dance

Palm Bay Academy Traditional Campus will hold the Father Daughter Dance March 5th. Dress is formal. Dance starts at 6 PM. Sign up quickly, only 50 tickets will be sold. One ticket per couple.

No Tickets Sold At Door! Advance Sales Only



Fathers & Daughter will enjoy...

- Dinner, DJ, Music, Games,
- \$20.00/couple in advance
- Only 100 places available
- PBAC K-5 students only
- Professional photos for free

Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Tuesdays between 2:15 and 3:00. This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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

Strings

Strings Group – Ms. Collins will conduct strings group starting on 21st 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

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.

Year End Checklist

Re-enrollment

We are currently collecting re-enrollment forms for the 2016-2017 school year. We are receiving more enrollment forms than usual from outside the school so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment form **with 2 forms of proof of residency** as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot for next year.

Florida Standard Assessment Scores

We have not been informed when FSA scores will be completed. If we receive them before the end of school, we will send them home. Otherwise, please call for information.

Spring Cleaning...

Ah spring! All of nature is discarding the old and experiencing rebirth. We clear out clutter, take out trash, and clean our closets. While we are at it, why not spring clean our attitudes? Mental dirt and trash like limiting beliefs, unproductive self-talk, unfounded fears, and unhealthy resentments can cloud our outlook and make us feel negative. So, how does one clean an attitude?

Investigate and lighten the load - peek into mental boxes, turn on the lights and identify harmful self-talk or resentful thoughts of others. Negative self-talk can drain you of willpower, make you feel hopeless and pessimistic. Resenting others pollutes the feel of your home, workplace or other shared areas and makes your life more stressful, your relationships strained.

Throw out the trash - take a look around inside yourself, are there fears without basis, habits that no longer serve you in a productive manner? Just as we accumulate stuff in our homes, we accumulate mental stuff throughout our lives. Some of it may be from our childhood, such as old fears that can no longer harm us or habits that were developed long ago under different circumstances. Fears take up space in our minds, limiting our abilities and making us blind to new opportunities. Unproductive habits consume our energy and make it difficult to accomplish goals in a timely manner.

What do we do after we have identified and cleaned out our mental trash? We brighten up our space! Fill yourself with positive things like...

Be grateful - even something as small as appreciating a beautiful sunset, enjoying your favorite beverage, and yes, even smelling a rose can lift your spirits and make you a more positive person. Feelings of thankfulness have tremendous positive value in helping cope with daily problems, especially stress, and can actually protect and improve the health of your heart. It helps you sleep better, reduces every day aches and pains.

Smile at others - it is a proven fact that smiling releases dopamine and serotonin in the brain, sparking a feeling of happiness. Smiling boosts the immune system and relaxes the body's muscles. Endorphins are released which relieve stress. Smiling elevates moods and lowers blood pressure. When you smile at others they receive the same benefits you gain when you smile.

Find reasons to laugh - benefits of laughing include all the above and more. Laughter dissolves distressing emotions. You can't feel anxious, angry, or sad when you're laughing. Laughter helps you relax/recharge. It reduces stress and increases energy, enabling you to stay focused and accomplish more. Humor shifts perspective, allowing you to see situations in a more realistic, less threatening light which can help you avoid feeling overwhelmed.

So this spring, clean out those mental closets, redecorate! Smell the roses, play with a pet, go to a comedy club with friends, hang out with funny people, be grateful, smile and laugh your way to a brighter, happier life!

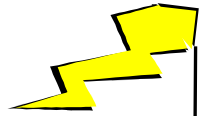
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School News Flash

The Art Room...



The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the Southern Division Elementary Art and Science Fair. The Open House for the Art and Science Fair will be Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM with the Award Ceremony at 6:30 PM.

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| Jonheliz Medina Suarez | Ms. Herrera |
| Jordan Ferguson Merit Award | Ms. Rossetti |
| Jameson Gonzalez | Ms. Maneiro |
| Alston Llera | Ms. Maneiro |
| Jamal Neal | Ms. Gonzalez |
| SJ'Von Saunders | Ms. Barnes |
| Alexandra Castaneda | Ms. Quinlivan |
| Samantha Escamilla | Ms. Noonan |
| Addyson Schanz | Ms. Harvell |
| Courtney Hacking | Ms. Conlin |
| Jada Sawh WINNER | Ms. Wilson 3rd in 3-D Art |
| Jayda Loyd | Ms. Wilson |

Keep drawing!

Ms. Antillia
Elementary Art
AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org

Congrats PBA Science Fair Winners!

We are tremendously proud of all our Science Fair participants. We would like to personally thank our PBA 1st Place winners who participated in the Southern Division Elementary Art and Science Fair: *Leilani Banks, Fatima Yaseen, Luke Summer, Casey Douglas, Jada Sawh, Jake Roberts, Ionna Garcia, Shenice Gentles and Taelani Allen-Lewis.* It truly was a lovely day. Thank you.

PBA placed four times in the Brevard County Science Fair Competition! That's competing among HUNDREDS of students!

4th Grade Environmental Category: Leilani Banks from Mrs. Harvell's class - 5th place!

4th Grade Biological Category: Fatima Yaseen from Ms. Conlin's class - 5th place!

5th Grade Physical Category: Jake Roberts from Mrs. Wilson's class - 3rd place!

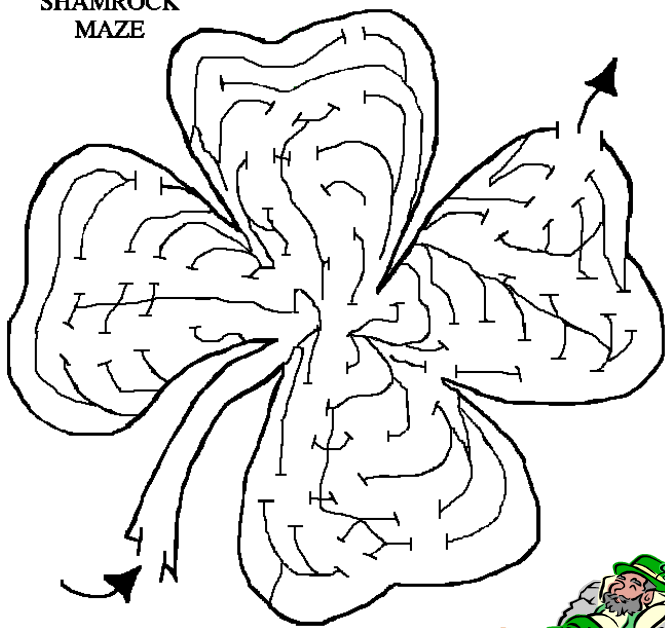
6th Grade Physical Category: Shenice Gentles from PBA Middle School - 5th place!!

Congratulations to all!

Mrs. Harvell
Science Fair Coordinator

Puzzlers & Fungestions

SHAMROCK
MAZE



<http://pie.midco.net/grammalowe/stpat.html>



Signs of Spring

Of things to look for in the woods and meadows, but the words got all mixed up. Can you help Peony unscramble her list?

1. OFGR _ _ _ _
2. FEUYRBTLT _ _ _ _ _
3. SRSGA _ _ _ _
4. ORMHTARWE _ _ _ _ _
5. SNTGLHUI _ _ _ _ _
6. UDB _ _ _
7. DDNLIAENO _ _ _ _ _
8. ORELWF _ _ _ _
9. EBE _ _ _
10. GLBDYAU _ _ _ _ _
11. OMLOB _ _ _ _
12. ERGEN _ _ _ _

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frog, butterfly, grass, earthworm, sunlight, bud,
dandelion, flower, bee, ladybug, bloom, green

Indiefest: Mar 12th 10 am-6pm & Mar 13th 11am-5pm. Cultural shows, traditional Indian cuisine, fashion show, Indian cooking demo, arts & crafts, raffles & prizes. Wickham Pavilion at 3845 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne. Adults \$5, children under 12 are \$2, children under 5 are free.

Space Coast Harley Davison Palm Bay Fair: Mar 17 – Mar 27 Includes; rides, games, food, music, racing pigs, and Torress Family Circus shows. I95 and Palm Bay Rd. Call 1.855.386.3836. \$12 admission M-Th, \$15 Fri-Sun

Space Coast Spring Kids Festival: Mar 19th, Melbourne Auditorium 10 am to 4 pm, health & wellness, special needs, education, child care, other family-related topics. Bounce house, face paint, pictures with Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt. 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.