



CHARTER CHATTER

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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) and ready to start.
- 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.



- 04/03/15** Good Friday – Holiday For All
04/04'15 Eggciting Egg Hunt @ Midd
04/11/15 Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
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Trad, 7-6 PM
04/21/15 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
04/22/15 Middle School Open House –
Incoming 6th graders, 6:30 @ Midd

UPCOMING

- 05/12/15** Field Day K – 2, 9 am -12 pm @ Midd
05/13/15 Field Day 3 – 5, 9 am -12 pm @ Midd
05/19/15 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
05/28/15 Early Release Day
05/29/15 Early Release Day

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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
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Kenneth Delgado – Board Member
- ♦ Manhar Shah – Board Member
- ♦ Anthony Ingoglia – Parent Contact
- ♦ Vacant – Parent Representative

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

FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

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

FSA testing: Mar 3 - May 1 3rd - 8th

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.**

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 (and all other days, as well). 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.

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.

PBA FIELD DAYS



PBA students - Get ready for some fun at our annual PBA Field Days! Here are the details...

- For PBA students only
- Must have signed permission slip
- Includes transportation, lunch, water
- Students wear PBA PE uniform (Pack extra set of clothing, students may get wet)
- Students arrive at school as usual

K, 1st & 2nd Field Day	3rd, 4th & 5th Field Day
Tuesday May 12th	Wednesday, May 13th
9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm

Clubs!



Chorus

Choral Group - Every Monday. Mr. Cohen & Ms. Crystal conduct choral practice between 2:15 and 3:00. This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. There is no fee for attending. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

Strings

Strings Group - **For Beginning Strings:** Monday morning 7:30-8 am and Friday 2:15-3:00 pm (Immersion students will be Tuesday mornings 7:30-8:00 at their campus). This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

Strings Group - **For 2nd & 3rd Year Strings:** Tuesday and Thursday, 2:15-3:00 pm This group is limited to those students who are taking Strings for the second/third year. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

Chess

Chess Club - Tuesday between 2:30-3:30 pm. This group is limited to 2nd through 5th grades. Students do not need to know how to play chess to join. See Mr. McKenna for expectations of students.

Drama

Drama Club - Thursday between 2:15-3:30 pm. This group is limited to 3rd through 5th grades. See Ms. Crystal for expectations of students.

Year End Checklist

Re-enrollment

We are currently collecting re-enrollment forms for the 2015-2016 school year. We are receiving more enrollment forms than usual from outside the school and classes are filling up quickly so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment form 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.

Clinic Medications

Any student medications/equipment left in the Clinic at the end of the school year will be picked up by Brevard Health Department and disposed of. Please pickup your student's medication and/or equipment by the last day of school.

Judging or Judgmental...

I don't think anyone can go through life without passing judgment on something or someone on occasion. "I don't like strawberry, chocolate is better", "Traveling by train is more comfortable than traveling by plane", "So and so is a better presidential candidate than so and so", "Mr. You Know Who makes a better father than Mr. Thus and Such", "Blah Blah school has a more effective curriculum than its nearby neighbor", and so on.

We do it all the time. But is there a time when we should not? I suppose the more pertinent question to ask is, "When we judge, are we judging or being judgmental?"

A dicey question, because who decides whether a comment to another is in actuality a judgment or being judgmental? Here are a few questions to ask ourselves to monitor which side of the fence we are acting on...

1. Is our comment generated from and said with empathy? Do we understand where the other person is coming from, understand the situation from their perspective?
2. Is our comment colored with our values or are they absolute (the same for everyone)?
3. Is it part of our job description to make such a judgment? What is the direct and potential impact of our judgment?
4. Are we judging the person's act or situation the person is in or the person's personality? What would we do in their shoes? If we committed the same act would we expect to be judged in the same manner?
5. Are we prejudging or keeping an open mind, in other words, innocent until proven guilty?
6. Are we judging hastily (not in possession of all the facts, based on snapshots and stereotypes) or with knowledge?
7. Are we judging the person or situation pessimistically or optimistically? We can't be unrealistically optimistic, but pessimistic judgments are more likely to be harmful.

So, keeping the above in mind, are we forming an opinion objectively, authoritatively, and wisely (judgment) or do we form opinions too quickly displaying an excessively critical point of view (judgmental)?

It's not too hard to tell after all.

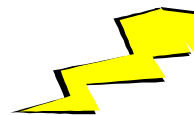
Donna Moore



News Flash



The Art Room...



The Brevard School Board Art Show in Viera is an annual K-12 event for all the Brevard Public Schools and student's artwork. The best contestants from each school are invited to participate. Their work is displayed in the School Board lobby. One of our students was a winner in this show.

Dia Patell in Ms. Gonzalez's third grade class at the Immersion won third place for her sculpture "Angel" in the 3-4 grade category.



Congratulations to Dia Patel!

Keep drawing!

Ms. Antaillia
Elementary Art

AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org

Thank You from PBA!

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the **Father Daughter Enchanted Evening Dance** a success! Tickets were sold out and everyone had a great time. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Special thanks go to...



Crystal Cameron
Dana Elting
Patti Quinlivan
Jennifer Roberts
Darlene Saunders
Jill Summer
Jennifer Travis

Donna Moore, Marilyn Kinsel, & Madhu Longani

Puzzlers & Fungestions



Earth Day Fun Facts

1. Which was the first country to participate in Earth Day in 1970?
2. Today, how many countries celebrate Earth Day?
3. Today, how much of our waste is recycled?
4. Plastics require how many years to break down in a landfill?
5. _____ is the most common item found in our trash.
6. Recycling _____ saves enough energy to run a 100-watt light bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours.
7. How much of the water pumped out of the ground is recycled?
8. It takes more than _____ trees to produce the newspapers Americans read each Sunday, yet only 30% of all newspapers are recycled.

Earth Day Fun Facts Answers

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| 1. The United States | 2. More than 175 | 3. 32% | 4. 100 to 400 | 5. Paper | 6. One aluminum can |
| | | | 7. 75% | 8. 500,000 | |

Find the path from the recyclables to the recycling center.



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Friday Fest Family Street Party:

April 10th - 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 – 10 pm.

Melbourne Art Festival: Historic Downtown Melbourne, Apr 25 – Apr 26, Sat. 8am-10pm, Sun. 8am-5pm, vendors, crafts, designated parking, free entertainment, Food available, Admission is Free

Sams House 1875 Cabin and 1888

House Tours: April 23 & 25 (Every Thurs, Sat), 3 - 4 PM, Admission- free, Pine Island Conservation, 6195 N. Tropical Trail, the oldest standing home in Brevard. Travel back in time with interactive exhibits highlighting Pine Island's many past inhabitants. (321) 449-4720

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.