



CHARTER CHATTER

April 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.



04/05/16	Vision & Hearing, Immersion
04/06/16	Class Pictures, Immersion Campus
04/07/16	Class Pictures, Traditional Campus
04/08/16	Vision & Hearing, Traditional
04/08/16	NUT Day, K-5, Title I, \$1
04/08/16	Parents Night Out, 6-9 pm, Trad
04/19/16	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
04/22/16	Chuck E Cheese Family Fun Night

UPCOMING

05/09/16	Last Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm
05/13/16	NUT Day, K-5, Title I, \$1
05/14/16	Mother Son Picnic, 3- pm, Middle
05/17/16	Last Tuesday Tea,, 8-9 am, Trad
05/24/16	Last Day Of School, Report Cards Issued

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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
- ♦ Kim Gary – Student Services
- ♦ Sophie Lherisse – ESOL Coordinator
- ♦ 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 – Christina Gilchrist
- ♦ 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 19 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.

Spring Jokes and Riddles

- 1: When do monkeys fall from the sky?
- 2: Why is the letter A like a flower?
- 3: Can February March?
- 4: Do you know all about April 1st?
- 5: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
- 6: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
- 7: What's the difference between Thanksgiving and April Fool's Day?
- 8: What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks?
- 9: What goes up when the rain comes down?
- 10: What falls but never gets hurt?

1: During April showers! 2: A bee (B) comes after it! 3: No, but April May! 4: Yes, I'm fooly aware of it! 5: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March! 6: Pilgrims! 7: On one you're thankful and on the other you're prankful! 8: FOUL weather! 9: An umbrella! 10: The rain!

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 packets for the 2016-2017 school year. We are receiving more enrollment packets than usual from outside the school so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment packet as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot for next year.

FSA Scores

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

Mistakes vs. Successes...



Everyone makes mistakes. Most of the time, our mistakes are small even though they feel very big to us. Why is it that our mistakes seem so much larger than our successes?

We are built to avoid mistakes. Long ago, a mistake could get us eaten by a dinosaur. Avoiding mistakes was directly linked with our survival as a species. We learned not to go out unprotected, not to eat poisonous plants, not to stand outside in a lightning storm. Learning what not to do was serious business.

In present times, most mistakes are not life threatening. If we spill coffee in our lap we are not mauled by a saber tooth tiger. If we call someone by the wrong name we do not die from being trampled by a woolly mammoth, if we park in an unauthorized spot are not ostracized from our village. Yet, we still want to avoid mistakes as if they were life threatening.

When we realize we have made a mistake we may feel hurt, angry, embarrassed, or indignant. Physically, we have a rush of adrenaline, our mind narrows its focus and our muscles tighten. We may tense up, feel short of breath, jump to high alert or feel teary or shaky. All in preparation to run for our lives from the threat... in this case, the mistake. And because we feel so threatened, we remind ourselves over and over of the mistake so we won't do it again. This ensures that we will remember the threat (the mistake) forever.

Now, what do we do when we have a success? We don't relive our successes in anxiety every night in great detail. We don't fantasize morosely about what might happen because of our successes. We don't bemoan that our successes are someone else's fault feeling belittled and victimized in the process.

It's no wonder our mistakes loom so enormously in our thoughts and our successes are forgotten. Perhaps we should review our successes every night, reliving that feel good feeling. Perhaps we should think about all the good things that might happen because of our successes. Perhaps we should think about everyone who might have contributed to our successes and feel thankful towards them.

Being mortally afraid of making mistakes kept us alive and thriving. But now, most mistakes are not life threatening. Now they serve as a means to learn. So why not learn from our mistakes and pat ourselves on the back for doing so. And if we find ourselves reliving our mistakes, switch them out for our successes, and remind ourselves how successful we really are.

Donna Moore

News Flash

The Art Room...



The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the 2016 School Board Art Show. The artwork will be on display at the School Board ESF building in rooms 5-8, April 8 - 12, 2016. The School Board is located at 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way in Viera. There will be an Open House, Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 4:00 – 5:30. I hope you can attend.

Ethan Mirabal	Ms. Noonan
Amara Okoro	Ms. Gonzalez
Wyatt Taylor	Ms. Barnes
Ram Marana	Ms. Wilson

Two other students will have artwork on display at the School Board Art Show. Their artwork was entered in a contest to be featured on the cover of the program for the Art Show.

Parker Ramey	Ms. Conlin
Nevaeh Robinson	Ms. Edge/Ms. Hong

Ms. Antillia
Elementary Art

AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org



Parent Workshop...

Prepare to support your child this summer and next year through a positive reading relationship!

Attend our "Wild Safari Reading" event. Learn tips and tricks for before, during and after reading to help with comprehension and retention of the book's content. And receive take-home books to read during the summer.

Workshop Date: Wednesday, May 18th

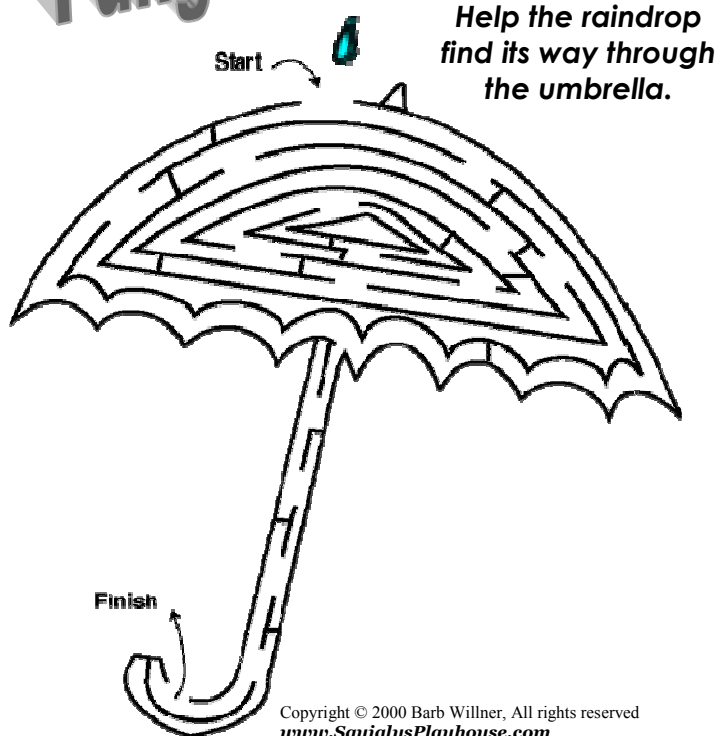
Time: 6-7:30 pm

Location: Traditional Elementary Campus

Please RSVP: Space and materials are limited

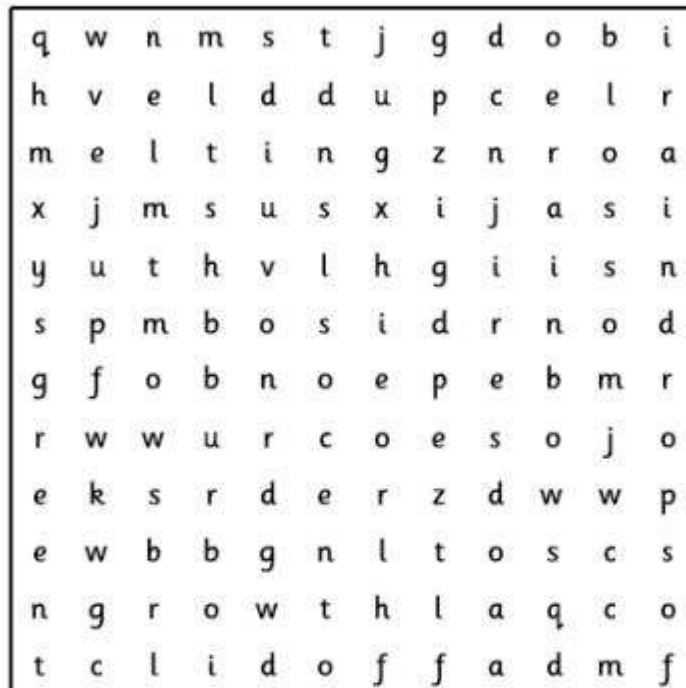
Contact Nina Orellana at the Traditional Elementary Campus with questions or if you would like to attend but have not yet returned your RSVP.

Puzzlers & Fungestions



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Spring Word Search



blossom
melting
seeds
daffodil

puddle
sunshine
green
rainbow

tulips
growth
raindrops
umbrella

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Friday Fest Family Street Party:

April 8th, Downtown Melbourne.
Family-oriented event, art, crafts,
business vendors, great food,
beverage, children's activity area.
Stores/ restaurants open. Admission/
parking free, 2nd Fri of each month,
6 - 10pm.

Brevard Zoo – Party For The Planet:

April 16th, 10 am-3pm. Head to the
Brevard Zoo for a celebration of
Mother Earth and learn a thing or two
about eco-friendly living through
games, exhibits and more! Free with
Admission.

Annual Melbourne Art Festival:

April 23 - 24, Downtown Melbourne.
Begins at 9 am. Activities include the
Flamingo 5K, kids' world,
entertainment, art workshops for
children, and an art show. Event is
Free

Try these websites for children's fun & development:

- ♦ [Yahoo Kids http://kids.yahoo.com/](http://kids.yahoo.com/) : This site offers games, movies, sports, homework help and lots of other features
- ♦ [Discovery Kids http://kids.discovery.com/](http://kids.discovery.com/) : Features links to activities with Discovery TV stars and shows and a preschoolers site
- ♦ [Kidsites.com http://www.kidsites.com/](http://www.kidsites.com/) : This site has a number of links leading to kid friendly websites that are educational and fun. There are also links for teachers and parents

Try these websites for a little parents help:

- ♦ [Internet 4 Classrooms http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm](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/](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)
- ♦ [Raising Kids http://www.raisingkids.co.uk/sup/sup_par01.asp](http://www.raisingkids.co.uk/sup/sup_par01.asp) : 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.