

CHARTER CHATTER

May 2014

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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.

www.palmbayacademy.org/

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Please be sure ...

- Your student has re-enrolled for next year
- To make note of our mandatory orientations in July (includes current parents).
- To check the website for new information, www.palmbayacademy.org (our new Edline website)



05/12/15	Field Day K – 2, 9 am -12 pm @ Midd
05/13/15	Field Day 3 – 5, 9 am -12 pm @ Midd
05/14/15	Family Technology Night – 6-7, Trad
05/19/15	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
05/25/15	Memorial Day – Holiday For All
05/28-29/15	Early Release Day @1:15 pm, (latest pick up is 12:50 pm Elem & 3:00 pm Midd)

UPCOMING

06/01/15	Early Release Day - Last Day of School @1:15 pm, (latest pick up is 12:50 pm Elem & 3:00 pm Midd)
07-21-15	First Mandatory Orientation Night (Other nights are – July 23, 27, 29)
07-31-15	Closing Orientation Day, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – final registration opportunity
08-12-15	First Day of School, Grades 1-8
08-17-15	First Day for Kindergarten Students

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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

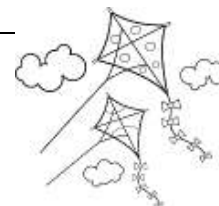
PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

- ♦ 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

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.

Summer Websites To Stay Sharp...

Attend our Family technology Night on May 14th, 6-7 pm at the Traditional campus. Sign up to use such websites as...

MyON website: <https://www.myon.com>

RAZ-KIDS website: <https://www.raz-kids.com>

Brainpop website: <https://www.brainpop.com>

Ten Marks website: <https://www.tenmarks.com>

For additional information check our website, www.palmbayacademy.org under PBA Services. Select the Title I dropdown.

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 12 th	Wednesday, May 13 th
9:00am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 12:00pm



To New Students



Enrolling for 2015-2016

To enroll for the 2015-2016 school year...

- Pick up a packet from the PBA front desk
- All paperwork & required documentation must be handed in complete for applications to be considered for entry. Incomplete registration packets will be on hold, no spot will be saved.
- If you are a new Kindergartener, please include copy of birth certificate, original up to date immunization form, and original physical form good through the end of August, 2015
- If you are a Brevard student transferring to this school, please include a copy of the last report card and birth certificate.
- This year children K through 6 and children retained in 7th grade will need to have a second Varicella shot to be up to date

Uniforms

PBA is a uniform school. To be considered in uniform; students will be wearing a Palm Bay Academy uniform shirt and bottoms in the school color designated for that campus. Shirts will be tucked in. Shoes will be of plain color (no light ups, wheelies or distracting character images) and tied if shoes have laces. When sweaters/jackets are worn, they will be in appropriate school colors. In cold weather, sweat pants in the designated pant color for that campus are allowed.

Medicines

PBA is not allowed to dispense prescription or over the counter medicines without the proper forms being filled out by the parent/guardian. Children are not allowed to have medicines in their possession. Parents must bring in the medicines and fill out the forms before they can be dispensed.

Attendance, Absences, Tardies

Students are in their seats and doing morning work by 7:50. Our curriculum starts promptly at 8:00. Students are late after 8:00 and marked tardy after 8:05. Students must be in attendance (in the classroom, not the clinic or front office) for four hours to be marked present for the day. If they are late or checked out early and not present for four hours, they will be marked absent. If your child is going to be absent, please call and let the front desk know before 8:00 am. It is understood that students may be absent on occasion. Children are allowed 4 unexcused absences per quarter and 9 unexcused absences per semester.

Breakfast and Lunches

PBA serves breakfast from 7:30 am to 7:55 am. If you are going to be tardy, please call in before 8:30 to order your child's lunch (even if it is free/reduced). Extra lunches are not ordered for children who are not in their seats when lunch counts are taken at 8 am.

Use It or Lose It...

Now days, the amount of information our children are expected to absorb during their K-8 school years is immense. In order to keep up this fast learning pace, our students not only need to absorb, they must retain the information they learn.

The jury is still out concerning how much and how fast students forget what they have learned. Some say by the time a month has gone by, 90% of what was learned is forgotten. Others say that is not so. What can be agreed upon are a few ways to help retain as much as possible.

First: Review Reviewing information that has recently been learned can help transform that information from "short-term" to "long-term" storage. Why is that good? Because we retain the long term stored information for a long time. It is not over-written by new information. So, how do we review? The good news is you don't have to sit down and read a text book. Together, you and your child can review in many ways; reading signs and license plates, writing out grocery lists, looking for and comparing deals in the paper, researching on the internet, watching history and science shows on TV, baking and cooking. All this reinforces concepts learned in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science.

Second: Question Questions are wonderful things. Questions clarify what we have learned. Questions define what we still need to learn. Questions give us the benefit of repetition and convert short to long term memory. The more questions you and they ask when they are young, the more your student will ask themselves as they grow older. We asked so many questions we didn't have time to answer them all. We used to have a "question board" where we noted questions we didn't have time to answer right away and we'd answer them when we had more time.

Third: Repetition I had a teacher once that drilled into me this thought, "Practice doesn't make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect." That concept has stuck with me. Meaningful repetition plays a big part in helping students remember, keeping information fresh for the following school year.

Basically, we help our students use what they have learned throughout the summer, so they will be able to build on their education instead of relearning... *Use it or lose it!*



Donna Moore



Next Year!

Registration...

We have completed re-registration for current PBA students and have been accepting applications for new incoming students for next school year. **School begins Aug. 12th for 1st – 8th and Aug. 17th for Kindergarten.**

Our classes are filling quickly, so if you know someone who would like to attend Palm Bay Academy, please let them know to come in as soon as possible.

If you have not re-enrolled yet, please do so as soon as possible. Once classrooms are full, we will be unable to accept re-enrollments

Immunizations...

2015-2016 dosage requirements are as follows; 4 or 5 doses DTaP (last dose must be after age 4, 3-5 doses Polio (last dose must be after age 4), 2 doses MMR, 3 doses Hep B, 2 doses K (K-6 and those retained in 5th), 1 dose Tdap (7-12).

Orientations- Mandatory for all students, K-5...

We will have **Mandatory Orientations** for all students (current and new) **in July**. Notification will be given. If you do not receive a letter and/or phone call advising of the orientations, please call the school. These orientations are mandatory and all parents must attend.

Free & Reduced Meal Forms...

New forms will be available after July 4th. This form will supersede any existing forms. If you wish to apply for Free/Reduced for the 2015-2016 school year, please fill out the new form.

Bus Transportation Application...

To apply for bus transportation, please fill out a Bus Application Form available at the front desk. We can transport between 2-6 miles from school location.

Volunteer/Background Checks ...

All parents/guardians need to register as a Volunteer with Palm Bay Academy in order to fulfill their volunteer requirements. You can register on-line at the school during mandatory orientations in July.

Puzzlers & Fungestions



May Holiday Trivia

1. What/who is honored on Memorial Day?
2. How should our flag be displayed on Memorial Day?
3. What does Cinco de Mayo celebrate?
4. Where did May Day celebrations start?
5. Mother's Day was begun to honor what woman?

1. US men/women who died in US military service
 2. Half-staff until noon, then raised to the top.
 3. An initial victory of Mexican forces over forces
 in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.
 4. With the Druids of the British Isles.
 5. Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis

May Day Word Jumble

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|------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1. HNAASIM | _____ | 11. FSOWELR | _____ |
| 2. SRONAM | _____ | 12. BINBOR | _____ |
| 3. EAELTNB | _____ | 13. PSIRNTU | _____ |
| 4. CDHEIERNL | _____ | 14. AYM | _____ |
| 5. EADNC | _____ | 15. ODRBOKNO | _____ |
| 6. LAYPMOE | _____ | 16. VLAEFIST | _____ |
| 7. RNPSGI | _____ | | |
| 8. RIONTTLANENAI | _____ | | |
| 9. LHFA | _____ | | |
| 10. AETRLBENOCI | _____ | | |

May Day Word Jumble Hints (not in any particular order)

May international celebration spring half	Samhain festival Beltane Romans Puritans	Maypole children flowers door knob dance	ribbon
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Space Coast Nerd Fest: May 23-24th, 11 to 7. Melbourne Auditorium & Melbourne Rialto Place. Comic Books, Video Games, Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Pop Culture & Music including: Art, Gaming, Collectables, Tech, Toys, Music, Cosplay, Panels, Multimedia, Contest & more.

<http://www.spacecoastnerdfest.org/>

Movies in the Park: Last Friday of the month (May – Nov), 5-9 pm, Wickham Park. "Gourmet Food Trucks" will be on site. Free. May 22 – Upcoming movies ... Despicable Me 2, Jun 26 - Independence Day, Jul 24- Big Hero 6

Friday Fest Family Street Party: May 8th - 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.

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.