



CHARTER CHATTER

May 2016

2112 Palm Bay Road NE
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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 orientation in July (includes current and new parents)
- To check the website for new information,
www.palmbayacademy.org



- 05/02/16 Mother's Day Boutique – Trad, ends 5-6
- 05/13/16 NUT Day, K-5, Title I, \$1
- 05/14/16 Mother Son Picnic – Middle, 3-6 pm
- 05/17/16 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
- 05/17/16 Chorus & Strings Concert – Middle, 6-7 pm
- 05/18/16 Wild Safari Reading Event – Trad, 6-7:30 pm
- 05/20/16 Traditional Kindergarten Celebration, 9 am
- 05/24/16 Immersion Grand Finale – Middle, 7 pm

UPCOMING

- July Mandatory Orientation – Date TBA
- 08/10/16 * First Day of School – 1st thru 8th
- 08/15/16 * First Day of School – Kindergarten (please deliver Kindergarten school supplies before their first day)

* **Note** – Please be aware that the first days of school listed have been approved but not confirmed by Brevard Schools. These dates may change.

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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 – ESE Coordinator
- ♦ 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

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 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 Wild Safari Reading Event on May 18th, 6-7:30 pm at the Traditional Campus. Remember to use these websites...

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

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

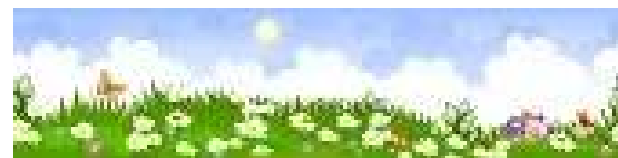
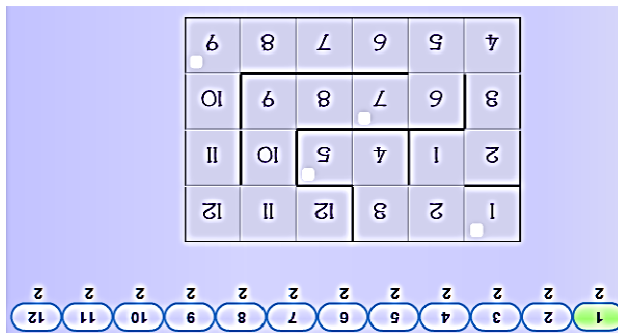
I Ready <https://login.i-ready.com/>

Scholastic Storia

<http://store.scholastic.com/microsite/storia/free-ebooks-for-children>

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

Hour Maze Solution



For New Students



Enrolling for 2016-2017

- 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.
- If you are a new Kindergartener, please include copy of birth certificate, original up to date immunization form, and original physical form good through September, 2016
- If you are a Brevard student transferring to this school, please include a copy of the last report card and FSA scores if available

Uniforms

PBA is a uniform school. To be considered in uniform; students will be wearing a Palm Bay Academy uniform shirt (with logo) and bottoms in the school color designated for that campus or program. 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 or tights in the designated color for that campus or program 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. Prescriptions must be with medicines and over the counter medicine must be in an unopened container.

Attendance, Absences, Tardies

Students are in their seats and class has started by 7:40. Students are marked tardy after 8:05. Students must be in attendance (in the classroom, not the clinic or front office) for four hours of curriculum time to be marked present for the day. If they are late or checked out early and not present for four hours, they are marked absent. If your child is going to be absent, please call and let the front desk know before 8:00 am that day. 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 7:25 am to 7:55 am. If you are going to be tardy, please call in before 8:30 to order your child's lunch. Extra lunches are not ordered for children who are not in the seats when lunch counts are taken in morning.

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



Registration...

Re-registration for current PBA students is complete and we are accepting applications for new incoming students for next school year. **School begins Aug. 10th for 1st – 8th and Aug. 15th for Kindergarten. These dates have not been confirmed!**

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.

Immunizations...

2016-2017 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 or Varicella (K-6 and those retained in 5th), 1 dose Tdap (7-12).

Orientations...

We will have one **Mandatory Orientation** for all students (current and new) **in July**. If you do not receive a letter and/or phone call advising of the orientation, please call the school. All parents must attend this mandatory orientation.

Free Lunch & Breakfast...

Our lunch program (Community Eligibility Provision) provides FREE lunch & breakfast to all PBA students. Breakfast is served 7:25 to 7:55 AM. Breakfast must be ordered the day before, lunch ordered the same day.

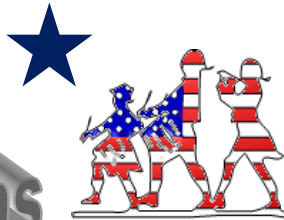
Bus Transportation Application...

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. Approval must be given.

Volunteering/Fingerprints (A +) ...

All parents/guardians need to register as an "A+" level Volunteer with Brevard Schools in order to chaperone or assist at events You can register on-line at the school.

Puzzlers & Fungestions



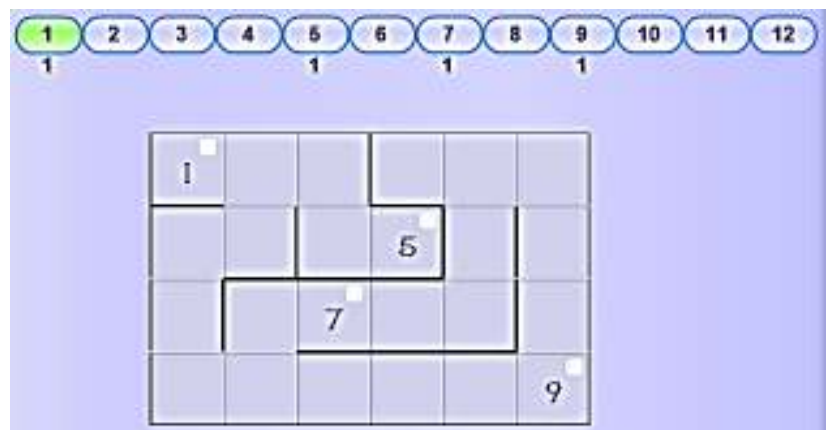
Hour Maze

Instructions: Use the numbers from a clock (1 to 12). A number's "neighbor" (above, below, left or right, except if separated by a maze wall) must be one of the two numbers nearest on a clock face. You must use up 2 of each number. A few have already been used once. Numbers must run in sequence. A number's "neighbor" (any square above or below, to left or to right, not separated by a maze wall) must be one of the two numbers nearest on a clock face.

For instance, 6 can be next to 7 or 5.

The number 12 next to 11 or 1, and 1 can only have 12 or 2 next to it.

You must use full sets of 1 - 12 but a set does not have to be all in sequence. So you might have 1,2,3,4 in one place and 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 somewhere else.



Solution on page 2 - www.mathsisfun.com/games/hour-maze.html

Logic Problem

There is something about Mary

Mary's mum has four children.
The first child is called April.
The second May.
The third June.
What is the name of the fourth child?

Mary's mother's fourth child was Mary herself.

Solution: Mary.



Mother's Day at the Brevard Zoo:

May 8, 10 am, Brevard Zoo. For Mother's Day, offering free general zoo admission to moms accompanied by at least one paying child. Tickets must be purchased in person on Mother's Day.

AFC's Hook Kids on Fishing: May 21, FREE, location - 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road Merritt Island. Kids ages 6 - 16, must be accompanied by adult. First 60 kids registered receive free rod & reel to take home! Registration is mandatory-call Brevard County Natural Resources. Visit AnglersForConservation.org or contact Info@AnglersForConservation.org.

Concert in the Park - City of Palm Bay:

Recurring monthly on 3rd Saturday, 6 - 9 PM, Bianca Park, Palm Bay. Family event, Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food provided by vendors. Music begins at 6 pm.

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.