



CHARTER CHATTER

September 2015



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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!

Please note these changes in policy...

- Latest early pick up time is 1:50 pm (Elem) unless is an Early Dismissal Day, then it is 12:50 pm.
- Lobby is closed from 1:50 to approximately 2:20 for car loop.
- Afternoon release time for children is 2:15. The first time you arrive for pickup after 3:00 you will receive a warning. Repeated late pickups will result in your child receiving a demerit. If 5 demerits are issued, you child's field trip privileges will be removed.



September

Calendar



Every Wed. is Early Release!

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| 9/03/15 | Title I-PTO-SAC Meeting, Trad, 6 pm |
| 9/07/15 | Labor Day – Holiday For All |
| 9/11/15 | NUT (No Uniform Today) - \$1 fee |
| 9/14/15 | Book Fair Begins, Trad |
| 9/15/15 | Open House, 5:30 pm, Middle |
| 9/17/15 | Open House, 6-8 pm, Elementary |
| 9/17/15 | Book Fair Family Night, Trad, 6-8 pm |
| 9/25/15 | Parent's Night Out, Trad, 6-9 pm, \$10 |

Upcoming...

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| 10/02/15 | Friday Fun Fest – Trad, 3-4pm |
| 10/05/15 | Science Fair Night – Trad, 6-7 pm |

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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

- ♦ Vacant – President
- ♦ Kenneth Delgado – Board Member
- ♦ Manhar Shah – Board Member
- ♦ Anthony Ingoglia – Parent Contact
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Food Services – Crystal Cameron
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Mercedita Ortiz
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher

Daily Details

New Breakfast-Lunch Program

Palm Bay Academy has a new lunch program (Community Eligibility Provision) which provides FREE lunch & breakfast to all PBA students. Breakfast is served between 7:25 and 7:55 AM. Breakfast must be ordered the day before, lunch ordered the same day. If your student is arriving to school after 8:30 am, please call to order a lunch for that day and breakfast for the next day.

Student Medical Information


If your child must take prescription or over the counter medication for temporary or chronic illness or allergies (this includes inhalers, Motrin, Tylenol, and cough drops) please stop by administration to fill out the required health forms and we will put the medicine under lock in the clinic.



PBA Offers Parents Night Out!

Palm Bay Academy will be holding Parent's Night Out on Sept 25th, 6-9 pm. For a cost of \$10 per child, children will receive a fall themed night of fun, snacks, and coordinated events. Call the front desk by Sept 23rd to reserve your spot. Please pay at drop off. Must be a PBA student to attend.

Brain Teasers - Answers

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1. All 12 months.
 2. Tuesday, Thursday, today, and tomorrow.
 3. You draw a shorter line next to it, and it becomes the longer line
 4. The read the same right side up and upside down.
 5. SWIMS.
 6. Seven (take away the 's' and it becomes 'even').

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

Drama

Drama Club – Ms. Crystal conducts drama club every Thursday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Drama is currently full.

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.



PBA PANTHER FOOTBALL

Please check our website
for our game schedule.

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Panthers!

Time To Change Your Habits?...

Every moment of the day we make choices. These choices begin as a means to safeguard ourselves in some way. We make choices in reaction to our preferences, fears, responsibilities, and history creating habits. Good habits can help us and bad ones can hinder us.

So, it's a good practice to review our habits and see if they are still productive for us. Sometimes unconscious habits developed years earlier are still hanging around, causing us problems. I myself had and still have a few habits developed during childhood that were and continue to be unproductive for me. I grew up with an un-medicated bi-polar parent. As a result, I developed a "poker face" and was not trusting of others. Upon reaching adulthood, I was considered an unemotional, detached, "cold fish" with a sarcastic attitude. The older I got, the less beneficial this was. Over the years, I have changed the habit of cynicism and suspicion to one of hopeful expectation and trust. Having the later habit is more productive and less stressful for me which in turn has improved my health and general well-being.

Another habit I am still struggling to change is feeling unworthy. Growing up in my particular circumstances I felt valueless and insignificant. As a result, I became an overachiever, always making sure to do better than I thought was expected of me. I worked and still work very hard, doing my best so as not to disappoint others or myself.

This habit was harder to recognize as unproductive. On the surface, it appears to be a great habit because, I get a lot done and it is done well. But, when things go wrong (as they often do), being in the habit of this type of expectation of oneself can lead to a great amount of self-induced stress. Unrealistically high expectations of work output and quality cause self-recrimination and feelings of... guess what... unworthiness. I still plan to do my best. I enjoy the positive benefits of this habit. I just have to keep reminding myself that it's fine to shoot for the stars, but still be proud and happy to reach the moon. I need to alter the habit of negative recriminations to a habit of congratulations for making it to where I am right now.

So take a look at your habits and ask yourself if they work for or against you. Maybe it's time for a change.

Donna Moore



The PBA PTO welcomes everyone back for the 2015-2016 school year. Please stay tuned for meeting information

Renata Jordan, President

Stages of Discipline

It is not necessary for a behavioral issue to be a repeated one for these stages to be initiated. Higher stages can result from a variety of behavioral issues.

- Level 1:** Warnings and/or documented Phone Conv. w/Parent
- Level 2:** Documented Phone Conv. w/Parent
- Level 3:** Silent Lunch – No Warnings Necessary (this level & higher)
- Level 4:** 1st ISS*
- Level 5:** 2nd ISS
- Level 6:** OSS**

*ISS = In School Suspension

**OSS = Out of School Suspension

Threatened or actual violence = automatic suspension/expulsion

PLEASE NOTE: Certain misconduct that falls under the Zero Tolerance policy is not subject to the Stages of Discipline. Appropriate action will be taken immediately in these cases.



School Uniforms

Uniforms are ordered from All Uniform Wear (321)608-3845. Traditional K – 5 wears white polo shirts with the school's insignia and navy blue bottoms. Immersion K – 3 wears navy blue polo shirts with the school's insignia and khaki bottoms.



PE Uniforms

PE uniforms are also purchased at All Uniform Wear. PE uniforms consist of sports mesh shorts and the PE shirt (white with a blue panther face).



Brain Teasers: answers on page 2

1. How many months have 28 days?
2. Name four days of the week that start with the letter "t"?
3. You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make the line longer?
4. What do the numbers 11, 69, and 88 all have in common?
5. What word looks the same backwards and upside down?
6. I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

www.everythingmom.com



Friday Fest Family Street Party:

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.

\$3 Tuesdays @ Brevard Zoo: Every Tues., 9:30 am - 5 pm. Stop by the Zoo in Sept. for \$3 admission! Zoo members no charge. Additional costs associated with animal feedings, kayaking, paddleboats, train rides.

Mahjong: Palm Bay Library, Fri, Sept 25, 3 - 4:30 PM, Learn to play Mahjong. Experienced players welcome, 520 Port Malabar Blvd. NE, , Contact Julie, (321) 952-4519

Family Time: Franklin T. DeGroodt Library, Tue, Sept 29, 2015, 7 - 7:30 PM, All Ages, 6475 Minton Rd. S.W., Palm Bay, Contact Amber Downs, adowns@brev.org, (321) 952-6317

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.