



CHARTER CHATTER

October 2014

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.



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IMPORTANT!

Please remember that *teachers begin their curriculum at 8:00 am sharp*. Your child is late after 8:00 and marked tardy after 8:05.

Please note our policy...

- For early pick up - the latest time your child will be released is 1:50. Please plan accordingly.
- Afternoon release time for children is 2:30. The first time you arrive for pickup after 3:00 you will receive a warning. Repeated late pickups will result in late fees and your child's field trip privileges will be removed.



October

Calendar



10/09/14	Readers of the Caribbean, 6-7 pm, Trad
10/11/14	Family Book Club, 9-10 am, Trad
10/16/14	Early Dismissal, 1:15 Elem, 3:00 Midd
10/17/14	Teacher Dev. Day – Student Holiday
10/27/14	Spirit Week begins at Trad thru 10-31
10/29/14	Early Dismissal, 1:15 Elem, 3:00 Midd

Upcoming...

11/03/14	Parent Teacher Conference Night
11/07/14	Class Pictures: In uniform, Trad
11/08/14	Family Book Club, 9-10 am, Trad
11/11/14	Veteran's Day – Holiday For All

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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 Mahovlich – Student Services
- ♦ Mercedita Ortiz – ESE
- ♦ Nina Orellana – Title I

Board of Directors

- ♦ Ronald Mc Kendree – President
- ♦ Vacant – Vice President
- ♦ Vacant – 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
- ♦ Free & Reduced Lunch – Crystal Cameron
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Linda Mahovlich
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher

Daily Details



Box Tops and Can Tabs

We are collecting box tops and can tabs. The school receives .10 per box top. The tabs are going to Ronald McDonald House. Please turn them in at the front office. There is a jar for the can tabs and a box for the box tops.

Breakfast and Lunch Money

Breakfast and lunch are ordered in the early morning by the teachers. In order for your child to have lunch that day, please make sure the teacher or the lunch room personnel receives \$2.75 (.40 for reduced) from your child that morning for lunch that afternoon. Breakfast is ordered in the morning for the next day at a cost of \$1.40 (reduced cost is .40). Arrangements can be made to pay in advance for lunch either weekly or by month. **NOTE:** Please call in by 8:30am if your child will be late and you wish your child to have a lunch that 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, or Tylenol) please stop by administration to fill out the required health forms and we will put the medicine under lock in the clinic.



PBA PANTHER FOOTBALL

Home Coming Celebration
10-30 at Middle School Cafetorium,
after the game



No Child Left Behind

The new SPAR report will be available on our website at the end of the month. Click on the **No Child Left Behind - SPAR** link to access. Report is located online at...

http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/year1314/nclb1314.cfm?dist_schl=5_6501#graduation

Clubs!

Chorus

Choral Group –Mr. Cohen will conduct choral practice on Mon 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 emailed out. Arrangements must be made with Mr. Cohen before children can attend.

Strings

Strings Group – **For Beginning Strings:** every Mon morning 7:30-8 am and every Friday 2:15-3:00 pm (Immersion students will be Tuesday mornings at their campus). This group is limited to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. **For 2nd/3rd Year Strings:** every Tuesday and Thursday, 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. Arrangements must be made with Mr. Cohen before children can attend.

Chess

Chess Club - every 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. Please contact Mr. McKenna for information.

Notification

Palm Bay Academy strives to provide our classrooms with highly qualified teachers. The following teachers are highly qualified and/or out of field to work in the classrooms and are working towards their qualifying status for ESOL or subject requirement.

Elementary School – ESOL Reading

Valerie Douglas
Diane MacGilvray
Flavia Nelson
Jessica Vega

Charlotte Foreman – ESOL Reading received, currently being added to certificate
Mercedita Ortiz – ESOL Reading credits being transferred

Middle School – ESOL Other

Erin Flynn – ESOL Social Studies
Kelly Milton - ESOL Social Studies
Dierdra O'Donnell – ESOL Math and Science
Meghan O'Hara – ESOL Science
Henry Rockhill – ESOL Math

Middle School –Reading

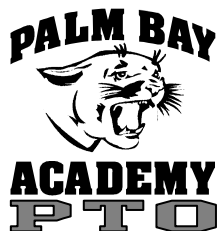
Anne Gordon and Melissa Kurrus - Experienced Language Arts teacher in process of adding reading to certificate
Debra Schuster

Trick or Treat Tips...



- Adults should accompany young children.
- Carry a flashlight after dusk and watch for cars.
- Remove obstacles from walkways/lawns and leaving outside lights on.
- Stay away from barking dogs.
- Choose costumes with light or bright colors
- Use reflective tape on costumes.
- Feed children before they go trick-or-treating.
- Select a small amount of candy to eat while trick-or-treating to prevent them eating unchecked candy.
- Throw away unwrapped candy, candy with faded, or holes in the wrappers.
- Parents with children of different ages should sort the candies to make sure that younger kids don't get hold of small hard candies, peanuts or other objects that may get lodged in a youngster's throat.
- Look for costumes, wigs and masks which are labeled flame resistant. Flame resistant does not mean the fabric won't catch fire, only that it will resist burning.
- Face paints, glues and glitters should be made of non-toxic materials.
- If a mask is worn, make sure the child has full vision and it should be easy to breathe through.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping and flat shoes should be worn.
- Halloween also means parties for parents. Parents should make sure all alcohol and cigarette butts are cleaned up. These items can poison small children.

Donna Moore



Our next meeting will be October 28th, 3:00 pm at the Traditional Campus. Our next evening meeting will be in November.



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.

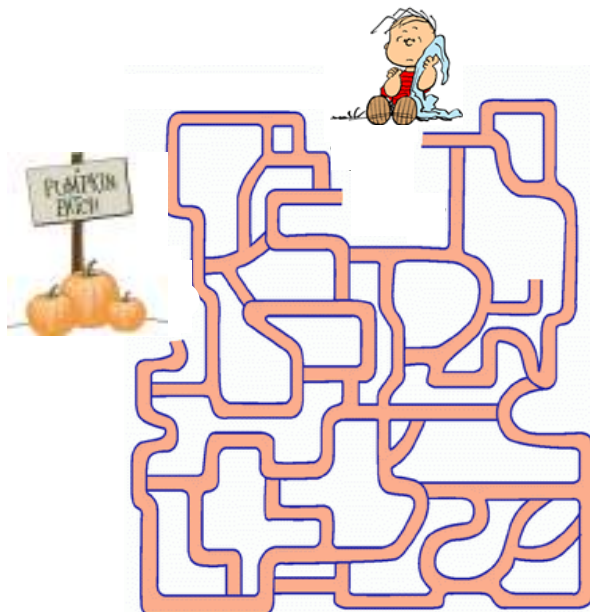


School Uniforms

As the weather cools, please remember that students must still be in uniform. On cold days, sweat pants are allowed as long as they match the bottoms uniform color (navy blue for Traditional, khaki beige for Immersion). Tights can be worn as long as they are solid in color, navy blue or white. **Brightly colored or patterned tights are not allowed.** Jackets of different color are allowed, but cannot be worn while inside the school classrooms or lunch room. **Jeans are not allowed.** Sweaters to be worn during the day must match uniform colors.

Puzzlers & Fungestions

Help Linus find the pumpkin patch.



A farmer wants to cross a river and take with him a wolf, a goat, and a cabbage. There is a boat that can fit himself plus either the wolf, the goat, or the cabbage. If the wolf and the goat are alone on one shore, the wolf will eat the goat. If the goat and the cabbage are alone on the shore, the goat will eat the cabbage.

How can the farmer bring the wolf, the goat, and the cabbage across the river?

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/farmer-crosses-river-solution.html>

Our Solution:
Farmer takes Goat across (leaving Wolf and Cabbage behind)
Farmer returns alone
Farmer takes Wolf across
Farmer returns with Goat
* We now have the Farmer, the Cabbage and the Goat on one side and the Wolf on the other side
Farmer takes Cabbage across
Farmer returns alone
Farmer takes Goat across
DONE!

Brevard Zoo- Boo at the Zoo!!!

Sponsors host treat stations where they distribute candy and treats to the children. Event will be held during the following weekends: Oct 18-19, Oct 25-27. With price of admission.

Viera Regional Park Spooktacular:

Sat Oct 18, times vary, adjacent to the Brevard County School Board facility. German food/beers, German music, German "Hoffbrauhaus" tent, pumpkin-carving contest, hay rides. Wizard of Oz-themed costume contest! Event is FREE.

It's The Great Pumpkin Halloween

Even: Bass Pro Shop, 750 Bass Pro Drive N.E. in Palm Bay. Get into the Halloween spirit with free spooktacular. Events are scheduled from October 24 - 31. Monday thru Friday 5-8PM, Saturday & Sunday Noon - 5PM

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.