



CHARTER CHATTER

November 2015

2112 Palm Bay Road NE
Palm Bay ♦ Florida ♦ 32905

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!

Beginning of School Day

Please remember that students are sent back to their classrooms at 7:35 for morning work and review. Students begin new curriculum at 8:00.

Transportation Changes

Transportation changes must be submitted in writing on the proper form (available at Front Desk & on our website) and handed into the Front Desk no later than 11 am for changes on that day.



November



- 11/03/15 Friday Math Night – 6-7 pm, Trad
- 11/09/15 Book Clubs – 3-4 am, Trad
- 11/11/15 Veteran's Day – Holiday For All
- 11/13/15 Title 1 NUT Day – Fee is \$1
- 11/17/15 Tuesday Tea– 8-9 am, Trad
- 11/19/15 Science Fair Info Night #2 – 6-7 pm, Trad
- 11/20/15 Parents' Night Out – 6-9 pm Trad (Fee is \$10 each, for PBA students only)
- 11/25/15 Thanksgiving Holiday (thru 11-27)

UPCOMING

- 12/06/15 Friday Funfest, 3-4 pm, Traditional
- 12/14/15 Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
- 12/17/15 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad

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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

- ♦ Jennifer Wolf – President
- ♦ Manhar Shah – Board Member
- ♦ Allison Cunningham – Parent Liaison
- ♦ Vacant – Board Member
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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



School Uniforms

Palm Bay Academy is a uniform school. Student uniforms are mandatory for attendance and parents/guardians must comply with uniform requirements. At the beginning of the school year parents and guardians sign contracts stating that they understand the PBA mandatory uniform rule and will abide by that rule.

The school uniform for the Traditional Elementary School is; Navy blue bottoms, white or navy socks/tights, and a white Palm Bay Academy shirt with the Palm Bay Academy logo. Outerwear will be white, navy, or gray.

1. **JEANS ARE NOT PERMITTED!**
2. **BRIGHTLY COLORED OR PATTERNED TIGHTS AND SOCKS ARE NOT PERMITTED!**
3. **LIGHTUP SHOES OR WHEELIES ARE NOT PERMITTED!** Tights, long pants and sweat pants need to be the appropriate color for the school uniform bottoms.
4. **SUBSTITUTING BEIGE KHAKI BOTTOMS FOR THE REQUIRE NAVY BLUE IS NOT PERMITTED!**

Repeated infractions will result in field trip privileges being suspended and could result in further consequences, possibly including suspension.

We appreciate your understanding and compliance in this matter.

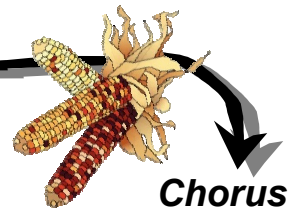
Thank you,
Palm Bay Academy Administration



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

We are in need of a large umbrella and base to shield our car loop caller from the rain and sun. Please let the Front Desk know if you can help.

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.

Dance

Dance From Around The World Club – Ms. Crystal conducts dance club every Friday between 2:45-4:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Crystal for more information: ccameron@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.

Welcome To Our Newest Partner!

Circles Of Care is supplying free services for families with Medicare! Referral packets were sent home at the beginning of the school year. Additional packets can be requested from Nina in Title I. Counselors can work with students at school, home or at Circles Of Care offices.

Finger Pointing is Pointless...

Gas is under \$2 here in Palm Bay! Yea! It feels great when we appreciate the good things that happen. And it feels awful when we notice the bad things that happen. Like when we are upset enough to point fingers (in actuality or figuratively) at others. Usually, we are not pointing out a serious felony or some horrendous incident. Usually we are pointing at someone or something that we feel has wronged us in some way.

So, why do we point fingers at others? It helps us feel justified and "right" because it deflects blame from ourselves. The most recent incident in our household was a quibble between me, my husband and our daughter. The quibble continued to escalate with each figuratively pointing out why the other was wrong. "You said that." "No, I said this." In actuality, there was no right or wrong and in as little as a week or two the incident would be forgotten.

We don't like to admit our own failings. It makes us feel weak and at one time weak meant you didn't live very long. Of course now we don't live in as threatening a world. For lots of us, the most challenging thing we face in a day is getting a traffic ticket or having a disagreement with someone. Some of us live in more challenging circumstances but even these are a far cry from being chased by a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Lily Daub on the website, [The Seeds 4 Life](#) has a great take on this... "How easy it is for us to point at each other and criticize one another's shortcomings, flaws, and wrong doings ...our hurts and disappointments? While we are blaming and criticizing others, we are forgetting one important fact: when we point the finger at someone, three of them are pointed right back at us. They point back at us to remind us that regardless of who or what we may feel is responsible for our current state and situation, ultimately, the responsibility is ours. We have three times more control and responsibility than the one we point our finger to."

This is a reassuring point (no pun intended) of view. When we take responsibility it gives us control over our lives and when we are in control we can change things for the better. So, why not change critical finger pointing into extending an open hand in understanding. Besides finger pointing is pointless. It rarely solves anything.

Donna Moore



A BIG Thank You

The following volunteers have been of immeasurable help at some time during the *last 9 weeks*....

Florida Marana
Cesar Reveron
Jennifer Roberts

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We couldn't do it without you!

The following volunteers helped make our *Harvest Festival* a great success...

Fabiola & Brandon Binkley – hours of setup & breakdown
Stephanie Rodriguez – hours of setup, breakdown & committee member
Jessica Vega – booking vendors
Courtney Conlin – committee member
Heather Davis – committee member & wreath
Crystal Cameron - food & beverages
Jaime – breakdown & clean up on his day off!!

Thank you all for your help.
You were lifesavers!



Volunteers
Make the Difference



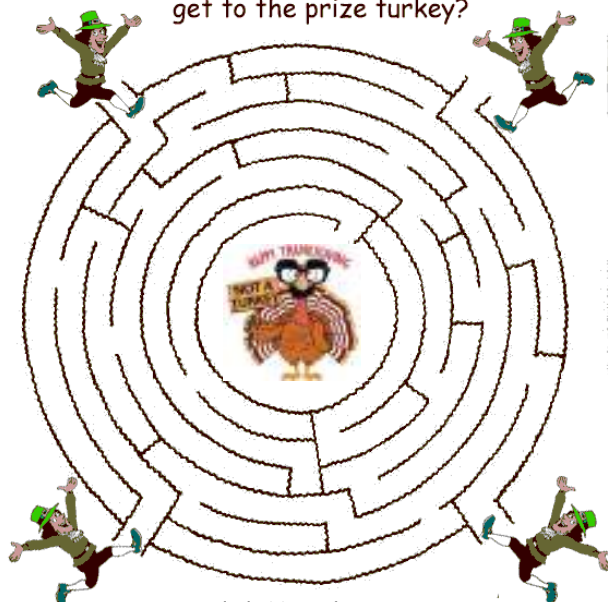
PBA Offers Parents Night Out!

Palm Bay Academy will be holding Parent's Night Out on November 20th, 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 November 18th to reserve your spot. Please pay at drop off. Must be a PBA student to attend.

Puzzlers & Fungestions



Which of these 4 Pilgrims is going to get to the prize turkey?



coolrain44.wordpress.com

November Word Search

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HEROES
PILGRAMS
SQUASH
TROOPS

CRANBERRY
HONOR
PLYMOUTH
STUFFING
TURKEY

ELECTION DAY
MAYFLOWER
SCUANTO
THANKSGIVING
VETERANS DAY

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Space Coast State Fair: Thru Nov 15, Space Coast Stadium, 5800 Stadium Parkway in Viera, More than 200 thrill rides, amusement games, exhibits, free shows, food stands will be included.

Native Rhythms Festival: Nov. 12th – 15th, Wickham Park, Thurs 5:30 -9 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am – 10 pm, Sun 10 am – 5:30 pm. Honors Native American culture through music, Vendors & food available. Admission is FREE.

Light Up Viera: Nov 28th, Stadium Parkway, Viera. Light Parade at 6 pm. Professional floats, battle of the bands, visit from Santa and his sleigh, 3-D light enhancing glasses (glasses available during Nov @ Viera Discovery Ctr, 7350 Shoppes Drive, Ste. 103). Parade route follows: Stadium Pkwy, Breslay Dr, Veterans Way, Tavistock Blvd. Viera Blvd, finishing at Space Coast Stadium.

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.