



# CHARTER CHATTER

March 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 TESTING REMINDERS!

### Please be sure ...

- Your children get plenty of sleep during the Florida Assessment testing period.
- They receive a good breakfast every morning.
- They limit intake of sugary snacks and drinks.
- They arrive at school early (before 7:45 am) and ready to start.
- They leave electronics and cell phones at home or in the front office.

If your child arrives after testing has started, they will be asked to wait in the front office until the testing period is completed.



03/02/15	Book Fair – ends 03-05, Trad
03/03/15	Book Fair Parent Night – 5:30-7 pm
03/03/15	Family Literacy Night – 6 – 7 pm, Trad
03/13/15	Teacher Prof Day – Student Holiday
03/14/15	Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
03/17/15	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
03/21/15	Father Daughter Dance –6-9 pm, Trad
03/23/15	Spring Break begins – ends 03-27

### UPCOMING

04/03/15	Good Friday – Holiday For All
04/11/15	Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad
04/21/15	Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
04/22/15	Middle School Open House – Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders

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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

### FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

All public schools and public charters in Florida will be participating in the upcoming FSAs...

FSA testing: Mar 3 - May 1 3rd - 8th

These dates include FSA makeup days. All students will not test every day. Teachers will inform parents of grade level test schedule.

**You can help us on testing days** by making sure your student eats a balanced diet (low in sugar), drinks enough water, is well rested, and **arrives before 8:00 am for school.**

Talk to your child about the importance of the tests! Don't place so much pressure on doing well that the child panics the day of the test. Your child has been learning what they need to know since the first day of school. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the tests (and all other days, as well). Help your child start test mornings as positively as possible. If disorganization is an issue, make sure that pencils, papers and clothes are ready the night before. A few extra minutes of time may be beneficial so that the child will be more relaxed instead of "rushed".

**Electronic devices are not permitted** in the testing room. Students must leave cell phones at home.

Students arriving late will not be permitted in the testing rooms and will have to make up the test being administered at that time on the designated retake days.

### Father Daughter Dance

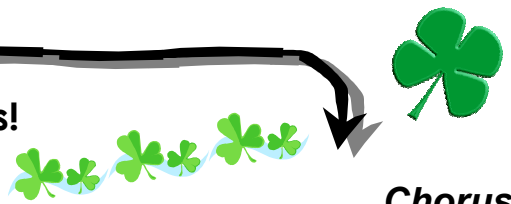
Palm Bay Academy Traditional Campus will hold the Father Daughter Dance March 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "Enchanted Evening". Dress is formal. Dance starts at 6 PM. Sign up quickly, only 50 tickets will be sold. One ticket per couple.

*Fathers and Daughter will enjoy...*

- Dinner, DJ, Music, Games,
- \$15.00/couple in advance
- \$17.00/couple at the door
- Only 100 places available
- **PBA K-5 students only**



### Clubs!



#### Chorus

Choral Group –Every Monday. Mr. Cohen & Ms. Crystal conduct choral practice between 2:15 and 3:00. This group is limited to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There is no fee for attending. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

#### Strings

Strings Group – **For Beginning Strings:** Monday morning 7:30-8 am and Friday 2:15-3:00 pm (Immersion students will be Tuesday mornings 7:30-8:00 at their campus). This group is limited to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

Strings Group – **For 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Strings:** Tuesday and Thursday, 2:15-3:00 pm This group is limited to those students who are taking Strings for the second/third year. See Mr. Cohen for expectations of students.

#### Chess

Chess Club –Tuesday between 2:30-3:30 pm. This group is limited to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Students do not need to know how to play chess to join. See Mr. McKenna for expectations of students.

#### Drama

Drama Club –Thursday between 2:15-3:30 pm. This group is limited to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. See Ms. Crystal for expectations of students.

### Year End Checklist

#### Spring Pictures

Traditional Spring pictures will be taken Mar 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and Immersion Spring pictures on Mar 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to come in your nicest clothes so you look your best for your Spring pictures.

#### 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 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.

## The Crucible...

Sometimes people feel as if they are, "broken" or that "a situation has broken" them. This tells me this person feels "fractured or damaged and no longer in one piece or in working order" or "has given up all hope; and is despairing". "Broken", to me, is permanent and unfixable. I have difficulty with permanent and unfixable. So I don't think of it as broken. I think of it as being put through the crucible. And like anything that goes through a crucible, it may be heated, bent or beaten, but it eventually comes out as something better and stronger.

We have all felt despair and felt like giving up. Some of us have had more troubles than others. When I encountered the trials of life, there was always something in me that pushed me on anyway, gave me hope somehow, or at least peace with the situation. Sometimes that push came from anger, sometimes from optimism and faith, sometimes it was just the courage to not let "IT" beat me.

What made me this way? I grew up in a scientifically driven environment. I believed in scientific things. I grew up knowing we live in an infinite universe. If the universe was infinite, that meant anything was possible. Just knowing anything was possible helped me believe that a solution to "IT" was possible for me. I may not have known how or when a solution would come about, but I knew a solution was possible. With my dogged personality, all I needed was that possibility to propel me forward.

Being in a crucible may not be an easy or quick process. Perhaps my current situation was due to unproductive choices, or I had engaged in negative action or self-beliefs, maybe I was being challenged... very challenged with unpleasant circumstances, maybe I had no idea what I was going to do to improve my situation, but no matter how bad things got, or how long the unpleasant situations lasted I always felt things could get better... because anything was possible. Which meant anything was possible for me.

So when I find myself in the frying pan or even in the fire, I picture myself as a misshapen lump of steel, I think of the circumstances I am in as the fire. My efforts to find a solution are like the beat of a hammer. If I just continue hammering, eventually my situation changes, a solution is found and, in the process, I have become something better.

Donna Moore



## News Flash



## The Art Room...



The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the Southern Division Elementary Art and Science Fair. There will be an Open House from 3:00 – 6:30 on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Melbourne Civic Auditorium located at 625 Hibiscus Blvd. I hope you will be able to attend to support our talented students.

Christopher Daley	Ms. Rossetti
Nevaeh Robinson	Ms. Byther
Mikayla Alleyne	Ms. Douglas
Keara Williams	Ms. Vega
Sebastian Remy	Ms. Martin
Mackenzie Schroeder	Ms. M. Gonzalez
Mikaela Simpson-Hose'	Ms. Alfonso
<b>Joshua Marrero</b> Merit Award	Ms. Quinlivan
Addyson Schanz	Ms. Gonzalez
Shia Kirby	Ms. Gilchrist
Ram Marana	Ms. Gilchrist
Ceara Williams	Ms. Zeligman
Isabella Fontanez	Ms. Wilson

Keep drawing!

Ms. Antaillia  
Elementary Art

[AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org](mailto:AntailliaN@palmbayacademy.org)

## Notes On The Science Fair...

We are pleased to announce the following 1<sup>st</sup> place winners representing PBA at the Southern Division Art and Science Fair at the Melbourne Civic Auditorium...

### Biology

Alyssiana Cumberland 3<sup>rd</sup>, Daniel Bennett 4<sup>th</sup>, Jay-Quan Rock 5<sup>th</sup>, Zay Pelham 6<sup>th</sup>

### Physical

Luke Summer 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jake Roberts 4<sup>th</sup>, Shenice Gentiles 5<sup>th</sup>, Darnell Williams 6<sup>th</sup>

### Environmental

1st Place: Jada Sawh 4<sup>th</sup>, Joey Laspina 5<sup>th</sup>

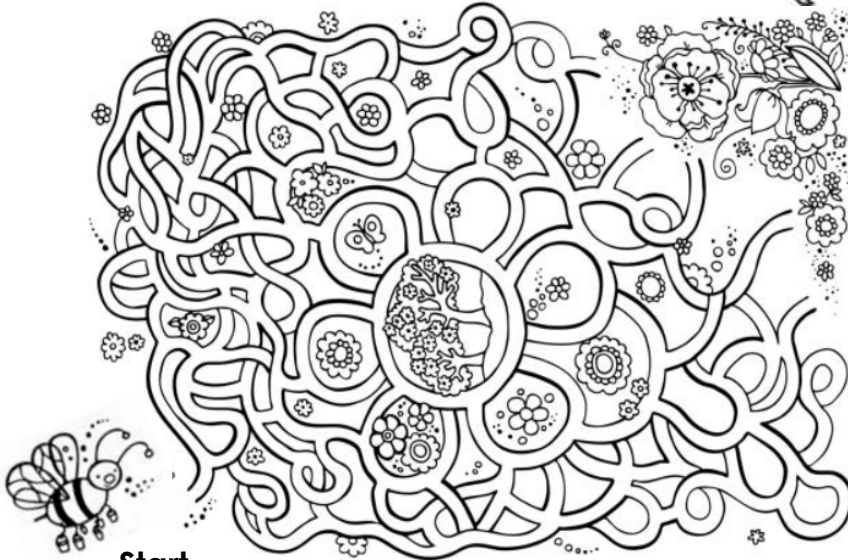
Great job students and we wish everyone the best of luck!

Ms. Foreman  
Science Fair Coordinator



# Puzzlers & Fungestions

Help the honey  
bee find the  
flower garden.



Start

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## Searching For Spring

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baseball	hatch	rainy
bird	insect	roots
bloom	kite	season
butterfly	leaves	seed
caterpillar	nest	soil
cloudy	picnic	spring
flowers	plant	stormy
fog	puddle	sunshine
garden	rainbow	umbrella
grow	raincoat	windy

### Habitat for Humanity Strawberry Festival: Cancelled

**Indiefest:** Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am-6pm & Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 11am-5pm. Cultural shows, traditional Indian cuisine, fashion show, Indian cooking demo, arts & crafts, raffles & prizes. Wickham Pavilion at 3845 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne. Adults \$5, children under 12 are \$2, children under 5 are free.

**Space Coast Harley Davison Palm Bay Fair:** Mar 26 – Apr 5 Includes; rides, games, food, music, racing pigs, and Torress Family Circus shows. I95 and Palm Bay Rd. Call 1.855.386.3836. \$10 admission M-Th, \$15 Fri-Sun

**Air & Space Show:** Mar 21<sup>st</sup> & Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Melbourne International Airport, 9 am to 4 pm, \$16 for adults, \$10 for children

### 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.