



CHARTER CHATTER

April 2017

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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).
- 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.



- 04/05/17 Elem PTO Mtg/Parent Party @ Trad, 6 pm
- 04/10/17 Spring Break through 04-14-17
- 04/17/17 Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm
- 04/18/17 Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad
- 04/21/17 Title I NUT Day

UPCOMING

- 05/06/17 Mother Son Picnic, 3- pm, Middle
- 05/08/17 Mother's Day Shop
- 05/09/17 Last Family Book Clubs, 3-4 pm
- 05/10/17 Summer Reading Program Kickoff
- 05/17/17 Strings & Chorus Concert @ Middle
- 05/22/17 Immersion End of Year Program @ Midd
- 05/24/17 Traditional Kindergarten Celebration

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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
- ♦ 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

Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Org.)

- ♦ President – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ♦ Vice President – Heather Davis
- ♦ Treasurer – Janae Beauchamp
- ♦ Secretary – Jennifer Sutton

Meetings: In general, 1st Wed of the month

Who to talk to on questions about...

- ♦ Busing – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ♦ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ♦ Student Reading Assist – Christina Gilchrist
- ♦ Events – Front Desk
- ♦ Field trips – Your student's teacher

Daily Details

FSAs (Florida Standard Assessment)

All public schools and public charters in Florida participate in the FSAs. Testing for 3rd - 8th has already started and will continue as follows...

Mar 27th – 29th

Apr 17th – May 18th

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 by 7:45 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".

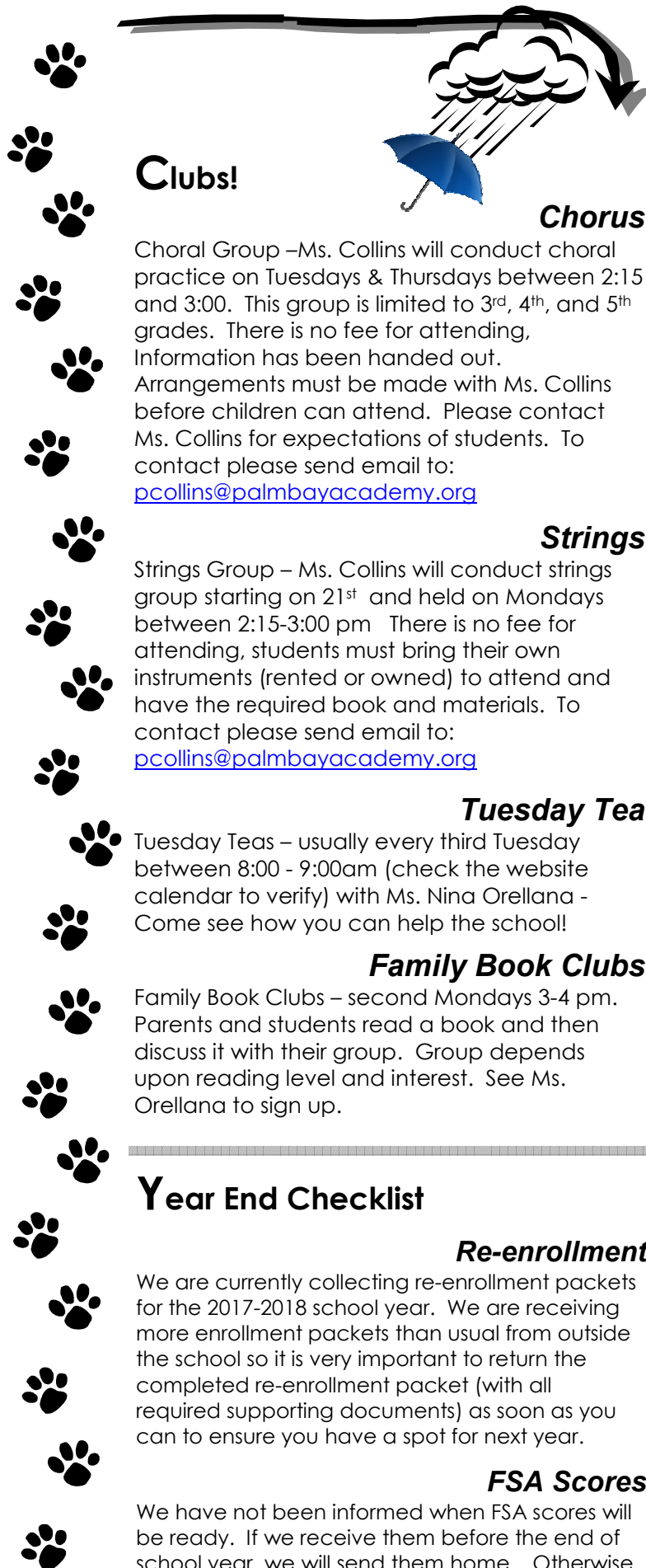
Electronic devices are not permitted in the testing room. Students must leave cell phones at home.

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.

Spring Jokes and Riddles

- 1: What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?
- 2: When do people start using their trampoline?
- 3: What bow can't be tied?
- 4: What month of the year is the shortest?
- 5: What can be seen in the middle of the months 'April' & 'March', that cannot be seen in the beginning or end of either month?
- 6: What is a spring chick after it is five months old?
- 7: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
- 8: Can bees fly in the rain?
- 9: What kind of garden does a baker have?
- 10: What monster plays the most April Fool's jokes?

1: Lily! 2: Spring-Time 3: A rainbow! 4: May (only 3 letters) 5: The letter "r". 6: Six months old. 7: Piggy! 8: Not without their little yellow jackets! 9: A "flour" garden. 10: Frankenstein!



Clubs!

Chorus

Choral Group – Ms. Collins will conduct choral practice on Tuesdays & Thursdays 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

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.

Year End Checklist

Re-enrollment

We are currently collecting re-enrollment packets for the 2017-2018 school year. We are receiving more enrollment packets than usual from outside the school so it is very important to return the completed re-enrollment packet (with all required supporting documents) as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot for next year.

FSA Scores

We have not been informed when FSA scores will be ready. If we receive them before the end of school year, we will send them home. Otherwise, please call for information.

Paying Attention...

So, I stopped to get a bagel in the morning at my usual place. The attendant gave me the total. I reached down to unzip my bag (I use a camera bag as a purse) and get out my wallet. Funny, the zipper was not where I remembered it. I focused completely on my bag. It was the correct size, but the configuration seemed different. I kept looking at it and suddenly I realized it was the wrong bag, it wasn't even the same color. I had used my camera over the weekend and put it down next to my bag. I didn't notice at 6 am that there were two bags and I grabbed the wrong one. The attendant was very nice and allowed me to pay the next morning.

Going through life, most of us feel we are paying attention all the time. Some of us even feel that our attention span abilities are so great they allow us to multi task easily. Actually, studies have shown we can't do two things at once, consciously. We may think we are multitasking, but in reality, we are just switching our attention very quickly between activities. Studies also show that even though we think we are very focused and aware of what is going on, our brains are focused only 50% of the time. The other 50% of the time our minds wander. 50%?? What is going on?

In the first place, our minds were designed this way. It was essential that we be able to switch focus instantly in order to run away or defend against the saber toothed tiger that had snuck up on us. We don't have saber toothed tigers any longer, but we do have the imminent threat of news flashes, texts, or any other information that might come across our cell phones.

So how do we focus more and wander less? 1. **Meditation** puts your mind in the moment keeping it from worrying about the future or dwelling over the past. 2. **Exercise** helps improve your mood and also reduces anxiety and worry. 3. **Be mindful of what you think about.** Do you wonder if you got the chicken out for dinner while you are driving in traffic? 4. **Retrain your mind.** Once you are more aware of your thoughts, make a conscious effort to redirect your thoughts back to what you wish to focus on. 5. **Get plenty of sleep.** Most adults now (I am one of them) do not get enough sleep. Proper rest makes it easier for your mind to pay attention and work properly. 6. **Take a break.** If during work your mind flits from task to worry, stop and stretch, breathe deeply in and out a few times, close your eyes and focus on your breathing.

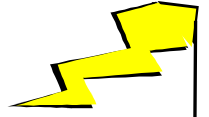
So, next time you look down and see you have the wrong bag, try some of the tips above to get back on track and make what you pay attention to your choice.

Donna Moore



News Flash

The Art Room...



The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the 2017 School Board Art Show. The artwork will be on display at the School Board ESF building in rooms 5-8, April 24 - 26, 2017. There will be a Reception on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Anais Kimora Herrera	Imm 2nd grade
Alston Llera	Imm 2nd grade
Courtney Hacking	5th grade
Sharday Sypher	5th grade

Judging will be April 21st. Winners will be notified. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Reception and Awards Ceremony are not on the same evening this year. The Awards Ceremony will be during the School Board meeting May 9, 2017.

ALSO

The following students have had artwork selected to represent our school at the 2017 School Board Art Show. The display is in the first case in the lobby of the ESF building at the School Board in Viera and will be on display from April 3, 2017 to April 26, 2017. These 5th grade students have Cardboard Animal Sculptures in the display:

Leilani Banks	Parker Ramey
Dion Campbell	Kelsie Richardson
Charlotte Danclair	Adrian Roberson
Xavier Denis	Antonio Sanchez
Ocean Flowers	Addyson Schanz
Courtney Hacking	Abigail Serrano
Javon Mancine	Sharday Sypher
Dawson Petit	Yadi Torres
Geremiah Pullins	

Hope you can make it by the School Board to see the display!

Ms. Antillia
Elementary Art

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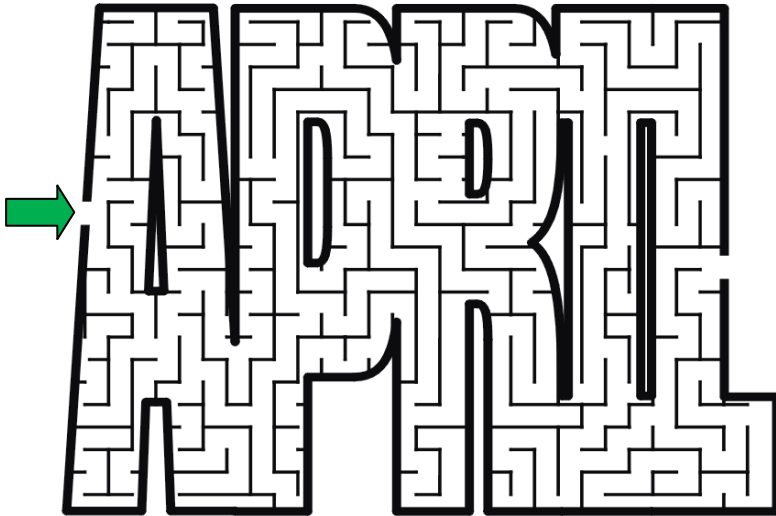
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Spring Word Search

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Start with the "A" and find your way through



BIRD	KITE	PLANTS	JACKET
CLOUDY	MELT	STORM	OUTSIDE
CROPS	NEST	TADPOLE	THAW

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Friday Fest Family Street Party: April 14th, 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.

Hook Kids on Fishing: April 8, 9am - 12pm @ Goode Park,. Kids 6 to 16 are welcome to this **free**, 2 hour educational program on the safety, fun, conservation & techniques of fishing along Florida's east coast. **Must pre-register** in person at Tony Rosa Community Center (1502 Port Malabar Blvd. NE) and fill out a waiver form to participate. Event is Free. Call (321) 952-3443

Annual Melbourne Art Festival: April 22 - 23, Downtown Melbourne. Begins at 9 am. Activities include the Flamingo 5K, kids' world, art workshops for children, entertainment, and an art show. Event is Free

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.