



CHARTER CHATTER

November 2014

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!

Please Remember.

- For early pick up - the latest time your child will be released is 1:50 on regular days and 12:50 on early release days.
- Afternoon release time for children is 2:15. If you arrive for pickup after 3:00 you will be charged the following: \$10.00 for pickup between 3:00 and 3:15 and an additional \$1.00 for every minute after that.



Calendar

November

- 11/05/14 **Class Picture Day – in uniform, Imm**
- 11/07/14 **Class Picture Day – in uniform, Tradi**
- 11/08/14 **Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad**
- 11/11/14 **Veteran’s Day – Holiday For All**
- 11/12/14 **Science Project Help Night**
- 11/14/14 **Picture Day – Middle School**
- 11/18/14 **Tuesday Tea, 8-9 am, Trad**
- 11/18/14 **Math Night, 6-7 pm, Trad**
- 11/22/14 **Harvest Festival - Midd Sch, 4 to 7 pm**
- 11/26/14 **Early Release (1:15 Elem, 3:00 Midd)**

UPCOMING

- 12/05/14 **Game Day, 3-4 pm, Traditional**
- 12/09/14 **Winter Slumberland, 6-7 pm, Trad**
- 12/13/14 **Family Book Clubs, 9-10 am, Trad**
- 12/16/14 **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
- ♦ 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

Thank You For Your Help...

To St. Vincent De Paul!

St. Vincent De Paul of St. Joseph's Parish is one of our community partners. They have been a great help, assisting us with student needs. Our school community is extremely thankful. If you wish to contact them, please call 321-768-7882. Located at 2824 Palm Bay Rd. NE in Palm Bay.

To Midtown Church!

Midtown Church our newest community partner has brightened the Thanksgiving Holiday for several of our families. We are all very grateful for their thoughtfulness and generosity. If you wish to contact them, please call 321-613-8353. Located at 2450 Aurora Rd in Melbourne.



Brevard County School Board is asking parents to **help them send a message to Florida lawmakers** about the state's new standardized tests. The board wants parents to sign a petition asking Tallahassee to consider a list of changes that includes making the first year of administering the new state assessment exam a field test year. Students are preparing to take the new Florida Standards Assessment, or FSA, this spring. The scores affect schools report card grades, teacher evaluations and whether or not students move on to the next grade.

The Brevard School Board petition can be found here:

http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_County_Schools/School_Board/Legislation

Common Core & The New Florida State Standards

Everyone wants to know what's going to happen concerning the new Florida State Standards and why the changes were necessary in the first place? To be competitive in the job market today, students must not only have a greater amount of knowledge, they must already have gained job experience in their chosen and related fields.

This is where Common Core enters the picture. The Common Core State Standards establish clear, consistent guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in Math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade. The standards were drafted by experts and teachers from across the country and are designed to ensure students are prepared for today's entry-level careers, freshman-level college courses, and workforce training programs. Common Core focuses on developing the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills students will need to be successful.

Common Core is *not* a curriculum. It is a clear set of shared goals and expectations for what knowledge and skills will help our students succeed. Local teachers, principals, superintendents, and others will decide how the standards are to be met. Teachers will continue to devise lesson plans and tailor instruction to the individual needs of the students in their classrooms. The Florida Department of Education decided to make the Common Core standards more rigorous implementing a total of 99 changes including the addition of calculus, cursive writing, and other skills identified as important in all subject areas. They renamed the new standards the Florida Core Standards. The new standards set expectations for student achievement at each grade level. They also require students to show they understand what they've learned.

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The Thing About Gratitude...

It used to be that gratitude was expected and expressed. That expectation was reinforced by our religious leaders, teachers, and elders. The good things in life were appreciated... received with gratitude. Now they are taken for granted. We are not grateful for things because we feel we are entitled to these things.

It seems having and giving gratitude should be held in higher esteem. Science (I love science... it's more irrefutable than opinion) has proven that the act of showing gratitude...

Physical Benefits

- ◆ Strengthens immune systems
- ◆ Reduces health complaints
- ◆ Helps us cope with difficulties
- ◆ Lowers blood pressure
- ◆ Allows for deeper and longer sleep
- ◆ Makes us more alert, alive, and awake

Psychological Benefits

- ◆ Raises our overall satisfaction with life
- ◆ Decreases feelings of loneliness and isolation
- ◆ Increases optimism and happiness
- ◆ Makes us more helpful, generous, compassionate, and forgiving
- ◆ Raises levels of positive emotions leading to more positive outlook
- ◆ Increases our ability to experience more joy and pleasure
- ◆ Increases our ability to achieve goals

So what does this mean? If gratitude gives us all of the wonders above, that must mean that ingratitude (the opposite of gratitude) gives us the opposite of the above...

Ingratitude gives us lowered immune system, more aches and pains, high blood pressure, days and nights plagued by lethargy and sleeplessness, less satisfaction and success, more negative emotions and outlook, less joy and pleasure, dissatisfaction with life, more loneliness ...

It seems our leaders of past times were right on the mark, the thing about gratitude is when you have it, you have a great fullness of life!

Donna Moore

Gratefulness = Great + Fullness of Life



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The standards emphasize reading and require students to defend their work with evidence. Reading, writing and project based learning are integrated throughout every subject ensuring that real life problem solving and critical thinking are emphasized at an early age. The new standards also provide a way for teachers to measure student progress throughout the school year and ensure that students are on the pathway to success in their academic careers. The goal is more students graduating ready for college or a career.

Palm Bay Academy has already been focused on successful college prep pathways and is also well into integrating professional career oriented achievement for every student. We have been incorporating Common Core and the new Florida Core Standards as well as STEAM concepts throughout our curriculum K-8. We include the arts as part of a well-rounded, project based learning approach to curriculum delivery. We feel certain that our students will be well prepared for the upcoming testing in spring. Links for more info...

Up to date FLDOE info:

<http://www.fldoe.org/eduaccsummit.aspx>

Information for families:

<http://www.fsassessments.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Florida-Family-Brochure-v6-2.pdf>

Training Test Guide:

<http://www.fsassessments.org/training-tests>



PBA PANTHER FOOTBALL

**Congratulations
On Another Great Season!**

Go 
Panthers!

Puzzlers & Fungestions



Turkeys Word Search Puzzle

M O D S T Y D O M E S T S I G
 R U N T W E N T Y M P H T C A
 T U A R K K E Y S T R A S M M
 R E L S O R H E S A E V E Y E
 T E L C N U R A C G H R R H B
 A T O T H T F T R E I Y O A I
 R E H U N D A A S C S B F G R
 L E E W T L L O A O T O F O D
 D E T A C I T S E M O D L B Y
 O W I T H W O E R D R R E B A
 O S H T H P M Y T F I F Y L F
 N W W L I E S L D T C U R E K
 S E Y E S C N A N F L Y U R P
 T O F I F T Y S T L U O P S F
 I V E M I L E S P E R H O U R

Turkey Chuckles

1. Why did the police arrest the turkey?
2. Which side of a turkey has the most feathers?
3. Why do turkeys lay eggs?
4. What's the most musical part of a turkey?
5. If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does turkey come from?
6. Daughter: Mum, can I have a canary for Christmas?
7. What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
8. What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?

1. They suspected it of fowl play!
2. The outside!
3. If they dropped them, they'd break!
4. The drumstick!
5. A poul-tree!
6. Mum: NO! You'll have turkey like everyone else.
7. He got the stuffing knocked out of him!
8. The turkey!



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| AMERICAS | LARGE |
| CARUNCLE | POULTS |
| DOMESTICATED | PREHISTORIC |
| FAST | ROOST |
| FLY FIFTY MPH | RUN TWENTY MPH |
| FOOD | SNOOD |
| FORESTS | TOMS |
| GAMEBIRD | WATTLE |
| GOBBLERS | WHITE HOLLAND |
| HENS | WILD TURKEY |

Space Coast State Fair: Nov 13 – 23, Space Coast Stadium, 5800 Stadium Parkway: Rides, shows, amusement games, exhibits, free shows, food stands will be included in the entry fee.

Festival of Trees Junior League of South Brevard: Nov. 15 & 16, Foosaner Art Museum in the Eau Gallie Art District, decorated holiday trees for auction and children's activities, including pictures with Santa! Mission Statement, wreaths and other holiday items available. 5 pm @ 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way

Space Coast Lightfest: Nov 17-Jan 1, Wickham Park - Dec 6 is "Stroll Night," in which the Lightfest shuts down to automobiles; vendors will set up shop along the lighted way. Also will be bounce houses, horseback rides, crafts and other kid activities.

Try these websites for children's fun & development:

- ◆ [Starfall](http://www.starfall.com/) <http://www.starfall.com/> : This site offers reading with phonics and includes downloadable journals, books & activities
- ◆ [ABCya!](http://www.abcya.com/) <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/) <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) <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)
- ◆ [Empowering Parents](http://www.empoweringparents.com/#) <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.