



Title 1 Monthly Newsletter

– August & September 2016

Welcome Back to School Palm Bay Academy Families! ☺

Happy New School Year! We are very excited about getting all PBA families involved in activities that will help support you and your students this year! Please make every effort to attend our Title 1 Annual Informational Meeting to hear all about our plans, ask questions, and provide input! If you have questions at any time, please feel free to contact Nina Orellana, Title 1 Coordinator, at 984-2710 or korellana@palmbayacademy.org! We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES:

- ▷ **Every Wednesday this school year, beginning August 17th**
 - **Early Release** Days - Elementary schools out at 1:15 PM; Middle schools - 2:15 PM.
- ▷ **Wednesday, August 17th** - Uniform pictures at the Immersion campus
- ▷ **Thursday, August 18th** - Uniform pictures at the Traditional campus
- ▷ **Tuesday, August 23rd - 6:00-7:00 PM at the Traditional Campus**
 - **Circles of Care Informational Presentation** for families of Elementary and Middle School students
- ▷ **Thursday, August 25th - 6:00-7:30 PM at the Traditional Campus - PTO Kickoff Event** - Please come and join our PBA PTO! Officers will be elected and plans for the year will be made!

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES:

- ▷ **Thursday, September 1st - 6:00-7:30 PM at the Traditional Campus**
 - **Annual Title 1 Informational Meeting / Parent Party!** - Come learn some of the many ways you can be involved with PBA this year! We will be working on the Parent Involvement Plan, the School Improvement Plan, the Family-School Compact, and community building activities! Child care will be available. Parent participants will receive our brand new PROUD PANTHER PARENT T-shirts!
- ▷ **Monday, September 5th - NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day
- ▷ **Friday, September 9th** - First interim ends
- ▷ **Monday, September 12th - 3:00-4:00 PM (K-2nd at the Immersion Campus; 3rd-5th at the Traditional Campus) - FAMILY BOOK CLUBS** - Please make sure you have filled out an application form with Ms. Orellana if you plan to attend! Students may not attend without an adult partner reader!

- ▷ **Monday, September 12-16 - Scholastic BOOK FAIR** - 9:00-1:00 every day, and 5:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 13th, in the Traditional campus library. We need parent volunteers! Please contact the office if you are able to help out.
- ▷ **Tuesday, September 13th - 6:00-7:30 PM - ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE** - at the Traditional campus - Meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, hear about the plan for the year!
- ▷ **Friday, September 16th - Interims issued**
- ▷ **Monday, September 19th - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Teacher PD Day
- ▷ **Tuesday, September 20th - 8:00 - 9:00 AM at the Traditional Campus**
- **Tuesday Tea** for Parents - Come chat about school and work on volunteer projects!
- ▷ **Tuesday, September 27th - 6:00-7:30 PM at the Traditional Campus - PARENT UNIVERSITY** - Understanding Common Core Math! - Teachers will help parents at all grade levels, K-8, understand how students are learning math today and how they can help.

2016 - 2017 Family Activities and Opportunities

Parent Parties – Starting in September, we are going to have parties for adult family members on the first Thursday of every month so that we can build community, build support skills, learn and have fun together! We will have T-shirts for our participants, snacks and drinks, and child care for accompanying children. Come join the fun!

Parent University – PBA will be hosting a series of workshops for families so that we can be the best support people we can be to our children! Topics this year will include Understanding Common Core Math, Supporting Struggling Readers, Homework and Study Skills, and Behavior Motivation at Home. Please see our school calendar for dates and times. Our first workshop will be September 27th at 6:00, and childcare will be provided.

Tuesday Teas – On the third Tuesday of each month, from 8 – 9 AM, there will be a gathering hosted by our Title 1 Coordinator for family members to share ideas about how they can be involved in supporting their children and teachers in school. While we talk, we do volunteer projects for teachers. If you are interested in volunteering at Palm Bay Academy, this is a great time to discover many different ways you can help out!

Book Clubs – On the second Monday of each month, there will be two book club meetings (K-2 and 3-5) from 3 – 4 PM for families to engage with their kids and others talking about and doing activities related to great books. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy reading together as a family! Please make sure your child returns a Book Club Application to Ms. Orellana if your child and a supporting adult are interested in being members. Books and snacks will be provided for all student/adult partners!

NUT (No Uniform Today) Days – On the third Friday of each month starting in September, students will be allowed to wear school-appropriate clothes of their choice in lieu of uniforms if they bring \$1 to their teacher. Collected funds will be used to provide meals at school-wide events and assistance to families seeking A+ clearance badges to help support PBA programs.

For more information on any of these or other Palm Bay Academy programs/initiatives, please contact Nina Orellana, PBA's Title 1 Coordinator at (321) 984-2710 or korellana@palmbayacademy.org. All of this information is also available on our school website: palmbayacademy.org.