

## Lighthouse Team

## At A Glance

Hello Parents and Guardians,

This month's "Leader in Me" focus is on Habit #2 Begin with the end in mind.

Many times our days are filled with all sorts of occurrences that seem to prevent us from reaching our goals.

Beginning with the end in mind gives our days a direction and a plan to accomplish our goals. This month we are encouraging our students to set goals and make plans on reaching them.

We will assist students in identifying what will help them reach their goal (referred to as a "big rock") and what might be interfering with them achieving their goal (referred to as "little rocks").

We may only have 24 hours in a day, but when tasks are divided up into big and little, and when we have a clear plan, we can make the time to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

PBA Lighthouse Team

More "Leader in Me" information can be found on our website...

[www.PalmBayAcademy.org](http://www.PalmBayAcademy.org)

## Editor

Hello!

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.

- 10/04 Make Up Uniform Picture Day
- 10/05 Friday Early Release Day
- 10/12 Friday Early Release Day
- 10/12 First 9 Weeks Ends
- 10/15 Student Holiday – Teacher Work Day
- 10/18 Family Book Club @ Trad, 3-4 pm
- 10/20 Family Book Club @ Trad, 10-11 pm
- 10/19 Friday Early Release Day
- 10/26 Elementary (K-5 Imm & Trad) NUT Day, fee \$1
- 10/26 Friday Early Release Day
- 10/30 Elementary Conferences, 6-8 pm (make apt with front office)

### UPCOMING

- 11/07 Field Day for K-2
- 11/08 Field Day for 3-5
- 11/12 Veterans Day – Holiday For All

## PBA Leadership

### Administration

- ◆ Madhu Longani – Dir. & Principal, Elem
- ◆ Jerry RunnerSmith – Principal, Middle
- ◆ Marilyn Kinsel – Dir. of Operations
- ◆ Daniel Scott – ESE, Elem
- ◆ Kim Gary – ESE, Middle
- ◆ Janet Esteves – ESOL
- ◆ Nina Orellana – Title I, MTSS

### Board of Directors

- ◆ Jennifer Wolf – President
- ◆ Vacant – Board Member
- ◆ Allison Cunningham – Parent Liaison
- ◆ Brendan Purcell – Board Member
- ◆ Vacant – Board Member

Meetings: as posted

### Questions?

- ◆ Busing – Amanda Thibaudeau
- ◆ Curriculum – Marilyn Kinsel
- ◆ Student Reading Assist – Ms. Gilchrist
- ◆ Events – Front Desk
- ◆ Field Trips – Your student's teacher

### Mission

Palm Bay Academy makes the choice to forge leaders every day within ourselves and our students, standing together as the lighthouse of the community.

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### Reminders

- Speed limit during drop off and dismissal is 20 mph.
- Fridays are early release days! The front office is closed at 12:45. The latest you can pick up early is 12:45.
- First conference date is Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will be made through the front office.



# October

## First Things First

### Reminders

- ◆ Elementary campuses begin school at 7:30 am. Your student is tardy at 7:40 am.
- ◆ The front lobby is closed for dismissal 2 – 3 pm (12:45 – 1:45 on Fridays). Students **can not** be checked out during that time. Please plan accordingly.
- ◆ Traditional Campus students' uniform is a gray polo with the PBA logo and navy blue uniform pants, shorts, or skorts. Polo shirts are to be tucked in. Jeans of any type or color are not allowed. Patterned/striped tights/socks are not allowed. Shoes must be plain, non-slip soled and enclose the foot and be securely fastened.
- ◆ The first Elementary Conferences are Tuesday evening, 10-30-18 between 6 and 8 pm. The front office will begin taking appointments mid-October. Conferences are limited to 15 minutes, please be courteous, arrive on time.

### Student Medical Information

If your child must take prescription or over the counter medication for temporary or chronic illness or allergies (this includes inhalers, Motrin, Tylenol, and cough drops) please stop by the front desk to fill out the required health forms and we will put the medicine under lock in the clinic. These forms must be filled out every year. Students are not allowed to carry medication on their persons or in their backpacks. If students are found with prescription or over the counter medications, they will be taken from them and held at the front desk for parent pick up. For additional information related to prescription or over the counter medication, please refer to the PBA Student Handbook available on our website, [www.PalmBayAcademy.org](http://www.PalmBayAcademy.org).

## Focus Article

### Has Politeness and Being Kind Gone Out Of Fashion?

Recently my daughter was in a coffee shop purchasing a coffee drink. As she was leaving, she held open the door for an older gentleman. He was visibly surprised. He said thank you to her and she replied with "You're welcome" and she smiled. The older gentleman was again happily surprised. She wondered how often the opposite had been true for him to now expect people to be rude. My daughter is 17.

It's understandable that "manners" change with time. There are women that would not find it courteous if a man ordered their food for them at a restaurant or opened a door for them. Some manners simply go out of fashion because our culture changes. But what about, saying 'please' and 'thank you', What about looking someone in the eye and smiling when greeting them, especially for the first time. Or saying 'excuse me' if you accidentally bump into someone? Ralph Waldo Emerson, the 19th century essayist and philosopher, said, "No one is too big to be courteous, but some are too little." It seems there a more and more "too little" people who no longer take the time to be polite.

But good manners don't have anything to do with having the time, who we are or where we are from. Social grace and common courtesy come from one place, kindness. So, good manners come from the conscious choice to be kind. Does that mean that people are deliberately choosing not to be kind?

If that is the case then it saddens me greatly. I am sure if we think about it, we can think of at least one time when someone was kind to us. But instead, everyone does their best to remember all the unkind things people have done to us. Does that mean, if you are in need of help; struggling at a

door with your hands and arms full, in need of a charged phone, waiting to pull out in to traffic, or 5 cents short at the checkout counter, you would prefer not to receive the help you need? Of course not! You would hope someone would help you. Funny thing about that though. "The Golden Rule" is a two way street. It has to go both ways to work for you.

It is never too late to learn common courtesy or apply "The Golden Rule" in everyday life. If one would like someone to hold the door open for them as they struggle, that individual should be willing to help another. While there is no doubt that rudeness is out there, each of us has it within ourselves to help turn that around. Change starts within each of us. It starts with each of us making a conscious effort to treat people (whether they are family members, friends, or strangers) with consideration and respect. That means...

1. Peek out from the cocoon of your personal concerns and be aware of the people around you (Employ active listening)
2. Think before you act or react (Seek first to understand, then to be understood)
3. Offer a "please" and "thank you" along with a smile as ways of acknowledging and showing appreciation to the people around you (Be grateful)

It doesn't cost us anything but a few seconds to say "Good Morning. How are you? Are you having a good day?" And even less time to simply smile a genuine smile at someone else.

Here's one simple thing you can do today, to make a very small difference to someone else's life, that may even pay back to you one day or it may not - doesn't matter either way. Try asking someone's name, greeting someone with a good morning, or making a special effort to show your appreciation for somebody's usually un-thanked labors. Imagine if the whole world tried to do that... what a different world it would be?

Author and human rights activist Bryant H. McGill is more eloquent. He says, "Courtesy is a silver lining around the dark clouds of civilization; it is the best part of refinement ... an art of heroic beauty in the vast gallery of man's cruelty and baseness." Which would you rather be remembered for... the dark cloud or the silver lining?

## Notification

### Out of Field Notification

Palm Bay Academy strives to provide our classrooms with highly qualified teachers. The following teachers are highly qualified and/or out of field to work in the classrooms and are working towards their qualifying status for ESOL or subject requirement.

#### **Elementary School – ESOL**

*Adrienne Allen – In Progress*  
*Ninoshka Ayuso – In Progress*  
*Carol Beth Davis – In Progress*  
*Roxanna Herrera – In Progress*  
*Laura Marshall – In Progress*  
*Leigh Nassis – In Progress*  
*Mary Ann Paczkowski – In Progress*  
*Jeanette Valentin – In Progress*  
*Kim Walsh – In Progress*

#### **Elementary School – Other**

*Ninoshka Ayuso – Elem Ed*  
*Mayra Borcea – Math 5-9*

*Janet Esteves – Elem Ed*  
*Sulai Roman – Elem Ed*  
*Yanlai Wu – Chinese*

#### **Middle School – ESOL**

*Melinda Milbourne – In Progress*  
*Deborah Russ – In Progress*  
*Henry Rockhill – In Progress*  
*Elizabeth LaViscka – In Progress*

#### **Middle School – Other**

*Justin Clermont – Technology*  
*Valerie Dube – Reading Endorsement*  
*Henry Calhoun – Math*

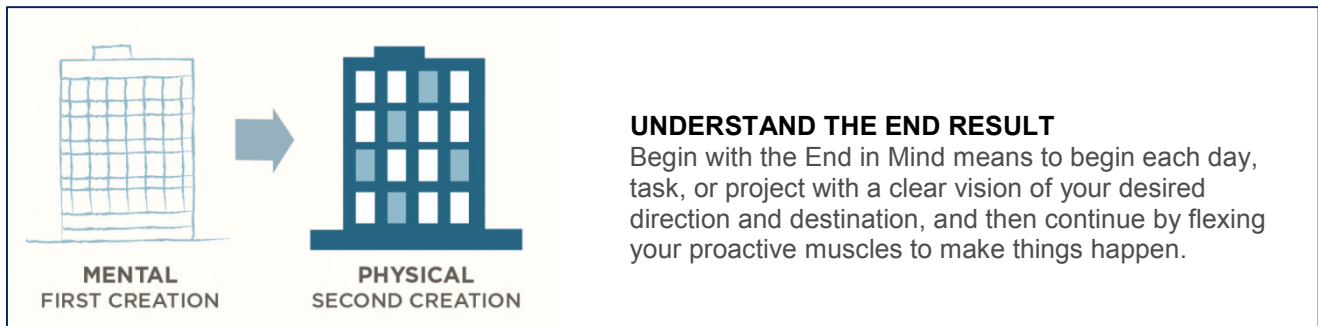
## Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan) / Franklin Covey

**Focus time and energy on things that can be controlled.** So, what do you want to be when you grow up? That question may appear a little trite, but think about it for a moment. Are you--right now--who you want to be, what you dreamed you'd be, doing what you always wanted to do? Be honest. Sometimes people find themselves achieving victories that are empty--successes that have come at the expense of things that were far more valuable to them. If your ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step you take gets you to the wrong place faster.

"People are working harder than ever, but because they lack clarity and vision, they aren't getting very far. They, in essence, are pushing a rope with all of their might."

**DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY**

Habit 2 is based on imagination--the ability to envision in your mind what you cannot at present see with your eyes. It is based on the principle that all things are created twice. There is a mental (first) creation, and a physical (second) creation. The physical creation follows the mental, just as a building follows a blueprint. If you don't make a conscious effort to visualize who you are and what you want in life, then you empower other people and circumstances to shape you and your life by default. It's about connecting again with your own uniqueness and then defining the personal, moral, and ethical guidelines within which you can most happily express and fulfill yourself.



One of the best ways to incorporate Habit 2 into your life is to develop a [Personal Mission Statement](#). It focuses on what you want to be and do. It is your plan for success. It reaffirms who you are, puts your goals in focus, and moves your ideas into the real world. Your mission statement makes you the leader of your own life. You create your own destiny and secure the future you envision.

## Recognition

### Leader in Me Recognition – Students Living the 7 Habits

The following students were honored at our Leader in Me Awards Ceremonies:

Leader in Me Awards

Alexis Criswell  
 Sebastian Calhoun  
 Jonathan Jordan  
 Noah Rezendes  
 Larry Sullivan

Academic Excellence Awards

Diyor Ashrapov  
 Jordan Ferguson  
 Keagan Larsen  
 Tamia Macon  
 Andrew Vassell

Teacher's Choice Awards

Henry Guzman  
 Kalia McCoach  
 Payton Nunan  
 Madisyn Pushkar  
 Jawayne Thomas