

Lighthouse Team

At A Glance

Hello Parents and Guardians,

This month's "Leader in Me" focus is on, Habit #3 Put first things first.

What do you do when there is simply not enough time to get everything done?

Sometimes, we have to make decisions on what is most important. We need to take a look at how we spend our time to see if we are using it productively.

What do we mean by using time productively? We mean we are taking care of the most important things first or putting first things first. We do this by reviewing our tasks and classifying them by importance and urgency, then acting on and accomplishing them.

This month we are helping our students prioritize their tasks and goals in order to take care of the most important things first. Then they will create plans to accomplish those goals. Franklin Covey has a great tool for this called the Time Management Matrix (see page 4). Try using this tool at home to organize your own tasks.

Sincerely,

PBA Lighthouse Team

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

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.

- 11/07 Elementary PTO @ Trad, 6 pm
- 11/09 Friday Early Release Day
- 11/12 Veterans Day – Holiday For All
- 11/13 Traditional Class Picture Day (uniform)
- 11/14 Immersion Class Picture Day (uniform)
- 11/14 Turkey Trot Family Math Night @ Trad, 6 pm
- 11/15 Family Book Club @ Trad, 3pm
- 11/16 Friday Early Release Day
- 11/17 Family Book Club @ Trad, 10am
- 11/20 Tuesday Tea @ Trad, 8am
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Holiday thru 11/23
- 11/30 Elementary (K-5 Imm & Trad) NUT Day, fee \$1

UPCOMING

- 12/05 Imm. Gr. 1, 2, 3 Holiday Concert @ Midd, 6pm
- 12/11 Winter Slumberland @ Trad, 6pm

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
- ◆ Katlyn Penny – ESOL
- ◆ Nina Orellana – Title I, MTSS

Board of Directors

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

- Fridays are early release days! The front office is closed at 12:45. The latest you can pick up early is 12:45.
- Student uniforms are mandatory. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for school.
- Palm Bay City approved car loop procedure.



November

First Things First

Reminders

- ◆ The front lobby is **closed** for dismissal 2 – 3 pm (12:45 – 1:45 on Fridays). Since the office is closed, students can not be checked out during that time. Please plan accordingly.
- ◆ Student uniforms are mandatory. Please be sure your student is dressed appropriately for school. The school uniform for the Traditional Elementary School is; Navy blue bottoms (not tan khaki), white or navy socks/tights, and a gray Palm Bay Academy shirt *with the Palm Bay Academy logo*. No jeans of any color are allowed. No brightly colored or patterned tights/socks are allowed. Outerwear can be of the uniform color, navy or gray. No hoodies or pullovers are allowed. For additional information please refer to the PBA Student Handbook available on our website, www.PalmBayAcademy.org.
- ◆ Due to traffic and safety issues caused by vehicles coming south on Tropicana during AM and PM car loop times to enter the school or get into the car loop, vehicles have been prohibited from entering the car loop coming south on Tropicana (no right turn). The Palm Bay City approved car loop procedure is as follows; they must use Knecht south, Michels /Roc Rosa east to Tropicana. This procedure is to be followed even if the car loop is empty. This procedure was selected in order to reduce traffic in front of the school and prevent car loop vehicles from utilizing side streets, driveways, and lawns of residents.

Focus Article

Duty versus Service

These two terms are quite often used interchangeably. We talk about “doing our duty” and “providing services” in a rather broad sense. Actually though, there is a difference in the meaning of the two words. Dictionaries define them as...

Duty - that which one is morally or legally obligated to do.

Service - an act of being of help or assistance to someone, giving without expectation of receiving.

Duty is an obligation and Service is a choice.

On Veterans Day, we pay our respects to those who have served. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

We have used the term “service” a number of times in the previous paragraph. In truth, the United States Armed forces personnel make the choice to become obligated to take on the duty of protecting our country and its citizens. So even though the armed forces personnel are acting out of duty, they first made the choice to serve. They simply made their choice to serve into an obligated duty. In other words, they were extremely serious about their choice to serve.

Anyone can make the choice to serve. We can give service by volunteering at schools, hospitals, religious organizations, shelters, and assistance centers. We can serve our elder neighbor by carrying in their groceries, serve children by being a crossing guard, serve as an understanding shoulder to lean on, or a strong set of arms to help lift someone up when they falter.

Acts of service can be large or small, done on a regular basis or simply when there is the need. But service is always something given from your heart, given freely and without expectation of receiving something back.

Help out a friend, a family, or organization. This Thanksgiving make being of service a priority.

I hope you find these statements both inspirational and motivating...

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

– Barack Obama

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." – Horace Mann

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." – Mohammed Ali

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

"The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served." – Gordon B. Hinckley

"Life's most urgent questions is: What are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Featured Interest

Family Turkey Trot Math Night

Join us for a night of fun with math at the PBA Family Turkey Trot Math Night on Wednesday, November 14th, 6 – 7:30 pm at the Traditional Elementary Campus.

Our 3rd grade students are showing their leadership skills by hosting the event! The students will make their costumes and props in the classroom as part of the project. During this process, students will be practicing their leadership principles such as trustworthiness, being proactive, being responsible, and beginning with the end in mind.

Students will learn about event organization and time management while fulfilling student run event jobs such as greeters, decorators, creation of signage, making a 7 Habits presentation, and being servers.

We look forward to seeing you there! Pizza and snacks will be served.

LIM Focus

Habit 3: Put First Things First (Execute on the most important priorities) / Franklin Covey

"Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out." –DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

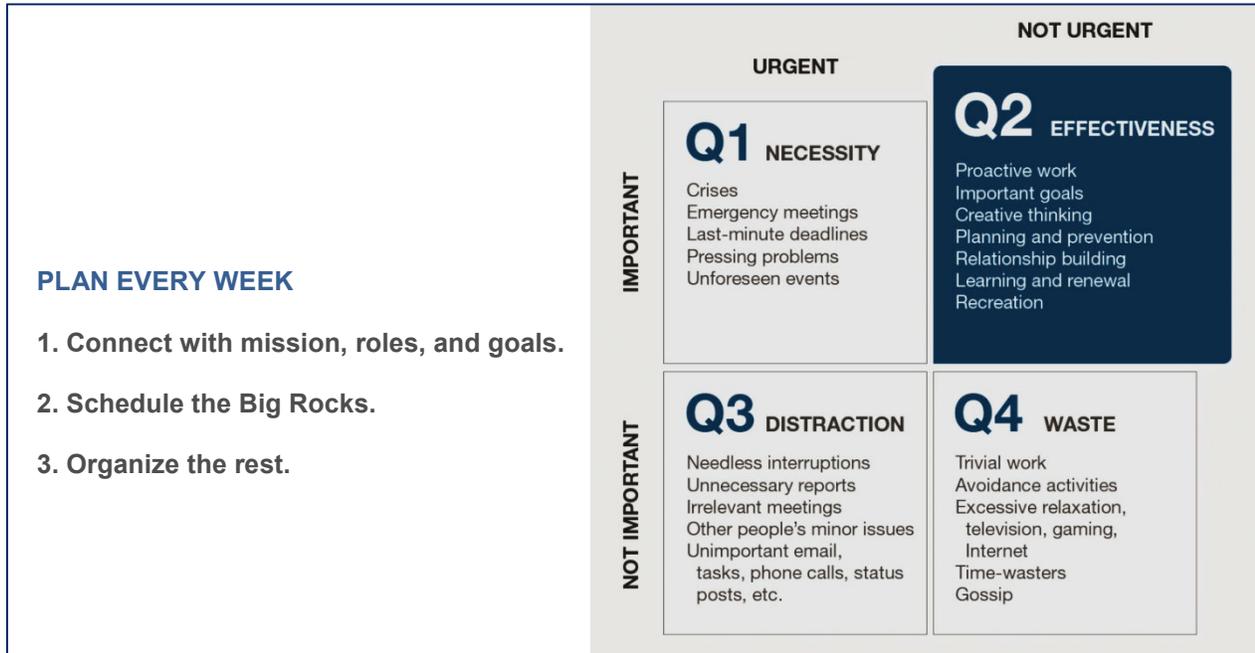
To live a more balanced existence, you have to recognize that not doing everything that comes along is okay. There's no need to overextend yourself. All it takes is realizing that it's all right to say no when necessary and then focus on your highest priorities.

"Putting first things first means organizing and executing around your most important priorities. It is living and being driven by the principles you value most, not by the agendas and forces surrounding you."

DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

Habit 1 says, "You're in charge. You're the creator." Being proactive is about choice. Habit 2 is the first, or mental, creation. Beginning with the End in Mind is about vision.

Habit 3 is the second creation, the physical creation. This habit is where Habits 1 and 2 come together. It happens day in and day out, moment-by-moment. It deals with many of the questions addressed in the field of time management. But that's not all it's about. Habit 3 is about life management as well--your purpose, values, roles, and priorities. What are "first things?" First things are those things you, personally, find of most worth. If you put first things first, you are organizing and managing time and events according to the personal priorities you established in Habit 2.



Recognition

Sunshine Recognition – Students Exemplifying Leadership Principles

The following students were selected as being the best in their classrooms at exemplifying the following leadership principles:

Trustworthiness

Christopher Joseph (K)
Elijah Conserve (K)
Kanimpa Moore (K)
Jonathan Jordan (2)
Noah Rezendes (2)
Julissa Clark (5)
Sophia Vazquez (5)
Jaden Official (5)
Elani Newsome (1)
Sebastian Burns (4)
Kayla Macon (4)
Angel Vyhonsky (4)
Jessica Jhingree (3)
Alexis Criswell (3)
Laniyah Boykin (3)
Jazlyn Thomas-Renz (1)
Jayda Waite (1)

Being Proactive

Arecia Williams (K)
Korbin Doogue (K)
Sahmyra Walker (2)
Tamia Macon (2)
Jahnacey Allen (5)
De'Connell Burks (5)
Xander Mills-Alex (5)
Zoe Washington (1)
Ka'Myah Henry (4)
Marquis Henry (4)
Lyric Cole (4)
Rashaad Boodram (3)
Payton Nunan (3)
William Ryan (3)
Julia Jhingree (1)
Kaliyah Williams (1)

Responsibility

Savannah McClellan (K)
Landen Loyd (K)
Demaya Baptiste (K)
Madison Pushkar (2)
Jonathan Humphry (2)
Bryan Garcia (5)
Ahbia Shields (5)
Aliyah Ryan (5)
Karson Stewart (1)
Xiomara Caballero (4)
Kayla Macon (4)
Jordan Humphrey (4)
Ayanna Mullings (3)
Alexis Criswell (3)
Neveah Lockhart (3)
Aubree Sanford (1)
Malaia Pryce (1)

Beginning with the end in mind

Savannah McClellan (K)
Natalie Ross (K)
Thalaiah Hamilton (K)
Keagan Larson (2)
Noah Rezendez (2)
Julissa Clark (5)
Sophia Vazquez (5)
D'Karlo Flakes (5)
Bonnie Long (1)
Addy Coggeshall (4)
Mikayla Alleyne (4)
Riley Coles (4)
Sebastian Calhoun (3)
Alexis Criswell (3)
Timothy Calloway (3)
Ali Sevinc (1)
Zerriyah Swinton (1)