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# PALM BAY ELEMENTARY

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to empower our diverse community to LEAD and learn.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is to be the first choice for innovative LEADers and learners.



**#LitPirateProud**

## Student Instructional Hours

Monday through Thursday 7:55am to 2:30pm,

Friday 7:55am to 1:15pm.

Students may enter the building at 7:30am for breakfast.

Li'l Pirate Parents and Guardians,

Greetings and Happy New Year to you all! As we celebrate last year's achievements, we should also take time to embrace the possibilities for the new year. As we progress through this next chapter it is important to do some self-reflection. January is the perfect month to set new goals and create plans to ensure that they are achieved. My favorite way to set new goals is to create a vision board. Some say that seeing is believing, and a vision board is a great visual reminder for the things you desire to improve or acquire during the 2024 year. It is a helpful tool that can help you become more aware of what matters most, so you focus on the right things when working towards your goals. If you aren't the crafty type, you can also write out your goals and plans of action. Just make sure you are realistic when setting your goals, so that you are able to stay motivated when achieving them. It's best to create goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound.

As we reach the halfway point of this school year, it is important to also focus on setting goals with your child(ren). Take time to discuss their current academic progress and create goals together. A fantastic way to help students accomplish their goals is by providing incentives. When students know that they will be rewarded for their progress, they are more likely to give their best effort and work towards accomplishing their goals. After your goals have been created and plans of action have been established, post your goals somewhere where they can be easily seen each day as a reminder. This allows for continued academic conversations between you and your child to help track their progress and hold them accountable for the role they play in their learning and success. With a well thought out plan, focus, and determination, you and your child(ren) can work towards accomplishing together. Now let's crush these goals!

Sincerely,

Ms.Coira, PBE Teacher of the Year

Please add [School@PeachJar.com](mailto:School@PeachJar.com) to your email contacts. We have many PeachJar emails being rejected by receiving mail servers, especially gmail.com, aol.com, cfl.rr.com and yahoo.com. We are using PeachJar as an electronic flyer communication tool to send school-approved digital flyers directly to your email. This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure you are well informed about our school programs, activities and events.



**PALM BAY ELEMENTARY**

Lauren Hollis  
Assistant Principal

Michael Mahl  
Principal

**HOME OF THE LI'L PIRATES!**



Palm Bay Elementary would like to congratulate our  
Volunteers of the Year!!

**Senior VOY representative is Ms. Patricia Guthrie**

**Adult VOY representative is Ms. Teresa Baggett-Hines**

**Youth VOY representative is Miss Aidaliz Rosadopadilla.**

Ms. Patricia Guthrie is a grandmother to two young students at Palm Bay Elementary. Ms. Guthrie volunteers to help with school-wide events such as Picture Day, health screenings and as a chaperone on field trips. She says yes to volunteer opportunities across grade levels. Last year Ms. Guthrie single-handedly monitored our Li'l Pirate Lunches, which happened every Thursday throughout the year. Ms. Guthrie is a member of our School Advisory Council, and she regularly attends our monthly SAC meetings. Ms. Guthrie is grateful to be connected to her grandchildren's school. She is a great role model for Palm Bay Elementary students.

Ms. Teresa Hines was a much respected teaching colleague at PBE for many years. Teresa's heart never left PBE. She is now dedicated to the success of our school as a volunteer. PBE could not imagine how the beginning of this school year would have been successful without the help of Teresa. Our school carried through the entire summer with no office clerk, and Teresa filled that void. Teresa has a good rapport with families in the front office. She uses her calm, kind demeanor to help and encourage adults and children. Teresa volunteers with school-wide activities such as field trips, Science and Engineering Fair and picture day. She provides time, energy and organization to every volunteer task.

Miss Aidaliz Rosadopadilla is a former Palm Bay Elementary student who now attends Palm Bay Magnet High. She is currently considering her college options, and she chose to be involved in her community as she completed her high school career. Aidaliz is the coach of our school's Sea Perch underwater robotics team. Aidaliz is not much older than our students, yet she is very knowledgeable, so PBE's fifth and sixth grade students look up to her. Aidaliz has a quiet confidence that she shares with our students. It's noteworthy that she is a female with a knack for STEM activities, so her very presence is encouraging our young female Li'l Pirates. Aidaliz is an exceptional role model to our students.

## **STAR/FAST State Assessment Results**

Students in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade took the state STAR assessment in December. The assessment results for Early Literacy (Reading) and Math were sent home before the winter break. (Pre-K students do not take the Math assessment.) Students in grades 3 through 6 took the state FAST assessment during the first two weeks back after returning from winter break in January. The assessment results for both Reading and Math will be sent home on or before January 25th.

Scores can be reviewed with families by someone at the school. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's results of the state STAR or FAST assessment.

**Palm Bay Elementary would like to thank the community organizations and businesses who provided gifts and assistance to some of our Li'l Pirates this holiday season. Partners in Education are a true blessing to our school.**

Rotary Club of Palm Bay  
BCASCA  
Goff Orthodontics (formerly Brilliant Smiles Orthodontics)  
A Mother's Touch Movers  
Gutters Unlimited  
His Place Ministry

Eckerd Connects  
City Church Space Coast (formerly Tomoka Christian)  
The Brevard County Sheriff's Department  
Palm Bay Police Department  
Palm Bay Fire Rescue

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

#### **SpeakOut 800.423.TIPS**

SpeakOut Hotline is designed to help you anonymously report any threatening behavior or situation that endangers you, your friends, family, community, or your school campus. Reporting isn't "snitching," reporting is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations. By guaranteeing a caller's anonymity, SpeakOut allows the caller to give information without the fear of retribution.

#### **FortifyFL (App)**

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

#### **Attendance Tips**

Li'l Pirate Parents: What can you do to support your child during the wintertime? With the wintertime comes bad weather and cold and flu season. While we might not see snow here in Florida, the cold, windy, and rainy weather can make it harder to come to school. What can you do as parents/guardians?

- ◆ Support your child's learning by asking your teacher at PBE for resources that you can use at home to keep your child learning when they are sick.
- ◆ Make sure your student is engaged in learning. Ask them daily about their day and pay attention to what they are learning. If you are invested in their learning, then they will be more motivated and excited to come to school.
- ◆ Identify who can support your child's learning when you can't, whether it's a family member, friend, or another important adult. If you work, make sure someone can be there to assist your child with their homework and learning at home.
- ◆ Encourage your child to form bonds with classmates.
- ◆ Keep your child healthy and maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine. The more it becomes habit, the easier it will be for your student to come to school.
- ◆ Ensure your child eats a good breakfast each morning. Remember, breakfast is FREE at the PBE cafeteria in the morning.
- ◆ Stress the importance of hand washing and reinforce avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- ◆ If your child seems anxious about going to school, ask teachers, our School Guidance Counselor (Mrs. Hale) or your medical provider for advice on how to make your child feel more comfortable and excited about learning.

Adults interested in becoming a Brevard Public Schools Approved Volunteer must become approved by completing the application and fingerprinting process through Brevard Public Schools. The initial cost to become an approved volunteer is \$35. Act now! The fee is currently waived, but the District will again charge the initial \$35 at the end of this school year. There is an annual \$8 renewal fee. The online application for a VECHS Level II background check must be completed prior to fingerprinting. Brevard Public Schools has published a list of felony offenses that will disqualify applicants from eligibility. Fingerprinting must be completed at the BPS Educational Services Facility at the Office of District and School Security in Viera.

An applicant will be notified once approved to serve as a BPS Volunteer. Then, an approved applicant should alert Mrs. Miller at PBE of their volunteer status. Visit [www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104](http://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104) for additional information and a list of FAQs about the BPS volunteer application and fingerprinting process.

Palm Bay Elementary is grateful to the parents, grandparents and friends of PBE who assist with special activities and field trips. If you have additional questions about becoming an approved BPS volunteer, please contact Mrs. Miller at [Miller.Barbara@BrevardSchools.org](mailto:Miller.Barbara@BrevardSchools.org).

THANK YOU TO  
OUR AMAZING  
VOLUNTEERS!

### **Upcoming Calendar Events!**

\*Dates may be added. Dates may be deleted. Dates may change. Specifics about each event will be forthcoming.

January 20th BCASCA MLK event  
January 22nd January 26th Celebrate Literacy Week  
January 22nd 21st Century Grant Parent Meeting 5pm  
January 23rd Girls In STEM 2:30pm  
January 24th Vision/ Hearing Health Screenings  
January 25th PBIS Experience  
January 25th Individual Conference Night  
January 29th Sixth grade select group to FIT  
January 29th SAC meeting 5pm  
January 30th Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night

February 1st LEAD Celebration \*One student per class  
February 2nd CenterPointe Church—Kindness, 2nd gr.  
February 5th Future Problem Solving Competition  
February 5th Science and Engineering Fair set-up  
February 6th Science and Engineering Fair set-up  
February 7th Science and Engineering Fair Evaluations  
February 7th Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting 6pm  
February 8th Science and Engineering Fair Awards  
February 8th Class Photos and Spring Individual Photos  
February 9th Kona Ice at Knecht Park 1:15pm-2:30pm

UPCOMING  
EVENTS



Benefiting Brevard Public Schools



Register your CCU Visa Credit or Debit Card using the simple and secure online form at [www.CCUFlorida.org/bucks](http://www.CCUFlorida.org/bucks) and CCU will make a \$5 donation to Palm Bay Elementary. Urge your friends to do it too! If you have more than one card (from a joint account), please register each card. Any CCU member with a valid CCU Visa Credit Card or Debit Card can participate in School Bucks! It doesn't cost anything!