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September 2018

Bay Vista Fundamental

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At A Glance

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School Hours:

8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Students may be on campus
at 7:45 for breakfast

School Mission:

Our mission at Bay Vista Fundamental is to educate all learners to become successful, productive members of society by providing a safe, positive learning community.

**Bay Vista Fundamental is a
great place to be.**

Dear Jaguar Families,

I can't believe we are six weeks into the new school year. Time is flying! Bay Vista celebrated Grandparent's Day a couple of weeks ago and it was a huge success! We had over 350 families celebrate Grandparent's Day in the Rainbow Garden. Thank you to Melissa Bennett and Allison Redd for coordinating this event. Together we are better!

I am certain that together we will create a year of excellence for our children. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she: 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school through hard work, effective and creative teaching, and a strong school community partnership, we will reach our goal to provide a quality educational program that meets the needs of all of our students at Bay Vista. Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to your child's education and Bay Vista Fundamental.

Car line is moving along. It takes approximately nine minutes to get through car line during dismissal. I highly encourage you all to use the car line. It is becoming faster with each passing day. Please make sure you are using a name tag daily. Please place the name tag on the driver's side. Please make sure it includes the grade level of your child and/or children. Once you have your children in the car, please use your blinker and exit out of the left lane. The car line is a sure way to stay cool while waiting for your children. It is also the safest way to exit campus. Students may not be on campus prior to 7:45a.m. or after 2:45p.m. Students may report to the café for breakfast at 7:45a.m. or the covered court for walking club. Students are dismissed at 8:05a.m. to walk to class. The official school day begins at 8:15a.m. and students will be marked tardy if they arrive to their classroom after this time. Six tardies in an infraction period will bring a student to the Intervention and Appeals Committee, (IAC). IAC reviews cases where parent or student commitment to the fundamental school contract is not being met. IAC decides if a student will be dismissed or placed on probation.

Thank you,
Mrs. Victor
Principal



Required Meetings for the 2018-2019 School Year

October 16 - Required Parent Meeting - BV - Wellness Night 6pm

November 13 - Required Parent Meeting - BV 5:30 p.m. - GR3 - GR5 6:45 p.m. - KDG - GR2 (7pm)

December - No Required Parent Meeting

January 15 - Required Parent Meeting - BV Curriculum Night

February 19 - Required Parent Meeting - Location TBD

March 19 - Required Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. - BV - Walk-a-Thon

April 16 - Required Parent Meeting - Location TBD

May - No Required Parent Meeting



PTA Fundraiser

From the PTA – It's time for the Bay Vista Fall Fundraiser! Wednesday, September 26th is the last day for the fundraiser. This year we have the delicious Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough AND a Home Décor and Gifts option. The best news is, in addition to the catalogues there is an online shopping option – friends and family can shop directly online, have products shipped directly to their home and the students get the credits!

Watch this link to learn more!

<https://vimeo.com/286049202>

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Gentle Reminder

At the intersection of 58th Ave & MLK, there is a sign prohibiting left-hand turns (Right-Turn ONLY 7:25-8:30 am & 2:05-2:50 pm on School Days) back onto MLK St, before and after school.

St. Petersburg Police officers, who are responsible for enforcing traffic on the surrounding streets, were strictly enforcing this traffic infraction a few weeks ago. Please make sure you adhere to all traffic signs.

(Right-Turn ONLY 7:25-8:30 am & 2:05-2:50 pm on School Days) and also, of course, the 15-MPH school zones.

Drills

What types of drills do we practice at school?

Fire Drill, Tornado Drill, Lockdown Drill and now Active Assailant Drills. The active assailant drill include three functions. To run, hide or fight. Throughout the year we will have several drills to practice these protocols.

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2018-19 Bay Vista Fundamental - Important Dates

Monday, September 10 – 26	-	Fall Fundraiser (FF)
Monday, Sept. 10 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 18	-	Req. Parent Meeting at Bay Point Middle School
Tuesday, September 25 th	-	W/B Open House
Wednesday, September 26	-	Dad bring your child to School
Fundraiser Ends		
Thursday, September 27	-	Spirit Night #1 – Chick-Fil-A on 4 th St N
Monday, Oct. 8 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Friday, Oct. 12	-	End of 1 st Quarter
Monday, Oct. 15	-	Non Student Day
Tuesday, Oct. 16	-	Required Parent Meeting (Wellness Night) at Bay Vista
Friday, Oct. 19	-	Picture Retake
Thursday, October 25	-	Cookie Dough Delivery (FF)
Friday, October 26	-	Treat Trail
Monday, Nov. 5 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 6	-	Limo ride w/Mrs. Victor to Chick-Fil-A (FF)
Tuesday, November 13	-	Required Parent Meeting
Thursday, November 15	-	Bounce House Party (FF)
Friday, November 30	-	Spirit Night #2 – Chuck E Cheese
Friday, December 7	-	Movie Night
Monday, January 14 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 15	-	Required Parent Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Feb. 1	-	Spring Fundraiser – Apex Fun Run
Monday, February 11 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 19	-	Required Parent Meeting
Monday, March 18 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 19	-	Required Parent Meeting (Walk-a-Thon)
Monday, April 8 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	-	Required Parent Meeting
Monday, May 6 (5:30pm)	-	PTA Board Meeting

FAQ – Fundamental Guidelines

How many conferences are parents required to attend?

There are three required parent conferences per school year. If a parent does not attend a scheduled conference, the teacher will make an attempt to reschedule with the parent. If the parent does not attend the rescheduled conference, it will be the parent's responsibility to see that the required conference is scheduled within 5 days of the rescheduled conference.



Dress Code

- What kind of shorts are permitted? Uniform shorts in khaki or navy blue (NO Cargo Shorts)
- What shoes are permitted? (Tennis shoes are appropriate and should be worn each day) Sneakers should be regular tennis shoes with flat rubber soles, laces or Velcro straps, cover the entire foot and have a tongue in it.
- Are holes in jeans permitted? No
- Are Leggings or Jeggings permitted? (leggings can only be worn with a skirt, dress or scooter, no more than three inches above the knee.
- What about colored hair? Prohibited are hairstyles and unnatural hair colors (to include streaks) (ex: red, blue, green hair not permitted), and other fashion styles, which are disruptive to the school environment or educational process.

What is the consequence of not bringing back a signed and return document?

Unfortunately, the student will receive an infraction...If an infraction is not returned, the student will receive an additional infraction. If you do not agree ..simply sign and state that you would like to discuss your concerns.

No, homework passes may not be used for long term assignments which include reading logs.

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Homework

- When is homework due? Homework will be assigned to all students a minimum of four nights and is due when the student arrives at school. Homework and agenda books brought in after the 8:15am bell is considered late and students will be given a warning or detention. Students may not return after 3pm or before school the next day for homework materials or for the agenda book. Parent signature is required on the first page of each homework assignment and the agenda book every day.
- How about Friday's? Parents must also sign the agenda book on Friday's and when a student is absent.
- What are the consequences for incomplete homework? Incomplete, not returned or unsigned homework include warnings and detentions. It is also expected that the assignment be completed and turned in the next school day.
- Can you use homework passes for reading logs?
- No, homework passes may not be used for long term assignments which include reading logs.

Parent Meetings

- What if you can't make a monthly meeting? If circumstances arise which make it impossible to attend a parent meeting, the parent may send a representative, 18 years of age or older, who is not another parent of a BVFES students to two of the required parent meeting. You must contact the principal prior to sending a representative.
- What if I am going to be late to a meeting? Parents must sign in at every meeting on the appropriate student card by 15 minutes after the start of the meeting and stay for the duration of the meeting.
- What if I miss two meetings? If a second meeting is missed a letter will be sent and the parent will then be placed on probation and must attend all future parent meetings and is no longer able to send another adult representative in their place...If three meetings are missed the family will be referred to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.

What is the Intervention and Appeals Committee (IAC)?

- The function of this committee is to review cases where parent or student commitment to the fundamental school contract is not being met. The committee is composed of parents, teachers, and the principal who coordinates the agenda. The committee has the option of recommending the interventions to the principal including probation or removal from the fundamental program.
- What are the reasons students are referred to IAC?
 - Tardies – Six unexcused tardies in a grading period (am and pm)
 - Three missed required parent meetings
 - Four detentions in a grading period
 - Suspension and/or principal refer student to IAC (extreme behavior)
 - Missing Parent Conferences

A welcome message from your PTA President...



Greetings Bay Vista Community,

The Bay Vista PTA would like to welcome all our families to the new school year. The PTA, along with all of our parents, teachers, and staff, are an integral part of the Bay Vista family. Not only do we host fun events during the school year, such as the annual Treat Trail, Movie Night and Spirit Nights, but we also provide funds and volunteers for our teachers and staff.

We have two major fundraisers planned for this year. Our cookie dough/magazine fundraiser starts on Monday, September 10th and our 3rd annual Fun Run will kick-off Tuesday, January 22nd. During the last two years, these fundraising efforts (and optional "buy-out") produced a profit to the school of nearly \$65,000, putting much needed money in the hands of our teachers to purchase desk top computers for all classes, mobile carts of iPads, document cameras, an overhead projector for the cafeteria and every one of our student's agendas, kindergarten folders and Sunshine State books.

All of these achievements take the hard work and dedication of our community members. For the PTA to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. We all want the very best education and experience for our children so please consider volunteering – it really does make a difference.

For information about volunteering, please visit our website at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BayVistaFundamentalPTA/>.

Thank you in advance for your support. Have a wonderful school year and I look forward to meeting you at the first parent meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at Bay Point Middle School.

Douglas Franzese

Bay Vista PTA

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What is the Bay Vista PTA?

The Bay Vista PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is a non-profit volunteer organization which serves to support the students, teachers and staff at Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary School.

Please consider joining the PTA. Becoming a member is easy and a family membership costs only \$7. Your membership does not obligate you to volunteer. Membership envelopes can be obtained at the front office or by contacting Dawn McCoy (dpavluk1@gmail.com).

PTA board meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month in the school's media center. All PTA members are welcome to take part in discussions at these meetings. Attendance is also a great way to get to know fellow Bay Vista parents and learn about all the good work being done around the school.

Who are we? Meet your 2018-19 PTA Board members...

Douglas Franzese / President

This is our sixth year at Bay Vista. Spencer is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Gertsch's class and Strader is a 5th grader in Mrs. Flint's class. I've enjoyed getting to know all the teachers and staff as PTA Treasurer over the past three years and I am excited to take the helm this year as PTA President. Being involved in the PTA has been a rewarding experience for me personally and given me a greater understanding and appreciation of all the hard work that goes on each day at Bay Vista. If you have any questions, concerns and/or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at (727) 492-5887 or stpetecpa@aol.com.

Dawn McCoy / Vice-President, Volunteer Coordinator / Community Outreach

This year makes year 6 at Bay Vista for our family. Victor is a fifth grader in Mrs. White's class and Jacob is a kindergartner in Mrs. Rowe's class. This is my second year on the PTA Board as the Vice President of Membership. Being a PTA member has led me to meeting many amazing parents and teachers at Bay Vista. I look forward to a great year and great things at Bay Vista this year. If you have any questions or want to know how you can help the PTA, feel free to stop me in the halls or email me (Dpavluk1@gmail.com).

Have a great day!
Dawn

Cheryl Dion / Vice-President, Fundraising and School Programs

We've been a Bay Vista family for seven years. My daughter Aubrey is in 4th grade in Mrs. Ruffing's class. My son Brady is now a 7th grader at Thurgood Marshall. The PTA has been a great way for me to be more involved with the school, meet new families and help raise much needed funds that help our teachers and children. My email is cadion01@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Kate Lamb / Treasurer

This is our second year at Bay Vista and my first on the PTA board. My son, Ben, is in Ms. Gehringer's first grade class. We've really enjoyed our time at Bay Vista and are excited for the upcoming year! I look forward to supporting the PTA to help make Bay Vista the best it can be. Please feel free to email me with any questions or issues at lamb.katek@gmail.com.

Melissa Fultz / Secretary

Hi All! My name is Melissa Fultz, I am your new PTA secretary and so excited to be joining you all at our wonderful school! Our family has had the pleasure of attending Bay Vista for 3 years now, and with a second grader (Grant) in Mrs. Cianca's class and newly-minted kindergartner (Claire) in Mrs. Begany's class, we truly love being a part of this awesome school. Looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces throughout the school year, and please join us at upcoming PTA meetings, our first of the year will be 9/10/18 at 5:30pm here in the media center. Have a wonderful year, and let's all work hard to keep Bay Vista the best community it can be!

Artist of the Month - September



Since we've been at school for over a month now, I guess it's about time to pick an Artist of the Month for September...

This month it is Talula. She is such a sweet girl, and a very good artist as you can see by her Shape Robot art.

Make sure to congratulate her if you see her...

Message from Mrs. Morrison

Start with Hello

Pinellas County schools is partnering with Sandy Hook Promise to celebrate "Start with Hello Week." Start with Hello! is a program that enables students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way by encouraging them to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help others who are showing signs of social isolation.

Social isolation is the overwhelming feeling of being left out, lonely or treated like you are invisible. Young people who feel this way may pull away from society, struggle with learning and social development, or choose to hurt themselves or others.

Bay Vista will be celebrating Start with Hello week by doing the following:

- Monday 9/24 – Every student wears a name tag and is encouraged to say hello to someone new
- Tuesday 9/25 – High five day
- Wednesday 9/26 – "Mix it Up" at lunch – sit with someone you do not normally sit with
- Thursday 9/27 – Compliment day – will be celebrated in the classroom (i.e., writing compliments to each other, compliment circle)
- Friday 9/28 – Random Acts of Kindness

[Start with Hello Flyer Click Here](#)

Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year

It is that time of the year to nominate Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year. Please send to Mrs. Victor the names of a teacher and/or support employee that you believe would be a great candidate for this prestigious award. Please be sure to state the reason why you are nominating this employee.

AT EVERY SCHOOL AND IN EVERY COMMUNITY...

there are young people who suffer silently because they feel left out, alone or invisible.



Social Isolation is an individual's perceived or real separation from a group of peers. It is a feeling that you don't fit in, that you don't belong, or that you have been left out. The separation may be the result of a rejection from others, or from the person's own withdrawal from others. Social isolation can happen in person or online.

Social Isolation can become a serious issue. Young people who experience social isolation can become a victim of bullying, violence and/or depression.

As a result, many pull further away from society, struggle with learning and social development and/or may choose to hurt themselves or others.

There is a difference between social isolation and healthy alone time. Not all alone time is bad. Healthy alone time is when you choose to be alone to clear your mind, take a break from "socializing," give time to focus on and recharge yourself, and/or work through problems or possibilities without any outside influence. Some people are introverted, and need more healthy alone time than others.

ABOUT SANDY HOOK PROMISE

Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) is a national, nonprofit organization based in Newtown, Connecticut. SHP is led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook School on December 14, 2012. SHP's sole purpose is to educate and empower parents, schools and community organizations on how to prevent gun violence BEFORE it happens by providing mental health & wellness early-identification and intervention programs, gun safety storage practices and advocating for sensible state and federal violence prevention policy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About Sandy Hook Promise and our other school and community-based prevention programs and training, please visit: sandyhookpromise.org
Make the Promise and together we can protect children from preventable gun violence.



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PARENT GUIDE

FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-12



START WITH HELLO

Is a prevention program that teaches children and teens how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. Start With Hello asks students, educators, parents and other community leaders who interact with children to take steps in class, the lunchroom and/or other times in their day to be inclusive and connected.

YOU CAN START WITH HELLO IN 3 SIMPLE STEPS:



WE NEED YOU! HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

FOR ALL AGES

- **Make Start With Hello part of your family culture.** Make an intentional effort to greet each other with hello and ask questions about each other's day.
- **Practice active listening.** During car rides or at dinner challenge each other to use eye contact and truly listen.
- **Model best practices for your child.** Say hello to strangers on the street and make conversations at stores or restaurants.
- **Share your story.** Tell your child a story about a time that you reached out to someone who was alone and in need. What happened? How did you feel afterwards?
- **Be there for your child.** Talk about what your child can do if they ever feel lonely at school. Remind your child that you are always there for them if they need someone to talk to.
- **Talk about good and bad kinds of being alone.** When does being alone feel good? When does being alone feel bad?

Fostering inclusion and community is an important life skill and with practice, simple to do every day. There is no age limit to reaching out to and helping others!

Your school or community organization may already be taking part in Sandy Hook Promise's Start With Hello activities. If they aren't, why not bring Start With Hello to them? All the materials and training are provided at no cost and are extremely easy to implement. Also - kids love it! We believe Start With Hello will be both meaningful and fun for your child. But it can also be fun for you! We hope you can use the ideas in the brief guide to continue the conversation at home and beyond into your community.

FOR GRADES 2-5

- **Act it out!** Pretend to be an isolated student at your child's school and have your child practice reaching out and saying hello. Act out different scenarios, then switch roles and try it again.
- **Create a poster.** Draw or paint a poster with your child to remind your family to "Start With Hello" and hang it up in your house.
- **Learn how to say hello in different languages.** Challenge your child to try a different language each time they say hello!
French - Bonjour *Spanish* - Hola
Italian - Buon Giorno *German* - Guten Tag
- **Make it a game!** Create a family wide contest to see who can say hello to the most people each day. Keep track of each person's "hello count" and celebrate the winner at the end of the week.

FOR GRADES 6-12

- **Share strategies for starting conversations.** Create your own conversation starters or try using the following: How is your day going? What did you do over the weekend?
- **Discuss cyber bullying.** Talk about what respect and social inclusion looks like on social media and discuss what to do if they witness cyber bullying.