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MAGNET SCHOOL**

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SCHOOLS**

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Greetings BPE Families and Friends.

It is with mixed emotions that I share with our students, families and community, that I was offered the position of Director of Title I, for Pinellas County Schools. I accepted the position offer and pending school board approval on December 8, 2015, my effective start date will be December 9, 2015. In ensuring a seamless array of services, I plan and expect to continue my service and leadership here, until the principal vacancy is advertised, filled, and board approved.

I will miss our students, staff and each of you immensely, as I've developed some great bonds and relationships that I will carry with me for a lifetime. Leaving will be difficult, as I love our Bay Point family and my students with everything in my heart. I am though very excited at the opportunity to serve in a greater capacity for the good of students in our district. ~

Our Area Superintendent will meet with the staff in the coming weeks to discuss next steps in selecting a new leader for our school.

We will keep our families apprised of any new information and appointment of this position.

I am wishing each of you a blessed, safe and happy holiday season, and extend my deepest thanks for the support you all have shown me during my time as your child's principal. Be well and take care.

Best Holiday Wishes,

Dr. Grant, Principal

Calendar: December

- 2 Discovery Night– 6pm Media Center
- Edison/Ford Winter Estates-Gifted trip
- 4 PTA Shirt sale
- Dali Museum-2nd grade trip
- 8 Enterprise Village-5th grade trip
- SAC meeting- 5:00pm– Media Center
- PTA Board meeting– 6:00-Media Center
- 11 Dali Museum– 2nd grade trip
- 15 Winter Concert– 6:30– Lakewood HS
- 18 **All Pro Dad's Breakfast** 7:30
- Holidays around the world Celebration
- Staff vs. Student kickball game
- 21-31 Winter Break

Coming in January

- 1-4 No school for students
- 6-15 District Application Period



Office Hours

8:00 AM—2:35 PM

Office Phone: 727-552-1449

Dial "0" for the Front Office

School Website:

www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es

TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser!

Commitment to Character

Self Motivation

Working in a careful and consistent manner without giving up

MISSION STATEMENT

Educate and Prepare Each Student for College, Career and Life.

Our Guidelines for Success Things to keep in mind

**Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be Safe**

Help us, Help your student

- ◆ They should not be running at any time on campus unless they are instructed to at PE
- ◆ They should check around themselves in the classroom and in the cafeteria and pick up any mess they have left behind
- ◆ If they cannot behave that way at home, they should not behave that way at school.
- ◆ It is never okay to argue or yell at others
- ◆ They should have their listening ears on at all times
- ◆ If someone is regularly bothering them, tell an adult; adults can take care of it so students don't have to
- ◆ It is never okay to hit or push another student

News and Notes– Gentle Reminders!

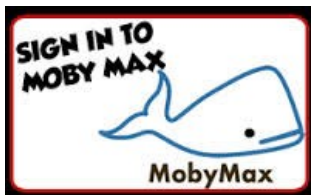
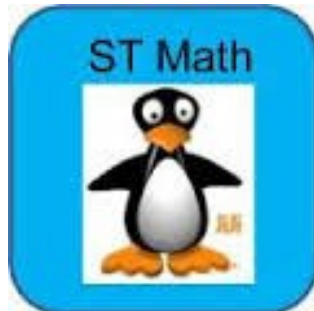
- ◆ Please ensure that all phone numbers are up-to-date at school and in Focus.
- ◆ Please be sure to check and sign your child's agenda, daily.
- ◆ Students being picked-up early, should be minimized, to maximize learning. For those that are necessary, please do so before 2:00PM to avoid the afternoon dismissal concerns.
- ◆ We need all learners in class by 8:35AM each day. Please help us reduce student tardies at school.
- ◆ Please maintain regular communication with your child's teacher and attend scheduled conferences to stay abreast of your child's progress.
- ◆ When visiting the campus, be it for a conference or to eat with your students, be sure you are signing in with our front office and getting a visitors pass.
- ◆ Remember the front lot of the school is for buses only from 8:05-8:45am & 2:00-3:00pm. If you are parked in the bus circle during that time, for the safety of our students, you will have to wait until they depart before pulling out so you may want to park in the parent parking lot instead.

Tech News Practice, Practice, Practice...



Our students have several online programs that can be accessed at home and/or at a public library. Every student has or will soon be provided

with his/her own individual Online Home Accesses handout which contains information about the online programs along with the login process information. Please keep this handout in a safe location for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



Dress for Success...

School dress code must be followed at all times: As the winter months are coming upon us...just a few reminders:

- ◆ Non-uniform jackets may be worn to and from school, but not in the classrooms. Students should be wearing the uniform colors for their sweaters inside the classrooms (Navy blue or white).
- ◆ **Please be sure that you are putting your child's full name in all their clothing.** We are getting a lot of lost clothing items that cannot be returned because they do not have a name listed.
- ◆ We are not responsible for items lost or left behind. All items found on campus with no name are placed in lost and found. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity.



Magnet News

...Ms. DePerro

Important Info-Incoming Kindergarten & 5th Grade Parents

Discovery Nights:

Some Middle schools and High schools are still holding Discovery Nights-check our website or theirs for important dates. **Our Discovery Night is Dec. 2nd at 6pm in the school's Media Center.**

Application Period: Jan. 6th-15th

- ◆ You can select up to 5 schools
- ◆ Priority selections only apply to your #1 ranked school
- ◆ Sibling Priority only applies if you apply during the normal application window & you ranked us #1
- ◆ Sibling priority doesn't guarantee your child a seat; just a position higher in the lottery.
- ◆ **Current students at BPE do not need to reapply**

Acceptance Period: February 3rd-10th

- ◆ Be sure to go in and check your invitations
- ◆ You must select one or remain on the wait list for your others. If you do not accept a seat that is offered during the acceptance window, your application with that program is erased

WINTER CONCERT-

Don't miss the celebration!

Don't miss out on our Annual Winter Concert Celebration!!! Join our students as they sing and celebrate the Holiday Season.

BPE Winter Concert
Lakewood High School Auditorium
December 15th
6:30-8:30pm



SAC news

Meetings held in Media Center, 5:00-6:00pm

December 8th

January 12th

February 9th

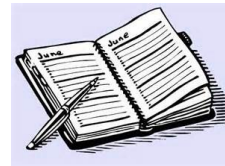
March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

June - Tentative

We are still looking for members! Contact Mrs. Hawkins at 727-552-1449 or hawkinsb@pcsb.org



Don't Forget

No School –Winter Break
 December 21-January 4 (No school that Monday)

Help Stop Bullying



Its never okay!
 If you have a bully concern, please submit a report.
<http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Page/3639>

Holidays Around the World-Let's take a trip!

We are celebrating different cultures and the ways in which they celebrate the winter holidays this month. The countries we are highlighting include:

- Dec. 7 Israel
- Dec. 8 Philippines
- Dec. 9 Italy/Greece
- Dec. 10 France
- Dec. 11 Sweden
- Dec. 14 Russia/Ukraine
- Dec. 15 Germany
- Dec. 16 England
- Dec. 17 Mexico
- Dec. 18 USA



On Dec. 18th the students will celebrate with some treats and crafts from around the world! Volunteers welcome...contact Mrs. Parker for more information. 727-552-1449 or parkerbo@pcsb.org



PTA News

Don't Forget!

PTA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 15th • 6:00-6:30pm
Lakewood High School auditorium

*Come find out what PTA has planned for 2016 and
 how you can get involved!
 (Meeting to be held prior to the Winter Concert)*

PTA Uniform orders

PTA will be selling uniform t shirts and sweatshirts inside the main car line gate on Friday, Dec. 4th 8:05-8:30am.

- * Short-sleeved t-shirts, \$8
- * Long-sleeved t shirts, \$10
- * Sweat Jackets (zippered with hoodie), \$20

This is a great chance to stock up on warm clothes for the winter.

Greetings BPE Families,

We had a terrific turnout for last month's Movie Night. We hope that everybody enjoyed the show. A special 'thank you' to Mr. Lane for his technical assistance and to all of our wonderful volunteers for helping to make the night a success.

The final tally is in for our Fall Fundraiser. Together, we raised \$10,000 for our school! These funds will be used to organize our many events (Fiesta Night, Teacher Appreciation Week) and programs (Math Superstars) and to purchase items in support of our children's education.

Did you know that throughout the year, teachers and staff can submit special 'request for funds' to PTA? Our board then votes on these requests during our monthly board meetings. Requests approved so far this year include:

- * Vegetable Garden - \$300
- * Student Planners - \$600
- * Panther Bucks - \$800 - prizes to reward students for exhibiting positive behavior
- * Winter Holidays Around-the-World" Celebration - \$1,000 - food, drinks, and crafts for this school wide, multi-cultural celebration

Board members are actively planning our 2016 calendar of events. If you have any great ideas for new programs or would like to help with the planning, please e-mail us at Programs@bpepta.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday season!

-BPE-PTA Board

Calling all Volunteers...

"I registered to become a volunteer with the school, but why do I never get asked to help out during evening events?"

Have you ever asked yourself this question? If so, then let us explain....Did you know that PTA in coordination with the school is the group responsible for planning the majority of evening functions (Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, Movie Night)? ...and that for privacy reasons, the PTA does not have access to the school's list of registered volunteers?

If you are interested in being contacted about upcoming PTA-related volunteer opportunities, then we encourage you to fill out our Volunteer Form located inside this newsletter.

BPE-PTA Volunteer Coordinator



Math Superstars!

PTA wants to recognize all the hard work students have put forth while completing their Math Superstars assignments. Participants in this voluntary math-enrichment program in grades 1st-5th that have completed:

- ◆ 1+ assignments will receive a special prize
- ◆ 5+ assignments will receive a special prize AND enjoy an Ice Cream Celebration in the cafeteria the week before Winter Break

Kindergarten students: Don't forget, this exciting program will begin for you in January. There will be plenty more opportunities to earn prizes and rewards in the months to come.

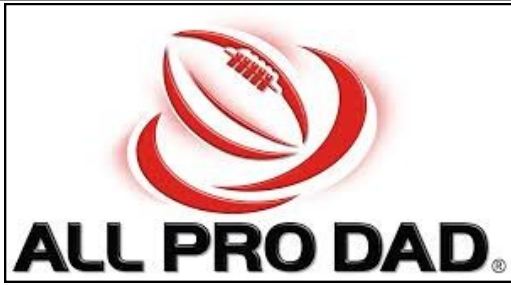
As a reminder, registration forms and assignments can be downloaded from our website (www.bpepta.org).

Thank you families for helping to make this program a success!



<http://www.bpepta.org/>

Dads Don't Miss Out



Join Our Final Event for this Year!
Dads, Granddads, Uncles, etc. join your students for a great breakfast and wonderful presentation.

Friday, December 18
7:05am

RSVP to www.AllProDad.com/3578

TOYS FOR TOTS



Toys for Tots registrations are now being accepted for families who may be in need of assistance this holiday season.

Registrations will be accepted until all slots are filled and/or before the Winter Break!

If you need help, please contact Dr. Ware to get an application,

727-552-1449

warecam@pcsb.org

We Recycle:

- ◆ Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Cell Phones



Don't forget to designate Bay Point Elementary on your **Target** card!

Volunteers Needed-Give us a call to hear about our opportunities

727-552-1449

- ◆ Student mentors
- ◆ Classroom helpers
- ◆ Library Assistants
- ◆ PTA needs
 - * Math Superstar graders
 - * PTA Committees
 - * Single night events



Stay Engaged

The PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP provides parents access to extended classroom opportunities, family engagement tips and opportunities and parent "How To" videos. There is information about parent workshop schedules, parent peer support, and information that will support student learning and school improvement.

The PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP is free to download and is available for both Apple and Android Mobile devices. To download the APP, simply type "PCS Family Engagement" in the search box of either the Apple iTunes APP Store or the Google Play Android APP store.



The APP has direct links to all PCS schools, Parent Academy and mentor workshops, daily engagement tips, videos, academic support, Florida Standards and much more. The APP also allows for more effective communications with families via its direct messaging feature.



Thank you to our wonderful speakers who took the time to be with our students! You Rock! Thank you to Miss Negretti for making it all happen!

Thank you!



- ◆ Ryan Gorman ◆ LCDR Hodac ◆ Ian Beck ◆ Brittany Combs
- ◆ Sharon Gariano ◆ Mary Lezow ◆ Lynn Gordon ◆ Pascal Thomas
- ◆ Grant Craig ◆ Dana Lawrence ◆ Michael Conway ◆ Christopher Henderson
- ◆ Bryson Hale ◆ Chris Cooper ◆ Oren Crawford ◆ Julia Watson
- ◆ Ed Donato ◆ Joe Santos ◆ Chris Simoniello ◆ Jacob Cretan ◆ Breht & Dyan Dennard
- ◆ Alan Anthony ◆ John Diaz ◆ Mr. Simoniello ◆ Greta Klungness ◆ Cinnamon McGeehan
- ◆ Angie Jones ◆ Talya Redinger ◆ Luisa Paloma-Walsh ◆ Jennifer Bonin
- ◆ Kendall Thomas ◆ Joe Larkin ◆ Shawna Crawford ◆ Renee Hale
- ◆ Karina Gorman ◆ W.G. Spoor ◆ Leone Demmings, Sr. ◆ Sunstar
- ◆ Kathy Blackett



Return in person or via your child to the PTA mailbox in the front office

Bay Point Elementary Magnet PTA Membership Form

Please enclose \$6 per person

Name (#1) _____ Name (#2) _____

Parent () Staff () Other () _____ Parent () Staff () Other () _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____, _____, _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (# 1) _____ Cell Phone (# 2) _____

Email Address (es) _____ / _____

Contact preference (# 1): (1-5) Email ___ Mail (if available) ___ Home Phone ___ Cell Phone ___ Text ___

Contact preference (# 2): (1-5) Email ___ Mail (if available) ___ Home Phone ___ Cell Phone ___ Text ___

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade and Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade and Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade and Teacher _____

Just keep me informed _____ or I'm interested in helping with _____

Membership/Treasurer Use: Date _____ Amt _____ Cash() Check (# _____) Card #s _____ Delivered _____



Are you interested in getting more involved and making a difference in your child's school?

Volunteer on a Bay Point Elementary Magnet PTA committee!!

Do you feel building a strong school community is important?

Do you believe children should have an advocate?

Do you have some great ideas for new programs or ways to improve our school?

Do you want to help, but are short on time?

If you can offer one hour or one hundred hours, we have a place for you!

Yes, I am interested in helping my child's school. I would like more information about how I can help in these areas:

___ Activities (Assist with Fall Festival and/or Camp BPE)

___ Programs (Assist with one of our monthly programs, such as Publix Math Night or Fiesta Night)

___ Fundraising (Assist with the Fall and/or Spring Fundraisers)

___ Hospitality (Assist with Ice Cream Social and/or Teacher Appreciation week activities)

___ T Shirts (Sell t-shirts at one or more events throughout the school year)

___ Math Super Stars Program (Grade weekly assignments during the day or at night – your choice!)

___ Board Member (Assist with planning events and making decisions about PTA business)

Name _____

Student's Name, Grade, and Teacher _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Best way to contact you: ___E-mail ___Phone ___Text

****Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher or the PTA mailbox located in the front office.



Questions? Contact us at volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org

Thank you for your interest!

Bay Point Elementary Magnet PTA