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Dear Bay Point Elementary Family and Friends,

We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing week off. We are now coming to the end of our 2nd marking period which means the end of the semester too. Please keep in mind that every minute of learning counts, so your child’s regular attendance at school is vital. Every minute lost to absences, arriving late or being picked up early, means your child misses important instruction that can help them reach their grade level goals. Please help us help your child reach their goals by making sure your child is attending school regularly and on time. Please also continue to encourage your child to always do their very best on every assessment as it is our way of gaging their current level of performance toward their grade level standards.

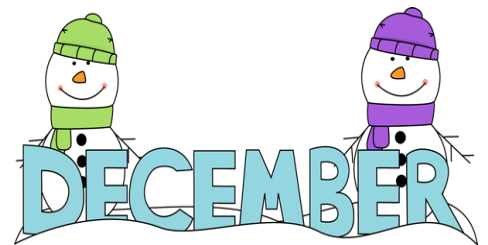
During this time of celebration at this time of year, I wanted to thank all of our families for being part of the Bay Point Elementary Magnet Family. Your faith in us and your support of the best elementary school in Pinellas County is appreciated more than we can tell you. Your students and their success are our highest priority. Please know we will continue to do our best to make your child successful. I hope you have a wonderful and peaceful time with your family and we look forward to more great things coming in the New Year!!



Calendar: December

- 3 SAC Board meeting– 4:30 pm
Conference Room
PTA Board meeting– 5:30pm-Media Center
- 6 PTA T-shirt sales
* Free dress Friday
- 12 Citizen of the Month Breakfast
- 18 Winter Concert– Lakewood HS 6:30pm
- 20 Winter Celebrations
- 20 **All Pro Dad’s Breakfast** 7:45am

Dec. 23– Jan. 6 Winter Break



School Hours

8:45am—2:55 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

- ◆ Students 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

* Students are rewarded with our Panther Bucks for following all of these rules and following our Guidelines for Success of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Panther Bucks can be used at our School Store or turned in for team points. In some classrooms they can even be used for classroom treasure box.

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 Online Home Access to all of our available online programs using the District's Clever portal. Students should use their school username and password to get access. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing celebración de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving holiday) and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Last month we learned about El Día de Los Muertos and cooked some delicious pan de muertos and calaveras de azucar (sugared skulls). The students enjoyed a visit from our crazy Familia Cicatríz. This live presentation provides an activity that allows students to review Spanish vocabulary in a fun way. Our students look forward to this every year.



In December, the Kindergarten, First and Second graders will continue learning their numbers, greetings, fruit and clothing. Third and Fourth graders will work on numbers, clothing and the verb, "tener", which means, "to have". Our Fifth graders will learn about infinitive verbs. And finally, our students will learn about Hispanic traditions, enjoy singing Hispanic Holiday songs and cooking delightful Hispanic recipes.

Wishing our Bay Point families joy and peace this holiday season.

The Spanish Team.

Sra. Jakubik, Sra. McKinley & Sra. Morejon

Magnet News

...Miss Negretti

Important Info-Incoming Kindergarten & 5th Grade Parents

Application Period for 2019-2020: Jan. 8-17, 2020
Discovery Nights:

Check out the Discovery Night Schedule to see when schools are having a visitors night for Middle School.

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/17234>

Acceptance Period for the 2018-2019 Feb. 10-21, 2020

Who must apply: Any student who will be new to Bay Point Elementary, including incoming Kindergarten students. If you currently have a student who attends BPE, you do not need to reapply as they are grandfathered into the next grade level. If your child has a sibling that you would like to also attend BPE and they are not currently a student with us, you must complete the online application and then select the Sibling Priority Preference.

*Note: Priorities do not guarantee a student a seat but do increase their chances; please be advised priorities only apply if you select us as your #1 choice.

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 18th
6:30-8:00pm



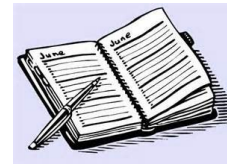
SAC news

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

SAC meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month for one hour in the Conference Room.

Contact Mrs. Lewis for more information 727-552-1449

It's a great opportunity to hear about all that the school is doing and have a part in making it better.



Don't Forget

No School –Winter Break
 December 23-January 6

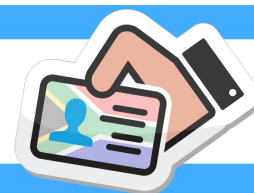
Help Stop Bullying



It's never okay!
 If you have a bully concern, please submit a report.

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3639>

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ANYONE WHO MAY BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN MUST BE LISTED ON THEIR PICK-UP CARD AND THEY MUST BRING THEIR ID!



Feel free to stop in and add as many people as you would like to the card. If they are not on the card at the time of early or late pickup and/or they do not bring ID we cannot release your children to them.

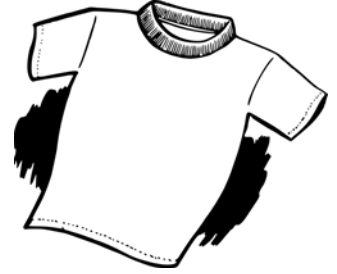
This also includes you! Don't forget those IDs.



PTA News

Happy Holidays BPE families,

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and you're looking forward to the New Year. With the year coming to an end, the PTA would like to take the time to thank everyone that has volunteered or came out to one of our events and helped make it a successful start to the year. A special thanks to the teachers and staff as well; we couldn't have done it without you.



Reminder: our kindergarten and first grade winter concert will be held on Dec 18th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Lakewood High School, with a special performance from the 4th and 5th grade choir. Good luck to all the students participating. We're all looking forward to hearing that holiday cheer. Lakewood High School's address is 1400 54th Ave S. St. Petersburg 33705.



The PTA is happy to announce that we ordered new t-shirts that are available for \$8.00. The new shirts are available in red, blue, pink, and grey. Order forms are available in the front office and can be dropped in the PTA mailbox in the front office. Please allow at least 7 days to fill your order.

Finally, the scholars at our school will be enjoying Gingerbread themed activities all through the month of December. As a culmination of this theme, we will have a "Gingerbread Day" on Dec. 20 at Bay Point Elementary! We will provide stations after lunch where students can create their very own Gingerbread Man and enjoy stories and songs while they eat them! We need volunteers to help the students create their Gingerbread from 10:30-1:00 on December 20. We will have 5 tables with 2 volunteers at each table. Please let PTA know if you are available to help with this "cookieli-sious" day! We could sure use your help!

Want to stay in the know?

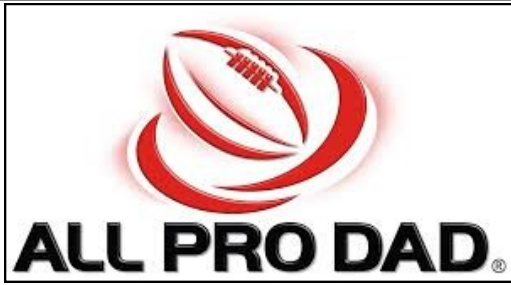
- * Check your child's backpack for flyers about upcoming activities
- * Sign up on our Facebook page to receive updates

@BayPointPTA

Ashlei Hendricks-BPE PTA President.



Dads Don't Miss Out



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

Friday, December 20th
7:45am

Please RSVP <http://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3578>

Restorative Practice Highlights

A restorative approach to conflict or wrongdoing consists in asking 4 key questions:

1. What has happened?
2. Who has been affected?
3. How can we involve everyone who has been affected in finding a way forward?
4. How can everyone do things differently in the future?



* This process is not about punishment but making a student accountable to our school community for being a good citizen.

We Recycle:

- ◆ Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Cell Phones



Clip These Please!

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

727-552-1449

- ◆ Student mentors
- ◆ Classroom helpers
- ◆ Library Assistants
- ◆ PTA needs
 - * PTA Committees
 - * Single night events
 - * T-shirts sales



Thank you to our wonderful speakers who took the time to be with our students! You Rock! Thank you to Mrs. Krampert and Mrs. Stetz for making it all happen!

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| *Haley Marguerite | *Tiffani Green |
| *Ofc. Williams | *Pascal Thomas |
| *Ofc.Harring | *Ken Payette |
| *Amanda Palic, | *Antoinette Scott |
| *Clarence Davis | *Phillip Haught |
| *Ashlei Hendricks | *Tim King |
| *Andrew Dorn | * Carl King |
| *Michael Conaway | |

Why do we care so much about attendance?

Attendance- just how important is it in elementary school? Don't the students have time to make it up? They are so young and have so many years of school left. That's what I was wondering the other day so I did a little research. I was amazed with what I found. They can get really behind. Here's what I discovered. If students have excellent attendance in kindergarten and 1st grade, their Language Arts scores in 3rd grade are 50 points higher than children who miss 18 days or more per year. While many of us may think missing kindergarten or 1st grade may not count much, it seems to be very important for testing success two and three years later. Again to my surprise, Math scores in 3rd grade for kids who were present at school are even higher yet. The scores were 76 points better than the students who miss more than 18 days of school per year in kindergarten and 1st grade. When I think about it, it makes sense. Each year is a building block for the next year and it can be hard to catch up with spotty attendance, including tardy days.

Although the specifics may change from one research study to another, the trend is the same. Attendance is really important even for the very early years of school and can affect later performance. We have to watch closely because sometimes we don't realize just how much instructional time children are missing with absent and tardy days combined. So, how can we as parents help our children be successful in school? Excellent attendance.

**Did
You
Know ?**