



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY
MAGNET SCHOOL**

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Greetings BPE Families and Friends,

We are well underway into our 2nd semester. In fact, we are only a few weeks away from the end of another marking period. Please continue to encourage your student to stay focused and give it their best. Now is the time to show what they know. They should be sure that they are using every learning opportunity to grow. This includes making time at home to practice in iReady Reading and Math (45 minutes per week for each area).

We continue to remind all of our families about the importance of attendance. Students who are continually tardy or missing multiple days of school are shown to have lower rates of success in their academic studies and fall further behind. Please help us help your student learn by making sure they are at school every day and on time. If your child needs to be absent due to illness, please be sure to send in a note to your child's teacher or send us an absence note through the attendance portal found on our school web site at <https://www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es>.

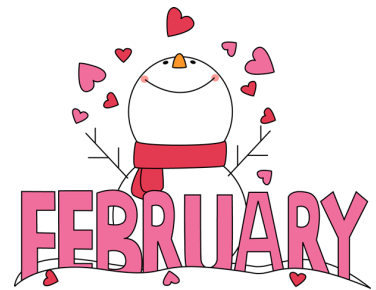
As we begin to move into our Spring statewide assessment window in the coming months, please be sure to take the time to periodically check on your child's progress through the parental portal or their bi-weekly progress reports. By knowing the status of your child, you can help guide them in their practice at home. Also, nothing beats reading with your student and talking about what they read every day.

Finally, we would like to encourage all of our families in Grades 3-5 to check out the state's FSA Assessment resource site at www.fsassessments.org. This site has a variety of tools, including practice tests and quick guides, to help you better understand the testing process. By continuing to work together, we can achieve great heights!

Many thanks for your support!
Mrs. Sara Broom, Principal

Calendar: February

- Black History Month**
- 4th– **Black History Month Celebration**
(6:00-7:30pm)
- 7th —Free Dress Friday
PTA T-shirt sales
- 10th-14th– **Book Fair**
- 11th–SAC Meeting (4:30pm) -
PTA Board Meeting (5:30pm)
- 10th-21st- Magnet Acceptance Period
- 17th —No School-Teacher work day
- 21st—All Pro Dads (7:45am)
- 28th– Field Day (Weather Permitting)



School Hours

8:45 AM—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

Tolerance

*Respecting the individual differences,
view, and beliefs of other people.*

MISSION STATEMENT

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We would like to extend a giant THANK YOU to our local
Office Depot (22nd ave north and 34th st north)
for their continued donations of school supplies for our scholars!
We couldn't do it without our BPE Community Partners!

thank
you!

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.



Dress for Success...

School dress code must be followed at all times. As the winter months are in full swing and we have had a number of colder days, here are 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

...Miss Negretti

Acceptance Period: February 10th-21st

- ◆ 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.

SAC news

Meetings held in Conference Room, 5:00-6:00pm

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11th. If you are interested in joining our SAC team for the next school year, please contact the school.



Contact Mrs. Lewis at
727-552-1449 or
lewisda@pcsb.org

Don't Forget

NO SCHOOL

February 17th



Help Stop Bullying



It's never okay!
If you have a bully concern, please
submit a report.
<https://www.saysomething.net/>

News and Notes– Gentle Reminders!

- ◆ Please ensure that all phone numbers are up-to-date at school and in Focus.
- ◆ Students being picked-up early should be minimized to maximize learning. For those that are necessary, please do so before 2:10PM to avoid afternoon dismissal concerns.
- ◆ We need all learners in class by 8:45AM 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 on Friday, be sure you are signing in with our front office and getting a visitor's pass.
- ◆ Remember the front lot of the school is for buses only from 8:05-8:45am & 2:00-3:25pm. 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.

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; follow directions the first time they are given.
- ◆ 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.





School News


¡Noticias Olé!



By: Sra. Jakubik

We are very proud of the progress our scholars make with their Spanish language learning every day. This is their first step on becoming bilingual if they continue the second language acquisition studies throughout their educational career and beyond, and the benefits are countless. Their learning in general may become faster and easier, their problem-solving skills may improve as well as their creativity, and their career opportunities will definitely increase in adulthood, just to mention a few.

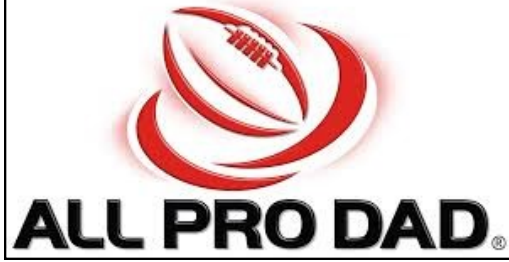
On the other hand, learning a second language nowadays has come a long way. Continuous and intense studies related to second language acquisition has led to the development of new ways to teach young children to make it more appealing to them, and to speed the process as well. We are certainly lucky to have the Spanish language learning program here at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School!!!

In February our 5th grade scholars will be learning about South America, a few important facts about each country, including their names and their capitals. In 4th grade they will learn about the Community (names of places, i.e., bank, super market, park, school, museum, zoo, etc...). In 1st and 2nd grade the Unit of Study will be Telling Time in Spanish, and in Kindergarten they will explore, and practice vocabulary related to Geometric Shapes. In addition, we will continue practicing math in Spanish from Kinder through 5th grade: additions, subtractions, multiplication, etc..., as well as practicing and interacting with Science Vocabulary in 3-4-5 grades (FSA material).

Wishing you and your families a Happy Month to celebrate Love and Friendship!!
Thank you for your support... always!!

The Spanish Team,
Sra. Jakubik – Sra. McKinley – Sra. Morejon



Dads Don't Miss Out

Join our family friendly event! Your company means the world to your student.
Dads, Granddads, Uncles, etc. join your students for a great breakfast and wonderful presentation.

Friday, February 21st
7:45am

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

TEACHER NON-HIGHLY QUALIFIED

February 5, 2020

Dear Families

Florida law requires Pinellas County Schools to notify parents and guardians when a teacher is assigned teaching duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers are considered out-of-field until they have completed additional training or passed a FL Certification subject area exam.

Out Of Field

Allison Chmura-ESOL

Tess Montgomery-ESOL

Dana Romano-ESOL

Brianna Shishlo-Elementary K-6

Our teachers are certified by the state of Florida and are currently pursuing additional credentials to become in-field. I am confident they will provide excellent instruction in a safe learning environment to all their students. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Sara Broom

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 pickup and/or they do not bring ID, we cannot release your children to them.

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



Don't forget our Book fair this month!
February 10th-14th



FLU SEASON AHEAD

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are entering the time of year when we see influenza (flu) and other respiratory viruses at school. We want to let you know what steps we are taking to keep our school community healthy and how you can help.

Respiratory infections, such as the flu and common colds (colds), are spread when people come in close contact with sick people and inhale airborne droplets, or come in contact with contaminated surfaces. Flu and cold symptoms can sometimes be difficult to tell apart, but consider this:

	FLU	COMMON COLD
How it begins	Sudden	Gradual
Cough	Severe	Mild to moderate
Muscles	Achy	None to mild aches
Stuffy, runny nose	Sometimes	Common
Tiredness	Severe	Mild
Fever	None to high grade	None to low grade
Complications	Bronchitis/Pneumonia	Earache/Sinus infection

If symptoms persist or worsen, make an appointment with your healthcare provider to be evaluated. The flu can be serious for children of all ages, causing them to miss school, activities, or even be hospitalized.

We take the health of our students seriously and work very hard to keep these viruses from spreading. We regularly clean frequently touched areas such as door knobs, stair rails, telephones, computer keyboards, and bathroom faucets and fixtures. We also instruct students and staff to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **Take 3** approach to fight the flu:

1. Get the flu vaccine every year

2. Take everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs:

Wash hands often with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available,

Cover coughs with a disposable tissue or cough into their sleeve,

Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth,

Avoid close contact with sick individuals,

Avoid sharing cups and eating utensils, and

Stay home when sick.



3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your healthcare provider prescribes them

You can help us maintain a healthy school environment in a variety of ways:

- * Make sure your children receive all recommended immunizations, including an annual flu vaccine,
- * Reinforce all of the above preventive behaviors practiced at school,
- * Make sure children get plenty of exercise, sleep, and healthy food, and
- * Keep sick children home, especially if they have a fever above 100° F, diarrhea, vomiting, or a severe cough.

Please note that any student with a fever ***must*** stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse. Together we can have a healthy winter and spring!



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love

for reading:

- * Set the example. Let children see you read.
- * Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- * Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: February 10th-14th

Shopping hours: 8:15-3:15 (Closes at noon on Friday)

NEW digital payment option: Book Fair eWallet! Now your student can shop the Fair cash-free! Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and to create an account.

Things to know:

- * On your child's buying day, please send money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and teacher's name.
- * Please remember to include sales tax of 7% on all purchases.
- * If you pay by check, please make check out to Bay Point Elementary
- * Load money on E-Wallet. Go to Scholastic.com/fair and find Bay Point's homepage. Click on E-Wallet and set up an account. You can set a spending limit and only get charged what your child actually spends.
- * Parents can shop with their child before and after school. Please note the open times above.
- * Friday is open shopping day for any student who forgot to bring their money on their assigned shopping day.
- * Students can bring extra money to buy a gift certificate for their teacher in any amount so their teacher can buy books for the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school

PTA CORNER



Dear BPE Families –

Wow how time flies! The school year is more than half way through and there's still much to do! Take time this month to show some extra love to the ones you love on Valentine's Day – we love our school and our families and hope you feel the love year round through the many activities we do throughout the year!

We are very excited to celebrate Black History Month this month! Come join us for a night of inspiring history, story telling, music, arts and crafts, and more on Tue. February 4 at


6pm. Free food will be provided by Lakewood High's Culinary students at a first come first serve basis. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.



VOLUNTEERS are an important part of the PTA. We can't do what we do without volunteers and we need YOU! There are many opportunities to give just a small amount of your time to help with one of our many events this year. Please email us at volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org if you are interested in volunteering with us!



Stay in touch and in the know:

- * www.bpepta.org
- * Check your child's backpack for flyers about upcoming activities
- * Sign up on our website to receive email updates
- * @BayPointPTA 

Ashley Hendricks

BPE PTA President