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MAGNET SCHOOL**

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Greetings Bay Point Families and Friends.

We have certainly moved quickly into the Fall season, and as we all know November is a time intended for giving thanks and highlighting the character education trait of "thankfulness."

Conversation starters at home could begin with asking your child what have they done or could do to support this important character trait. Thankfulness and appreciation should be a common way of work for each of us, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each parent and family member for taking the time to read with your child, check homework, communicating with your child's teacher and the countless other things you do to encourage and support the education of your son or daughter at our school.

This year all students at Bay Point Elementary are learning how to self-monitor through the use of learning goals and scales. Each student should be able to tell you their level of understanding of the standards being taught (4 different levels), and be able to provide evidence of their understanding. As we continue to monitor student progress here at school, we would like to remind parents to also monitor at home so that jointly we can maintain high expectations for all. Parents can help students strengthen their academic abilities by spending more time studying his/her weakest subjects, by discussing school work, and developing a study plan at home. We're asking parents to take advantage of every opportunity to learn what your child is learning in school, and help to keep them excited about their growth and progress!

Best Regards,

Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal



Calendar: November

- 3 Nature in the Classroom
- 4 Mad Science Begins
- 6 Creativity Olympics, 8:30 (4th grade Gifted)
First Friday-Dress down day
PTA T-shirt sales
- 10 SAC Meeting 5:00pm
PTA Meeting 6:00pm
- 11 Science Center Field Trip (1st grade)
- 12 Magnet Fair– Gibbs High 6:00-8:00pm
- 13 PTA Movie Night 6:00pm**
- 9-13 Boyd Hill Field Trip (4th grade)
- 13 Magnet Fair–Pinellas Park High 9:00-12:00
- 17 Science Center Field trip (1st grade)
Parent Conference Night (4th grade) 3:15-7:00pm
- 18 Great American Teach-In
- 19 Great Explorations Field trip (Gifted)
Dali Museum Field trip (2nd grade)
Science Center Field Trip (1st grade)
- 20 All Pro Dads Breakfast 7:15**
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break (Schools closed)

Upcoming in December

- 2 Discovery night
- 4 Gifted Field Trip
PTA T-shirt sales

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

Citizenship

Being law abiding and involved in service to the school, community, and country

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**

Panther Bucks-How do they work?: Students can be awarded a Panther Buck from any adult working on campus (except their classroom teacher) for being caught following one or more of our guidelines for success.

What should they do with them? Students should fill them out with their name, teachers name and grade and turn them into one of our Panther Buck Boxes (Café or Front office)

What are the rewards? Drawings are held at the end of each grading period for students to receive prizes. The bucks need to be turned in and complete to be eligible.

Help us, Help your student

(Please remind them and/or encourage them)

- ◆ To keep their hands/feet to themselves at all times
- ◆ Electronic equipment should be off and out of sight or staff may take it for a parent to pick up
- ◆ No horseplay at any time
- ◆ They should have their listening ears on at all times

Time is Important

School Times:

- Gates Open 8:05am
- Free Breakfast 8:05-8:25am
- Gates Close 8:30am
- Classes Start 8:35am
- Classes Dismiss 2:35pm

November notes:

- ◆ Students should not be dropped off on campus prior to 8:05am unless they are part of the YMCA. This is a safety issue as adult duty does not start until then.
- ◆ Students should not be picked up early as they are missing vital learning. Every minute counts.

Learning is
from BELL
to BELL



Tech News

Practice, Practice, Practice...

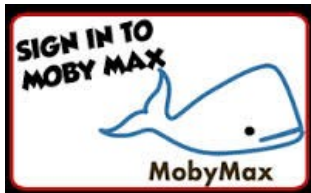
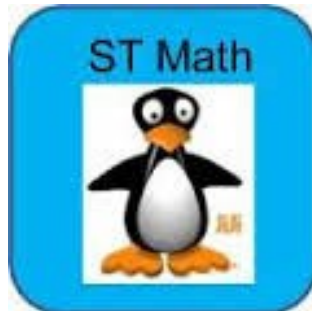


Our students have several online programs that can be accessed at home and/or at a public library. Every student has or will soon be provided

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.



Supporting Educators. Empowering Kids.
Changing Lives.



School Food Drive Underway...

Annual Food Drive 2015 Needed Food Pantry Items



- Canned or dry mix soups.
- Hamburger Helper (or similar) boxed dinners.
- Canned meats & stews including, tuna, Manwich, Spam, Dinty Moore, etc.
- Spaghetti and other pastas. (Ramen noodles, etc.).
- Canned cooking sauces such as spaghetti sauce, pasta sauces, etc.
- Pork & beans
- No glass jars or bottles, please.
- Packaged dry goods such as rice, stuffing, boxed potatoes, baking mixes, etc.
- Breakfast foods such as cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, etc.
- Juice or fruit drinks in cans or plastic containers (Ocean Spray, etc.).
- No perishable food items produce or pet food.

Collection Boxes:

Mrs. Bouanene's Classroom #211
Ms. Scott's Classroom #216
October 1 until November 16, 2015
8:05-8:35 a.m.



Thank you for your help!

Magnet News

...Ms. DePerro

The Application Period for 2016-2017 is
Jan 6-15, 2016

Important Info-5th Grade Parents

Learn how to apply for programs at Parent Information

Sessions:

- ◇ Nov. 3, 6: 30 p.m. at Boca Ciega High, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport
- ◇ Nov. 5, 6: 30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 State Road 580, Clearwater
- ◇ Nov. 9, 6: 30 p.m. at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo

Meet with program representatives throughout the district at Information Fairs:

- ◇ Nov. 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at Gibbs High, 850 34th St. S, St. Petersburg
- ◇ Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to noon at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo

Discovery Nights:

Schools with Application Programs will hold Discovery Night events mid-November through early January. Check out our Website for more information and dates.

Dress for Success...

Just a gentle reminder that the school dress code must be followed at all times:

Bottoms

- ◇ Solid khaki/tan or navy blue (free of writing and designs)
- ◇ Shorts, skirts, jumpers or long pants
- ◇ No denim (jeans) material

Tops

- ◇ Solid navy blue or white, short or long sleeve, polo-style with collars
- ◇ (free of writing and designs)
- ◇ Bay Point Elementary School logo T-shirts sold by the PTA
- ◇ Order forms available in the office or online at: www.bpepta.org
- ◇ White or navy blue turtlenecks are allowed in the winter months

Sweatshirts and Sweaters

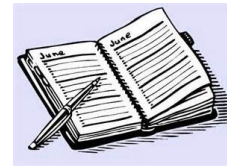
- ◇ Solid navy blue or white sweatshirts or sweaters for use in classrooms



SAC news

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

November 10th	June - Tentative
December 8th	
January 12th	
February 9th	
March 8th	
April 12th	
May 10th	



Don't Forget

No School –Thanksgiving Break
November 23rd-27th

Help Stop Bullying

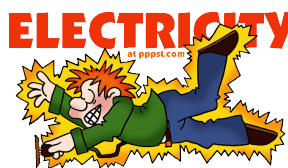


Its never okay!
If you have a bully concern, please submit a report.
<http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Page/3639>

Mad Science Club– Coming Wednesdays in November/December!

Magic, Forces & Flight

In Magic Forces & Flight students will take an exciting look at air pressure and vortexes. They will unlock the secrets of some mysterious chemicals and the resulting reactions.



ELECTRICITY They will also find out the shocking truth of electricity, how it is produced and used, and uncover the basic forces of physics through some

very cool demonstrations and build-em activities. They will also learn all about wave dynamics and our watery environments, and discover the science behind lots of secret magic tricks that they will get to perform themselves. Students will investigate the principles of flight by building and flying lots of model airplanes, and become engineers by designing and building their very own structures. Look for more information to come... Registration forms will be available at the school for those interested in joining.

PTA News



PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, November 13th
6:00 – 8:00pm
BPE Cafeteria
Feature film: **INSIDE OUT**

Free admission • Free popcorn • Fun, Fun, Fun!!!

Students: Don't forget to bring blankets and pillows for sprawling out on the floor with all your friends!

PTA Uniform orders

Did you know that our PTA sells both short- and long-sleeve uniform t-shirts and zippered sweat jackets before school on the first Friday of every month? Items can also be purchased at any time by filling out an order form and submitting it with payment to your child's teacher or the PTA mailbox located in the front office. Order forms can be obtained from our website (www.bpepta.org) or the front office. We accept both cash and checks (made payable to 'BPE-PTA').

Top Ten things to know about Bay Point Elementary's Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

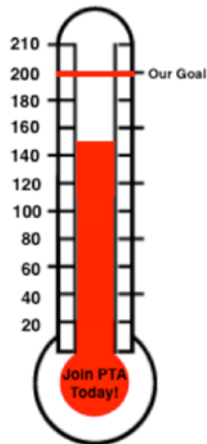
1. We are parents, grandparents, teachers, and administrators all dedicated to helping our school. Currently, we are 155 members strong.
2. PTA sells uniform T-shirts (short- and long-sleeved) and sweat jackets on the First Friday of each month during drop-off and also by special order.
3. We organize fun, family events (Fall Festival, Fiesta Night, Movie Night), coordinate the Math Superstars and Reflections Art programs, and plan teacher/parent appreciation events.
4. We hold two fundraisers each year in the fall and spring to help support our many activities.
5. Board members are elected in the spring and serve in a variety of roles (officers, committee chairs, and special teams)
6. Board members meet monthly to share committee reports and conduct PTA business; General Association meetings for all members are scheduled three times each year.
7. PTA has a website (www.bpepta.org) where you can learn more about us and sign up to receive e-mail updates.
8. We are active on Facebook (Like Us at 'Bay Point Elementary PTA')
9. Our hope is for everyone to get involved. Please consider giving 1 hour of your time this year to support our students, our teachers, and our school.
10. We welcome your feedback. Please share with us your thoughts and ideas. We would love to hear from you!



PTA – Membership Drive

Did you know that by joining PTA and becoming a member does not obligate you to attend any meetings or volunteer at any of our events? However, we truly do hope that you will! Becoming a PTA member simply means that you support PTA's mission, which is *"to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."*

Membership forms can be obtained from our website (www.bpepta.org), in the front office or the **back of the newsletter**. Join us today and get a free discount card to use at many area businesses. By joining PTA, you can make a significant contribution to the success of all students at our school!



Math Superstars– Underway



The Number of students that have signed up to participate in the PTA Math Superstars Program: **286**

Thank you parents/grandparents that have volunteered to help grade these assignments. We could not do it without you!

Contact us at MathSuperStars@bpepta.org to learn how your child can become a Math Superstar! It's never too late to sign up!



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

PTA News Continued...



Thank you volunteers for helping to make last month's Fall Festival a great success!

A special thanks to our guests from Bay Point Middle and Boyd Hill and to our SPTS and Eckerd student volunteers!

-Bay Point Elementary PTA



Number of students that participated in last

month's PTA Reflections Art Club:

25

Thank you Ms. Griffin and Jackie Owens for your incredible support!!!

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

- ♦ Great American Teach-In
- ♦ Student mentors
- ♦ PTA needs
 - * Math Superstar graders
 - * PTA Committees



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.



We need you! You have the power to enrich a child's life-in as little as an hour.

Please join us for Annual Great American Teach-in.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18th. Opportunities are available from 8:35-2:00pm. You may stay for an hour or for the whole day!

If you are interested in joining our BPE family for this great event, please contact Ms. Negretti at negrettic@pcsb.org or 727-552-1449.

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

Registration Form

NAME: _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ PHONE (NIGHT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CHOICE OF SCHOOL (OPTIONAL): _____

SUBJECT MATTER: _____ GRADE PREFERENCE: _____

LENGTH OF STAY: 1-2 HRS 3-4 HRS ALL DAY TIME OF DAY TO ATTEND: _____

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



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 _____