



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY
MAGNET SCHOOL**

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SCHOOLS**

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A Word From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Families and Friends.

Now that our stormy weather is behind us, we are now in full swing and already getting ready for our 1st marking period to come to an end. Teachers are continuing to work with our students in order to guide them in their academics and build their confidence. Please keep looking out for your child's bi-weekly progress reports. Be sure to review them and then sign and return the white copy. The more you check-in on your child's progress, the greater the likelihood of his/her success in school; contact your child's teacher with any questions.

We also continue to solicit your support for joining our school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and/or our School Advisory Council (SAC). We would love your participation and input. If you are interesting in either of these organizations, please contact the school for more information. Even a little bit of time goes a long way. Together we are better!!!

Finally, we want to remind all our families to be sure that you keep all your phone numbers, address and email up to date. We are sending notes and communications home regularly so we don't want you to miss out. Please remember that our system is computerized, so even if you filled out your new information on your child's emergency card or information card, you will still need to login in to your Parent Portal account to receive our messages.

With love and care,

Ms. DePerro

Calendar:

October

- 5 PTA Walk-to-School Day (7:30am)
- 12 No-school Day (Pro-ed day for teachers)
- 14 PTA Fall Festival (5:30pm)
- 21 All Pro Dad's Breakfast (7:30am)
- 21-22 St. Petersburg Science Festival
- 25 Report Cards
- 26 Student-Led Conferences (5:30-6:30pm)
- 28 Spanish Play

Upcoming Events

November

- 4 Casual Friday
Picture Re-takes
- 11 PTA Movie Night



School Hours

8:35 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

Cooperation

Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SAC NEEDS YOU!!!

...Mrs. Williams

We want YOU for SAC!

SAC – School Advisory Council is a group of parents, business, and community stakeholders that work together to improve schools. To all Teachers, parents, Support Staff, Parents, Business, and Community members, Bay Point Elementary welcomes your participation in SAC. If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Randria Williams at williamsstubbsr@pscb.org by



Pinellas County Schools Referendum supports teachers and students

The renewal of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, art and music programs, provides up-to-date technology, and

helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, including its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures

to ensure money is spent as voters intended. The Referendum costs the average single-family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County classrooms. For more information, please visit www.pcsb.org/referendum.



¡Noticias Olé!

By: Sra. Jakubik

Here at Bay Point we are so privileged to have a Spanish Program where our students can learn Spanish as a second language in a variety of ways. Elementary school age is great to retain a variety of subjects with accuracy, including Español!

Some benefits of learning a second language at this early age include:

Bridging the gap by helping others who are not able to understand English to communicate and translate from their Spanish language, as well as to develop stronger vocabulary.

Absorbing the Spanish language learning like a sponge because Elementary School students are quicker to learn compared to adults, as their brains are more pliable and readily accepting input (adults have to concentrate more on memorization).

Interacting with the language will lead to interacting with Spanish speaking friends and this will also lead in the future to a new world of possibilities of social and professional opportunities.

Practicing the language in the United States, and especially here in Florida is easy due to the fact that one out of seven people already speak Spanish. Spanish is the second most spoken language in this country.

Learning the Spanish language at this age will promote the children’s appreciation of the Hispanic culture. Learning the language of a culture is the first step to understand why people from other cultures do the things they do and how they think. This can turn into a very valuable trade in their future professional lives.

At Bay Point we all are very thankful and lucky to have a Spanish Language Program that teaches and enhances our students’ academic and social preparation in order to get them ready for career and life!

The Spanish Team,
Sra. Jakubik,
Sra. Rodríguez, and
Sra. VanDeilen



Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020 or contact the school at 727-552-1449

PTA FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 14th • 5:30-8:30pm



**BOUNCE HOUSES • Carnival
games • Spooky Sci-
ence • Photobooth
FACE PAINTING • Crafts •
Blinkies • Hotdogs**

**BBQ chicken & pulled pork sandwiches • sno-
cones • POPCORN**

Free admission • Fun for the whole family!

Tickets: Oct. 10-13th (25 for \$5) • Oct. 14th
(20 for \$5)

>100 Volunteers are needed! Please con-
tact us at volunteercoordina-
tor@bpepta.org, if you are available to
help.

PTA Fall Fundraiser



Thank you families for supporting our
Fall Fundraiser! We raised over \$3,600
for our school! These funds will be used
to organize our many events, activities,
and programs and to purchase items in
support of our children's education. Congratulations to
Ms. Milford, Ms. Ludwig, and Ms. Finocchi whose clas-
ses had the highest participation and to Isaiah (K-Ms.
Foronda) and Amy B. (4th-Dr. Cairns) for selling more
than 15 coupon books. These students will get to enjoy
a special lunch with Ms. DePerro and Ms. Williams!

If you have family or friends (near or far) who would
like a coupon book, they can still place an order on-
line at [http://www.supportourgroups.com/
GN/98831](http://www.supportourgroups.com/GN/98831). Remember that PTA receives 50% for
each book sold.

-Lynn Gordon, PTA Fundraising Chair
(Fundraising@bpepta.org)

PTA Reflections Art Program

Are you interested in dance choreography, film pro-
duction, music composition, literature, photography
or visual arts? If so, then we encourage you to par-
ticipate in the **National PTA Reflections Program**.

To participate, students reflect on a theme, and then
create an original work of art in the medium of their
choice.



Reflect on the theme.
Create an original work.
Be recognized.

This year's theme:
"What Is Your Story?"
Deadline for entries:
October 28th

Entry forms and con-
test rules can be found
at [http://
www.floridapta.org/
programs/reflections/](http://www.floridapta.org/programs/reflections/).

- PTA Reflections Art
Chairs, Ms. Jefferis

(jefferisc@pcsb.org) and Ms. Griffin
(griffin@pcsb.org)



PTA Sunshine Math Program

Registration is currently
underway for our **SUN-
SHINE MATH PRO-
GRAM** (formerly Math Superstars). This volun-
tary, enrichment program is designed to enhance
students' appreciation and knowledge of mathe-
matics by offering challenging problems. Assign-
ments will be provided weekly beginning Oct. 10th
for students to complete at home. Kindergarten
students will begin in January.

-Henny Kartika, PTA Sunshine Math Chair
(SunshineMath@bpepta.org)

Magnet News

The Application Period for 2017-2018 is

Jan. 4-13

Learn how to apply for programs at Parent Information Sessions:

- Nov. 1, 6: 30 p.m. at Boca Ciega High, 924 58th St. S, Gulfport
- Nov. 2, 6: 30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 State Road 580, Clearwater
- Nov. 7, 6: 30 p.m. at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo

District Application Program Information Fair

- Nov. 10, 6 to 8 pm at Gibbs High, 850 34th St. S St. Petersburg
- Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to noon at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave. N, Largo

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

727-552-1449

- ◆ Great American Teach-In
- ◆ Student mentors
- ◆ PTA needs
 - * Fall Festival
 - * Math Superstar graders
 - * PTA Committees



We Recycle:

- ◆ Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Cell Phones

Clip These Please!



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 will soon be provided with his/her own individual Online Home Accesses information about the online programs along with the login process information. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



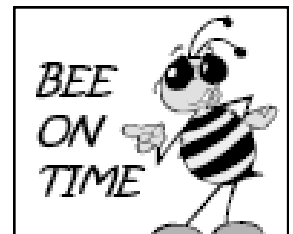
Time is Important

School Times:

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

Notes:

- ◆ Unless a child rides a late bus, no breakfast will be served after 8:25am.
- ◆ Families are not permitted to escort their children to class after 8:25am as we try to keep distractions to the learning environment to a minimum and want our classrooms to start on time.



Learning is from BELL to BELL

Teachers out of Field

October 3, 2016

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.

JEFFERIS CARRIE

Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT

SMITH DAWN

Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT

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

Regards,

Sara DePerro



On Friday, October 21st, four of our fourth grade students in the gifted program (Charlie Calkins, Ayodeji Saka, Lauren Smalling and Kayla Steh) will travel to Perkins Elementary to compete in the Creativity Olympics. The Creativity Olympics is a county competition of creative problem solving skills. The students are given several tasks to complete at each station with their team. Teams score points for creativity, problem solving and teamwork. If you see any of these students, please wish them well at their competition!

Bay Point Elementary Magnet **ATTENDANCE Information!**

School Hours:

First Bell: 8:30

Tardy Bell: 8:35

Dismissal Time: 2:35

**Morning drop off
begins at 8:05**



Your child's education needs your help! Please ensure timely arrivals and pick-ups!

What your child can miss in 10 Min:

- *Important Morning announcements*
- *Calendar Math*
- *Independent Reading*
- *Homework assignments for the day*
- *Direct Instruction for Assignments*

Please Note:

- *Missing 2 days per month leads to chronic absenteeism.*



**Breakfast
served DAILY:
Starting at
8:05**



REFERENDUM 2016

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



- Inigorating  **Visual Arts**
- Enhancing  **Performing Arts**
- Strengthening  **Reading**
- Enriching  **Technology**

Supporting Pinellas Students

Pinellas County Schools Referendum strengthens reading, music and art programs; provides up-to-date technology; and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Pinellas County voters overwhelmingly supported the half-mill tax three times, including its initial approval in 2004.



80% of the Referendum supplements teacher salaries, demonstrating the high value the district places on recruiting and retaining quality teachers.

Students benefit from reading comprehension programs, waived instrument rental fees, and paid admission for field trips to museums and art galleries.



Since the renewal in 2012, the Referendum has funded more than \$1.28 million in books, e-readers and laptops.

Referendum funds support all students by providing classroom libraries filled with diverse and up-to-date materials, increased training opportunities for teachers and the latest technology.

All schools receive equitable funding for quality art supplies, equipment and technology that help students produce strong and award-winning works of art. Referendum funds provide music equipment, instruments and band uniforms, and help the district develop a robust orchestra program.

 Every penny of the money collected through the Referendum is locally controlled and goes to Pinellas County teachers and students.

The Referendum is up for renewal in November 2016.
www.pcsb.org/referendum

