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A Word From the Principal ...

Greetings BPE Family Members and Friends!

Thank you're an outstanding start to the 2016-2017 school year. Your support, with the combined efforts of our school staff, resulted in a smooth opening for students. We have an outstanding BPE Family. We know that transportation has proved problematic at times so we thank you for your patience and flexibility as our transportation department irons out the issues for routes arriving and departing on time in support of student safety.

I would like to take this time to officially welcome Mrs. Randria Williams as our new school Assistant Principal. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and ideas. She is a vital new asset to our BPE family and we are excited to have her joining us. We also have a few additional new faces joining us this year as some of our family has retired or moved to new opportunities. Please join us in welcoming:

> Mrs. Johnson- Front office Clerk Mrs. Foronda-Kindergarten (returning from leave) Mrs. Feltz- 2nd grade Mrs. Manley- 2nd grade Coach Howe- PE Mrs. Furse- 5th grade Miss Harris- 5th grade Dr. Paul-Jackson- Guidance Counselor

Also, some gentle reminders as we move into the 2nd month of school:

Please follow the posted signs in the Car and Bus Circles for the safety of everyone, especially our students. Please pay close attention to the NO LEFT turns posted. Remember, cars are prohibited in the bus circle during student drop off and pick up. Thanks for helping us keep safety a priority.

If you are wishing to escort your student(s) to their classroom, please remember that you must arrive between 8:05-8:25am and sign-in at the front office. Families arriving after 8:25am, will not be permitted to enter campus as we are getting ready for learning to begin.

Finally, if you have a change in your going home instructions for your child, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher as well as call the front office with the update. This way we are sure to all be on the same page during dismissal.

We also continue to solicit your support by joining our school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and/or our School Advisory Council (SAC). If you are interesting in either of these organizations, please contact the school for more information at 727-552-1449. Together we are better!!!

Dr. Michael A. Grego, Superintendent (727) 588-6000 * www.pcsb.org PINELLAS Area Superintendent, Area 3 COUNTY

Calendar:

SEPTEMBER

2 Picture Day/Casual Friday 5 LABOR DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED 6-16 PTA Fall Fundraiser 15 Title 1 Meeting/Open House 5:30-6:30pm PTA Ice Cream Social- 6:30pm 16 Pennies For Pasta 26-30 School Book Fair, Media Center

Upcoming Events OCTOBER

7 Casual Friday

12 No School

25 Report Cards Home



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

RESPONSIBILITY

Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions

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 en español!

¡Bienvenidos todos al año escolar 2016-2017!

We are very excited about our teaching and learning this school year 'Todo en Español'. We are starting our year with our traditional Puppet Show for all of our grade levels. It is very important to us that our students learn thru fun and age appropriate activities.

The Spanish Team is always thriving to plan and deliver Spanish lessons to support and promote student success and high academic achievement.

Our students will be receiving Spanish curriculum instruction 90 minutes per week. We are looking forward to a wonderful

year of learning and fun 'En Español'! The Spanish Team

Sra. Jakubik, Sra. Rodriguez and Sra. Vandeilen



The Book Fair is Coming!

...Mrs. Parker

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long lasting benefits. It 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 skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update the collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- 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 September 26—30 8:15 am to

3:15 pm

Book Fair and be involved to shaping your child's reading habits.

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our online Fair is available September 26—30.

The Library uses the funds raised to purchase new books for the library, provide Scholastic magazines to all students, and buy various supplies like book marks. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our

Problem With the Bus?

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

Greetings Bay Point Elementary families and welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has been very busy these last few months organizing events, programs, and other activities that we hope you and your family will enjoy. We will share updates on our activities with you during three General Meetings to be scheduled throughout the year. We also invite you to attend our monthly board meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the media center), if you are interested in becoming more involved.

We encourage everybody to stay informed about our activities as follows:

- Check your student's backpack regularly for informational flyers
- Sign up to receive e-mail updates on our website (www.bpepta.org)
- Monitor the school's calendar (http://www.pcsb.org/ baypoint-es) for a list of upcoming PTA events
- Follow us on Facebook at 'Bay Point Elementary PTA'

Wishing you all a fantastic year! Jen Cannizzaro, PTA President President@bpepta.org

TA Uniform orders

Did you know that our PTA sells both shortand long-sleeve uniform t-shirts and zippered sweat jackets before school on the first Friday of every month? These 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').



PTA Fall Fundraiser

Our annual Fall Fundraiser begins on September 6th. We need your support to make this fundraiser a success! This year, we are excited to offer **SaveAround[®] Local Discount Savings Books**. These fabulous coupon books feature hundreds of buy-one-get-one-free discounts at both local and nationwide businesses, along with many other great discounts.

Funds raised will be used to support the many events (Fall Festival, Fiesta Night) and programs (Math Super Stars, Reflections) our PTA organizes each year and to purchase items for the school in support of our children's education.

Please help us reach goal of \$6,000 by sellthese books to friends family. Order forms payments will be collected during morning drop-off on September 16th.



Thank you for your support!



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?

Becoming a PTA member simply means that you support PTA's mission:

"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 on-line (http:// bpepta.org/) or in the front office.

By joining PTA, you can make a significant contribution to the success of all students at our school!

National Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 5th

Meet at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (1901 62nd Ave S) at 7:30am Door Prizes! Snacks! Refreshments! Come join us and walk with your child to school to promote fitness and safety as part of this PTA sponsored event.



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



The health and safety of Pinellas County Schools students and staff is a top priority. The district is working with the Centers for Disease Control, Florida Department of Health and Pinellas County Mosquito Control to inform our families and community about the Zika virus and ways to prevent it.



FloridaHealth.gov • Florida Department of Health

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. Some mosquito species bite during the day, such as those mosquitoes that can spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika viruses. Other species of mosquitoes bite most often at dawn and dusk, including those that can transmit West Nile virus.





www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes