



# BROADCAST

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## *A Word From the Principal...*

Greetings BPE Family Members and Friends!

We are off to a great start to the 2018-2019 school year. The efforts of our school staff combined with your support 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 a number of new staff members. They are joining us this year as some of our family have retired or moved to new opportunities. Please join us in welcoming:

Ms. Lewis- Assistant Principal	Ms. Brown- 1st grade
Ms. Daughtry- 2nd grade	Ms. Jackson- 2nd grade
Ms. Crosby- 3rd grade	Ms. Heath- 3rd grade
Ms. Singleton- 4th grade	Mr. Dodge- 5th grade
Ms. Alecci- 5th grade	Ms. Stroud- Art
Ms. Burciaga- PE	Ms. Eichler- VE Resource
Ms. Schaefer- Reading Coach	Ms. Payzant- Math Coach

Also, some gentle reminders as we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 traffic patterns posted and follow the directions given by school staff. Students should only be dropped off in the appropriate car line and never in car passing lanes or in the middle of traffic. Remember also that cars are prohibited in the bus circle in front of the school during student drop off and pick up (8:15-8:55/2:15-3:15). Thanks for helping us keep safety a priority.

Due to a change in district policy, **families will no longer be able to sign in to walk their children to class.** We apologize for the inconvenience. All car riders and walkers must enter campus through the appropriate student entrance.

Finally, if you have a change in your going home instructions for your child, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher. In addition, we ask that you call the front office prior to 2:00 with the update. This way we are sure to all be on the same page during dismissal. Please be sure that your directions are specific so that the office is clear as to what you want.

We also continue to solicit your support by joining our school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and/or our School Advisory Committee (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!!!

Sincerely

The Bay Point Elementary Magnet Family

## Calendar:

**\*PTA Fundraiser- Aug. 24-Sept. 10**

### SEPTEMBER

3 LABOR DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

5 Scouting Night

24-28 Book Fair

27 PTA Fiesta Night- 6:00-7:30 PM

### OCTOBER

3 Fall Picture Day

5 Casual Friday (district dress code applies)

8 PTA Fundraiser Pick-up



### School Hours

8:45 AM—2:45 PM

Office Phone: 727-552-1449

Dial "0" for the Front Office

### School Website:

[www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es](http://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.*

## **The Importance of Regular School Attendance**

Regular school attendance is essential for student success, even beginning in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Early chronic absence can result in reading deficiencies by the end of third grade. It can establish patterns of poor attendance and academic failure for older students, and increases the percentages of children who drop out of high school. Parents and families are essential partners with their child's school in promoting good attendance because they ultimately have the "bottom-line" responsibility for making sure their child gets to school on time every day. Families often do not realize that attendance is just important in Kindergarten as it is in the higher grades. It is important that patterns of non-attendance do not develop, and that families build a healthy habit of daily school attendance right from the beginning. Children can quickly fall behind with their learning with frequent absences. Kindergartners who miss 10% or more of the school year often have lower achievement in first grade, and for some, all throughout elementary school. Even missing a day or two every few weeks can cause children to fall behind. Children do not do as well in school when they frequently miss even part of an entire school day. You can help your child succeed by understanding how schools define absences and learning ways to support your child's school attendance. An unexcused absence is when a child misses school for reasons not accepted by the school district. The list of excused and unexcused absences is available in the Student Code of Conduct and is also available online. Parents and Guardians can help their child to be academically successful by ensuring regular school attendance and that their child is at school on time, every day.

### **Strategies for Parents to Encourage Attendance:**

1. Let your child know that your family values education. Tell your child that you believe he/she can make academic progress. Make education a family priority.
2. Insist that your child goes to school on time every day.
3. Talk with your child about school. Listen to your child's concerns. Ask how you can help.
4. Help your child develop personal interests and strengths. Connect those interests and strengths to what your child is doing in school.
5. Support your child's efforts with studying, completing homework, and working on academic skills and responsibilities.
6. Check your child's backpack and agenda daily.
7. Discuss concerns with your child's teacher and work together to support your child's school success. Attend Parent/Teacher conferences and other school meetings that are scheduled.
8. Be sure that your child knows that you do not approve of his/her being late for school.
9. Attend school functions, PTA meetings, and activities, etc. Be involved with your child's school.
10. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
11. Have your child relax before bedtime with a story instead of the stimulation of television, video games, etc.
12. Have schoolwork and lunch ready and laid out and create a special folder for completed assignments. Provide regular study times and a quiet, clean area for doing homework.
13. Don't allow your child to stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
14. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, members of the school's Student Services Team (school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, behavior specialists, school nurses) or other parents for advice on how to help him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
15. Do not let your child persuade you into making excuses for him/her.



## Welcome!

Hello & welcome to a new school year! The Bay Point PTA is so excited about this school year and hope that you all share our excitement! We have some great activities planned for the school year and can't wait for all of our families to enjoy what we've got planned starting with **Fiesta Night** on September 27. Keep an eye out for more information – our Spanish Team is hard at work planning for a fun evening of sharing the Spanish culture.



In order to make all of our events a fun time for our families, we need parents & grandparents like each of YOU to give just a small amount of time to volunteer at an event or two. If you haven't already returned your volunteer and membership forms, please do so! We'd love to have you join us as a member and/or a volunteer! Membership has its privileges – there are some great discounts for PTA members – the most exciting is discounted tickets to LEGOLAND! Join today and enjoy the membership benefits!

We are excited about the t-shirts with the new school logo that are now for sale for \$8 for most sizes. You can place an order anytime by sending an order form and payment to school with your child. The t-shirt order forms, which are available on our website or in the front office, can be dropped in the PTA mailbox in the front office. We have a limited number of t-shirts with the old logo still for sale. Please allow at least 7 days to fill the order. We are happy to announce that we can now accept credit/debit cards on Square in addition to cash or checks!



Stay in touch and in the know:

Go to [www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org), check your child's backpack for flyers about upcoming activities, sign up on our website to receive email updates, and follow us on Facebook at @BayPointPTA

By Lynn Gordon, BPE PTA President

## PTA Fall Fundraiser

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Our Fall Fundraiser is under way and we need your help to make it a successful fundraiser to benefit our school.



Every bit of money raised helps PTA provide programs and resources for our school and the students can win some fun prizes! You can place an order with your student, but online ordering is available as well for out of town family and friends at [www.fundshoppe.com](http://www.fundshoppe.com). Please refer to the parent letter that was sent home with your student for more information. Thank you for your support!

Please feel free to email us at [admin@bpepta.org](mailto:admin@bpepta.org) with any questions! We look forward to an exciting year!

Lynn Gordon

BPE PTA President

## PTA Uniform orders

Did you know that our PTA sells both short- and long-sleeve uniform t-shirts and zippered sweatshirts 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](http://www.bpepta.org)) or the front office. We accept both cash and checks (made payable to 'BPE-PTA').



## September is PTA Membership Month



Did you know that 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!

## 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 has a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our 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](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our online Fair is available September 24th—28th.

The Library uses the funds raised to purchase new books for the library, provide Scholastic magazines to all students, and buy various supplies like bookmarks.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!



September  
24th—28th

8:15 am to  
3:15 pm

### Problem With the Bus?

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

## SAC NEEDS YOU!!!

...Mrs. Lewis

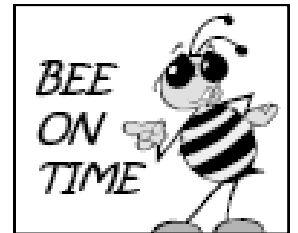
We want YOU for SAC! The School Advisory Committee is a team of individuals from various segments of the community—parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in developing and evaluating the results of the School Improvement Plan and the annual school budget. Ultimately, SAC focuses on the needs of the students and helps increase student success.

If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Dawn Lewis at [lewisda@pscb.org](mailto:lewisda@pscb.org) or contact the school at 727-552-1449.



### School Times:

Gates Open 8:15 am  
Free Breakfast 8:15-8:35 am  
Gates Close 8:40 am  
Classes Start 8:45 am  
Classes Dismiss 2:45 pm



### Learning is from BELL to BELL

Pinellas County Schools now takes online payments!

You can pay your VPK tuition or make donations to your child's class when it's most convenient for you.

Go to <https://pscb.RevTrak.net> to skip the lines and save time.

You can be confident that your payment makes it to where it needs to go. There will be a 3.62% service fee charged on all purchases.

Your  
donation  
is greatly  
appreciated