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A Word From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Family Members and Friends!

We are continuing our celebration! Our school was a "B" for the 2018-2019 school year. With our great success, we are now growing our way to an "A". 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 does their best to get our students to and from school on time.

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:

Miss McGowan-1st grade

Mrs. Billings- 2nd grade

Mrs. Conaway- 2nd grade

Ms. Chmura- 3rd grade

Miss Shishlo- 4th grade

Mrs. Ross- 4th grade

Miss Martin- 4th grade

Ms. Busbee- 5th grade

Ms. Romano- 5th grade

Mrs. Wayman- Reading Recovery

Mrs. Goddard- Reading Recovery

Mrs. Fischer- Guidance

Mrs. Buck- VE Resource

Mrs. Hobbs- Math Coach

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 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 (8:00-9:00/2:15-3:30). Thanks for helping us keep safety a priority.

Please keep in mind that our school start time is 8:45pm. Any student who arrives at that time or later is considered tardy unless they are riding a bus. We also have a new dismissal time which is 2:55pm. We will not call any students out of class starting at 2:15pm. Please wait for your child in the car circle until the bell rings at 2:55pm. If you have a change of going home instructions please be sure to notify the office and the classroom teacher no later than 2:30pm. Student pick up should be no later than 3:15pm. Students who are repeatedly late to school or picked up late are in violation of our magnet expectations and risk being dismissed from the program.

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

Sincerely

Sara Broom-Principal

Calendar:

***PTA Fundraiser- Sept. 4th-Sept. 17**

SEPTEMBER

2 LABOR DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

3 SAC Board Meeting 5:00pm/ PTA Board Meeting 6:00pm

5 Title 1/Open House 5:30-7:00pm (Cafeteria)

6 Free Dress Friday

10 Girl Scouting Night 6:00pm (Cafeteria)

20 All Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:45am (Cafeteria)

23-27 Book Fair (Media Center)

26 Fiesta Night 5:30-7:30 (Cafeteria)



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

RESPONSIBILITY

Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE-IT'S IMPORTANT

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.



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. Our online Fair is available September 23rd—27th.

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
23rd—27th

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

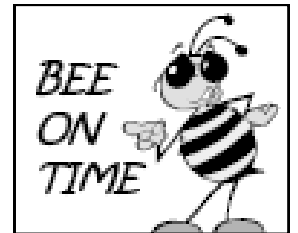
We want YOU for SAC! The School Advisory Committee is a team of individuals from various segments of the community—parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in developing and evaluating 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 or contact the school at 727-552-1449.



School Times:

Gates Open 8:15 am
Free Breakfast 8:15-8:35 am
Gates Close 8:45 am
Classes Start 8:45 am
Classes Dismiss 2:55 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://pcsb.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

Bay Point Elementary



Hello & welcome to a new school year! The Bay Point PTA is so excited about this school year and hope that you share our excitement! We have few activities planned for the school year starting with **Fiesta Night on September 26**. We are already hard at work with our awesome Spanish team making plans for a fun evening of sharing the Spanish culture that's a big part of who we are at Bay Point. Stay tuned for more information.

We want as many families as possible to join our BPE family for our activities throughout the school year so this year, we are offering incentives for our classrooms and students. The class with the highest attendance at the Title I Open House will have a chance to win \$25 in supplies for their classroom!



School T-Shirts

If you didn't have a chance to purchase school t-shirts during the Meet the Teacher event, there are still opportunities to purchase t-shirts throughout the school year for \$8 each (the t-shirts meet the dress code requirement for Bay Point). School t-shirts will be available for sale at our Title I Open House on September 5th. PTA sells school t-shirts before school on the first Friday of each month in the car circle. You can also order t-shirts by submitting an order form with your payment to the PTA box in the front office. The order form can be found on our website www.bpepta.org. Please allow at least 5 school days to fill the order. We accept credit/debit cards on Square, in addition to cash or checks!

PTA Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser is coming soon! We will need all of our families' 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! The fundraiser kicks off on September 4 – keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Please feel free to email us at admin@bpepta.org with any questions! We look forward to an exciting year!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Hello Bay Point Elementary families! My name is Kyle Fischer and I am thrilled to be your new School Counselor. I can't wait to get to know all of you and our Scholars. I am a graduate of the University of Florida, and I have a master's degree in Counselor Education from the University of South Florida. My passion is helping others – children, families, and everyone within our school community. I adore children and love working as a School Counselor in Pinellas County, and especially here in my hometown of St Pete!

I tell our Scholars that I have the best job in the school, because (simply put) my job is to be friends with everyone and to help our students to feel happy and safe at school. We know that feelings of security and contentment contribute to the academic success of children.

I will be visiting each classroom once per month for "Kindness Class" – class guidance lessons to develop positive character traits such as Respect, Kindness, and Honesty to name a few. Other Kindness Class topics may include study skills, manners, career exploration, bullying prevention, friendship, and peer pressure.

In addition to Kindness Class lessons, I also provide individual and small group counseling. Students may be referred by their parents or guardians, school faculty and staff, a concerned friend, or themselves. When a referral is received, I meet with the student (and reach out to the adult who made the referral, if applicable) to determine the next steps. Your child may be taught strategies to help him or her make more effective and healthier decisions, increase the ability to set and reach goals, build better relationships with others, and to be more successful in school. Services are available to all students, not just those in a crisis situation. I look forward to working together to help our students learn and grow!

Our Commitment to Character trait in September is RESPONSIBILITY: *Doing your best and taking responsibility for your actions.* Please ask your child for examples of how they can demonstrate RESPONSIBILITY in the classroom, at home, and in the community. These are great meal time and car ride discussions!

Thank you all for the warm welcome and I look forward to meeting more of you at the Title 1 Open House on September 5th.

Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

Kyle Fischer, School Counselor



¡Noticias Olé!



¡Bienvenidos todos al año escolar 2019-2020!

It is incredible how time is really flying. Our scholars are already learning lots of Spanish and becoming active participants in all of our activities.

In the United States, National Hispanic Heritage Month, is celebrated from September 15 through October 15. During this period, Americans celebrate every year the histories, cultures, and contributions of American Citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, North America (México), Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Some of the celebrations include film screenings, concerts, festivals with food and crafts, and museum exhibits among others.

Here at Bay Point, our wonderful PTA and the Spanish Team have worked together to provide a Fun Family event in order to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month and our scholars' learning experiences of the Spanish language and culture: 'Fiesta Night'. We are so appreciative for all of the support and help that our PTA and our Panther Families are always providing to our Spanish Program. ¡Muchisimas gracias!.

During this school year, we will work very hard to provide high quality instruction and, as always, our focus will be to enhance our students' learning so they can reach their highest potential and become successful scholars ready for college, career and a happy life!

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

Start with Hello Week



Sept. 23-27 is Start with Hello Week! Start with Hello is a program that schools and youth organizations across the country participate in.

Start With Hello Week was started because, in every school and in every community, there are young people who suffer silently because they feel left out, alone, or invisible.

We want to help students start the back-to-school season and immediately feel seen, accepted and safe.

Here at Bay Point Elementary, we will recognize this week with daily activities to help our scholars feel more connected to each other. Please stay tuned as we will communicate more details in the coming weeks.

You can reiterate the Start With Hello message at home by talking with your child about the importance of including everyone and showing kindness to others.



Find out now if your student's bus is going to be delayed

Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department is implementing a new system to inform you when your child's bus is going to be delayed. Our school is part of a pilot effort to use a system called Bus Bulletin.

The Bus Bulletin notification system will notify schools, parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes. If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost to you for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive either text messages, phone calls, and e-mails or all of these options.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold. Your privacy is protected.

Please note: this system is not related to Pinellas County Schools new emergency text message communications through SchoolMessenger.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: www.BusBulletin.com/parents.

If you need assistance with registration, call Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.