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A Word From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Family Members and Friends!

We are so excited to be back and that we can be together finally after so much time spent apart at the end of last year and the summer, even if for some it is remote. Our school maintains its "B" for the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to continue our success and now we set our sights for 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 thank our families for their patience and flexibility as our transportation department does their best to get our students to and from school on time as well as being flexible with our adjustments to address social distancing.

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:

Mrs. Carpenter-1st grade

Mrs. Kirkegaard-Blue- 4th grade

Mr. Zachem- Tech Coordinator

Mrs. Ju- 1st Grade

Miss Kapusta- 1st grade

Miss Bryan- Kindergarten

Mrs. Hardt- VE Resource

Miss Fulda- Art Teacher

Ms. Meislahn- Kindergarten

Mrs. Pernia- Spanish

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). Under no circumstances should students be dropped off earlier than 8:15am. This is a safety concern. Thanks for helping us keep safety a priority.

Please keep in mind that our school start time is 8:45am. Any student who arrives at that time or later is considered tardy unless they are riding a bus. Our dismissal time remains 2:55pm. Due to new health safety protocols, we will no longer call any students out of class starting at 2:00pm and families are not permitted to wait for their student in the office. 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:

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Free Dress Friday
- 7 LABOR DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
- 11 Picture Day (School uniforms only)



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 if it is remote; as important even if just 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 as 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 even when working remotely.
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.



Important-
Learning Option
Request update

Good day, now that the school year is off and running, we wanted to let families know that at this time, we are no longer making any changes to learning options until after our 10-day count, September 14th.

After that date, requests will only be considered on a space available basis to ensure the safety and learning environment of all students. The link to make your request is at:

www.pcsb.org/mypcsonline

Families making a request must remain in their current learning option until notified of a change by our school personnel.



Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 727-587-2020 or contact the

SAC NEEDS YOU!!!

...Mrs. Lewis

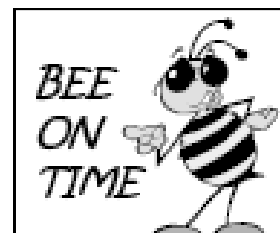
We want YOU for SAC!
The School Advisory Committee is a team of individuals from various segments of the community- parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in developing and evaluating 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. Please keep in mind that meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

School Times:

- Gates Open 8:15 am
- Free Breakfast 8:15-8:45 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.





WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Greetings Bay Point Elementary families and Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

For many, the summer plans were altered due to the pandemic. Determined not to be defeated, your PTA Board members are looking 'outside the box' to provide virtual events and programs for the Bay Point Elementary families in the upcoming school year. Most notable change this year and biggest impact to PTA is that we will not have the Annual Fall fundraiser due to the county guidelines. This will have a big impact on the events we are able to sponsor for our families.

Last year, your PTA supported many successful programs and donated numerous volunteer hours for the Bay Point Elementary families: Fiesta Night, Field Day, 10 Holiday baskets, Gingerbread Day, Black History Night, Teachers' Appreciation, 5th Grade Celebration and other great projects. In addition, PTA funded school planners, landscape materials for the school's garden, curriculum materials, incentives to teachers and classrooms, and let's not forget the amazingly fun fall fundraiser colorful 'shark' incentives.

Yes we are small in number but very active and we need you (parents, grandparents, friends) to help make this year a success. Email baypointpta@gmail.com your contact info. Besides supporting us virtually, you can stay up-to-date with PTA activities by



- Checking your child's backpack regularly for informational flyers
- Checking the school's calendar (pcsb.org/baypoint-es) for a list of upcoming PTA events
- Liking us on Facebook (Bay Point Elementary PTA)

We wish you all a fantastic year!
Janine Lewis, BPE PTA President



PTA Board Positions are Open for the 2020-2021 School Year! If you are a parent or grandparent of a BPE student, get involved in their school experience. Your input, ideas, suggestions and time are valuable and greatly needed, and with your help we can continue to offer great family friendly virtual activities and events. To get involved, please contact Myrtice at baypointpta@gmail.com or Facebook messenger. **Nominations must be received no later than Wednesday, August 26. Our Elections will be held September 2nd.**

PTA will be selling uniform t-shirts. Details are being worked out on how to follow CDC guidelines and serve you. Please contact Kathryn at 727-631-6035 for purchasing details.

