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## Principal's Note...

Dear Parents and community members,

Welcome back from Spring break! The students will still be working hard and yet celebrating their many accomplishments. The Science Extravaganza was a great success as well as the PTA Read a thon. Thank you for your support.

Our hands on Science keeps increasing as we prepare our children to take care of their world and environment as well as continue to explore the many possibilities of the future. We hope that you have seen the benefits of the Science program with your child. The recycling programs are growing each week.

We will have the new 09-10 kindergarten orientation April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. We are excited about our new "BPE family members" and look forward to your child providing excellent examples of successful learning. Your involvement makes such a big difference to your child's success. Please be sure to read through the newsletter and see how many great events and awards are occurring.

I hope you will each register your child with the new **ILANDS.com** program. It is a safe internet gateway for your child and is free. You can register on line.

As you know the economic status is affecting us all in many ways. We will try to make sure that BPE students maintain the excellent learning environment while we discuss ways we can reduce or cut expenses. I will keep you posted as those decisions become available.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Lively*

## This month:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Welcome back from the Break!
- 7<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Books
- 9<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Begins  
 PTA Board Meeting  
 Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mahaffey Theater (kindergarten)  
 SAC Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Class Pictures  
 Book Fair ends
- 16<sup>th</sup> Math Meet (gifted, gr. 4)  
 Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
- 17<sup>th</sup> PE Field Day  
 Math Meet (gifted, gr. 5)
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Pennies for Pasta* begins
- 21<sup>st</sup> District *Outstanding School Volunteer*  
 Event honoring Cindy Wilson  
 Westminster Shores (gifted, gr. 4)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Vounteer Appreciation Brunch, 9am  
 Chik fil A St. Pete Beach—Spirit Night
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten Orientation for all  
 incoming students (09-10)  
 Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rain Date: PE Field Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night



**Clubs** (Clubs meet after school; confirm dismissal time with the club sponsor. Your child will be dismissed from the club if not picked up promptly.)

- Camera Club: 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
- Club Olé: 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- Community Care Kids Club: 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>
- Guitar-Beginning: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>
- Guitar-Int. and Adv.: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>
- Young Astronauts: 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

Bay Point Elementary Magnet School's mission is to promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment by utilizing an integrated system of learning with an emphasis on math, science, technology and foreign language.

*A Community of Master Learners*

## From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

**Science Fair Time Line:**

Grades 3, 4, 5 Individual Experiments

Grades K, 1, 2 Class projects or display (not judged)

\*\* The top 10 projects in each class will be selected to go to the school fair for final judging.

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Class projects completed, individual projects under way.April 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Project Showboards go on sale \$2.00 eachApril 27<sup>th</sup> - All student projects due to classroom for grading and pre-fair judgingMay 5<sup>th</sup> - Project set-up in cafeteria 1:00 - 2:30May 6<sup>th</sup> - Project judging 9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Science Fair Open House 6:30 – 7:30

\*\* Projects go home after 7:30

May 23<sup>rd</sup> District Science Expo, St. Petersburg Science Center**Successful Science Extravaganza**

Thank you to all those who participated in our annual celebration of science, and to these BPE parents who presented:

John Barfield, Rockets  
Theresa Burress, USGS  
Andrea Carvill, Lakewood CAT  
(Students' hydrogen cars and robot)  
Tom Lawery, Progress Energy  
(Egg Drop)  
Diane Kelley, Hospitality

**You are invited to the PE Field Day****Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**(Rain Date: Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>)

9:00-10:00 Grade 5  
9:45-10:45 Grade 4  
10:20-11:20 Grade 2  
12:05-1:05 Kindergarten  
12:50-1:50 Grade 3  
1:25-2:25 Grade 1

**Problem With the Bus?**

Call Transportation at 587-2020

**Earth Force**

...Ms. Jodi Warson

The beds for the gardens down the center courtyard have been planted! Much thanks to Martha Harrington, Ron Woolums, Linda Griffin, Sue Godfirnon, Robyn Pierson, Coach Irving, The Marshall Family, and The Lawery Family! It would not have gotten done without you.

**Congratulations, Ms. Ryczek!**

TALLAHASSEE– March 13-Governor Charles Crist recognized **Julie Ryczek** of Bay Point Elementary as a Point of Light in honor of Fitness/Nutrition Awareness Month. "Julie tirelessly volunteers in her community as a wellness coordinator with Pinellas County Schools, and she works to educate and inspire people to make lifelong healthy choices," said Governor Crist. "Her efforts promote awareness of fitness and nutrition, and of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle."

## Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

We would like to congratulate our Club Olé students. On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009, they did an excellent job representing Bay Point Elementary at the Annual Pinellas County World Languages International Day held at Meadowlawn Middle School. They received the highest honor, "Superior", on their Dramatic Skit presentations. They also participated in the Parade of Nations wearing the folkloric attire of different countries. We thank Sra. Van Deilen for leading our Bay Point students during this wonderful activity.

¡Español es chévere, olé!

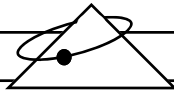
**Creativity Olympics**

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

A BIG congratulations goes to the three **4th grade Gifted teams** who represented Bay Point Elementary at the Fifth Annual Creativity Olympics competition sponsored by Gifted Program teachers in South County last month. They competed against 36 other gifted teams from neighboring schools.

Members of The Toxic Donuts were **Andrey Borodin, Josh Cooper, Caroline Stiles, and Molly Pope**. The Dynamic Dudes were **Matthew Bischoff, Ryan Calamari, Drew Carvill, and James Macentee**. The Pink Force Four members were **Alexis Bridges, Emily Porterfield, Olivia Gleason, and Charlie Langer**.

All teams tried their best to work cooperatively, and think creatively to solve hands-on problems. We were very impressed with the sportsmanship and great attitudes. We are proud of all of you!



## Congratulate our Artists

...Ms. Mered Lawson

Congratulations to the students whose artwork was selected for "A Creative Start-Elementary Schools A-M". The exhibition will be on display at the Clearwater Library, Second Floor, Youth Area, 100 N. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater from April 7-May 15, 2009. The opening reception is Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm.

Madison Centore—Grade 1  
"Flowers Shining Bright"

Alex McGill—Grade 2  
"Word and Image"  
will be exhibited at the  
Hospice of Florida

Congratulations!

### A Few Reminders...

- ◆ Please do not drive in the bus circle when buses are present
- ◆ Be courteous to staff members in the car circle—they are there to keep the children safe
- ◆ Update your child's clinic card if you have a new phone number

### *Do You Plan To Go On Any of the End of the Year Field Trips?*

Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, all must be a registered volunteer to go on a school field trip. It only takes a minute to fill out the form. Don't be left behind-do it today.

### Recycle

- ◆ Donate uniforms your children outgrow for our ECO shop.
- ◆ Ink jet cartridges and cell phones in the front office.
- ◆ Paper and metal in the containers on campus
- ◆ Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels

## Come to the Fair!

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! The dates are April 9 – April 15 and the times are 8:30-3:15. The fair will close at 12:00P.M. on Wednesday.

Here's how the Book Fair works: During the week, each child will visit the Book Fair with his class and makes his or her purchases. You and your family are invited to come during any of our open hours. Please be sure to stop by our office and sign in when you arrive. We have books for all ages, including adults! And we think you will be happily surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices.

Besides bringing affordable, appropriate books to our school, a goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. One way is with our classroom gift certificates, which allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your child's name. Be sure to look for the gift certificate display when you arrive.

Again, we invite you to come visit our Book Fair. Your children will be glad you did – and so will you!



Stock up  
for  
summer  
reading!

### *Congratulations*

*Fifth Grade Chorus Members  
Participating in the  
All County Chorus*

## Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Hello from Bay Point's Young Astronaut's Club. The year is blasting by so fast. We have reached the half way point, and plan an awesome ending of our activities ! As you may have heard from your students, we are preparing to begin construction on our end of the year projects! The Rocket kits are in, and each group has begun working on them!

If you have ever built an estes, or any other type of powered rockets, and desire to volunteer in this end of the year extravaganza, let your child's group leader know! As always, thanks to all parents, teachers, and administrators or their support. The remaining events are listed below, please note them on your calendar!

Meetings: April 14, April 28

**\*\*May 9, end of year picnic at Ft DeSoto Park. Info to follow!**

May 12-meeting

**May 26, 2009**, Our final meeting, and rocket launch! **Meeting extended to 4:30**. All family, friends, and alumni are invited! Come out and celebrate another great year of learning with the Young Astronauts!



That is it for now, thanks again, and stay safe.

**BPE Parent-Teacher Association**

...Mrs. Lynn Bittner, PTA President

A big THANK YOU to all of the students, parents and teachers who supported our PTA Read-A-thon. Children enjoyed a morning of reading curled up with their pillows and stuffed animals while some enjoyed popcorn served by Mrs. Lively.

PTA has been working hard all year to provide activities for the children and we look forward to supporting some events in the final months of school. These will include the Science Fair May 6<sup>th</sup> and Teacher Appreciation Week May 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to get involved in with any PTA activities please leave a message in the PTA mailbox in the front office.

Also, be looking for our General PTA Meeting to be held in May when new officers will be elected for next year.



[www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org)

**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.**

~Native American Proverb

**Adopt-A-Class**

Thank you to these families and businesses who have adopted a program or class this month:

**Jonathon & Gwendolyn Ford**  
*BPE Girlfriends Organization*  
*5000 Role Models*

**Kindergarten Registration**  
**April 20th—May 8th**

This is for incoming students only. Come to the Front Office from 9am-2pm to complete the registration process. You will need:

- Physical & Shot record
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency

**Orientation for Incoming Kindergarten students (2009-2010)**

Thursday April 23rd  
 at 9:30am, school cafeteria

*You Are Cordially Invited*

*Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch*

*Wednesday, April 22nd beginning at 9:00 am*  
*in the Media Center*

*All registered volunteers are welcome*

*For more information, and to Rsvp, contact Cindy Petelle at 552-1449 or [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org)*



**WE NEED YOU...**

Help make BPE PTA better and stronger for 2009/2010

If you'd like to get more involved at Bay Point Elementary, consider joining the PTA Board. It meets only once a month, in the evening. We currently have several positions to fill which you may find on-line at: <http://www.bpepta.org/about-pta.asp> or contact Dawn at [dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com). Someone will get in touch with you in April to answer any questions you might have. Elections will be held at the May General Meeting.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting with you soon!

**New Criteria for Middle and High School-Age Volunteers**

Every year BPE is overwhelmed by the number of "alumni" students requesting volunteer slots to fill the time before classes begin at the middle school.

We love and wish to support our Bay Point Families, but there are numerous logistical problems that arise with hosting a large number of minors who are no longer enrolled at this school. Discipline and safety are our prime concerns. Parents must insure their child is ready for this responsibility.

This year, the District has instituted new criteria that ALL student volunteers must meet. Please contact Ms. Petelle for information at [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org).

**All New and Returning Youth Volunteers, K-12, must:**

- ◆ Make arrangements with a teacher to volunteer
- ◆ Completely fill out the Volunteer Registration Form, including their Social Security Number
- ◆ Provide a copy of their student ID
- ◆ Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from counselors or teachers
- ◆ Have the ability to work with minimal supervision
- ◆ Be available to work on a regular basis from 8:30 am to 9:15 am



## Student Assignment 2009-10

A record number of applications, 17,665, were submitted during the application period for magnet programs, fundamental schools and career academies for the 2009-10 school year. The acceptance period ended March 13. For waiting list information or late applications, contact the school or program directly.

The district will offer two open enrollment periods for families wishing to change schools for the 2009-10 school year:

### **Open Enrollment Period #1 – March 16-27**

This open enrollment period is only for parents of students in grades K-4 in a non-zoned elementary school who want their child to remain at the current school (without school bus transportation) through the highest grade offered. Letters with instructions were mailed in March.

### **Open Enrollment Period #2 – Summer '09**

This open enrollment period is for parents who want to request another school other than their child's assigned school for 2009-10.

- Assignments will be made on a space-available basis.
- Students do not lose current seat just by requesting another school.

## Do You Know Your Zoned School?

The School Board has approved new school zones for elementary and middle schools beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

To find out if your child is in his/her zoned school, visit the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org), and click on the Zoned School Locator under "PCS News."

For complete zoned school information, refer to the Student Assignment 2009-10 Guidelines located on the district website under "PCS News."

## Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Beginning April 20, parents can begin registering their child for the 2009-10 school year.

**STEP 1: Know Your Zoned School** Go online, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org), or call Student Assignment, (727) 588-6210.

**STEP 2: Reserve a Seat** Go to your zoned or any nearby school to get a ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password if you do not already have one. Then log on to the Student Reservation System at the school or your home computer.

**STEP 3: Register at Your Child's Zoned School** Visit the assigned school to deliver the required documents (list of documents can be found on the district website).

**REMEMBER** – Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009, to attend kindergarten.

## Planning to Move?

If you move, you are required to give the school your new phone number and provide proof of residency. To update your address and phone number you will first need to have a ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password, which you can get from your child's school.

Then go online to the Student Reservation System on the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org), log in with your User ID and Password and follow the steps (or visit your school).

**IMPORTANT** – It is essential that your school has your child's current address. Bus stop information for 2009-10 will be mailed to families based on the address in school files.



## April 15 Is Deadline for Young Heroes Nominations

Here's your chance to nominate students who have given of themselves through community service or who inspire others through their deeds and strength of character.

Winning students will be profiled on WPDS-TV14 and on the district website, and introduced at a school board meeting. Winners also will receive a \$500 Savings Bond and attend an end-of-year breakfast with the superintendent.

Nomination forms are available on the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org).

## Stay Connected with Pinellas County Schools

You can view school board meetings live online through the WPDS-TV14 website, [www.wpds.tv](http://www.wpds.tv). Click on "Watch on the Web" then click "Watch School Board Meetings Live." You can find Pinellas County Schools' WPDS-TV14 television programming on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 14 and Verizon Ch. 46.

## NEW Immunization Requirements

A new State of Florida immunization requirement includes a Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) shot for students entering (or attending) 7<sup>th</sup>-grade. Students must have this required immunization prior to attending class. A Td will NOT be accepted. For a complete list of requirements, visit the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org).

## Community Care Club Book Swap

Need to refresh your home library? Kids outgrew some of their books? Community Care Kids will collect "previously read" books from BPE students from **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone with a book they wish to exchange should bring it to Ms. Storm or Ms. Bouanene's rooms in the morning. The student will receive one ticket per every two books donated.

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, will be the Book Shopping Day.** This will take place on the stage in the cafeteria from 9:00-12:00. Volunteer parents of club members will be on hand to help things run smoothly.

**Students who have tickets** from books they donated will have a chance to go to the cafeteria to pick out books from the selection.



## Earth Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wear your Earth Day  
T-Shirt!

## Bookmark These Web Pages On Your Computer

See more content on-line! <http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/newsletter.htm>

For links to teachers' web pages click the blue dot next to their name at:  
<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/faculty.htm>

Find forms you need on-line at: <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

Safer web surfing through this portal: **ILANDS.com**

Join us at



(Dolphin Village Shopping Center: 4623 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach)

## BAY POINT ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Get a **FREE MILKSHAKE!**

*Chick-fil-A* has teamed up with Bay Point Elementary \*Magnet School for a fundraiser.

All you do is come to *Chick-fil-A* on St. Pete Beach on:

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

- Put your cash register receipt in the BPE box by the cashier so we get credit
- Bring this flyer with you, and students will receive a **free milkshake** with your family's purchase

# What's Happening...

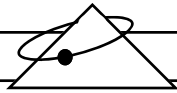


Club Olé students Elementary at the Annual Pinellas County World Languages International Day held at Meadowlawn Middle School



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# It's All Science



Mr. Barfield prepares a  
rocket for blast-off

Mr. Lawery, Progress Energy,  
monitors the egg drop.



The Spanish Team illustrated how you turn a  
liquid into a solid—the result?  
Delicious ice cream!