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Principal's Note...

Dear Parents,

Our gardens are growing, our science projects are multiplying, and PTA auction baskets are beginning to fill up, Spring concert and field trips are being planned and we love our terrific lessons teachers are exploring. Our new anti-bullying OLWEUS program has reduced the number of physical altercations and increased civility of the classroom, as evidenced by our data. It has been a big change in approach for us and we are delighted with the results.

Parent Input Forms for teacher evaluation are available in the Front Office. They must include signatures and the teacher will be provided with a copy. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff at Bay Point Elementary.

Summer program information is being sent home during the next few weeks for qualifying students. Please be sure to check backpacks. We also want you to monitor the toys, games, and non-academic items that might end up being brought to school by mistake. Thanks for your help with this.

We have accomplished a great many things this year. Our next newsletter will include the long list for your viewing. It all happened because we have such a wonderful school filled with wonderful children.

Mrs. Lively,
Principal

This month:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35

- 5th Sawgrass Lake (Frady)
- 6th Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
9 am, Media Center
Sawgrass Lake (Cairns)
- 7th Group Picture Day (wear uniforms)
- 8th Sawgrass Lake (Gomillion)
PTA Family Skating Party
AstroSkate, 6-8pm. \$5.00 person
City of St. Petersburg Mayor's Night Out
Willis Johns Center, 7:00 pm
- 9th Sawgrass Lake (Kincaid, Kelly)
- 12th to 16th BOOK Fair
- 12th Sawgrass Lake (Wolf)
- 13th Tampa Bay Watch (Ericson)
Pier Aquarium (Scanlon, Greenwood)
- 15th Grease John Hopkins (3rd)
- 16th Midterm Progress Reports home
MOSI (5000 Role Models, Girlfriends)
- 19th Battle of the Books
PRIDE Awards, 6:30 pm
Science Fair projects due to teacher
- 20th Florida Orchestra (4th & 5th)
- 22nd Math Meet (gifted, 4th)
- 23rd Math Meet (gifted, 5th)
- 28th New Kindergarten Orientation, 9:15am
- 29th Science Fair (pick up projects on the 30th)
PTA Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm
- 30th Softball game (5th vs. Staff)

MAY-MAYO

- 7th Pro-Ed Day—No School
- 27th Spring Concert

Come see
our
garden!



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



Science Fair 2010

...Ms. Jodi Warson



Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

Grade Level Expectations:

- K-2:** Class Projects
- 3-4:** Individual or Pair (no more than 2 in a group)
- 5:** Individual

Timeline:

- Week of March 14th: Begin Science Fair Projects
- March 23rd: Grades 3-5 Parent Science Fair Workshop 6:30-7:30
- March 25th: Project Applications due to classroom teacher!
- April 19th-April 26th: Grades 3-5 Science Projects due to classroom teachers. (teacher will give specific date)
- April 29th: Science Fair J
- April 29th: Science Fair/Health Expo Night 5pm-6:30pm
- April 30th: Students pick up projects from cafeteria
- May 22nd: District Science Showcase @ Science Center

For more information use this link:

<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/scienceprojects.htm>

On-Line Internet Safety

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Parents are the most critical part of creating a positive, safety-first online experience for their children. Here are a few ways parents can help their children be safe online:

1. Educate themselves about Internet safety and stay on top of related topics that could potentially have an effect on their children. Here are a couple of sites:
 - a. iLookBothWays- <http://ilookbothways.com/>
 - b. NetFamilyNews- <http://www.netfamilynews.org/>
2. Understand the dangers and how their children can avoid them or handle them. Once understood, parents can have constructive conversations with their children. Here are a couple of sites:
 - a. Disney Internet Safety- <http://home.disney.go.com/guestservices/safety>
 - b. BrainPop-<http://www.brainpop.com/> (search *online safety*)

Login using: Username: **baypoint_es** Password: **bpinellas**
3. Dialogue, dialogue, dialogue. Talk about internet safety a few times a week with your children.
4. Sit down with them at the computer and talk about the sites they use, and the people they talk to.

On the morning of Saturday, March 6th, our Club Olé students participated in the Annual Pinellas County International Day at Meadowlawn Middle School. Our students did a great job representing Bay Point. Sixteen students from kindergarten to 5th grade walked in the Parade of Nations wearing outfits from different countries. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders received "Superior" and "Excellent" in their Memorized Declamations and "Excellent" in the Dramatic Presentation. We are very proud of each and every one of them!

I would like to thank the parents of the following students and our Club Olé students for coming to The International Day: Ayana Garrett, Sabrina Leth, Ivy Penn, Andrea J Rodríguez-Gómez, Autumn Comiskey, Ashlyn Baker, Gabriella Guzman, Angelina Heidenreich, Kevin Lang, Michaylah Pizarro, Timothy Santora, Lauryn Smith, Cameren Burge, Sebastian Myrthil, Madison Cornett, and Leah Sonberg. ¡Muchas gracias!

Earn Ca\$h For Our School

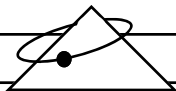
- Designate BPE at Target and Office Depot
- If you shop online try: www.btfe.com
- Clip *Box Tops for Education* and *Campbell's Soup Labels*

Homework Helpline

Call 547-7223.
5:00 to 8:00 pm
Monday—Thursday.

- Ink Jet Cartridges
- Laser Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Eye Glasses
- Newspaper

We Recycle!



The Book Fair is Here!

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

Join us at the Bay Point Book Fair the week of April 12th through the 16th. Check with your child's teacher for your buying day>

- Place money in an envelope with child's and teacher's name
- Remember to include 7% sales tax
- Make checks payable to: *Bay Point Elementary*
- Major credit cards are accepted
- Students may purchase *gift certificates* for their teachers to buy books for the classroom
- Hours are 8:15-3:15, except Friday when we close at noon. Parents are welcome to shop before and after school.



Counseling Corner

...Mrs. Kerry Cunningham

Bay Point's **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program** is in full swing. We are using this training period to educate our student's, staff, and parents on definitions and general tips on how to handle bullies. Here are just a few to discuss with your children.

- **If someone is treating you disrespectfully**, calmly tell them, "I do not like this."
- **Don't Yell, return insults, or use physical force.** This encourages the bad behavior and makes the problem worse.
- **If the problem is serious or persists, tell an adult you trust.** Let an adult know if you are worried that the bully will try to get even with you for reporting the issue.
- **Don't be afraid to talk about it.** Bullying isn't a shameful secret. Hoping the problem will go away will not work.

Let's All Work Together Toward a Healthier Generation

...Ms. Ryczek

- As a member of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program, we are making our school a healthier place for students to learn, work, eat and play.
- Collectively, more than 20% of the United States population can be found in the school community. Because of the size and accessibility of this population, school based programs are one of the most efficient and effective ways to shape the lifelong health and well-being of young people
- Research suggests that a healthier school environment can result in greater academic achievement and healthier lives for students and school staff
- Today, more than 25 million youth are obese or overweight, that's nearly 1 in 3 children.
- The obesity epidemic is clearly taking its toll as more and more young people develop conditions and diseases that would normally not affect them until adulthood, such as high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and type-2 diabetes.
- Some experts believe that if childhood obesity rates continue to increase, the current generation could become the first in American history to live shorter lives than their parents.
- Obesity is associated with more chronic medical conditions than smoking or excessive drinking.

Snack Time is a Great Time For Math

Snack time is a perfect opportunity for subtraction as your child "takes away" items as he eats. This works best with small snacks like grapes or crackers. Have him count the total, then again after he has eaten one.

Young Astronaut Clubs Report

...Mr. John Barfield

Bay Point's Young Astronauts Club continues it's trip into the solar system, and beyond!! The members of our organization are having fun, while learning so much, related to science, math, and technology. Each group has subjects that are age appropriate, and makes use of the students natural curiosity!

As we approach the last few months of the club's school year, YAC members hoping to return next year, are completing the required 3 projects to keep them in good standing with the club . Parents, if you have any questions about what is required, check your child's YAC folder, there is a list of projects inside. Or, you may email the coordinator at: Firebeach1@aol.com.

Our clubs main, all group project is almost here. Each student will begin the construction of their own rocket kit! This is a time consuming objective. Now is the time to volunteer as an assistant in your child's group. Those smaller hands need a little help in putting the rockets together, so please consider coming in, and giving some time to the YAC'ers dreams!

Thank you all for your support.

News from the PTA

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

Hi Bay Point Families,

Your PTA is going to combine our spring fundraiser with an end of the year get together celebration. On May 18, we will be having a spaghetti dinner catered by Olive Garden with a silent auction/raffle. The collected funds are to be used for smart board mimio converters for the classrooms. In order for this event to be successful, we need everyone to participate in at least one of four ways. Each class will either do a class project or create a themed basket. Your child's teacher is going to need some assistance.

1. You can help to create a project made by the children(1-2 classroom parents) or contribute toward supplies for that project.*
2. You can bring in items for a themed basket (*Movie Night*-DVD, popcorn, etc.)* Please contact your child's teacher to volunteer.
3. If you have a business or know someone who does that is willing to donate a service or item (the donation is completely tax deductible) you can contact Sonja Stiles at Stilesfamily4@aol.com or (727)424-8760.
4. You can ATTEND! Come join us and celebrate a great year together. The food will be great and the kids projects will be awesome to see. More information will come home before the event.

P.S. Don't tell anyone, but Mrs. Lively has agreed to get a pie in the face if we are able to reach our goal!!!

PTA BPE H.A.P.P.Y.

...Mrs. Tracy Grant



Family Skating Party

Thursday, April 8th

6-8pm

\$5.00 per person
(includes admission
& skate rental)

Bring the whole family and
join the fun at:
ASTRO Skate 10001 66th St.
N. Pinellas Park

****Raffle Prizes for those who
Attend****

Family Movie Night

Thursday April 29th

6:30-8:00



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Please consider..

...Becoming a BPE PATRON

You can help purchase Smart Boards
by becoming a Patron

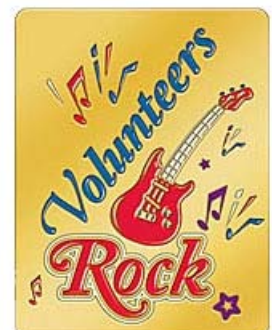
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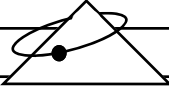
Art, Science, Tech, Music,
PE or Spanish

...Training to be a mentor for 5000

Role Models or Girlfriends

Contact Cindy Petelle at
petellec@pcsb.org for more
information





Thank You For All The Time You Have Given!

Over 400 Hours

Tracy Grant

Dawn Smith, PTA President**Over 300 Hours**

John Barfield, YAC Leader

Ann Taylor, Mentoring Fundraiser

Over 200 Hours

Deserae Ingram

Cynthia Wilson

Over 100 Hours

Brandy Alvis

Bonita Britten

Marina Casanelles

Kristen Cohen

Jason Grant

Chris Hudgens

Dawn Ottaviani

Diane Peebles

Julia Ray

Cheryl Shaughnessy

Over 50 Hours

Cissy Blevins

Lisa Brody

Robin Cook

Michal Davis

Janet Due

Shelly Dulong-Bays

Katie Fullerton

Aida Gonzalez

Debbie Griffith

Michael Hughes

Stacey Hughes

Stacy McCain

Cinnamon McGeehan

Courtney McLaughlin

Tracy Milanese

Kym Ottaviani

Carmen Pupo

Ellen Revit

Claudia Rodriguez

Jocelyn Small

Over 20 Hours

Elizabeth Anderson

Regina Ashwood-Baker

Rachael Astorga

Jerry Blevins

Over 20 Hours (continued)

Kathleen Blackett

Kristen Bohlander

Carolyn Ann Bolden

Gina Bonewit

Anna Burgett

Michelle Burtch

Andrea Carvill

Doris Chapel

Nancy Comiskey

Mari Czynszczon

Jodi Davis

Dorothy Deister

Andrea DeSouza

Richard DeStefano

Karen Esin

Dione-Nicole Gavit

Katie Gleason

Lynn Guinagh

Maria Haan

Paige Harper

Suzan Harrison

Brodie Harvey

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Rachelle Myott

Kimberly Odom

Luisa Palomar-Walsh

Amber Quimby

Rebecca Ramsey

Lisa Rico

Michelle Rogers

Eva Rose

Tammy Sandillo

Sherry Sheffler

JoNise Sherman

Sonja Stiles

Alice Thompson

Marsha Travis

Renee Willingham

Outstanding School Volunteers

Tracy Grant

Ann Taylor

Our Trained Mentors

Shelia Baker

John Barfield

Gina Bonewit

Sheri Collins

Janice Colquitt

Robin Cook

Janet Due

Greg Garbers

Jason Grant

Tracy Grant

Debbie Griffin

Paige Harper

Andrea Henry

Chris Hudgens

Michael Hughes

Stacey Hughes

Deserae Ingram

Michael Jefferis

Amy McKalvey

Courtney McLaughlin

Earl Mills

Kym Ottaviani

Rebecca Ramsey

Julia Ray

Samantha Salfity

Phyllis Schuster

Cheryl Shaughnessy

Rose Steh

Sandra Wessel

LaQuanda Williams

Renee Willingham

Thank you for
volunteering
over 11,000
hours this year!

Student Assignment 2010-11: Open Enrollment Period – April 19-30

The open enrollment period is for parents who would like to request another school other than their child's assigned school for the 2010-11 school year. This year, there will be a limited number of seats available during open enrollment due to class size and NCLB requirements. Parents should log into the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district website, www.pcsb.org, using their User ID and Password between **April 19-30**. All assignments will be made on a space-available basis. Students do not lose their current seat just by requesting another school. Incoming kindergarteners and other students new to the district in 2010-11 must be enrolled in a school (registered, not just a reservation) to participate.

Some Open Enrollment questions to keep in mind:

Q. My child has opted to stay at his non-zoned school. Can my younger child attend that school as well?

A. Younger siblings will be assigned to the family's zoned school. Families can request that the younger child be moved to the older sibling's non-zoned school during the open enrollment period.

Q. How can I get my older child into the zoned school that my younger child is already in?

A. You will have the opportunity to try and change schools during the open enrollment period.

Q. If I request a change in a school assignment for my child during open enrollment, will my child receive school bus transportation?

A. No, not unless the school requested is your zoned school and you live more than two miles from the school.

Q. When will I know if I received my request for a new school assignment during open enrollment?

A. Probably not until late spring. Parents will be notified either by phone or email.

Kindergarten and New Student Registration

To register your child for the 2010-11 school year, follow these easy steps:

STEP 1: Find Your Zoned School Go online, 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 for another member of your family. Then log onto 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, 2010, to attend kindergarten.

Do You Know Your Zoned School?

To locate your child's zoned school, visit the district website, www.pcsb.org, and click on the Zoned School Locator under "PCS News."

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 sign onto the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district website and follow the steps (or visit your school to give the updated information).



April 16 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.

Nomination forms are available on the district website, www.pcsb.org.



We Can't Move Forward Without Your Input

Before we begin a new chapter in American history, we need to understand who we are right now. The 2010 Census will help us to count every resident in the United States, and it is required by the Constitution.

U.S. Census forms were mailed to every residence in the United States in March. In order for our community to receive our share of the \$400 billion in federal funds, with part of the funding going directly to schools, you will need to fill out and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the form that will impact our schools for years to come.