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A Message from the Principal

Dearest BPE Families and Friends,

Wow... I cannot believe that spring has sprung, and how quickly the year is going! Our students in Grades 3-5 had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning on FCAT, students have worked diligently on their Science Fair projects, students will be preparing for our Spring Concert, and there are several other projects in the works.

As we begin our home stretch, we will continue to prepare our students to demonstrate proficiency in their grade level areas, as well as for the upcoming school year. Students are continuing to learn about reading strategies across all subject areas, and they are being exposed to higher level thinking and questioning, discussion-based questioning, and differentiated learning strategies. As you can see, at Bay Point Elementary, learning never stops... we make every minute count! Together, let's continue to encourage and uplift our students by making sure that they do their absolute best every day. Thank you for your help and support!

Gentle reminder - learning begins promptly at 8:35AM which means that ALL students should be present, focused and ready for learning before the bell.

Best regards,

Dr. Felita Grant Lott, Principal

Calendar:

April

1st—8th Sawgrass Lake (gr. 4, various days)

5th Casual Friday, no uniforms

15th—23rd FCAT (gr. 3-5)

19th Medieval Times (gifted)

22nd Earth Day

23rd Great Explor. (Negretti, Morgan, Jefferis)

25th Take Your Child to Work Day

26th Battle of the Books

29th No classes—Pro Ed Day

May

1st Volunteer Appreciation Brunch,

All volunteers are invited!

8:40am, Media Center

3rd Great Explorations (C. Wilson, Wall, Griffin)

Casual Friday, no uniforms

9th Incoming Kindergarten Orientation

9:00am, Cafeteria

13th Author Debra Frasier visit

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Thursday, April 25th

DO you plan to take your child to work with you? Participation is considered an excused absence if the parent provides the appropriate documentation to their child's school pursuant to Board policy (5500.05). This means we need a letter on company letterhead with your child's name mentioned. Please turn this in to Mrs. Tucker in the office.

Through our curriculum we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences with special emphasis on the processes of mathematics, science, foreign language, and technology to prepare students to function constructively in the 21st century.

*Celebrating Our 50th Year
5 Star School * AWARDS * Golden School*

Students Who Use Lexia at Home Make Gains

...Ms. Sanchez

Is your child taking advantage of the Lexia reading program? The students who are using it are reading better than those who do not. It can be accessed from home:

go to: <https://www.mylexia.com/admin/login.php> and "Click here" under the School-to-Home Connection User for the instructions to download and install the software. School Customer ID: 7044-9439-4165-9793 Student Login: ask your child or teacher for information

Homework Helpline

727-547-7223

The Homework Helpline offers free homework help for students in grades 1 through 12. The Helpline is staffed by Pinellas County Schools teachers who are certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Helpline teachers have access to textbooks commonly used in the district and can assist students with homework in most subjects. Homework help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.

- Establish a routine
- Set up a study area
- Reduce distractions and interruptions
- Read with your child on a daily basis

KUDOS

Cory Diaz won a merit award at the state level for her dance entry in the PTA Reflections contest

Da'vion Williams received the *Yes, I Can* award honoring students' accomplishments in academics, socially, or in the community/jobs.

Zoned School Locator

<https://sap.pinellas.k12.fl.us/PubInfony/>

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez

On Saturday, March 9th, our Club Olé students represented Bay Point at the Annual World Languages International Day held at Meadowlawn Middle School. We would like to congratulate our students for receiving superior in their memorized poems presentations as well as First Place in our Banner which depicted the theme for the day: "Many Languages: One United Voice". Gracias to these students' parents for making the necessary arrangement that made our day a success: Adam Myers, Jacob Cox, Angelina Van Deilen, Andrea J. Rodríguez-Gómez, Halle Pupo, Rita Hall, Jermaine Daniels, John Pothier, Lilly Ajabshir, Mitchell Wilson, Jamie Manning and Bailey Cornet.

We are so very proud of them for all of their hard work!!

Science Fair News

...Mrs. Vyverberg

Ask your kindergartener or first grader about worms! We have been studying the little critters in the science lab. In second grade the question is "How does a lever make work easier".

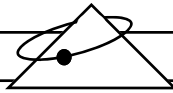
Science fair expectations and guidance are important topics for third, fourth, and fifth graders. And speaking of science fair, (I know these words strike fear in many parent's hearts.) I am also available for science fair consultations. May 6th and May 7th are the important dates to keep in mind. We also hope to begin a new Mad Science series in April. Keep on the lookout for that info from classroom teachers. Welcome Spring!



Look for this button on BPE's web page to link to a great **free** resource for families!
www.InSyncEdu.com

Recycle With Us!

- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Ink jet and Laser cartridges



Gifted Classes Compete in Math

...Mrs. McLean

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to the 4th and 5th grade students who competed in this year's **Gifted Math Meet** at Thurgood Marshall Middle School before Spring Break.

The 5th grade captain, Ansley Burtch, led her team through difficult, high level problems. Her team members were: **Mary Margaret Blackett, Ivan Rimoli, and Gus Langer.** They showed confidence, cooperation, and team spirit while tackling very challenging problems.

The 4th grade captain, **Andrea Rodriguez-Gomez,** led her team to a **1st place victory!** Team members were: **Maslin Grant, Josh Nguyen, and Shane McCormack;** all members received a trophy. Cooperation and diligent reading helped their accuracy.

Both teams did a fantastic job, worked hard, and had a lot of fun. They received tee shirts, compliments of PTA, and participation ribbons. Mrs. McLean has another new plaque to hang up in the room! Way to go! We are proud of all of you! And thanks to our wonderful PTA for their continued support!

Clip These Please!



We collect Box Tops for Education and redeem them throughout the year. Please continue to clip them from product packaging and help us to raise cash a dime at a time!

Annual School Accountability Report

The annual school public accountability report required by ss. [1001.42\(16\)](#) and [1008.345](#) must include a school financial report. The purpose of the school financial report is to better inform parents and the public concerning how funds were spent to operate the school during the prior fiscal year. Each school's financial report must follow a uniform, district wide format that is easy to read and understand.

The report covers expenditures for staff and materials at the school.

The 2011-12 report may be accessed on-line at: https://www.pcsb.org/images/stories/Finance/Documents/Annual_School_Financial_Report_FY_2011.12.pdf

If you do not have access to the Internet, a copy is available in the office for you to review.

Magnet School Application

...Ms. Sara DePerro, Magnet Coordinator

Fifth graders and incoming kindergarten students who wish to attend a magnet school programs need to complete a late application on-line. They will be ranked below those who applied earlier.

For more information about applying check out our webpage: http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/m_mag.htm

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Young Astronauts

...Mr. Barfield

Bay Point's Young Astronauts have had a successful year so far. All of the fun, interesting and exciting things we have shared will last a lifetime in our memories! Group 3 has finally landed after our Awesome Overnight Trip to Kennedy Space Center. With only 3 regular meetings (April 9, 23, May 14) left all of our members are preparing for the final project of the club year. Starting on April 9th, we will begin construction of our rocket kits to launch into the sky at our last meeting, celebration, **The Big Blast on May 28, 2013.**

Now is the time for our parents, grandparents and family friends to volunteer at our meetings. Building these flying machines can be labor intensive, especially for our younger members of Group One. If you would like to volunteer for this fun endeavor, you must attend the next meeting and be a registered volunteer. Please see Ms. Petelle if you need to register as a volunteer ASAP! **You must be a registered volunteer to help out.** It's not too late to register if you have not already.

The teachers, volunteer leaders, and students of The Young Astronauts thank everyone for the continued support. Any questions? Feel free to call, or email the coordinator, Mr. Barfield at: Firebeach1@aol.com. 727-698-0598

Arrive

8:05—8:25am am—Free Breakfast

8:35 am—Class begins

Pick Up

2:50 pm - Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

1:35 pm Wed



Free breakfast
for students at
8:05—8:25am

Parent-Teacher Association—Go for the Gold!

PTA is still in need of individuals who would like to be committee members. This is not a huge commitment, but it takes many volunteers to plan and put on all of the fantastic events our PTA does each year and we would love to have your input and help. If you would like to participate on one of the following committees, please let me or Mari know. cjpupo@gmail.com or mari@plazabeach.com. Thank you!!

Membership: Help set membership goals, organize and volunteer at membership tables to recruit members

Hospitality: Help plan and coordinate staff and parent appreciation events, such as back to school breakfast and teacher appreciation week

Activities: Help plan and organize Fall Festival and Camp BPE

Programs: Help research and implement monthly programs that focus on our magnet areas

Fundraising: Help research and coordinate two fundraisers each year
We are still busy planning our Teacher Appreciation Activities, so please contact me if you would like to help. cjpupo@gmail.com



No programs or activities are scheduled this month due to teachers' and students' busy schedules with FCAT, Science Fair, and Battle of the Books, among other things!! PTA will be providing snacks for the students taking the FCAT. I don't want to say good luck, because I know our students and teachers have been working hard preparing for these days, so I'll say good remembering, good test taking, and good performance wishes to all students taking this test!

Carmen Pupo, PTA President
www.bpepta.org



It's A Great Place to Work!

Bay Point Elementary's staff climate survey ranked us in the top ten elementary schools in morale! 😊

Volunteers Please Log Your Hours

Don't be shy—log in all your hours! BPE must fill out a biannual report that includes the number of volunteer hours. Whether it's 1 hour or 100 it all adds up.

You can log in hours from any computer by going to the district page: www.pcsb.org. Log in using your "v." password. Ms. Petelle, petellec@pcsb.org, will assist you if you have difficulty.

We have to report our hours to the state so please help us out one more time by logging in today!

You Are Cordially Invited

Volunteers Make Love Grow Appreciation Brunch



Wednesday, May 1st
at 8:40am
in our Media Center

The staff is preparing a great brunch for ALL volunteers! Please come!