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Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Elementary Families,

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year . We have so many exciting things happening in the classrooms and we plan a grand year of academic success. Your child is the highest priority. This year we want to celebrate the beginning of the school year as we begin the learning adventure. Thank you for allowing us this privilege and opportunity.

We have new students, families, and staff this year and I know each will be an asset in helping to meet our goals. Our teaching and learning efforts this year will be focused on **Environmental Science** through rigor, relevance, and responsibility. Enjoy your first week back and I look forward to sharing more with you at Open House. Thank you for the privilege of working with your child as we join together in this partnership.

Once again congratulations students, teachers, administrators and parents on the Grade A award. BPE earned. Be sure to go through the first day packet your child brings home. They contain very important information for you and will help BPE be what you expect us to be. Other information will be distributed at the OPEN HOUSE, August 29th at 7 PM

Please help us to implement dismissal processes, modeling good safety and a great deal of patience for your child. We hope to make the arrival and dismissal even safer and pleasant. Many of us will have to change old patterns. We will adapt as needed and reviewed. We ask for your cooperation, input and patience. PTA will be selling T-shirts and school supplies on the first day of school and the cafeteria and YMCA information will available.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we form a partnership to journey towards success and learning at Bay Point Elementary in 2007-08. Learning can be so fun and we are all life long learners. How wonderful to have the opportunity to make Bay Point a special place for your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively,
Principal & Staff of Bay Point Elementary

Thank you for being a vital part of our Bay Point Elementary Family.

This month:

21st First Day of School

PTA BooHoo Breakfast—parents of incoming Kindergarteners are invited to the school cafeteria for a light breakfast and plenty of sympathy

29th Open House, 7:00—8:00 PM

See what your child will be studying this year and meet the parents of the other children in your child's class

September

3rd Labor Day—No School

6th PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM

The social event of the season! Come to meet the other members of the BPE family and enjoy a sweet treat!

11th SAC Meeting, 5:30 PM

Interested parties welcome to attend

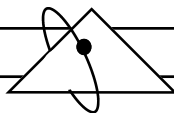
12th Early Release, 12:40 Dismissal

28th Mid-period report



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.

*Golden School Award - 25+ Years * Five Star School Award
Mayor's Top Apple Award * Florida DOE Grade A School*



Who's Who in the Office

Our Principal, **Mrs. Gaye Lively**, and Assistant Principal, **Dr. Lisa Bianco** are located in the main building. They are joined this year by **Ms. Christi Porter**, our new Magnet Coordinator.

You may find it useful to get to know some of these other members of the Bay Point family who are located in the Front Office:

Ms. Kerry Cunningham joins us this year as our new Guidance Counselor.

Mrs. Nancy Wohlgemuth is the Principal's secretary and the office manager.

Mrs. Annie Tucker is our Data Prep Clerk and she will assist you with any questions you have regarding enrollment, or your child's records.

Ms. Karen Leon is situated in the work room and is the Instructional Assistant for our teachers.

Manning the Front Desk, **Mrs. Jodi Rivera**, serves double duty, as she also is the Magnet Secretary. **Mrs. Linda Stamos** takes over in the afternoon.

Ms. Cindy Petelle is our Family and Community Liaison and she will assist you with any questions you may have about volunteering or donating to the school.

School Hours

8:40 AM—2:40 PM

Office Hours

8:00 AM—3:15 PM
Phone: 552-1449

FAQ's

- ♦ **The gates open for students at 8:25 AM**, although students coming for breakfast will be admitted 5 minutes earlier.
- ♦ **Classes begin promptly at 8:40 AM**. Students arriving after that time will be considered late and will have to sign in in the Front Office.
- ♦ **Gates are locked during school hours**. Please only enter and exit through the Front Office.
- ♦ **All visitors to campus (including parents who wish to walk their child back to the class) must sign in** on the computer in the Front Office. You will be asked to present a driver's license.
- ♦ **Visitors and volunteers will be asked to wear an ID**. Registered volunteers typically have a permanent tag. Please use this as it saves the cost of printing a new badge out each time you come.



Important

The School Board is considering a new Student Assignment Plan which may drastically affect area schools. Review the draft at: www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/News/PCSNews_Story_1.html and then attend one of the scheduled Community Input Meetings in September.



Please Promptly Return Your Child's Clinic Card

What if your child is sick, or the bus taking them home in the afternoon is delayed, or the teacher needs to contact you about their progress—and we do not have a number to reach you!

Please return the yellow clinic cards with accurate information to help us keep you in touch. And don't forget to keep us updated if your contact information changes during the year.

If you send someone else to pick up your child—that person's name must be on the yellow clinic card before they may take your child home.

Meal Deal

Our cafeteria serves nutritious meals to the students for a nominal fee. Breakfast is \$1.00 and lunch costs \$1.75 a day. Free or reduced cost meals are available to eligible students. Just fill out the forms you receive in your first day packets.

You may wish to put money in an account for your child, that way you do not have to dig for change every day. To do this, contact the **Cafeteria Manager, Ann Niles** (You may find her in the cafeteria, or by calling 552-1459). Checks may be made payable to: *Bay Point Elementary Food Service*. Menus may be found at: <http://www.pcsb.org/is/fsmenus/home.html>

If you prefer, you may pack a lunch from home. Drinks, like milk or juice may still be purchased.

Please remind your child that they should not share their lunch with a friend—this not only insures your child is eating what you pack— it also protects those with food allergies from unwittingly eating something harmful.

Check with your child's teacher before sending in goodies (cupcakes, chips, etc.) for the class. School Board policy strictly limits the amount of sweets and snacks that may be served on campus.

Commitment to Character Pledge

"I pledge myself to C2C, respect, responsibility, honesty, self-motivation too. I'll use these traits in all I do."



The August C2C Trait is: **Respect**
'Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration. "

Get To and From School Safely

THE CAR CIRCLE

Please be extra patient the first week or so of the new school year as many more parents drive their children the first few days than we see on a regular basis. Keep heart—the congestion will not be as bad once the school year gets under way.

The overall process will move smoothly, and safely, if you follow these simple guidelines when dropping off and picking up your child:

- ◆ **Post the sign** we provide with your rider(s) name(s) in your windshield. This way we are able to call the children as you arrive.
- ◆ **Pull up all the way**—do not stop at the cross walk. This allows more cars into the driveway and cuts down on congestion on 22nd.
- ◆ **Double traffic lanes are unsafe** as it is difficult for drivers to see children crossing in between cars—please be patient and wait in a single car lane.
- ◆ **Turn right!** Left hand turns slow everything down as drivers cross each other's paths. If possible, enter the school with a right turn off of 22nd Street. Likewise when exiting the school drop off zone, turn right onto 22nd Street toward 54th Avenue.
- ◆ **If you must park**, do not park in the drive through lanes, please use a parking space.
- ◆ **Do not double park** - even "for a minute" - it blocks others in.
- ◆ **Do not drive** in the Bus Circle.
- ◆ **Use the crosswalk.** This sets a standard for the children so that they do not run between cars or buses. If adults act appropriately, the children will be more likely to follow the rules of the road.
- ◆ **The teachers and staff** take turns at the thankless task of traffic duty to insure your child's safety. Please be courteous to them and help them do their job by doing your part to insure the car circle moves safely and quickly.

WALKERS, BIKERS AND BUS RIDERS

Take a moment to review these safety tips with your child:

- ◆ Always cross the road at a crosswalk, obey the Crossing Guards.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing a street.
- ◆ Do not walk or ride between parked cars or buses. Go to the intersection to cross.
- ◆ Wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bike.
- ◆ Arrive at the bus stop in time for the bus.
- ◆ Do not run to or from the buses.
- ◆ An adult should present at the bus stop.



The number for the Transportation Call Center is 587-2020 if you have questions about school buses.

Dress for Success

The Pinellas County School *Code of Student Conduct* includes a dress code which we must enforce.

- ◆ Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and cover the midriff.
- ◆ Shorts, skirts and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in length.
- ◆ Pants must be an appropriate size, with the waist of the garment at the waist.
- ◆ Pants must cover undergarments—including boxer shorts.
- ◆ Clothes must be properly zipped, buttoned or otherwise fastened.
- ◆ Safe footwear must be worn. No roller skates, heeled shoes, flip flops or bedroom slippers. Remember your children will be running around during PE.



To learn more about the dress code check on the web at:

<http://www.pcsb.org/forstudents/> and click on "Policies".

Help Your Child Succeed

What can you do to help your child in school? Plenty—You are their primary teacher!

- ◆ Take every opportunity to read with your child. This can be a bedtime story, the Sunday comics, or during a trip to the library.
- ◆ Have your child read to you. Third graders will be expected to score well on the reading portion of the Florida Curriculum Assessment Test (FCAT) in order to move on to the fourth grade. Find out now if your child is struggling.
- ◆ Check your child's assignment journal each evening to learn about the homework they have, or to read notes from their teacher.
- ◆ Come to the open house to meet the teacher. Keep in touch throughout the year.
- ◆ Join the PTA! Get to know the other families at the school. It is a great way to keep on top of what is happening.



Speaking of the PTA

Show your Bay Point Pride! The PTA sells colorful Bay Point T-shirts and sweatshirts for colder weather—all for a nominal fee.

Paired with a pair of dark shorts—your child will always be "up-to-code". They are great to wear on field trips.

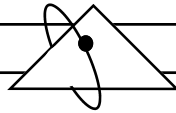
About Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to have cell phones on campus. They will be confiscated.



Are You An All-Pro Dad?

Contact Cindy Petelle (petellec@pcsb.org) about getting organized.



Join An Outstanding Group of Parents and Community Members

Without you, many of the program enhancements and extra student activities would not be possible. Volunteer a little or volunteer a lot—you decide how much time you can give, but please, don't be a stranger!

Regularly: Classroom Assistant, Media Center, Mentor, Tutor, Club Sponsor
Once in a while: Field Trip Chaperone or Driver; Book Fair; Science Fair; Winter/Spring Concerts; Great American Teach-In; PE Field Days; PTA Events (Fall Festival, Auction); Butterfly Garden maintenance

Hot Spots: Consider lending your unique talents to one of our clubs:
 PTA (Jerry Blevins—jblevins@fla-esq.com)
 Camera Club (Bonnie Parker—parkerbo@pcsb.org)
 Chinese Language Club (Lea Hunt—huntl@pcsb.org)
 Club Olé (Nilsa Gómez- gomezjimenezn@pcsb.org)
 Earth Force (Jodi Warson, Jen Kincaid—warsonj@pcsb.org)
 Guitar Club/Chorus (Hernán Pineda—pinedah@pcsb.org)
 Multicultural Club (Mariella Jakubik—stanleyem@pcsb.org)
 Young Astronauts (Sue Petrino—petrinos@pcsb.org)

Other Ways to Help: Clip *Box Tops For Education* from General Mills products; Adopt-A-Class; Recycle Ink Jet Cartridges and Cell Phones; Recycle Newspapers; Designate BPE at Alberton's, Target and Office Depot...

Parent-Teacher Association

Jerry Blevins, President
 Cissy Blevins, VP Activities
 Robin McDonald, VP Activities
 Courtney McLaughlin, VP Activities
 Lydia Hickey, VP Programs
 Dawn Ottaviani, VP Programs
 Diana Hodge, VP Membership
 Dawn Smith, VP Membership
 Robin Cook, VP Fundraising
 Kim Porterfield, VP Fundraising
 Lynn Bittner, Secretary
 Anne Lynch, Treasurer
 Gretchen Ackerson,
 Teacher Liaison
Committees
 BPE Merchandise: Lynn Bittner
 T-Shirt Sales: Lydia Hickey and Dawn Ottaviani
 Bricks for Bay Point: Lisa Brave
 Communications: *open*
 County Liaison: *open*

Already Registered As a Volunteer?

Great—but, please take a moment to reactivate your registration (all records were purged at the end of the school year). All you have to do is log on to the computer in the Front Office and update your information. This is especially important if you did not sign in last year. Contact **Cindy Petelle** at 552-1449 or petellec@pcsb.org.

New Volunteer?

The registration process may take a couple weeks—so it's a good idea to get your paperwork in now if you plan to drive on a field trip.

- ◆ Completely fill out the Volunteer Registration Form (available in the Front Office)
- ◆ Provide a copy of your photo ID

Take the "Three for Me" Pledge!

PTA Ice Cream Social



September 6th
 6:00 PM
 School Cafeteria

School Advisory Council

Lisa Brody, Chairman
 Gaye Lively, Principal

The SAC meets once a month in the evening. The first meeting will be on campus Tuesday, September 11th at 5:30 PM. It is composed of school personnel, parents and community members and they develop the School Improvement Plan.

If you have an interest in serving on this board, please contact **Mrs. Lively** at 552-1449 or **Mrs. Brody**.



I Promise...to Volunteer
 Three Hours during the
 2007-2008 school year at
 Bay Point Elementary Magnet

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____