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Principal's Note...

Welcome to Bay Point Elementary 09-10!

How very exciting to see these eager faces and knowing that we have much to do helping them become the very best they can be.

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

Student Success in Magnet areas

through rigor, relevance, responsibility and relationships. Enjoy your first week back and I look forward to seeing you at Open House Sept. 3rd. Thank you for the privilege of working with your child as we join together in this partnership.

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

Mrs. Lively

This month:

24th Meet the Teacher,
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

25th First Day of School,
8:25 am gates open
8:35 am—2:50 pm class in session

PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast—Parents of incoming Kindergarteners are invited to the school cafeteria for a light breakfast and plenty of tissues!

26th Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm

September-Septiembre

2nd Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm

3rd PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 pm

Open House, 7:30 PM

After the Social, stop by your child's classroom to learn what your child will be studying this year, classroom expectations and upcoming events.

4th First Friday—no uniforms

7th Labor Day, No School

8th Young Astronaut applications home

9th Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm

10th Father's Walk to School, 8:25 am

15th Boy Scout Night, 7:00 pm Cafeteria

16th Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm

22nd Young Astronaut applications due

23rd Early Release Wednesday. 1:35 pm

30th Early Release Wednesday. 1:35 pm



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

Please Note...

- ◆ A copy of this **newsletter** is posted on the school website at: <www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us> . In the online version, web links are clickable.
- ◆ **Teacher e-mail addresses** and web pages are also accessible through the site
- ◆ **Uniforms** are mandatory. Check the website for more information.
- ◆ **The PTA sells** colorful T-shirts with the school logo. The order form may be found at <www.bpepta.org>

These measures are in place to keep your child safe. Though the staff may know you well, please help us by cooperating:

- ◆ **Present your driver's license** each time you enter the school. Registered volunteers sign in the computer.
- ◆ **All visitors and volunteers** are asked to wear an ID. One will be printed when your ID is scanned.
- ◆ **Enter the school through the gate** after signing in. Do not walk through the Front Office.
- ◆ **All other gates are locked** during school hours. Please exit through the Front Office, not the side gates.
- ◆ **Remember to sign out.**

New School Hours



8:25 AM Gates Open

8:35 AM—2:50 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:35 AM—1:35 PM Early Release
Every Wednesday

3:15 PM School Closed—*Any students not picked up will be sent to the YMCA for after-school care*

Office Hours

8:00 AM—3:15 PM

Office Phone: 727-552-1449

School Website: www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us

TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser!

Great Idea



Be Involved—

Join the Parent-Teacher Association

www.bpepta.org

Nutritious Meals For Your Child

- ◆ The Cafeteria serves breakfast beginning at 8:20 AM
- ◆ Breakfast costs \$1.00 and Lunch costs \$1.75 a day. (Free or reduced meals are available to eligible students. Fill out and return the forms you receive in your first day packets.)
- ◆ There are several ways to pay:
 1. Pay by credit card at Mealpay Plus at <www.15.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx>
 2. Pay by cash or check. Contact the **Cafeteria Manager, Deloris Smith** before school (727-552-1459). Checks payable to: *Bay Point Elementary Food Service*.
- ◆ Menus may be found at: <http://www.pcsb.org/is/fsmenu/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.

Who's Who in the Office

Our Principal, **Mrs. Gaye Lively**, our Assistant Principal, **Ms. Angela Owens**, and the Magnet Coordinator, **Dr. Christi Porter**, are located in the main building.

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** is the Guidance Counselor.
- ◆ **Mrs. Nancy Wohlgemuth** is the Principal's secretary/bookkeeper and the office manager.
- ◆ **Mrs. Jodi Rivera** works with Dr. Porter as Magnet Secretary.
- ◆ **Mrs. Annie Tucker** is our Data Management Technician 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.
- ◆ **Ms. Cindy Petelle** is our Family and Community Liaison. She will assist you with any questions you may have about volunteering or donating to the school. Her website is: <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

KEEP THE CARS MOVING

The first week or so is the “slowest” in the car circle, please be patient, and DO:

- ◆ **Post the sign** we provide with your rider(s) name(s) in your windshield.
- ◆ **Pull up all the way.**
- ◆ **Turn right to exit and enter the car circle.**
- ◆ **Park only in designated spaces**, *not* in the drive through lanes.
- ◆ **Use the crosswalk.** If adults act appropriately, the children will follow suit.
- ◆ **Be courteous** to the teachers and staff and help them do their job by doing your part to insure the car circle moves safely and quickly.

Please **DO NOT**:

- ◆ **Double park .**
- ◆ **Create double** traffic lanes.
- ◆ **Drive in the Bus Circle** in the front of the school.

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Walkers, Bikers and Bus Riders

If your child walks or rides their bike, please review these safety rules:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bike.

Bus riders:

- ◆ Arrive at the bus stop in time for the bus.
- ◆ Do not run to or from the buses.
- ◆ An adult should be present at the bus stop.

Review the First Day Packet

Your student will receive a first day packet of information from his/her classroom teacher which contains some items which need your attention.

- ◆ Fill out the **YELLOW CLINIC CARD**. Be sure you include the name(s) of those who are authorized to pick up your child from school if you are unable to do so. The contact phone numbers should be kept up to date throughout the school year.
- ◆ Parents of new students must sign and return the **MEDIA RELEASE FORM**. If the form is not returned by September 4th it is considered a “no”.

Help Your Child Succeed

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

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Come to Open House to meet the teacher** on September 3rd at 7:30 PM after the PTA Ice Cream Social. Keep in touch throughout the year.
- ◆ **Join the PTA!** It is a great way to keep on top of what is happening at the school.

Pennies for Pasta

A Note of Congratulations from
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society



“Congratulations on being an “A” rated school! You are truly rated an “A” in the hearts of the patients and families we serve by raising \$1,878.55 to help us further our mission to: ‘Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.’”

Thank you Coach Irving for organizing this effort last spring!

Earn Cash For Our School



Clip These



- ◆ Designate BPE at Target and Office Depot
- ◆ If you shop online try:
www.btfe.com

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Erich Henegar, Chairman

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is composed of dedicated parents, staff, and community members. It meets once a month to develop a plan that will provide for the academic achievement of all students.

Parent-Teacher Association

Dawn Smith, President

VP Programs

Robyn Pierson, Tracy Grant, Jason Grant

VP Activities

Chris Hudgens

VP Membership

Dawn Ottaviani

VP Fundraising

Carrie Jefferis, Cissy Blevins

Treasurer

Mike Jefferis

Secretary

Karen Esin

Committees

T-Shirt: Tammy Sandillo, Regina Baker

Reflections: Rachel Astorga

Hospitality: Sonja Stiles

Keep up with the latest PTA news at:

WWW.BPEPTA.ORG

Join Us!



At the Annual PTA
Ice Cream Social and
General Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd
6:00-7:15 pm

School Cafeteria

School Open House
immediately follows

Welcome Back Volunteers!

...Ms. Cindy Petelle

We are prepared for another great year. Bay Point Elementary Magnet School is an "A" school and a recipient of the State of Florida Five Star School Award thanks in part to the wonderful support of our parents!

- All volunteers were purged at the end of last year, so everyone needs to reactivate. Just sign in on the computer using your social security number and answer a few questions.
- Remember, you need to be a registered volunteer to go on field trips, or help in the classroom.
- If you plan to drive on a field trip, you may want to fill out the insurance forms in advance
- volunteer workshop– Join us at 9:00 am on August 29th in the Media Center for coffee and news

There are many ways to participate, here are just a few:

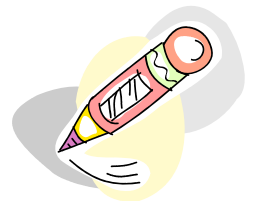
- Attend a 2 hour mentor training.
- Participate in The Great American Teach-In on November 18th. It's a day we invite parents to come in and share their hobbies, interests or career with our students.
- Adopt your child's class, - maybe your employer will contribute. Forms are available on-line or in the Front Office.
- Contribute to the teacher "wish list"
- Donate office supplies, etc. to the school
- Save *Box Tops for Education* and Campbell's Soup Labels for the school to redeem.

Bookmark my webpage for forms and updates at:
<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/teachers7/petellec/index.html>

Do you want your stuff back?

Every semester we are forced to dispose of mountains of jackets, lunch boxes, and other items—all because there is no name in them to identify the owner!

Take a moment now to label the inside of your child's belongings, jackets and sweaters.



Label Everything!



About Electronic Devices

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

Dear Parents,

Our teachers, staff, administrators and school board members join with me in welcoming you to a new school year. Whether you are the parent of a child entering school for the first time, the parent of a graduating senior, or somewhere in between, we encourage you to become involved in your child's education.

Our goal is 100% student success. Your reinforcement at home will help your child succeed in school. Encourage him/her to read and stay informed about homework and class assignments. Talk about school experiences and what he/she is learning. Be sure your child attends school and arrives on time each day. Communicate with your child's teacher and request a conference if you have a concern. Our dedicated, talented teachers are among the best in the state and we have a staff that is prepared to give students the support they need.

We invite you to stay involved with your child's school by volunteering, attending events and meetings, and taking time to learn what the school has to offer. Being an involved parent is the best thing you can do for your child's education and we appreciate the time and talent that you can share.

I wish you and your family only the best for this coming year. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve your family.

Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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, www.pcsb.org, with your ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password and click on "Change of Address." Or you can visit your assigned school for assistance.

Your child may be moved to a different school. This will depend on seat availability and the distance you would have to travel (i.e. if you moved to Tarpon Springs from St. Petersburg, the district will assign your child to a new school).

Volunteers Needed

Through volunteering, families can have an active role in their child's education as well as the operation of the school. People of all ages are needed to help students and schools succeed. For information on how you can become a tutor, mentor, office/clerical assistant, library helper, ESOL tutor or classroom partner, call (727) 588-6405.

Stay Connected With Pinellas County Schools

School board meetings are held twice monthly during most months and are streamed live on the Internet. Rebroadcasts are available on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 2 and Verizon Ch. 46 and are streamed on the Internet at www.wpds.tv.

School Board's Final Budget Public Hearing

The school board will hold its final public hearing on Sept. 15 regarding the 2009-10 budget. The district's finance team presented a tentative budget and millage rates at the first budget hearing in July. The school board tentatively approved a .25 mill increase, allowed by the state legislature. The additional millage would provide an estimated \$14-million in additional operating revenue. However, the district still needs \$4-million to balance the budget.

Action Steps to Protect Your Child and Family from Swine Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends four main ways you and your family may keep from catching the flu:

1. Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water.
2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
3. Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever.
4. Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

For more information, visit www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet2.html.

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