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Dear Bay Point Families,

Mrs. Delores Milton, Principal,
and

Ms. Barbara Hawkins,
Assistant Principal

Are delighted to be a part of the
Bay Point Community.

They, along with

Dr. Christi Porter,

Magnet Coordinator,

and the entire BPE faculty and staff,
are looking forward to working with
you for another great year.

Calendar:

23rd **Meet the Teacher,**
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

24th **First Day of School,**
8:25 am gates open
8:35 am—2:50 pm class in session

PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast—The PTA invites parents of incoming Kindergarteners to the school cafeteria (where tissues will be provided!) Please stop by to meet our PTA, and other K parents.

25th Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm

September-Septiembre

1st Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 pm

Classroom Open House, 7:15 PM

Stop by your child's classroom so that you know:

- * what your child will be learning
- * classroom expectations
- * upcoming events.

6th Labor Day, No School

8th Early Release Wednesday, 1:35 pm



Click this button on the school web site to log on today !

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** are also accessible through the site
- ◆ **Uniforms** are mandatory and are to be worn every day. Check the school website for more information.
- ◆ **The PTA sells** colorful T-shirts with the school logo. The order form may also be found at the school website.

Safety is a Priority

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 on the computer.
- ◆ **All visitors and volunteers** are asked to wear an ID.
- ◆ **Enter the school through the office** after signing in. Do not walk through the office hall.
- ◆ **All other gates are locked** during school hours. Please exit through the front office, not the side gates.
- ◆ **Remember to sign out.**

**In School, On Time,
Every Class, Every Day**

The school district intends to "get tough" on absenteeism.
"Kids can't learn if they are not in the classroom"

Make sure your child gets to school in time for the 8:35 am bell



Who's Who in the Office

Our administrators, the Principal, **Mrs. Delores Milton**, Assistant Principal, **Ms. Barbara Hawkins**, and Magnet Coordinator, **Dr. Christi Porter**, are located in the main building.

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

- ◆ **Ms. Kymerly Tetro** 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.
- ◆ **Mrs. Linda Stamos**, receptionist, answers your questions when you call or come in to the office
- ◆ **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.

Facts at your fingertips

The district Communications Office has compiled a handy guide at: www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/News/pdf/2010/information_guide_2010-11.pdf

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 it is considered a "no".



**READ WITH
YOUR CHILD**

School Hours

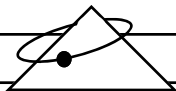
8:25 AM Gates Open
8:35 AM—2:50 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:35 AM—1:35 PM
Early Release, Every Wednesday
3:15 PM School Closed—*Any students not picked up will be sent to the YMCA for after-school care*

Office Hours

8:15 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!



Breakfast and Lunch

- ♦ The Cafeteria serves breakfast 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 on account:

1. Pay by credit card at Mealpay Plus at

<[https://](https://www12.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx)

www12.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx

2. Pay by cash or check.

Contact the **Cafeteria Manager**, Mr. Fletcher Armour, between 8:30am and 9:30am (727-552-1459). Checks 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 (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 to them.
- ♦ *Talk to 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.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The first week or so is the “slowest” in the car circle; please be patient! Here are a few pointers:

- ♦ **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.** Try to avoid left turns as this ties up traffic.
- ♦ **Park only in designated spaces**, *not* in the drive through lanes.
- ♦ **Use the crosswalk.** Please model safe crossings for the students. 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.

Label Your Child's Personal Belongings

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 lunchbox, backpack, jackets and sweaters.



Clip These



BPE 2010-2011 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, Karen Esin

Treasurer

Mike Jefferis

Secretary

Robyn Pierson

Committees

T-Shirt: Carmen Pupo, Regina Baker

Reflections: unfilled

Hospitality: Sonja Stiles

Keep up with the latest
PTA news at:

WWW.BPEPTA.ORG

For Our Involved Parents...

- ◆ You must be a registered volunteer to help in classrooms or go on field trips
- ◆ If you have registered, sign in on the computer in the Front Office to reactivate (all names were purged at the end of last year)
- ◆ Remember - to drive on field trips, registered volunteers will need to fill out another form, and provide proof of insurance
- ◆ Join the PTA! They are a great group who do a variety of things. You will get to know other families, have a closer relationship with the school and have lots of fun!



BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS

Hi Bay Point Families!

We are ready for an exciting new year. This year our theme is BPE PTA ...CONNECTED FOR KIDS...We are lining up a lot of exciting programs this year and repeating your favorites. Our first general meeting, our Ice Cream Social, will be on September 1st at 6:00pm.

Because we know how valuable your time is, once again we will be coordinating it with our parent teacher open house at 7:00pm. You will receive a calendar of events for the year and find out how to get connected and be a strong supporting part of our school.

Please visit our website for ongoing information throughout the year www.bpepta.org . Any questions or suggestions please email me or any board member at any time.

Dawn Smith
PTA President

Back to School Night Wednesday, September 1st

PTA Ice Cream Social and
General Meeting at 6:00 PM

School Open House at 7:15 PM

Enjoy some ice cream, meet other parents, and then join us in your child's classroom to learn what their teacher has planned for the year.

Welcome Back Volunteers!

...Ms. Cindy Petelle

Bay Point Elementary Magnet School has been awarded the Golden School Award and the State of Florida Five Star School Award thanks to the outstanding support of our parents!

There are many ways to be a part of BPE:

- ◆ Help in classrooms, the media center, or art, science and music
- ◆ Take a shift at PTA events like the Fall Festival or campfire
- ◆ Share your skills at the Great American Teach-In on Nov 17th.
- ◆ Adopt a classroom or program. Be a BPE Patron.
- ◆ Contribute to classroom wish lists
- ◆ Save Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels. Designate BPE at Target, Office Depot, try www.btfe.com