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MAGNET SCHOOL

# BROADCAST

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## A Message from the Principal

Greetings Parents and Family Members,

We would like to extend a big warm welcome to new and returning students. We are excited to have you at our school! I am even more excited at the opportunity to serve as your school principal and leader. Our team members have worked diligently this summer in preparation for your return and we are all eager to get our teaching and learning underway.

We would like to gently remind families that for the safety and welfare of your child, students should not arrive to school before 8:05AM each morning. Instruction will begin promptly at 8:35AM, and it is important that every student be prompt, in class, and prepared for learning at that time. School dismissal will be 2:50PM (and 1:35PM on Wednesdays). For students who elect to eat breakfast, they shall plan to arrive with sufficient time to eat before 8:35AM.

As we embark upon another school year, we are asking all parents to partner with us in providing an exceptional education to all that we serve. Our 2012-2013 theme is "WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE," and with your continued support, we are confident that we can!

Keeping Students First,  
Mrs. Felita Grant Lott

## Calendar:

### August-Agosto

31<sup>st</sup> Picture Day

### September-Septiembre

3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day, No School

5<sup>th</sup> PTA Ice Cream Social &  
General Mtg, 5:15 pm

**BPE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**, 6:00 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Meeting, 9:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day—Come for Lunch!  
Casual Friday, no uniforms

10<sup>th</sup> School Store kickoff

11<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Night

14<sup>th</sup> Pro-Ed Day No School

15<sup>th</sup> Spanish Heritage Month begins



## Grandparents Day

Join your grandchild for  
lunch in the cafeteria on  
Friday September 7th!

Adult lunches—\$2.75

Bookmark our webpage

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

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.

5 Star \* "A" Grade \* Golden School

## Please Note...

- ♦ **Teacher e-mail addresses** are accessible on our web page at the Faculty link. Click their name to open.
- ♦ **Teacher web pages** may be found on Moodle. Students must log in using their password.
- ♦ Some teachers have off-site pages which may be found by clicking the blue dot next to their name at the Faculty link
- ♦ **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 into Portal / Focus 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



8:35 am

## Who's Who in the Office

Our administrators, the Principal, **Mrs. Felita Grant Lott**, Assistant Principal, **Ms. Barbara Hawkins**, and Magnet Coordinator, **Ms. Sara DePerro**, 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. Cameshia Ware** is the Guidance Counselor.
- ♦ **Mrs. Nancy Wohlgemuth** is the Principal's secretary/bookkeeper and the office manager.
- ♦ **Ms. Cindy Petelle** works with Ms. DePerro as Magnet Secretary, and as Family & Community Liaison. She and Mrs. D'Louhy will assist you with any questions about volunteering or donating to the school.
- ♦ **Mrs. Kelly D'Louhy** is the staffing clerk in Guidance and Family & Community Liaison.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ Teacher assistants include **Mrs. Tracy Grant**, **Mrs. Debra Spayde**, **Mrs. Arielle Mitchell** (workroom) and **Mrs. Eunice Morales**.

## School Hours

8:05 AM Gates Open  
Free Breakfast served

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

### Office Hours

8:00 AM—3:20 PM  
Office Phone: 727-552-1449  
Dial "0" for the Front Office

### School Website:

[www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)  
*TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser!*

## Adopt A Class

For a tax-deductible donation of \$100 or more you may help a teacher provide something exciting for the class. And some employers will match the amount. Now more than ever, we appreciate your support!

## Children Misplace Things

Label Your Child's  
Personal Belongings

## Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

## NOTICE: School Health Screenings

School Health Services for 2012-13

School nurses identify and assist students with health-care needs during the school day. Every school has a school nurse assigned either full or part time. A clinic card is sent home with each student at the beginning of every school year. Please complete the cards promptly with the important health and contact information and update the information as often as needed.

Medications should be taken at home whenever possible. If medications (both prescription and over the counter) are required at school, a medication card (available from your school) must be completed each year. No student may transport medications to or from school.

The Pinellas County School District, in accordance with Florida State Statutes (s.381.0056(6)(e), FS, provides health services and screenings for students in the public schools. The services may include medication administration (in accordance with district policy), and first aid for illness or injury. The screenings may include, vision, hearing, BMI (Body mass index- height and weight), scoliosis (gr 6 only), and any appropriate follow-up. **If you do not want your child to participate in any of these services and/or screenings and be exempted, please notify your school/school nurse in writing.**

Our school's screening day is scheduled for Kindergarten and First Grade Vision & Hearing and Third Grade Vision only on November 26, 2012. Students in grade 6 will also be screened for scoliosis. **If you do not want your child to participate in these screenings, you must notify the school/ school nurse in writing, and specify which screenings you want to "opt-out" of.**

For any question regarding nursing services, please contact School Health Services at 727-588-6320.

Clip These Please!



Don't forget to designate Bay Point Elementary on your Target card!

## District Wide Changes for Volunteers

The School Board requires that any one who has unsupervised contact with students be fingerprinted (Level II clearance).

- ◆ All volunteers, which includes guest speakers, must be registered volunteers and background checked.
- ◆ All volunteers must sign in at the front desk and log into Focus to record their hours for the day.
- ◆ Volunteers who have unsupervised contact with students must be Level II cleared. This includes:
  1. Field trip drivers
  2. All chaperones attending overnight field trips
- ◆ Classroom volunteers must not be left alone with students.
- ◆ Those who wish to obtain Level II clearance must first be registered volunteers. Go to EZFingerPrints <http://www.ezfingerprints.com> to set an appointment. The fee is \$48.00. Approval takes up to 72 hours.
- ◆ Individuals who currently have a Level II clearance (police officers, firefighters, nurses, school board employees) may provide a copy of the Level II badge/ card or VECHS/FDLE paperwork to: The Office of Strategic Partnerships, 301 Fourth Street, Largo, FL 33770 - 727-588-6000 x 1853
- ◆ All Level II screened volunteers must carry in their possession their Level II badge when volunteering.

## Portal is now Focus

Use this link to log in to the district site to update family information, check on your child's attendance and grades and to record your volunteer hours:

<https://portal.pcsb.org/focus>

Parents were given a password and user ID. The user ID begins with "p." and is followed by your name. The password is generated by the district, and is case sensitive. Please keep it in a safe place so that you are able to access your child's information.

## Volunteers Must Reactivate

Volunteers must reactivate in the computer. Usually the user ID is "v." followed by your last name, first initial (e.g. v.smithp). Your password is your last name (capitalize the first letter) followed by your four digit year of birth (e.g. Smith2012). Once you have reactivated you will not have to fill out paperwork again for this school year.

*Meet Your*  
**Parent-Teacher Association**

**President**

Carmen Pupo

**Vice President**

Shanika Sanders

**Treasurer:** Tim Sonberg**Recording Secretary:** Jen Suereth**Corresponding Secretary:** Cara Ertle**Web Master:** Brennan Guinagh**Membership:** Stacy McCain**Activities:** Jen Cannizzaro \* Mari Czyszczonek  
Monique Brown**Programs:** Miles Baker \* Bryan Higley  
Tiffany Spoor**Fundraising:** Lorrie Ashley \* Mike Jefferis \*  
Dan Summers**Hospitality:** Kristen Cohen \* Cheryl Stacks**Merchandise/Shirts:** Renee Hale \* Rose Kramer**Reflections:** Kelly D'Louhy**Math Superstars:** Kelly D'Louhy**Teacher Liaisons:** Carrie Jefferis \* Tracy Grant**Keep up with the latest PTA news at:**  
[WWW.BPEPTA.ORG](http://WWW.BPEPTA.ORG)

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/BAY-POINT-ELEMENTARY-PTA/153952011294066](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/BAY-POINT-ELEMENTARY-PTA/153952011294066)



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**PTA Ice  
Cream  
Social &  
General  
Meeting**

**5:15 pm**in the  
School Cafeteria

**BPE Open  
House  
BACK-TO-  
SCHOOL  
Night**

**6:00 pm**in the  
Classrooms  
(*Second session at  
6:30 pm for parents with  
multiple students*)**Wednesday, September 5th*****See You There!*****Welcome Back, Volunteers!**

Come to our Orientation on

Thursday, September 6th

9:00 am in the Media Center

- ◆ New rules affecting field trips, speakers and classroom volunteers
- ◆ View confidentiality video (for grading spelling or math papers)
- ◆ Orientation to volunteer opportunities
- ◆ How and why to record your hours

*Coffee and light snacks will be served!*