

# BROADCAST

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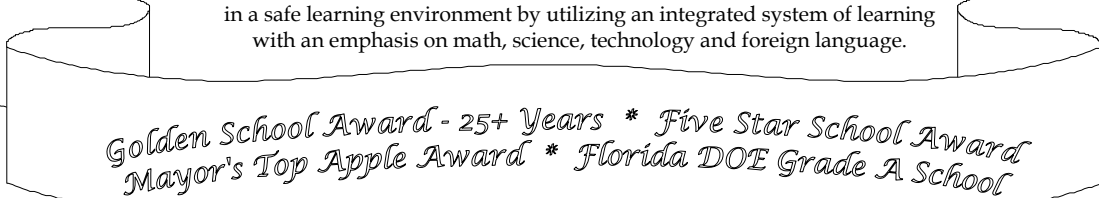
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## This month:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal's List Bowling Party
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Mahaffey Theater (Kindergarten)  
*After School Clubs:* Camera, Chinese, Young Astronauts (Group 3)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Kennedy Space Center (YAC)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day, 12:40 dismissal  
*After School Clubs:* Club Olé, Young Astronauts
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
  - 14<sup>th</sup> **Coffee and Curriculum Talk:**  
"Parent to Parent" 8:30 AM, Media Center
  - 18<sup>th</sup> *After School Clubs:* Camera, Chinese  
**Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM Cafeteria**  
6:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Chorus to Music Room  
6:30 PM K & 1<sup>st</sup> to classrooms
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>  
*Winter Break*  
Classes Resume January 7<sup>th</sup>



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.





## From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

The month of December in the science lab, the students in Kindergarten will be learning about the Earth, Sun, and Moon's positions and movement in the solar system. Second grade students will explore gravity and centrifugal force on the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Second graders will learn about the food pyramid and food groups. Third graders will trace the flow of energy in the production of sound. Fourth graders will construct a simple and a series electric circuit and an electro-magnet and trace the flow of energy through them. Fifth grade students will experiment with convection, conduction, and radiation of heat as well as potential and kinetic energy.

### GOING GREEN AT BAY POINT

Our newspaper dumpster is now a paper dumpster. We can now put any kind of paper in it with the exception of cardboard. You can deposit newspapers, phonebooks, magazines, office paper, junk advertising, shredded paper. Please do not put plastic bags in the dumpster. The dumpster is located straight ahead as you come in the car circle in front of the air conditioning building. It will soon be repainted and relocated to a more convenient place. Coming in the near future are bins for plastic and aluminum recycling.

### GREEN TIP

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse

| Decomposition Rates |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Paper               | 2-4 weeks   |
| Leaves              | 1-3 weeks   |
| Orange Peels        | 6 months    |
| Milk Carton (VOC)   | 5 years     |
| Plastic Bag         | 10-20 years |
| Plastic Container   | 50-80 years |
| Aluminum Can        | 80 years    |
| Tin Can             | 100 years   |
| Plastic Soda Bottle | 450 years   |
| Glass Bottle        | 500 years   |
| Styrofoam           | Never       |

## I'm Fit—I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

December is Healthy Weight Month. Why wait until January—adopt these “New Motto” tips in December:

- **Be Mindful**—What are you really hungry for?
- **Be Prepared**—Have a healthful snack prepared.
- **Be Aware of Portion Overload**—Less is more.
- **Be Slow**—Slow down and chew your food, do not speed eat.

### Critical Need

We need mentors (men!) and math tutors. Please contact Cindy Petelle at 552-1449

## From the Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

This year when we received the new computers in the lab, they came with Office 2007 installed on them. Microsoft has instituted many changes in this new release, especially in Word. I have been working with the fifth graders in learning how to use Word 2007 in creating documents. They have learned how to change background colors, how to put on a border, and insert graphics and text boxes. We have started also learning about how to format images to change them which is a lot of fun. They have been doing wonderful on this! We are also working on the very popular English typing series, BBC Dance Mat Typing. The kids love this program and are becoming proficient typists! We will be working all year on this and other programs.

Have a wonderful holiday and don't forget- we collect and turn in to recycle used cartridges and cell phones!

## Noticia Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez

The Spanish team is very proud of BPE students. They have learned so much Spanish in the past four months!

Our **kindergarteners** know how to count to ten: *uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, y diez*. They also know colors, fruits and some body parts.

Our **first graders** know school objects: *mochila, lápiz, tijeras, libro, papel y pega*. They can count to thirty, and they can identify main family members. They know colors, how to say the date, and they learned new body parts.

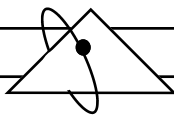
**Second grade** is such a fun grade. They reviewed topics from previous years, and learned some new words on each topic. During this month they will be learning Spanish vocabulary related to clothing and toys.

Third graders at BPE are learning to answer personal questions such as *¿Cómo te llama?* (What is your name?), and *¿De dónde eres?* (Where are you from?). They also studied the topics of occupation and food groups in the target language.

**Fourth and fifth graders** also reviewed topics from previous years, while increasing the level of difficulty. They are learning more Spanish grammar. This includes the verb “to be”, adjective and pronouns, as well as new vocabulary related to the middle school Spanish curriculum, and Hispanic culture.

Please congratulate your children for their accomplishments during this semester and encourage them to practice as much as they can. From counting cars on the road and telling the colors they are wearing, to being able to exchange personal information, our Bay Point students are *Fantásticos!*

**Bay Point  
students  
are  
Fantásticos!**



### Name that Number

**Materials:** 4 cards each of numbers 0-10 and 1 card each of numbers 11-20

**Number of Players:** 3 or 4

**Directions:** A player shuffles the deck and places five cards face-up on the playing surface. This player leaves the rest of the deck facedown and then turns over and lays down the top card from the deck. The number on this card is the number to be named.

In turn, players try to (re)name the number on the set-apart top card by adding or subtracting the numbers on two of the five face-up cards.

A successful player takes both the two face-up cards and the number-named top card. A successful player also replaces those three cards by drawing from the top of the facedown deck.

Unsuccessful players lose their turns. But they turn over and lay down the top card from the facedown deck, and the number on this card becomes the new number to be named.

Play continues until all facedown cards have been turned over. The player who has taken the most cards at the end wins.

**Example: Mae's Turn:**



The number to be named is 6. It may be named with 4+2, 8-2, or 10-4.

Mae selects 4+2. She takes the 4, 2, and 6 cards. She replaces the 4 and 2 cards with the top two cards from the facedown deck and then turns over and lays down the next card to replace the 6.

**Mike's Turn:**

The new number to be named is 16.



Mike can't find two cards with which to name 16, so he loses his turn. He also turns over the next card from the facedown deck and places it on top of 16, and the number on this card becomes the new number to be named.

Play continues as before.

### We Love Reading at BPE

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

#### BOOK FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank-you for your support of Bay Point Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair. We sold enough books to earn about \$2,500! It is very apparent that reading is important for our student and their families. One parent that came to the book fair bought many books and said that she buys the books and holds on to them to give as rewards to her children. What a wonderful idea as children are taught early that books are a very special thing and that reading is fun, not a chore. The teachers also were pleased as students purchased \$670 worth of Gift Certificates to give to their teachers to help build their classroom libraries. Profits from the book fair will be used to promote reading at our school in many different ways including a visit in January from a nationally known author of the *Black Lagoon* series, Mike Thaler. Mr. Thaler will spend much of the afternoon inspiring 4th graders in preparation for *Florida Writes* which they take in February.

#### DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

The digital camera club has finished learning about the many photo techniques to help take better pictures and is now learning how to download and edit the images. Look for their photos to be displayed around the school. These budding photographers have gone above and beyond our wildest expectations.

#### TWO REASONS WHY WE MUST HELP OUR KIDS LOVE READING

1. Kids have to love reading to become excellent readers. Only if they love reading will they spend lots of time reading. Practice is everything.
2. Avid readers acquire a more complex sense of language. They speak better, write better, and deal better with complex ideas.

### Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

The Young Astronauts Club is soaring to new heights this year! The first meeting brought excitement and wonder to many new and returning members.

Group 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) graders are eagerly learning all about the International Space Station. From launch to docking at the ISS the students will soon be ready to fly there and join the mission!

Group 3 is preparing to make the trip to Kennedy Space Center, for the Overnight Adventure Program. December 8 & 9. All the paper work and assistance from volunteer parents has been vital in preparation for this unique trip. A BIG THANKS to Cindy Petelle, Family and Community Liaison. Her tireless efforts to get this out of town trip approved, made it possible!

We will have many interesting stories, and pictures to share when group 3 returns! Stay Tuned! Look to next month's newsletter for information on what our Youngest Astronauts in Group 1 are up to!

The December Commitment to Character Trait is:

## KINDNESS

"Being nice and considerate toward others."



Join Us for Coffee & Curriculum

December 14th

TOPIC:

"Parent to Parent"

8:30 AM,  
Media Center



## Thank You *Great American Teach-In* Speakers!

James Anderson: Librarianship  
 Lisa Avila: US Navy Pilot  
 Kyle Baker: NOAA Fisheries Service  
 John Barfield: St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
 Bay Point Middle Magnet School Science Students  
 Kristen Berlin: Pediatrician  
 Nancy Bissonette: Baked Goods  
 Lynn Bittner, Jyoti Harrison, Jessica Guarino,  
 Brandon Upson: St. Petersburg Recreation Dept.  
 Lisa Brave: Canine Agility & Training  
 Robert Brumm: TECO  
 Amanda Burnett: Morton Plant Hospital  
 Andrea Carvill: Fuel Cell Cars  
 Carin Constantine: Justice Teaching  
 Theresa Cook, Rick White: Home Depot  
 Jim Cunningham: SWAT  
 Lisa Davis: Pharmacy  
 Mary Shedden Dolson: The Tampa Tribune  
 Lori Gaines: Nursing  
 Vikki Gaskin-Butler: Singing  
 Jason Grant, Mark Oswald, Curt Mull, John Rich:  
 Pinellas County-Traffic Division  
 Renee Hale: Playtime Express  
 Karen Halvorsen: Pharmacy  
 Chris Helinger: Circuit Court Judge  
 Erich Henegar: US Postal Service

Diana Hodge: Your Health  
 Tom Juster: University of South Florida  
 Leonora LaPeter Anton: St. Petersburg Times  
 Thomas Lawery: Progress Energy  
 Brenda Lysowski: Fed Ex  
 Bridget Mailhot  
 Angela McClain: Surgical Tech  
 Robert McCutcheon: Electronic Components  
 Jim McFall, Tommy Wray: Skate Board  
 Tamara Morrow: Travel  
 Diane Peebles: Scientific Illustrator  
 Valerie Prosser: YWCA  
 Warren Reuschel: Biology  
 Rebecca Schwarz: Architecture  
 Yvette Sequino  
 Lisa Simons: Proper Handwashing  
 Jason Stuck: Pinellas County-Mosquito, Lake Mgt.  
 Ron Woolums: Native American Traditions  
 Kurt Zuelsdorf: Kayaking



**And Thank You** to these volunteers who helped make things run so smoothly:  
 Diane Kelley \* Courtney McLaughlin \* Tracy Grant  
 Publix Bay Pointe Plaza \* Winn Dixie

### Do You Shop On-Line?

Try this General Mills link for coupons that help you save money at the grocery store.

If you plan to do some holiday shopping on-line, try this link:

[www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/](http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/)

### Thank You BPE Parents

**Mr. Jason Grant** and Pinellas County Traffic Control for the donation of the stop light in the Cafeteria

**Mr. Chris Hudgens** for the donation of mice for our new laptop computers

### Lost Something?

With the variable weather, it may be days before you realize your child's jacket is missing. **We've been able to return the items that have a name in them** but *Lost and Found* in the Front Office is filled to the brim with children's clothes, lunch boxes and other items—come check it out!

### Be Sure to Log In All Your Hours

Whether you drove on a field trip or did things for the teacher at home we need to record your hours. The school report is due soon. If you can't make it in, e-mail Cindy Petelle at [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org) and ask that your record be updated.

# Adopt\*A\*class

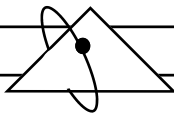
**Thank you** to these families and friends who have adopted a classroom teacher:

**Jim & Sandi Wessel**  
 (Mr. Bowen)

**Surenda & Sandhya Parvataneni**  
 (Mr. Wood)

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*And thank them for their donations to the school!*



## Don't Take a Vacation From Routines! ...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

Resist the urge to scrap all your routines over winter break. The more you stick to a tried-and-true schedule, the better your child may behave during the holidays.

Whenever possible:

- *Enforce* a regular bedtime.
- *Offer* well-balanced meals.
- *Carve out* quiet time for your child.

True, with a family calendar full of holiday events, you may need to modify your routines a bit. But stay with as many as possible and you'll likely have a happier and better-behaved child!

## Vote on Lunch!

Check out the new PTA website:  
[www.BPEPTA.org](http://www.BPEPTA.org)

Vote on the student involvement lunch by 12/6/07

**Principal's List:** Stephanie Lach, Chantel Johnson, Charlie Langer, Ethan Myott, Resham Patel, Bryan Peebles, Caroline Stiles, Matthew Bischoff, Ben Chiudina, Autumn Comiskey, Diante Henry, Alyssa Kelley, Catie Davies, Olivia Gleason, Conlan Hale, Emily Porterfield, Drew Carvill, Taylor Herd, Alyssa Hickey, Shurdon Parker, Ciana Rodgers, Sathya Romero-Rueda, Tyler Bittner, Laura Haan, David Jones, Lauren LaPeter, Kasey Lineberger, Monica Marrocco, A'Rielle Snead, Maverick Abulone, Joy Baker, DeAndre Dancil, DJ Hunter, Garrett McFall, Gregory Parker, Iris Pugh, Patricia Turner, Nathan Huynh, Tysen Singletary, Micah Hawkins, Danielle Sackett, Lane Marshall, Anna Niznik, Sarah Duey, Connor Hodge, Tyler Lewis, Seve Monahan, Vladimir Borodin, TeArt Bethel, Alex Henley, Jade Lengyel-Desposito, Claudia Martynow, Robert Richardson, Vikash Singh, Josh Shuder, Jesse Anderson, Alex Bondoc, Madeline Boyd, Zack Brumm, Sofia Juster-Kruse, Michelle Lynch, Carli McCrary, Melissa Schwartz, Rebekkah Williamson, Isaac Andersen, Malcolm Butler, Rebecca Hazners, Katie Horan, Miraj Patel, Andrew Sak, Emma Underwood, Andrey Borodin, Sierra Brave, Ryan Calamari, Mitchell McCombs, Molly Pope

**Honor Roll:** Marguerita Benton, Danny Waiters, Emily Anderson, Margot Ash, Zoe Balsler, James Chaney, Monica Fehr, Dwinwshia Latimore, Joshua Morehouse, Megan Sircar, Taylor Wilkes, Victoria Bischoff, Lee Brave, Nichole Friedman, Patrick Lynch, Savannah Pate, Dan Reaves, Auhria Reynolds, Marisa Rivera, Kenneth Stuck, Decari Turner, Evelyn Detore, Alyssa Dodge, Mariah Fisher, Leanna Kirschbaum, Meredith Marshall, Amani Andrews, Nevin Avila, Stephon DeFreitas, Eandre Jackson, Daveanand Jairam, James Leonard, Bryce Morrison, Devin Pate, Miriele Paul, Gessica Sammaciccia, Aurora Vestel, Demetrius Thompson, Benjamin Belhassen, Marcus Bradley, Mara Brody, Jaime Gonzalez, Amber Seay, Fernando Balsler, Keandre Bethune, Josh Cooper, Marcus Everett, Dylan Lewis, Rebecca Mason, Danny Morris, Alex Actis, Jacob Bemo, Alexis Bridges, Matthew McCleary, Lauren Pizzonia, Samantha Summers-Cox, Holleigh Bohannan, Julia Dolson, Jack Keeler, Reese Remington, Jonathan Dacres, David Deister, Marica James, Jamie Loomas, James Macentee, Malik McClain, Brianna Neal, Jasmine Ortiz, Julie Tavares-Nagy, Elaina Voyias-Griffith, Iya-Mani Watson, Hannah Blevins, Keandra Brown, Eston Crabill, Ryan Donahue, Sabrina Leth, Destine Marshall, Holly Spayde, Sh'Mar Threadcraft, Devon Blake, Brianna Daviau, Shynanne McCleary, Tristian McGowan, Artez Mond, Randal Pizzaro, Paul Santora, Eric Bamford, Alex Fowler, Ben Effiom, Jazzmine Pagan, Taylor Schuler, Brittany Thompson, Sha'Kiera Williams, Ben Wintrip, Matthew Kessel, Oishiika Moitra, Megan Clayton, Lamartrick Denton, Thomas Hillard, Kaeleigh Morehouse, Michaylah Pizarro, Forest Dennis, Gabriella Guzman, Devon Ware

## ATTENTION ALL BAY POINT ELEMENTARY PTA MEMBERS!!

...Mrs. Dawn Smith

12/24/07 THROUGH 12/31/07 IS OUR FREE WEEK TRIAL AT THE YMCA OF GREATER ST. PETERSBURG. JUST PRESENT YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP CARD AND PICTURE ID. IF YOU DECIDE TO JOIN AFTER YOUR FREE WEEK TRIAL, YOU CAN JOIN WITH NO ENROLLMENT FEE (UP TO A \$100 SAVINGS)!!!! This special promotion is for Bay Point Elementary PTA members only and the enrollment fee is completely waived for any PTA member joining the YMCA in January 2008.

You can still join Bay Point Elementary PTA and support your child and their school. Just fill out the enrollment form below and send it back in with \$10.00.

### Bay Point Elementary \*Magnet School PTA Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I want to support the PTA, membership dues of \$10 per person are enclosed  
(Please make checks payable to *Bay Point Elementary PTA*)

CALL ON ME to volunteer (circle one): Fall Festival    Campfire    Other \_\_\_\_\_