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Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Families,

I hope that you find time to enjoy the many busy days ahead. The children grow up so fast and we sometimes forget to let them know how very special they are to us.

Our holiday concert is Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 7PM. It is always such a lovely evening. The many field trips that the children are taking this month will keep us busy amidst the science projects and common assessments. Our Principal's bowling field trip was great fun ...55 straight A students. Our Community Care Kids Club's canned food drive is just one way we help children develop the many character traits that are encouraged throughout the year. Kindergartners for next year are able to register throughout the county starting this month. If you have a sibling for us next year we will be following the magnet application time line, but you will need to register them with the county as well.

November was a very busy, successful month as our community shared their many talents with us during the teach-in, and our PTA's fund raiser was excellent. Thank you for your support.

Happy Holidays! The next few weeks will find many of us keeping "to do" lists to complete our plans. I want to savor special times with my family and special friends. Economic conditions are affecting us all. Giving time to our children is the most valuable gift we can give. I wish you and your family the peace and joy of the love you share.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively

This month:

- 4th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
Science Center (Levesque, Pipino)
- 5th First Friday —no uniforms
- 11th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 13-14th YAC Kennedy Space Center
- 15th Science Center (Storm, Bouanene)
- 16th Holiday Concert (K, 1, 4th & 5th Chorus)
- 18th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 22nd-Jan 2nd No School—Winter Break

January

(Magnet tours every Wednesday at 9:30am)

- 5th Classes resume
- 8th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
Science Center, (Levesque, Pipino)
- 15th Author William Durbin
- 24th Magnet Information Fair
John Hopkins Middle, 10-1

Clubs (Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities or your child may be dismissed from the club)

- 2nd Earth Force Club, 2:45-4:00pm
- 3rd Community Care Kids, 2:45
- 9th Young Astronauts, 2:45-4:00pm
- 16th Earth Force Club, 2:45-4:00pm
- 17th Community Care Kids, 2:45

Students should be at their desks daily by 8:35 AM

No child will be called from class to come to the office after 2:20 PM—please plan to pick them up in the car circle



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

From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

I hope that all of you have had the opportunity to see the bulletin boards inside the side gate. I have posted the county science benchmarks for third, fourth, and fifth grades as well as the essential questions that those students should be able to answer at the end of each unit of study from November until the end of January. These concepts are covered on the FCAT test that all fifth grade students take in March. Kindergarten and primary grades are also working on lower level concepts in those same areas of study.

The Mad Science is in full swing. We have 19 students enrolled for this six week session. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the next session in January, look for a flyer/ application coming home this month. The cost is \$72.00 for six weeks. The club meets each Monday afternoon from 2:45 until 3:45 in the Science Lab.



Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

The Spanish team is very proud of BPE students. They have learned so much Spanish in the past four months! Our kindergartener know how to count to ten *en español*. They also know colors, body parts and fruits. All our grade levels reviewed vocabulary from last year, and now they are learning new content-related vocabulary.

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 *FANTASTICOS!*

Art Work on Display

Congratulations to these talented students whose art work has been chosen to be exhibited at the Administration Building.

In Ms. Harrington’s class:

- Miraj Patel (3rd Grade) Brianna Daviau (1st Grade)
- Danielle Sackett (1st Grade) Joshua Morehouse (3rd Grade)
- Jazzmine Pagan (2nd Grade) Nicardo Mitchell (3rd Grade)
- Randal Pizarro (1st Grade) Michelle Lynch (2nd Grade)
- Patrick Lynch (3rd Grade) Jade D’Esposito (2nd Grade)

In Ms. Lawson’s class:

- Ashley Morris (1st Grade) Jiquell Richardson (1st Grade)

I’m Fit, I’m It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

LIMITING SCREEN TIME

Tips for effectively limiting how much screen time your child has!

- ♦ Have a plan. Be prepared to offer other activities to T v and video games.
- ♦ Be active with your kids. Don’t just send them out to play-Go out and play with them!
- ♦ Don’t position your furniture so the T V is the main focus of the room. Remove T V and video games from their bedrooms
- ♦ Plan to watch TV as a family. Don’t just watch whatever comes on next.
- ♦ Avoid T V as a reward or a punishment.
- ♦ Practice what you preach. The best way to influence your kids’ behavior is through being a good example.

Congratulations to Book Talk Winner : Dasia Hobbs

United Healthcare Student Resources

Check this website for information about insurance for your student:

<http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/forparents/files/kidcare%20memo.pdf>

Celebrate Literacy Week January 12 – 16

Bay Point Elementary is pleased to announce that we will observe *Celebrate Literacy Week* with a visit from author William Durban on January 15th.

Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

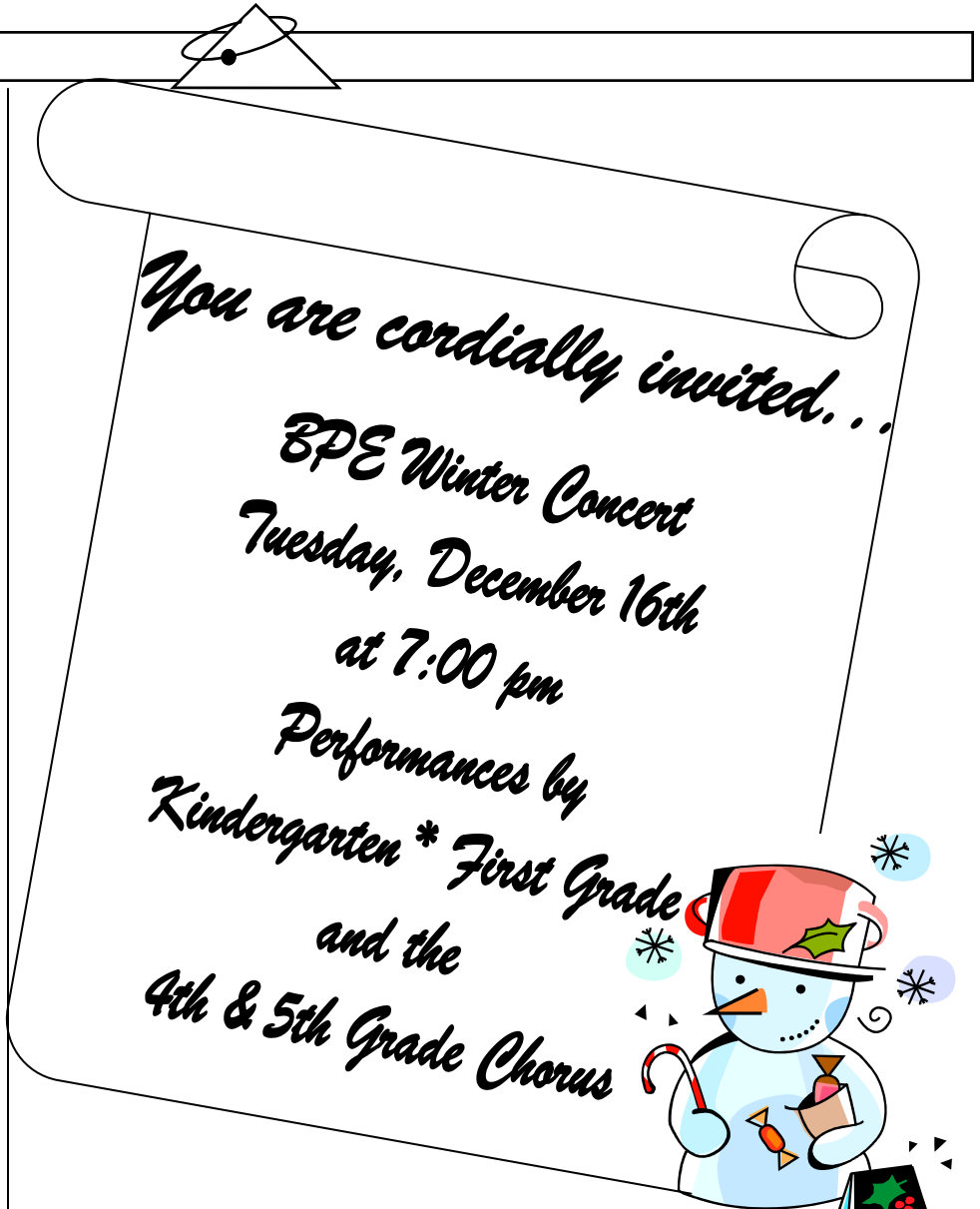
All of our new refresh computers are in the classrooms now and the biggest news is our school is now wireless!!! This is very exciting for all of us. They are working on some minor trouble spots with it but it's wonderful to be able to access it in the courtyard, cafeteria and classrooms.

The fifth grade classes all meet with me every other week, in the lab and they recently have learned about Moodle and are taking classes in it. This is a new exciting concept when it comes to teaching and you can read all about it at: <http://moodle.org/> All of them have also received their new usernames that will remain the same all the way through 12th grade if they stay in a Pinellas school. They also now have a private folder to keep as a portfolio of all their work. In our Moodle class recently, they've been working on place value. The kids really enjoy it and have fun as they are learning.

Don't forget that the Tech Dept. can be adopted as well as we always need new supplies for our lab, especially in the winter when we go through Kleenex and sanitizer like crazy! All donations are happily accepted!



Wear your uniform everyday!



Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Hello to all from your Young Astronauts Club. The groups are enjoying so many new things this year. Experimenting in all forms of science, and the forces it effects. November was a short one for YAC, with only one meeting due to the Holiday Break. So, members, use that down time to create some amazing projects!

Group 3 had a visitor from Tampa International Airport. We learned all about the history females had in Aviation. It sure reminded all of us that there is nothing you can't attain if you put your mind to it! Of course, as Group 3 members know, we are approaching our annual trip to Kennedy Space Center for the "Overnight Adventure". The group is very excited! We will have great stories to share in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned!

One note to parents with students on the waiting list for membership. I have received many phone calls, and emails about our group. We have a great bunch of students, and very few have left the group. So far this year we have had almost 100% participation of the 63 members. We still maintain the list, and if there are openings you will be notified! Thank you to all that have volunteered, and the support of parents, and staff. Stay safe!



Great American Teach-In

Elizabeth Anderson: Pet Safety
 James Anderson: Librarianship
 Lisa Avila: Navy Pilot
 John Barfield: Firefighter
 Council Chair James Bennett: City Government
 Lynn Bittner, Brandon Upson, Rashad Leaks, Andrea Bender: St. Petersburg Recreation Department
 Lisa Brave: Canine Agility
 Lisa Brody: Constitutional Rights
 Theresa Burress, Jordan Sanford: USGS Volcanoes
 Andrea Carvill: Chemistry
 Trudy Cummings: Joys of Sewing
 Jim Cunningham: Paramedic/Firefighter
 James Davis: Trucks
 Lori Gaines: Germs
 Donna Geil: Banking
 Jaime Gonzalez: Vet
 Jason Grant, Curt Mull, Mel Edwards:
 Pinellas County Traffic Safety
 Linda Gregory: Tampa International Airport
 Debbie Griffith: Geographic Information Systems
 Judge Chris Helinger: Criminal Court System
 Erich Henegar: USPS Mailing a letter, Truck Safety
 Leonora LaPeter Anton: St. Petersburg *Times*
 Tom Lawery: Florida Progress
 Allison Marlin: Pinellas County Sheriff
 Dr. Christina Martin: Medical
 Clara Martinez: Social Services "Providing Hope"
 Diane Peebles: Artist / Scientific Illustrator
 Ivan Penn: St. Petersburg *Times*
 September Penn: Chinese Performance
 Lisa Scott: Care Dog
 Mary Shedden: Tampa Tribune
 Officer Kay Shelley: DARE
 Michelle Simoneau, Melissa Simoneau:
 Pinellas Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary
 Lisa Simons: Nursing, CPR
 Valerie Strickland: TECO, Electrical Safety
 Jason Stuck: Pinellas County Mosquito Control
 Michael Wilson: Engineering Children's Museums
 Ron Woolums: Native American Lore

Lunch by Saffron's donated by

Mr. Chris Hudgens – Raymond James

Mr. Paul Scherer – Attorney at Law

Publix – green tote bags

Winn-Dixie—Dessert for our Speakers

Tracy Grant, Photographer * Diane Kelley, Hostess

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families and businesses who have adopted a program or class this month:

Paul C. Scherer—Attorney	Ms. Petelle
	Family & Community
Jonathan & Gwen Ford	Ms. Storm
Chris Hudgens-Raymond James	Ms. Petelle
	Family & Community

Adopt A Class forms are available in the Front Office and on-line at: <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

www.bpepta.org

Check out the latest news! Vote for School Lunches!

Attention Parents of Incoming Kindergarten and 5th Grade Students

(Parents of incoming siblings must call Ms. Rivera at 552-1449 to assure sibling priority at BPE)

Magnet Application Period

begins Monday, January 26th and ends Monday, February 16th

Acceptance Period

March 2nd through the 13th

BPE Magnet Tours—

Begin at 9:30 am

Wednesday 12/3 and 12/17 and Every

Wednesday in January beginning the 7th

BPE Discovery Night—

Tuesday February 3rd

District Information Fairs—

Sat. Jan. 24th, John Hopkins MS,

10am-1pm

Mon. Feb. 2nd, Dunedin MS,

6:30pm-8:30pm

http://www.pcsb.org/Choice/App_Period.html

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. ~Native American Proverb

how to apply for a

- Magnet School/Program
- Fundamental School
- Career Academy

APPLICATION PERIOD
'09-'10
Jan. 26-Feb.16, 2009

WHAT	WHEN	HOW
Step 1: Find out about programs/schools	December 2008 through Feb. 16, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website, www.pcsb.org • Information Fairs – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., John Hopkins Middle • Monday, Feb. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dunedin Highland Middle • School Discovery Nights – listed on the website • Program Guide for magnets, fundamental schools and career academies (available in January at schools and on the website).
Step 2: Find your child's student I.D. number IMPORTANT: If your child does not have a student I.D. number, see shaded box below.	Before applying	If your child is currently enrolled in Pinellas County Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look on your child's report card • Look on your child's school schedule • Call your child's school
Step 3: Apply using your student I.D. number	Jan. 26-Feb. 16, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call the automated phone system at (727) 501-0871. • Enter your program selections from the list of program I.D. numbers. These program I.D. numbers can be found in the Program Guide.
Step 4: Acceptance Period	March 2-13, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call during this period to accept a program invitation, (727) 501-0871.

If your child is not currently enrolled in Pinellas County Schools and does not have a student I.D. number, follow the steps below:

- Go to a nearby school and ask to get a ParentCONNECTxp password. Bring photo I.D. with you.
- By Feb. 13, 2009, use the Student Reservation System (SRS) to get a student I.D. number. You'll need your ParentCONNECTxp password to use the SRS.
- The SRS system can be found on the community computer at the school or on the home page of the Pinellas County Schools' website, www.pcsb.org.
- Four-year-olds enrolled in a Pinellas County Schools' prekindergarten program already have a student I.D. number.

Key Dates to Remember

Jan. 26, 8 a.m.-Feb. 16, 5 p.m. – Application Period
 Jan. 26-Feb. 12 – Discovery Nights (listed on the district website)
 Jan. 24 – Information Fair, John Hopkins Middle, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Feb. 2 – Information Fair, Dunedin Highland Middle, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Feb. 13 – Last day to get a student I.D. number to apply
 March 2-13 – Acceptance Period

For more information,
 call student assignment, (727) 588-6210.

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