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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. 15th 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 common assessments. Our Principal's bowling field trip was the largest we have had in 8 years... straight A students. Our community club's canned food drive was just one way we help children develop the many character traits that are encouraged throughout the year.

This month we are focusing on Acts of Kindness. Kindness and time are the best gifts!!

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 sharing 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 on 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 plan to squeeze in time to cook, shop and savor special times with my two daughters, husband and special friends. I wish you and your family the peace and joy of the love you share.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lively

This month:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35

4th First Friday—No Uniforms

5th Young Astronauts (Group 3) at Kennedy Space Center

7th BOOK FAIR—all week

8th Parent Night, Kindergarten & First Grades
Mahaffey Theater, Kindergarten
SAC Meeting

Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM

Performances by:

**Kindergarten—First Grade
4th and 5th Grade Chorus**

**Performing students should be in the
respective classrooms at 6:30 pm**

**4th & 5th Grade Chorus should be in the
Music Room at 6:00 pm**

21st-Jan 4th NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

Clubs—Please be prompt picking up your child or they will be dismissed from clubs

Club Olé: meets to 3:45 pm
December 3rd & 17th

Community Care: meets to 3:30pm
December 10th

Earth Force: meets 2:55 pm -4:00 pm
December 1st & 15th

Guitar Club: meets 3:00 pm—3:45 pm
Beginners on Mondays

Intermediate and *Advanced* on Thursdays

Young Astronauts: meets 2:55 pm-4:00 pm
December 1st (Group 3 only), 8th

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

Like the seasons that come and go, it is time for me to bid farewell to Bay Point. I will be retiring December 31st after thirty-six years of teaching. It has been a very rewarding career. I have made a lot of good friends and have seen many students go off to college and successful careers of their own. I have also seen great changes in education in general and in the teaching of science especially.

When I was a student here in Pinellas County, science only came in a book. When started teaching in 1973, there were books, but there were also some things called science kits stored in a locked custodial closet that no one in my school ever used. Also funding for science in schools was minimal. However, there became a greater importance at the national level for more scientists due to the advancement of the space program. More money became available for newer books, science kits, training to use those kits, funds to send teachers to state and national science conferences, and partnerships with local businesses for teachers to with to improve their science skills.

Today there is a greater demand for skilled scientists. There are now state expectations for schools and teachers to meet and for children too. However, there is less funding to support the enhancements in previous years and less time to teach science in the classroom. We are very fortunate at Bay Point to have a real science lab and a strong science program. I know that whoever is chosen to take my place will continue to support the program and be a top notch science teacher.

I would just like to like to thank all of the teachers and parents for supporting me and the science program. Many of you have contributed many hours supporting our clubs, donated science equipment, and even donated animals to the science lab. I also would like to also thank the PTA for providing funds to feed and take care of all of the animals in the lab. Most of all I would like to thank all of the current and past students for their wonderment, joy, and caring for the world around them. I will miss all of you.

Homework Helpline

Call 547-7223.

5:00 to 8:00 pm Monday—Thursday.

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

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

Please congratulate your children for their accomplishments during this semester and encourage them to practice as much as they can. Research says that children who have studied a foreign language in elementary school excel in the pronunciation and even have higher scores on standardized test in reading, language arts and mathematics than those who have not.

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!

PTA Update

Did you know you get to have say in what the cafeteria serves for lunch? Go to the PTA website, and vote for your favorite on student choice day: www.bpepta.org Publix math night was a great success and we raised over \$5,000 from the *Read a Thon*. Thank you to everyone who participated. Please check our website for more details. While you are there be sure to remember to vote for your favorite lunch. That is how student involvement lunches are chosen. Finally, please return any shirts purchased this year which have a faded or peeling logo. We had a few that were printed with bad ink.

Mandarin Chinese Will Again Be Offered

We found an amazing person to teach Chinese Mandarin. She was born in Beijing, went to an International high school boarding school in the city, Beijing University, and then an MBA in England. She lived in Hong Kong for three years and has three children at Pasadena Fundamental. She values education and believes everyone should speak the language.

We are going to offer 10 sessions to our kindergarten – through 3rd grade students (and their parent) on Wednesdays from 1:45 – 2:30.

Classes start on 1/6/10 and the last session is 3/10.

This is an exciting opportunity! It will be \$50 (for the 10 sessions) for one child and the second child is \$30. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Destination BOOK FAIR



All Aboard!

You're invited to read around
the world with us at our
Scholastic Book Fair!

December 7th—11th

Monday—Thursday 8:15am-3:15pm

Friday 8:15am-12:00pm

Open Tuesday Evening 5:30-7:00pm

Let's Be Partners!

Our 5th grade students have once again been invited to Bay Point Middle School to work with 8th grade students in IMAST and Physical Science Honors. The 8th grade students have designed and created race cars using mouse traps. Our 5th grade students will be the data collectors as they race their cars - collecting distance and time for the competing cars. This "Mouse Trap Unit" involves Force and Motion and is a great opportunity to strengthen the bridge between Bay Point Elementary and Bay Point Middle.

Tech Talk

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

During the winter vacation days away from school, please try to keep your child's skills sharp by allowing them to visit any of the following websites either at home or at the public library: Destination Math and Reading- <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>; Scott Foresman Science- <https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/>; FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)- <http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>.

Be sure to contact your child's teacher if your child has not obtained his/her user name and password. Britannica Online School Edition at <http://www.school.eb.com> has a wealth of resources. Login using all lowercase letters: Username: **bpes** Password: **pinellas**

Please do not forget that our BPE 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 hand sanitizer like crazy! Any donations are always greatly appreciated!!

Happy Holidays!



Young Astronauts

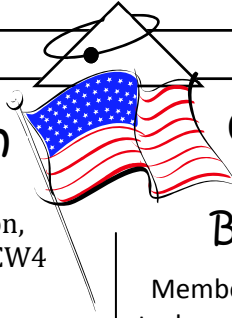
...Mr. John Barfield

Hello from Bay Point's Young Astronauts Club! Fall has arrived, and we are happy! It makes outdoor activities, and experiments so much more comfortable! All three groups continue their journey of learning new and interesting things. As we look forward to the new year, we are planning some fun activities for all groups.

We will be hosting a speaker from Tampa International Airport. She will tell us about the history of Women in Aviation. Group 3 members are anticipating our trip to Kennedy Space Center for the Overnight Adventure! We will have stories to share in next month's newsletter. Until then, keep your eyes to the stars!

John Barfield, Coordinator
Cindy Wilson, Assistant Coordinator,
Sue Godfirnon, Teacher Advisor

Great American Teach In



Community Support for Our Girlfriends: Pearls of Bay Point Elementary Program

Major Michael Alvis, Staff Sergeant Chris Weston,
Sergeant Darrin Maser, Sergeant Chris Milana, CW4
Rich Kiser, PFC Nicole Leach:

Army MedEvac UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter
John Barfield: St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue
James Bennett: City Government
Kathryn Borne: Tampa Print Services—Graphic Design
Mikael Boutboul: French songs
Patrick Campbell: Math Strategies
Andrea Carvill: Lakewood High CAT—Chemistry
Marina Casanelles: One Lucky Dog—Service Dogs
Jim Cunningham: Paramedic/Firefighter
Spencer Colquitt: Tech Data Corp—Computer Tech
Bruce Davis: Health & Fitness
Faye Dowdell: Juneteenth
Lori Gaines: Nurse, No Smoking
Jason Grant, Curt Mull, Gabe Rodriguez:
Pinellas County Traffic Management—Safety
Steve Gray: Detective
Patricia Grice: Quilting
Renee Hale: Music and Movement
Darren Harris: Triathlons
Carl Heidenreich: Military Police
Erich Henegar: US Postal Service—Writing a letter
Dennis Hobbs: Florida State Trooper— Motorcycle
Diana Hodge: Nutrition and Exercise
Dr. Pam Hullock-Muller: USF—Coral Reefs, Scuba
Elliott Hulse: How to be a Superhero
Tom Lawery: Progress Energy—Electricity & Energy
Paul Loverne: City of St. Petersburg Library story time
Julie McGary: Face Painting
Jeff Meister: Mad Science
Aaron Merck: Shred Quick-Document Shredding truck
Luisa Palomar-Walsh: Progress Energy—Energy
Diane Peebles: Graphic Artist / Scientific Illustrator
June Peterman: CVS—Pharmacy
Valerie Prosser: Yoga
Bridget Remington: Akerman Senterfitt—Attorney
Ellen Revit: Reading—story time
Ricardo Rodriguez: Raytheon—Engineering
Mary Shedden: Tampa Tribune—Journalism
Kathryn Smith: USGS—Discover Diatoms!
Shane Socash: David Reynolds—Making Jewelry
Joe Sohlberg: Merchant Marine
Ben Story: Science
Jason Stuck: Pinellas County Mosquito Control
Ron Woolums: Native American Lore

Thank you to these volunteers:

Robin Cook (check-in), Diane Kelley (hostess),
Tracy Grant (photographer), Brandy Alvis (helicopter)

Members of the community hosted a progressive dinner to benefit the Girlfriends program at our school. Very special thanks to **Mrs. Ann Taylor** who planned and executed the very successful event, and her husband **John Taylor**, who along with **Paul Scherer** and **Tom Riley**, spent hours cooking. Proceeds from the fundraiser will allow the group to go on field trips and to support other activities.

We are grateful to these families for opening their homes on Sunrise Drive for the event:

**Ann and John Taylor, Kennie and Lori Taylor,
and Phil and Michele Farley.**

Thank you to those who donated to goods and services:

Save on Seafood

1449 49th Street South,
St. Petersburg

Le Cheesecake

4158 Haines Road,
St. Petersburg

Ms. Wanda Riddick

Brighthouse

Mr. Courtney Taylor

Catering by Lundy's

Mr. Tavarus Hogans

Southern Wine and Spirits

Mr. Manny Seoane

Coastal Wine and Spirits

Mr. Tim Guercio

Merchant Services

Thank You!

Bob Evans

4900 34th St S

Breakfast Optimist Club

Bubba Gump

Carter's Florist

Chik fil A

St. Pete Beach

Congo River Golf

Clearwater

Domino's Pizza

Pizza Hut

Publix

54th Avenue South

Raytheon

Strike n Spare Fun

Centers

Sweetbay

US Geological Survey

Adopt A Class

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Ford

Dr. Cairns

Ms. C. Wilson

Mr. Patrick Fallon, CFP

The Legend Group

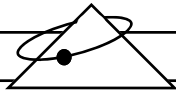
Ms. Ackerson

Mr. Paul Scherer,

Attorney

Family & Community

**Thank You
Eckerd Student
Volunteers**



The time to register incoming Kindergarten and Middle School students is fast approaching!

Parents of 5th graders should keep informed by checking the district web page at:

<http://www.pcsb.org/magnet/home.html>

Help us "attract" others to our Magnet School!

MAGNET TOURS & INFORMATION

Tour dates:

Wednesday 12/9 * Wednesday 1/6
Wednesday 1/13 * Wednesday 1/20
Wednesday 1/27

*Tours begin at 9:15am
and end at 10:15 am*

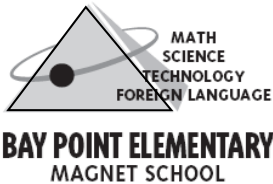
Discovery Night: Wednesday, January 20th from 6pm -7pm

Application period

Begins: Saturday, January 9th
Ends: Friday January 29th at 5:00pm

We would like your help in educating our community about the wonderful opportunities available at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School. Please provide the name of any place you recommend we share our flyers and contact information. Return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

*pre-school centers * day care centers * pediatrician's office
community centers * local library * churches*



If you have any questions, please call Ms. Porter or Mrs. Rivera at 552-1449.
Our Kids Are Worth Whatever It Takes!

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

I suggest you contact the following places:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OR Please provide me with _____ flyers and I will distribute them at the above locations.

**How to Apply for a 2010-2011
Magnet, Fundamental or Career Academy Program/School**

WHAT	WHEN	HOW
<p>Step 1: Find out about programs/schools</p>	<p>November 2009 through January 29, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website, www.pcsb.org Information Fair – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 am.- 2 p.m., Northeast High School Discovery Nights – listed on the website Program Guide for magnets, fundamental schools and career academies (available in December at schools and on the website).
<p>Step 2: Obtain a ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password</p> <p>IMPORTANT: If you do not already have a ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password for any child in your family, go to a nearby school and ask for one. Bring photo I.D. with you.</p>	<p>Before applying</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: If you already have a ParentCONNECTxp User I. D. and Password you don't need another one. Only one User I.D. and Password is needed per family, even if you have more than one child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have misplaced your User I.D. and Password, visit a nearby school and bring your photo I.D.
<p>Step 3: Apply online using your ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password</p>	<p>Jan. 9-29, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using your home computer or the community computer at a school, log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district website, www.pcsb.org. Enter your program selections from the list of programs. The SRS will be available at additional community locations.
<p>Step 4: Acceptance Period</p>	<p>March 1-8, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) during this period to accept a program invitation. If this is not done, your application will not be valid.

**Application Period
Key Dates to Remember**

- Jan. 9, 8 a.m.-29, 5 p.m. Application Period
- Jan. 6-28, Discovery Nights (listed on the district website)
- Jan. 9, Information Fair Northeast High School, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Feb. 1, last day to deliver all documentation of program eligibility to the appropriate program office(s) by the close of the school day.
- March 1-8, Acceptance Period

DISTRICT NEWS

Follow Us on Twitter

In an effort to enhance communication with parents, staff and the community, the district posts the latest news on Twitter. Sign up to follow PCS news at www.twitter.com/pcschools.

**Stay Connected with Pinellas
County Schools**

You can catch Dr. Janssen's interviews about district news on PCS Journal. This program airs daily on WPDS-TV14 at 7 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 2, Verizon Ch. 46. Or you can view a segment on the web at www.wpds.tv.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, you are required to give the school your new phone number and provide proof of residency. Please visit your child's school to update your address and provide appropriate verification.

Thank You Great American Teach-In Speakers





