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Administrator's Message

Welcome Back! We hope that you were able to have lots of family time this past week and thought about the many things and people who bring "thanksgiving" into your hearts that make you smile each day.

As we approach the December Winter Break in 17 days, Administration would like to thank you for all of your kindness and well wishes for a fabulous school year. We appreciate your support and dedication to Bay Point School and to our students. PTA and SAC have been wonderful and have assisted us in adjusting to a new school setting and way of work. All the activities that have happened since the beginning of the school year have just been heartwarming and for that, we thank you. Your kind words and smiles have been an added plus to our day since the beginning of the school year.

As the holiday season approaches let's not forget those who are less fortunate. This, too, is a time to be thankful from the heart. Many families have lost jobs and homes and by keeping them in our thoughts each day will forever keep humility and hope alive.

On another note, winter is our near future. It is a time when coats and sweaters are lost. If you will please put your child's name in all of their outer wear so that when it is missing we are able to identify your child's clothing. Also, as soon as you realize that a piece of your child's clothing is missing come the very next day to Lost and Found. The sooner the turnaround time is for locating the lost item the more likely it can be retrieved.

Also, if you pick your child up from the car circle, please have the name card in the window as this helps to speed up the pickup process. Thank you for a job well done in all of our pickup areas. You have done a marvelous job helping us to keep children safe.

Again, may you, **Our Family**, have a safe Winter Break and a Happy New year!

Happy Holidays,
The Administrative Team

Calendar:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35 pm

2nd **Bob Evans Family Day**

Bring the flyer—15% comes back to BPE

3rd Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior

6th Mahaffey Theater (Kindergarten)

7th Great Explorations (1st)

MOSI (4th, 5th gifted)

9th Didgeridoo Down Under Assembly

16th Winter Concert, 7:00 PM

Kindergarten, 1st Grade,

4th & 5th Grade Chorus, Guitar Club

20th—31st **Winter Break**

Coming Up...January

3rd Classes resume

You Are Cordially Invited...

Winter Concert

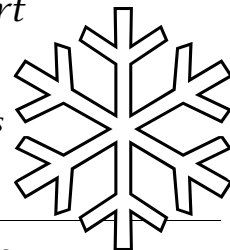
Performed by

Kindergarten,

First Grade, Chorus

and Guitar Club

Dec 16th—7 PM



Clubs

Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities or they may be dismissed from the clubs.

Earth Force—14th to 4:30 pm

Club Olé—*begins in January*

Community Care Kids Club— 9th

Guitar Club - Beginning Level: Mondays

Intermediate & Advanced: Thursdays

Young Astronauts—7th to 4:00 pm

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

Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield

Bay Point's Young Astronauts Club members are getting to know each other better as we blaze into the club year. Each group has their own personalities, and have had a part in deciding what subjects they would like to learn more about. Participation is close to 100% so far. As a group leader, I could not be happier. Student and parent participation has been great with students doing their required projects, and parents picking them up on time!

Group 3, has started their first powered flight project! In November, we constructed our recycled 2 liter bottles into flying vehicles. We plan to launch our creations at the December meeting. Since we only meet once in November and December, I urge students to make the best of our get-togethers by being prepared for meetings and having projects ready to share!

To all Bay Point families, YAC wants to spotlight a very special person, part of the Young Astronauts Club and our teacher advisor, Ms. Sue Godfirnon. Eight years ago, when the leaders of YAC wanted to go in another direction and end YAC, I along with other volunteer parents tried to bring the club back to life. Of all the staff at BPE back then, Ms. Godfirnon volunteered to help us out and guide us on our adventure coordinating the group. Though at the time she was a busy Kindergarten teacher, and had 2 young sons she unselfishly gave of her time, and skills to help us be successful.

Ms. Godfirnon has taken another step for our group this year. She has taken the lead instructor's spot for our youngest Astro's in group one. Next time you see her at school, tell her THANKS! See you all soon!

Winter Concert

...Mr. Pineda

I would like to thank all of the parents who have offered to volunteer for the 2010 Winter Concert: Mrs. Lori M. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Christy Pothier, Mr. and Mrs. Jurgensen, Mrs. Lindsey Blackburn, Mrs. Sonja Stiles and Mrs. Christine Glazener. We are looking forward to our students having another wonderful musical experience.



2010 WINTER CONCERT

When: Thursday, December 16th

Where: Bay Point Elementary Cafeteria

Who: Kindergarten, 1st, 4th & 5th Grade Chorus, and Guitar Club.

Time: K & 1st grade students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and go directly to their respective classrooms. Chorus and Guitar students should arrive at 6:00 p.m. and go to the music room.

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez



Did you know that "*Euphorbia pulcherrima*", commonly known as **poinsettia**, is a species of flowering plant indigenous to Mexico and Central America. The name "poinsettia" is after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister to Mexico, who introduced the plant into the US in 1828." Source: Wikipedia. ¡Felices Fiestas! Happy Holidays!

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Multi-Cultural Club Collection for Homeless Families

Please bring your clean, unwanted blankets, and bedspreads. Bring any toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, etc.

We will also be collecting food items for the RCS food bank.

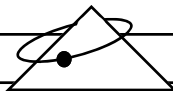
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www.boxtops4education.com/Default.aspx

www.schoolstore.com



Counselor's Corner

...Ms. Tetro

December is one of my favorite months because it is all about kindness! Kindness is being nice and considerate of others. This is a wonderful time of year to make sure we teach students the importance of giving to others. All too often we forget how important it is to give to those that are less fortunate. Exposing students to canned food drives, helping at food shelters, or saying nice words to others are all great ways to show students how good it can feel to be kind to each other. Here is a great poem about kindness that you can share with your child:

Kindness Pledge

*I pledge to myself on this day,
To try and be kind in every way,
To every person big and small,
I will help them if they fall.
When I love myself and others, too,
That is the best that I can do.*

Also, take the time to have a discussion with your child at home about what they could do to be kind to another person. Here is a situation you can utilize at dinner or after homework is done for the night:

*Dinner Dilemmas To Create Family Discussions
That Promote Character Education in Pinellas County.*

Situation: Sam is given a partner that is a slow runner for Field Day. Even though Sam is the fastest runner at his school his team did not win the race. Some classmates tease Sam because his team lost. Dilemma: On one hand Sam could blame his teammate for the loss. On the other hand Sam could be kind and praise his teammate for trying his best. Discussion: What should Sam say and do?

Have a wonderful month of December!

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" —

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Tech Talk: Take Advantage of These Resources

...Ms. Sanchez

You may access these websites at home or at the public library, contact your child's teacher if your child has not received a user name and password:

Destination Math and Reading- <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>

Scott Foresman Science and Envision Math-
<https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>

FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)-<http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>

Britannica Online School Edition—<http://www.school.eb.com/>

Login using all lowercase letters: Username: **bpes** Password: **pinellas**

Revised Attendance Policy

Please note there is a new Attendance Policy for Pinellas County Schools, which was revised on 9-14-10. The reasons for an excused absence are listed below. Feel free to call Ms. Tetro or any of our administrators with questions. Please view the full document at <http://www.pcsb.org/Planning/5500.05.pdf>

REASONS WHY AN ABSENCE, A TARDY OR AN EARLY SIGN OUT WILL BE EXCUSED

An absence, a tardy or early sign out will be excused if caused by one of the following reasons:

- A. The student is ill or injured.
- B. There is a major illness in the student's immediate family (this means parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or others living in the home).
- C. There is a death in the immediate family.
- D. The student attends religious instruction or there is a religious holiday in the student's own faith.
- E. The student is required by summons, subpoena or court order to appear in court. A copy of the subpoena or court order must be given to the principal.
- F. Special event. Examples of special events include important public functions, conferences, state/national competitions, as well as exceptional cases of family need. The student must get permission from the principal at least five days prior to the absence.
- G. The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment.
- H. Students having, or suspected of having, a communicable disease or infestation which can be transmitted are to be excluded from school and are not allowed to return to school until they no longer present a health hazard (F.S. 1003.22). Examples of communicable diseases and infestations include, but are not limited to, fleas, head lice, ringworm, impetigo and scabies. Students are allowed a maximum of five excused days for each infestation of head lice. Students on field trips and students who attend alternative to suspension programs are not considered absent.

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families
and businesses:

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MRS. MCLEAN

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BPE Patron

Thank you to this family for
becoming Patrons. Their generous
contribution will help purchase
new tech for the school:

TOM & LORI LAWERY

BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

I hope you heard lots of wonderful things about our Read-a-thon. We had a very successful event. The kids were all very excited about reading and we had 12 whole class winners that enjoyed a sno-cone with Mrs. Milton. We also had over 220 V.I.P.'s attend our very special reader event. If you haven't heard by now, we had our very own V.I.P.'s Mr. Dodge and Mr. Wood help out our guest readers-- Chucky-e-Cheese and Raymond from the Rays! Poor Mr. Wood had to sit between Raymond and Chucky while he read and they did everything but help him. Then Mr. Dodge had to perform with Raymond holding his microphone! The squeals of delight were heard across the campus. Thank you to every family who participated. We were able to raise over \$4700. The kids got excited about reading and all of those monies will go back into your school.

With December being a very busy month, we decided to have our next program in January. We will have Mad Science night on January 13th. This will be a fun and educational evening and will be tied in with our Science Fair training. More details to come after the break.

I hope you are able to have a safe and wonderful end to 2010.

Check back soon for updates on our coming events. As always, please contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Bob Evans Family Day—15% of the Proceeds

ALL DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

We have partnered with Bob Evans, 4900 34th Street South, for a school fundraiser. Take the flyer that went home to the restaurant any time throughout the day on Thursday, December 2nd and 15% of the bill will be donated back to our school. After dropping your children off in the morning—stop by for a “mom breakfast” - or pick up dinner on the way home. Share the coupon with family, friends & neighbors and ask them to participate too!

Thank You To Our Great American Teach In Speakers!

Elizabeth Anderson: Pet Safety & Care
Kyle Baker: NOAA, Commotion in the Ocean
John Barfield: St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Ian Beck: Circus Skills
Mikael Boutboul: French language
Kirby Bowen: TIA, Transportation Security
Muriel Daniels: Native Peoples
Christine Glazener: Publix, seafood
Jason Grant, Curt Mull, Matt Stalnaker, John Beliveau:
Pinellas County Traffic Safety
Steven Gray: Hillsborough County Sheriff, Detective
Lynn Guinagh: Photography & Scrapbooking
Renee Hale: Music and Movement
Lydia Hickey: Turtles and Tortoises
Erich Henegar: US Postal Service
Edward Kench: Guitar, Music



Tom Lawery: Progress Energy -Electricity and Energy
Angela McClain: Health Care
Jeff Meister: Mad Science
Luisa Palomar-Walsh: Progress Energy
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Ivan Penn: St. Petersburg Times, Journalism
September Penn: Performing Arts
John Pether: Life on a Sailboat
Beth Schwebke: Pharmacy
Kathryn Smith: USGS Ecology, Oceanography
Shane Socash: Making Jewelry
Jason Stuck: Pinellas County Mosquito Control
Gabriel Whitney: Music
Brian Willson: US Coast Guard

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