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A Message from the Principal

Greetings BPE Families and Friends,

Happy Holidays! This is a very busy time of the year for families and schools alike. We encourage each of you to talk with your children about the traditions of your family. Most importantly, take time to be together as a family and enjoy one another at this magical time of the year.

At school, we have moved into another grading period and we are expecting all of our students to demonstrate growth and learning academically, behaviorally, and socially. Our staff is in the process of developing many fun, educational activities for the month of December – stay tuned for more details from your child’s teacher(s). We encourage all students to set a goal of learning something new each day, and with our home-school collaborative efforts, I am certain that they can and that they will.

I am elated to share that our school received the **Golden School Award** from Florida’s Commissioner of Education which shows recognition and appreciation for leadership and support rendered to our school’s volunteer program, and we also received the **Five Star School Recognition Award**. Mr. Jerome Lane, Head Plant Operator (HPO) was nominated as Bay Point Elementary School’s **Support Employee of the Year**. He is one of many, including our staff, parents and volunteers who constantly do the little things that matter greatly and that impact the well being of our students!

Please continue to read with your child every night, including over the holiday break. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER and we thank all for your continuous support in educating the students at Bay Point!

Seasons Greetings,

Felita Grant Lott, Principal

Calendar:

December

- 1st District Magnet Fair, 9—12
Pinellas Park High School
- 6th District Magnet Fair, 6—8
Gibbs High School
- 7th Casual Friday
REPORT CARDS go home
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13th Honoring BPE’s 50 years, 3 pm
St. Petersburg City Council
BPE Discovery Night, 5-7pm
- 20th Winter Concert, 6:30pm at
Lakewood High School Auditorium
- 21st 5th Grade vs. Faculty Kickball Game
Frosty the Snowman Day
Wear your favorite scarf!
- 24th— Jan 4th Winter break, No School

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Application News

After school activities:

- Guitar-Beginner: Mondays
- Guitar-Intermediate: Thursdays
- Club Olé: 6th
- Young Astronauts: 11th



Frosty the Snowman Day
December 21st
Wear your favorite scarf!

Through our curriculum we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences with special emphasis on the processes of mathematics, science, foreign language, and technology to prepare students to function constructively in the 21st century.

Celebrating Our 50th Year
5 Star School * AWARDS * Golden School

From The Tech Department

...Ms. SanchezWare

Has your child been using the Lexia Reading program at home? Lexia Reading stands as one of the most rigorously researched, independently evaluated, and respected reading programs in the world and *Bay Point Elementary was the first elementary school* in Pinellas County to implement it. Involvement on the part of the parents in allowing home access for their children is an important element of the success of this program.

To use this software, go to:

<https://www.mylexia.com/admin/login.php>
and "Click here" under the School-to-Home Connection User for the instructions to download and install the software.
School Customer ID: 7044-9439-4165-9793
Student Login: (ask your child or child's teacher for this information)

Exciting News!!!! Bay Point Elementary will once again be the first elementary school in Pinellas County continuing the next reading program called **Reading**

Recycle With Us!

- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Ink jet and Laser cartridges

Plus—a fantastic browser-based reading program that uses innovative technology to provide individualized silent reading practice —getting students to read faster with comprehension! This program

will be available for the students who have successfully mastered the Lexia Reading program. I would like to send out a **Huge Gratitude of Thanks to our PTA** for graciously funding this program for our students!!!

Did you know that six other elementary schools in Pinellas County have begun to use **Lexia Reading** because our Bay Point Elementary data has shown high and consistent usage? Let's continue to show high and consistent usage of both reading programs to show our district how beneficial these supplemental programs are to our student's achievements.

Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

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

Like the poinsettia, in this time of the year, our BPE students are blossoming into great Spanish learners. They have acquired so much Spanish vocabulary in the past four month! Our kindergarteners know how to count to ten *en español*. They also learned colors, body parts and fruits in that target language. All grade levels reviewed vocabulary from last year, and 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. Our BPE students are ¡FANTASTICOS!

Science Notes

...Ms. Charlotte Vyverberg

We are beginning our study of physics in the science lab building sail cars, exploring matter, analyzing data from many activities. Classes come to the lab every other week so check your child's schedule and ask what they learned in the lab.

If you could donate paper towels, straws, paper plates, clear plastic cups that would be so appreciated. Thanks so much for your support.

Our activities are integrated with science process skills like hypothesizing, designing experiments, recording data, and recognizing variables which are skills that will be needed for science projects.

In School,
On Time,
Every Class,
Every Day

Arrive before
8:35 am - everyday

Pick Up
2:50 pm - Mon,
Tues, Thur, Fri
1:35 pm Wed



Free breakfast
for students at
8:05am

Clip These Please!

We collect Box Tops for Education and redeem them throughout the year. Please continue to clip them from product packaging and help us to raise cash a dime at a time!



Adopt-A Class

Kindergarten

Dan Summers ~ Ms. Johnson

Second Grade

Dan Summers ~ Mrs. Milford

Fifth Grade

Newrine Family ~ Ms. Russo

Thank you to those who have adopted a class, or a program like art and music!

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

You Are Invited to the

Winter Concert

at

Lakewood High

DATE: Thursday, December 20th, 2012

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Lakewood High School

*PERFORMERS: Kindergarten, 1st grade,
4th & 5th Grade Chorus*

*ARRIVAL TIME: K and 1st grade
students should arrive at 6:00 p.m. and
go directly to the theater. 4th & 5th
Grade Chorus students should arrive at
5:30 p.m.*

Magnet School Application

...Ms. Sara DePerro, Magnet Coordinator

Fifth graders and incoming kindergarten students who wish to apply for magnet school programs need to be aware of these dates:

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES

December:

- 1st District-wide Program Fair, 9am—12pm
Pinellas Park High School
- 4th South District Program Fair, 6—8 pm
Gibbs High School
- 6th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am
- 13th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am
Bay Point Elementary Discovery Night, 6—7 pm

January:

- 8th Bay Point Middle School Discovery Night, 6—7pm
Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology
2152 62nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg
- 9th—23rd APPLICATION PERIOD
- 10th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am
- 17th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am

February:

- 13th—20th APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE PERIOD
You must log back in and accept any invitations

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

Bay Point's Young Astronauts are discovering many new, and exciting things! Our three groups are coming together as club, and really working to gain scientific knowledge. Group 3 members had some very important handouts sent home on November 13. It detailed some very special information.

Group three has planned another return trip, (our 10th!) to Kennedy Space Center, for the Overnight Adventure.

Parents, if you did not see these important forms please ask—we want your student to be able to participate in this unique field trip! More details will follow about the event. Feel free to call or email Mr. Barfield if you have any questions.

Thanks again to the many volunteer parents that give of their time to make Young Astronauts a success!

Frosty the Snowman Day

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker



Frosty Day is Dec. 21st! Students will enjoy a fun filled day built around the children's favorite story Frosty the Snowman. Friday Dec. 21 all students can wear their favorite scarves to school. They will enjoy learning about snowmen while

participating in many activities such as: growing crystals in their classrooms, photographing crystals like Snowflake Bentley, comparing symmetry on their paper cut out snowflakes, eating snow cones and enjoying the Frosty movie!

Wear your favorite scarf!

Thank-you to everyone for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. We raised much needed funds to support our school library and literacy activities for the school. Our next book fair will be in February.

PTA has purchased 20 iPads so far for our school. These iPads have made their way into the hands of classroom teachers who participate in a monthly meeting to share ideas about how to make the most of this tool.

City of St. Petersburg Recognizes 50th Year

Did you know Bay Point Elementary opened 50 years ago? Mrs. Harmon, the first principal, credited "an excellent, hand-picked staff and involved, enthusiastic, and hard-working parents" for the school's success. BPE became a math, science, technology and foreign language (Spanish) magnet in 1993 and moved to its current location in 2000. The City will recognize our anniversary at its meeting on December 13th at 3:00pm.

Parent-Teacher Association— Go for the Gold!

Wow—an ice cream social, a major fundraiser that raised enough to purchase iPads, skating parties, math night and fiesta night, breakfast for new K parents, a welcome back breakfast for staff and a fun fall festival—our PTA is awesome! There is more to come too—please sign up to help with next semesters events (as they say many hands make light work!) www.bpepta.org

Another "Great" American Teach-In Thanks to These Speakers

These parents and friends came in during the Great American Teach-In on November 15th to share their jobs, hobbies and interests with our students. The students are always tickled when their parents come in, and they learned so much from all the presentations. Knowing how scary it can be for adults to face a roomful of youngsters—we thank them for coming in to broaden our horizons!

All Children's Hospital Medical Transport Team
 Andrea Andersen: Park Ranger
 Elizabeth Anderson: Pet Safety & Care
 John Barfield: St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
 Ian Beck: Circus Skills
 Kathy Blackett: Physics, electricity & magnets
 Kirby Bowen: Airport Security
 Amanda Burnett: Respiratory therapy
 Theresa Burress: USGS, Geology of FL
 Michael Devereaux: Baseball Coach
 Dr. Donna Dooley: ER Physician
 Kevin Dooley: Firefighter/Medic
 Cheri Frady: Yoga
 Christine Glazener: Publix, Healthy eating
 Jason Grant, Curt Mull: Pinellas County Traffic Safety
 Patti Gross: Safety
 Renee Hale: Music and Movement
 Ann Healy: Radiant Peace Museum
 Joni James: Quilting, geometry
 Bennett Johnson: St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
 Cinnamon McGeehan: Dog Rescue
 Jeff Meister: Mad Science
 Angela Merck: Flu; Urgent Care
 Erika Negretti: Nursing
 Luisa Palomar-Walsh: Progress Energy
 Kimberley Payne: Banking
 Ivan Penn: St. Petersburg Times, Journalism
 September Penn: Performing Arts
 Joel Rachlin: Medical
 Gabriel Ramos: Fish & Wildlife
 Dusti Russell: Health & Safety
 Tammy Sandillo: NICU, Nursing
 Shane Socash: Making Jewelry, gemology
 Cheryl Stacks: Bicycle Safety
 Ted Strickland: Medicine
 Joey Vars: Spaceflight

Thank you for an awesome day!