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A Note From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Families and Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, it seems appropriate to consider the *art of giving*. Many educators feel that by helping others, that our children can learn responsibility, build character and citizenship, and discover the special joys of doing or giving something special. Although you will find a variety of school projects focused on helping people in our community, kids need to see that the enthusiasm for giving is also strong at home. Some brief ideas your family may consider or adapt include....

Show them YOU care. Whether you can give an hour a day or an hour a month, let your children see you volunteer your time to help those in need.

Use the news, but in moderation. Many children respond enthusiastically but very emotionally to crises like hurricanes and other disasters. They hear about them on the news and feel the need to help. Talk with your children about ways that they might be able to help—from making homemade cards to brighten a child's day to participating in a local charity fund drive.

Tap into their talents. Is your little one a chef in the making? Encourage him/her to bake a cake to take to the Nursing Home. Do you have an artist in residence? See if he/she would like to deliver his/her paintings to a nursing home to brighten the walls for those who don't get out much anymore. And, anyone can pick-up litter, give love to pets in the shelter, or read to children who just need some extra attention.

Cast-offs can be a first step. As your children outgrow toys, games and clothes, make a big deal of how you are going to pass them on to others who need them--this can be fun and very rewarding.

Finding ways for your children to focus on the needs of others is a way to help them learn how to make the world a better place.

Best Holiday Wishes for Fun Family Giving!

Dr. Grant, Principal

Calendar:

December-Diciembre

- 4 Enterprise Village, 5th grade
BPE Discovery Night, 6:00pm
For new families applying to BPE
- 6 Casual Friday, no uniforms
- 10 Bay Point Middle School Discovery Night,
6:00pm at Bay Point Middle
- 10 Deadline to RSVP for Dad Breakfast
- 13 ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30am
Lowry Park Zoo, 5th grade
- 17 Mahaffey Theater, 1st grade
- 19 Winter Concert at Lakewood High
- 20 Staff vs. 5th Grade Kickball, 9:00am
Reindeer Day
- 23—Jan 3 Winter Break—No School

January—enero

- 6 Classes resume
- 8—17 Magnet Application period



**All Pro
Dads Breakfast**

**Friday, December 13th
at 7:30 am**

*Breakfast is FREE if you RSVP by
the 10th:*
<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

*Dads! Save these 2014 dates for
breakfast with your child:
Jan 31, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 25*

Commitment to Character

KINDNESS

*Being nice and considerate
toward others.*

Creativity Olympics

... Mrs. McLean

A BIG congratulations go to members of the **three 4th grade gifted teams** who represented Bay Point Elementary at the Tenth Annual Creativity Olympics competition sponsored by Gifted Program teachers in South County. It was held at Perkins Elementary on 11/15/2013.

The **Death By Chocolate** team members were Avery Guinagh, Evan Baker, Brice Storman, and Lily McGeehan. **The 280s** team members were Will Kramer, Quinlan Whitney, Sophie Suereth, and Leah Sonberg. **The Marshmallow Warriors** were Sam Phrasavath, Aidan Hornsby, Jessy Harless, and Victoria Czynszon.

All teams tried their best to work cooperatively, read carefully, and think creatively to solve hands-on problems like creating defense shields, roller coasters, and bridges. It was great fun and very challenging! We are proud of all of you! Magnifico!

Homework Helpline

727-547-7223

Reindeer Day is Coming

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

Dec. 20th is Reindeer Day at Bay Point Elementary! You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen.....but do you recall.....that Reindeer and Caribou are two names for the same species (Rangifer tarandus), with reindeer generally referring to the domesticated variety that are herded by humans and pull sleds. Who knew? Students will learn more about these magnificent creatures in the month of December as we study Reindeer and



their habitat. The unit will culminate on December 20 with a special Reindeer Day! Don't be surprised if you see students sporting a red nose. We hope this wonderful unit will inspire children and make learning fun as they fly off into the Winter Holidays!

You Are Invited to the BPE Winter Concert at Lakewood High

Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten & 1st grade students should arrive at 6:00 p.m.

4th & 5th Grade Chorus students should arrive at 5:30 p.m.



EMAIL ME!





If you are a registered volunteer who would like to receive an occasional note about events, please send me an email so that I can collect your address. You may also have to add me to your safe sender list. (I'm getting a lot of returned messages.) Thank you!

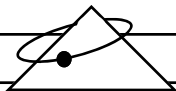
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Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

Diciembre Curriculum

KINDER-GARTEN	FIRST & SECOND	THIRD & FOURTH	FIFTH
 <p>Toys & Essential Learnings</p>	 <p>Review Essential Learnings</p>	 <p>Review Essential Learnings</p>	 <p>Review Essential Learnings</p>



Thank You Adopt A Class !!

Ambuj Kumar & Sunita Kumari
Art—Ms. Harrington

Ambuj Kumar & Sunita Kumari
Music—Mr. Pineda

Ambuj Kumar & Sunita Kumari
Gifted Team

Ambuj Kumar & Sunita Kumari
Spanish Team

Ronald & Lydia Harless
Dr. Cairns

Angela McGriff
Ms. Kincaid

DABO Fire Protection, Inc.
Mrs. Bouanene

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Coordinator

Bay Point's Young Astronauts continues on their mission of discovery. The first 3 meetings had perfect attendance and the students we have are so dedicated, along with the enthusiastic volunteer leaders! November and December only have one meeting each. This gives your student time to create projects to amaze their group members and earn credit for the required number to be a member in good standing.

Group 2, 4th & 5th graders were busy learning about the science of flight from our helicopter to the foam airplane models we built. The facts are coming together with the task they performed. Group 2's next meeting will have a great surprise to for an upcoming event! Stay tuned. Thanks again to the parents, teachers and administrators at Bay Point Elementary Magnet for their continued support!

Common Core Corner

... Dr. Felita D. Grant

What is so good about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)?

- ◆ The CCSS provide an urgently needed wake-up call to provide America's children with a world-class education.
- ◆ The CCSS place equal weight on reading and writing.
- ◆ The CCSS stress the importance of critical citizenship.
- ◆ The CCSS emphasize reading complex texts.
- ◆ The CCSS has a clear design with central goals and high standards.
- ◆ The CCSS convey that intellectual growth occurs through time, across years, and across disciplines.
- ◆ The CCSS calls for proficiency, complexity and independence.
- ◆ The CCSS support cross-curricular literacy teaching.
- ◆ The CCSS respect the professional judgment of classroom teachers.

District Application Programs

... Ms. Sara DePerro, Assistant Principal, Magnet Coordinator

With the District Application Period beginning soon there are a few things families of 5th graders going to middle school and of incoming kindergarten students will need to do to be prepared:

Learn about the schools that interest you

- ◆ Attend Discovery Night
- ◆ Take a tour

Get a parent portal ID. You should have one if your child has been enrolled in a Pinellas County school, if not, bring a driver's license to any school and request one.

A word about **SIBLING PRIORITY**: you must apply on-line, make BPE your first choice, check the sibling priority option, and go back in to accept in February. Sibling priority is valid *only during the initial application period*.

KEY DATES

Jan. 8 – 17, 2014:

District Application Programs Application Period

Feb. 6 – 13, 2014:

District Application Programs Acceptance Period

During this time, parents must log in to make a decision to remain on a waiting list or to accept an invitation. Any invitation that is not accepted expires midnight on Feb. 13.

For more information:

[https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?](https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41&Itemid=1038)

[option=com_content&view=article&id=41&Itemid=1038](https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41&Itemid=1038)



Congratulations BPE Grant Writers!

Look for some additions around campus thanks to two new grants we have received:

Mrs. Stroud, Ms. Harrington and Mrs. Parker were awarded a \$2,830 Teach For Excellence Grant from the Pinellas Education Foundation to build the *Mysterious Magical Metamorphosis*. Time lapse cameras will be placed in the garden to catch the *Mysterious Magical Metamorphosis* of the butterfly. Students will keep journals of the daily activities and make field guides to educate the other children in the school about the butterflies visiting our campus.



The parent team of Mrs. Luisa Walsh and Dr. Chris Simoniello applied for, and were awarded a grant from Duke Energy. We will soon have a solar-powered pump for the pond, as well as a weather station.

Kudos to these teams—and thank you for going the extra mile for BPE!

Now is a good time to:

- Label your child's belongings
- Update your contact information in Portal

Spooky Science

OOPS—how could we have missed our very own volunteers at the Fall Festival Spooky Science demo:

BPE Young Astronauts

Mr. John Barfield

Ms. Sue Godfirnon

Mr. Michael Godfirnon-Petrino

BPE Science Lab

Mrs. Charlotte Vyverberg

Please Record Your Volunteer Hours

Use this link to log in to the district site to record your volunteer hours:

<https://portal.pcsb.org/focus/>

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and send them in to the office. Ask your friends and families to save them for us too!

Thank You Great American Teach-In Speakers

Elizabeth Anderson: Pet Safety & Care

Ian Beck: Circus / Clowning

Kathy Blackett: Physics, electricity & magnets

Amanda Burnett: Respiratory therapy

Bruce & Jodi Davis: SnoMachine

Michael Devereaux: Baseball Coach

Donna Dooley: ER Physician

Kevin Dooley: Firefighter/Medic

Kerem Esin: Civil Engineer

Cheri Frady: Yoga

Christine Glazener: Publix Seafood

Jason Grant, Donnie Lomas:

Pinellas County Traffic Safety

Renee Hale: Music and Movement

Suzan Harrison: Eckerd College Professor

Christopher Henderson: Firefighter

Jaida Herring: Health Care, Midwife

Tekeshia Howden

Michael Hughes: Law Education

Lindsay Irace: Nursing

Joni James: Journalism

Bennett Johnson: St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue

Mike Killian: Pinellas County Sheriff, K9

Chad Mairn: Libraries and Technology

Alan McClellan: Music

Kevin McCormack: Process Improvement

Cinnamon McGeehan: Dog Rescue

Jeff Meister: Mad Science

Eric Miller: Firefighter

Erik Oij: Environmental Science

Talya Redinger

William Shepherd: US Army Reserve

William Shepherd: Occupational Therapy

Jay Shoopak: Martial Arts

Chris Simoniello: Oceanography

Kathryn Smith: USGS

Cheryl Stacks: Bicycle Safety

Ted Strickland: Medicine

Valerie Strickland: Planet Earth, Water vs. Land

Pascal Thomas: Stormwater Drainage

Luisa Walsh: Duke Energy Electric Car

Gabriel Whitney: Noisemakers

And thank you Bobbie Zolg, Cara Ertle, and

Michelle Devereaux for helping out that day!