



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY
MAGNET SCHOOL**

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Dearest BPE Family and Friends,

Now that the weather is beginning to cool off, what an ideal time it may be to build in some physical activity and exercising, and if you need an exercise partner, try your child(ren)! Exercise experts tell adults that if you want to stay motivated in your workouts it's best to have an exercise partner. Since you have kids, you're already one step ahead of the game with a built in exercise partner.

This is a great way to spend some one-on-one time with your son or daughter and to make lasting memories. Some ideas for you and your child could be to take an evening walk around the neighborhood, shooting basketball hoops in the driveway, passing the football around in the backyard, air the bike tires up and bike a couple of miles around the park, or be that soccer hero and kick around the soccer ball for that winning goal. What a great way to get you and your kids out and about, and start exercising together. You will feel better and you will enjoy the time you have together with your child making healthy fitness choices!

Have a wonderful holiday season and continue to be safe!

Cheers,

Dr. Felita D. Grant

Calendar:

December

- 3 Heritage Village (grade 1)
- 5 Mom & Me Breakfast, 7:30 am
Rsvp: petellec@pcsb.org
PTA T-Shirt Sales, cafeteria until 8:30 am
Casual Friday, no uniform, best behavior
- 9 SAC Meeting, 5:00pm
- 18 Winter Concert at Lakewood High
- 19 ALL PRO DAD Breakfast, 7:30am
Rsvp at: <http://www.allprodad.com/3578>
(Just to make sure we have enough food!)
Gingerbread Man Day
5th grade vs. Staff Kickball game
- 22—Jan 5 Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**

January

Jan 6 Classes resume

Mom and Me Breakfast

We had an awesome response to our Mom and Me Breakfast! Thank you to all the Moms and Grandmothers who attended (and for your patience). Kudos to Ms. Harris and her cafeteria staff for handling the additional service for over 300 moms and their children.



Commitment to Character

KINDNESS:

Being nice and considerate toward others.

Through our curriculum, we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences. We will place a special emphasis on the integrated applications of mathematics, science, foreign language and technology to prepare students to function productively in our global environment.

Science Notes

...Mrs. Vyverberg

December in the science lab is an exciting time. The kindergarten classes have been exploring freezing and melting. Sorting objects according to attributes like "floats" or "does not" is the work the first grade is doing. Observing properties of matter like volume and capacity is the science process second grade is learning. Third grade loves experiencing static electricity. Ask your fourth grader about the "Sound Sandwiches" they made. And fifth grade is discovering how force and motion affect an object at the bottom of a ramp. Enjoy the holidays with your children.

Online Access

...Ms. Sanchez

Winter Break is the perfect time to log on to our online programs!



ALL PRO DAD

...Mr. Jorge Angulo

Bay Point Pops! Come join us for FREE breakfast!

December 19th

Let us know you're coming so that we can prepare enough food at:

<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

Upcoming dates:

January 16 ~ February 13 ~ March 13

April 17 ~ May 22

Magnet Application Window to Open Wed., January 7th ~ Fri. January 16th

All 5th graders who wish to attend a magnet or fundamental program must apply online. (You do not need to apply online for your child's close to home school.) To apply, you will need your child's student ID found on the report card. If applying to a middle school magnet program, you may need to provide a copy of your child's most recent report card and a copy of their most recent standardized test scores (i.e. FCAT scores) to the school.

Gingerbread Men Seen Running Through Campus

...Mrs. Parker



Run, run as fast as you can.... but you can't escape the excitement of the classic story The Gingerbread Man!

The Gingerbread Man theme spices up our Bay Point students with engaging activities the week of December 14th. This fun school theme, designed to promote school spirit and bake up some good old fashion fun, will culminate on December 19th with a performance by Bay Point's very own Gingerbread Man, Mr. Dodge. Start running now.....he's fast!

There's An App For That!

...Ms. Petelle

In a continued effort to keep families engaged, the district's Office of Strategic Partnerships has developed a Family Engagement Mobile App. The PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP will provide parents access to extended classroom opportunities, family engagement tips and opportunities and parent "How To" videos. There will also be information about parent workshop schedules, parent peer support, and information that will support student learning and school improvement. The **PCS Family Engagement Mobile APP is free** to download and is available for both Apple and Android Mobile devices. To download the APP, simply type "PCS Family Engagement" in the search box of either the Apple iTunes APP Store or the Google Play Android APP store. The APP has direct links to all PCS schools, Parent Academy and mentor workshops, the district's Scale Up for Success Initiative schools, daily engagement tips, videos, academic support, Florida Standards and much more. The APP also allows for more effective communications with families via its direct messaging feature.

Don't forget to designate Bay Point Elementary on your Target card!

Clip These Please!



Keep up with the latest!

WEB PAGE:

www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es

FACEBOOK:

BayPointElementaryMagnet

Panther Pals



...Ms. Gomillion

Our Panther Pal's teacher-student mentoring program has begun. Panther Pal's mission is to positively impact our students academically and behaviorally. Thank you to the following staff members who have volunteered their time to make that positive connection:

Mr. Pipino	Mr. Bowen
Mrs. Hale	Mrs. Bouanene
Ms. Alvarez	Ms. Wolf
Mr. Wood	Mrs. Clarke
Mrs. Jefferis	Mrs. Dlouhy
Mr. Gariano	Mr. Levesque
Ms. Russ	Ms. Negretti
Ms. Gomillion	

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Homework Help

Call: 547-7223

Monday-Thursday on days school is in session

Winter Concert

December 18th

Lakewood High School

Auditorium

Performance begins at 6:30 PM

Grades K and 1, and the
4th and 5th Grade Chorus

Can you volunteer to help that night?
Contact Mr. Pineda at
pinedah@pcsb.org

Club News and Open Houses

Guitar until 3:45PM
Beginners: Mondays
Intermediate: Thursdays

STEM until 4:00
Wednesdays

Rock Band
Coming Soon!

MAD SCIENCE
until 3:45 Wednesdays

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

The Young Astronauts Club has kept busy as we approach the holiday break. Both group 1 and 2 have been working towards their required projects while sharing some really interesting topics! Group 2 continued on understanding Newton's Laws of Motion. We have experimented with everything from paper planes to parachutes.

This past meeting we blasted into the science of rocket engines, how and why they fly, what effects them as they fly. We observed & learned as 4 different types of model powered rockets were launched. Took the vehicles apart, while understanding the engineering that goes into building these crafts. The young scientists marveled as the different size rockets flew, higher and higher! Needless to say they are looking forward to the end of the year project when each student builds their own rockets.

Young Astronauts wished each student and their family a great fall break. Enjoy the Holiday with your family! Oh yes, you could do a project too!

Handbook highlights

Here's a quick refresher about pick up and drop off times:

- Students are not to arrive on campus before 8:05 am
- Free breakfast is available in the cafeteria at 8:05 am
- Last breakfast is served at 8:25 am
- The Main Gate closes at 8:30 am to allow staff to get back to their class for the start of school. Students must enter through the office after 8:30 am.
- Please always pull up all the way in the car circle
- Please do not drop off your children in the street or have your child walk off campus to meet the car somewhere else
- Students not picked up by 2:55 pm in the car circle will be brought to the office and the parent will be contacted.

Students are in class from 8:35am to 2:35pm

Thank you volunteers for the many hours you have given to the school:

Over 25

Saeid Ajabshir
Gail Allison
Jen Cannizzaro
Lindsey Lumpkins
Cinnamon McGeehan
Stephanie Mischke
Michelle Paolini
Ellen Revit
Chris Simoniello
Elaine Smalling
Dara Wilkerson

Over 50

Kathleen Blackett
Greta Klungness

Over 100

Miles Baker
Carmen Pupo
Cheryl Shaughnessy
Bobbi Zolg

Congratulations to **Stephanie Mischke** who won the drawing for coffee gift card for entering all her hours in the computer! We will do another drawing for the month of December—so get your hours in!

Thank you families for joining us on **Fiesta Night**. It was a festive and fun-filled evening with tasty food, crafts, music and wonderful displays and videos provided by our awesome Spanish team (Sra. Chavez, Sra. Jakubik, and Sra. Van Deilen). Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped to make the night a success!



Great job families! We earned \$9,577 during our **Fall Fundraising** campaign. Thank you for supporting our school. Congratulations to our top sellers: Devan Moore (1st-

Griffin), Zachary Oetinger (5th-Levesque), and Jayden Green (2nd-A. Smith). Twenty seven students will get to enjoy a limo ride after school and four teachers (K-Foronda, 5th-Gomillion, 5th-Hillriegel, and 5th-Levesque) won cookie dough for having at least 10 students participate from their class. Yum!

Now the real fun begins, though. **How do you think the money should be spent?** Technology? Programs? Please submit your ideas to Jen Cannizzaro (VicePresident@bpepta.org).

Thank You For Making Our Great American Teach-In So Awesome at Bay Point!

These family members and friends came to share their experiences with our students:

Lisa Aruca – Cake Decorating	Joseph Larkin – Eckerd College
Miles Baker – Publix	FSS Veronica List – Sheriff, Forensics
Lorisha Biddines - Accounting	Chad Mairn – 3D Printing, Robotics
Kathy Blackett - Spectral Lines	Janeen Martin - Pharmacy
Dana Brousseau – Kids Yoga	Cinnamon McGeehan - Dog Rescue
Oscar Canchani – Latin Music, Drums	Jeff Meister - Mad Science
Denise Cooper – Microbiologist	Angela Merck – Human Services
John Diaz – Computers	Bridget Narvaez - Nursing
Kenneth Fayette – Boyd Hill	Erik Oij - Environmental Science
Brooke Fletcher – HSN	Chris Paasch – US Coast Guard
Joe Foster – ABM Security	William Shepherd - Occupation Therapy
Cheri Frady - Yoga	Chris Simoniello - Oceanography
Matt Gould – Computers	Kathryn Smith - USGS
Patricia Grice – Quilting	Cheryl Stacks - Bicycle Safety
Constance Gulley – Healthy Foods	Ted Strickland - Medicine
Shane Henderson - St. Pete Fire & Rescue	Pascal Thomas - Stormwater Drainage
Jaida Herring - Health Care, Midwife	Luisa Walsh - Duke Energy Electric Car
Michael Hughes - Law Education	Ashley Wesley - Finance
Bennett Johnson - St. Pete Fire & Rescue	Gabriel Whitney – Noisemakers
Officer Dennis Kelly – St. Pete Police	Lisa Zientarksi – Medical Lab Tech

Outstanding School Volunteer

Congratulations to Mrs. Bobbi Zolg who has been nominated by many as this year's Outstanding School Volunteer. Mrs. Zolg has stepped forward to help us when the office staff has been out, she is active PTA member and can be seen selling T-shirts the first Friday of each month. Mrs. Zolg is the mother of two boys at the school and helps out in the classroom and on field trips.

<https://focus.pcsb.org/>
Parents were given a password and user ID. The user ID begins with "p." and is followed by your name. The password is generated by the district, and is case sensitive. Please keep it in a safe place so that you are able to access your child's information online.