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## A Message from the Principal

Greetings BPE Families and Friends,

We are glad to have the children back here at school and I want to thank all of the staff, parents and community members who have helped to make the first month back to school after the holidays a positive one. Our school team remains committed to your children's educational growth. Please ask your child to share with you what he/she learns daily and to discuss their personal goals for growth.

Our administrative team would like to congratulate the following classes who were recognized for participating in our Winter Break Reading Challenge: **Mr. Pipino, Ms. Wall, Ms. Wolf, Ms. Bouanene, Ms. Milford, Ms. Gomillion, and Ms. C. Wilson.** Our hope is that all classes at Bay Point will participate during our Spring Break Challenge... please stay tuned.☺

Please remember that car riders and walkers should be in class by 8:35am, and remember that ALL students receive FREE breakfast at 8:05am.

Thanks for all that you continue to do to support learning at home. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

Best regards,  
*Felita Grant Lott, Principal*

## Calendar:

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Casual Friday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PTA Camp BPE at Boyd Hill
- 4<sup>th</sup> 100th Day of School
- 11<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 18<sup>th</sup> No Classes—President's Day  
Florida State Fair Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> FCAT Writing Exam, Grade 4

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Seuss' Birthday—  
*Read Across America*  
PTA Parents and Pastries, 8:05 am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PTA Camp BPE at Boyd Hill
- 14<sup>th</sup> PI day  
Superintendent Leadership Cadre at  
Gibbs High
- 15<sup>th</sup> Report Cards go home

See Inside for Magnet School  
Application News

## After school activities:

- Guitar-Beginner: Mondays
- Guitar-Intermediate: Thursdays
- Club Olé: 7th, 21st
- Young Astronauts: 12th, 26th
- YAC Overnight Adventure: 16th-17th

## Black History Month

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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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

## On-Line Resources for Use at Home

...Ms. Sanchez

You may access these websites at home or at the public library. Please 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>

Envision Math — <https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>

FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5) —

<http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>

Think Central (Science) —

<https://www.k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>

Britannica Online School Edition—

<http://www.school.eb.com/>

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

### Lexia Reading Update

**Congratulations** to the following students who have completely mastered Lexia Reading and are now working on Reading Plus:

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> grade</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> grade</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> grade</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> grade</u>
Landon H.	Mitchell W.	Amirah C.	Davon Miller
Lily A.	Gage H.	Keenan H.	Mary B.
	Arni K.	Shane M.	Ayanna G.
		Evan S.	
		Ana S.	
		Daisja J.	
		James C.	

Remember that Lexia Reading stands as one of the most rigorously researched,

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- ◆ Ink jet and Laser cartridges

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)

## Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

¡Hola! The first week of February, Bay Point Spanish learners will be celebrating "*Cien (100) días en la escuela*" (hundred days at school). Some classes will list one hundred Spanish words they know, others will count all the way to a hundred or will be working on math *en español*. Encourage your child to share what they have already learned in Spanish class.

¡Español es chévere, olé!

## Science Fair

...Mrs. Vyverberg

Time to start thinking about Bay Point Elementary Science Fair. Our school fair will begin on May 6, 2013. And I'm going to let you in on a secret. You don't need fancy equipment, flashing lights, or a roller coaster built from toothpicks. What you need is an understanding of the scientific method. That's what classroom teachers teach during science class and what students learn to use in the science lab.

If you go to the Bay Point website click on "Programs" at the top; then choose "science"; next scroll down to "For the science project guide, click here". You will find links to many of the forms and information you need to get started. < <http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/scienceprojects.htm> >

### Florida State Fair Day:

The district has been informed that the Florida State Fairgrounds has offered to provide K-12 Pinellas County Schools students with free admission to the Florida State Fair on Feb. 18, 2013. This is a district-wide Professional Development Day for staff with schools closed for students. Admission for children ages 5 and under is free, so younger children will not require tickets.

### Arrive before

8:05 am—Free Breakfast

8:35 am—Class begins

### Pick Up

2:50 pm - Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

**1:35 pm Wed**



## Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

## Adopt-A Class

### Media Center~

Charlene Bailey

*Thank you for adopting us to purchase  
new Kindle Fires!*

Read Across America Day is March 1<sup>st</sup>. It kicks off with the PTA's Parents and Pastries at 8:00am in the cafeteria. Come enjoy a pastry while reading a story with your child. The day will continue with activities and events honoring Dr. Seuss.

## Homework Helpline

**727-547-7223**

The Homework Helpline offers free homework help for students in grades 1 through 12. The Helpline is staffed by Pinellas County Schools teachers who are certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Helpline teachers have access to textbooks commonly used in the district and can assist students with homework in most subjects. Homework help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.

- Establish a routine
- Set up a study area
- Reduce distractions and interruptions
- Read with your child on a daily basis

### **District's Homework Helpline offers homework help and guidance assistance:**

Pinellas County Schools has a great resource for students who need help with homework and families who have questions about guidance-related issues. Staffed by teachers who are certified in math, science, language arts and social studies, the district's Homework Helpline offers free homework help for students in grades 1 through 12. Homework help is available at (727) 547-7223 from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday on all school days, except when there is no school the following day. The helpline is now being staffed with a certified guidance counselor who can answer general questions about promotion, graduation requirements, college and career guidance, and other important topics.

## Magnet School Application Acceptance Period

...Ms. Sara DePerro, Magnet Coordinator

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

### **February:**

13th—20th APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

*You **must log back in** to accept an invitation. If you do not, you will lose your spot in the school.*

### **March:**

4th LATE APPLICATION / WAIT LIST

Once schools know how many families have accepted their invitation, those on the wait list will be called if space is available. Families who submitted applications during the initial period but who were not invited, will automatically be added to the wait list. Others may complete a late application on-line, and they will be ranked below those who applied during the January application period.

*For more information about applying check out our webpage:*  
[http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/m\\_mag.htm](http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/m_mag.htm)

## Young Astronaut Adventure

...Mr. Barfield

Bay Point's Young Astronauts rocketed into 2013 with high expectations of learning and having fun! All three groups have become scientist in their search for knowledge! We have learned about forces that effect flight and the history behind space flight.

Group 3 built rockets from scratch using only paper and cardboard. Using a real rocket engine the students launched their creations into the sky. The members observed these flights, and came to conclusions as to why some went up and others didn't!

As we head into February, group three is gearing up for our special adventure to Kennedy Space Center for The Overnight Adventure where students will spend the night and experience many once in a lifetime things. Next month we will share those with you all!

Thanks again for all of the support Administration, teachers, and parents have given Bay Point's Young Astronauts!

## Parent-Teacher Association— Go for the Gold!

Don't miss—February 2<sup>nd</sup> is one of my favorite events of the year. **Camp BPE!** We will hold a campfire (weather permitting) and roast marshmallows, play games, and enjoy the great outdoors at Boyd Hill Park. We will need volunteers to help with this event, so please plan to help tomorrow night.

On March 1st we are hosting *Parents and Pastries* in the cafeteria before school. This is in conjunction with Read Across America Day and will kick off the event filled day.

*Carmen Pupo*, PTA President  
www.bpepta.org



## 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!  
**OVER \$600 Collected!**

## Congratulations

Mad Science  
of West & South Tampa Bay

BPE Business Partner of the Year

### Zoned School Locator

<https://sap.pinellas.k12.fl.us/PubInfony/>

Please visit [www.InSyncEdu.com](http://www.InSyncEdu.com) to create your username, password and profile. This program gives your family access to learning activities that align to the new Common Core Standards and college/career resources.



Look for this button on BPE's webpage to get started! It's a great **free** resource for families!

## Book Fair Dates: Feb. 11- Feb. 15 8:05 – 3:15 Mon. – Thurs. Closes at noon on Friday!

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

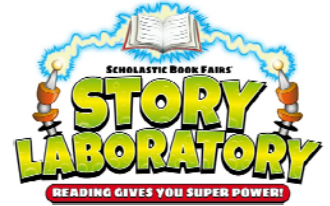
Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Story Laboratory:**

**Reading Gives You Super Power!** – is part of an incredible energy source for reading that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read

more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Come out and support the Book Fair. Help us support literacy in our school!

Sincerely, Mrs. Parker



**Profits from this spring's book fair will be used to hire author Debra Frasier to visit our school in May. Debra is the author of many wonderful children's books including the award winning books *On the Day You Were Born* and *Miss Alaineus*!**

*Thank You*

PTA SAC VOLUNTEERS

*You make our  
school  
great!*