

BAY POINT ELEMENTARY

MAGNET SCHOOL

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A Note From the Principal

Dear BPE Families and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the instructional practices and/or good news we have at Bay Point Elementary School as evidenced during the first semester and the beginning of the second semester:

- We have received grant funding to begin a Butterfly Garden. A team of teacher and staff members are in the process of implementing the grant. We cannot wait to see the end results!
- Our School Advisory Council (SAC) has successfully been awarded a Duke Energy Grant. Through this grant our SAC members are exploring ways to enhance the science portion of our curriculum – going beyond the classroom! Some ideas that have surfaced include: purchasing science equipment to be used in an outside "science" area, transitioning to a solar powered pond pump, purchasing a weatherproof teaching board, and finding ways to tie in science (and inter-related concepts) such as measurement, data logging, observations and journaling. Please stay tuned for more information from our SAC.
- Through the Reading Enhancement Referendum funds, teachers have assessed our school needs and have been purchasing instructional resources that support both reading intervention and

literacy throughout all subject areas.

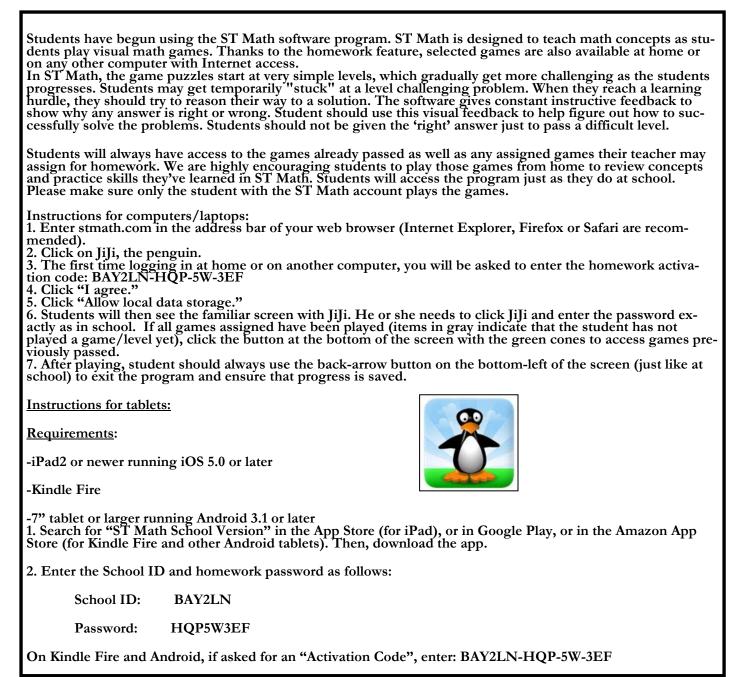
- Teachers have been extremely active in their own professional development to enhance instruction for all. Most teachers have participated in the Core Connections training, and all have participated in the ST Math Program training. Please see your child's teacher for more information, as we once more strive to go beyond the classroom (ST Math information will be coming home soon).
- Grade level data teams comprised of teachers and administrators are continuing to explore fall and winter assessment results of all students. Such data is being used to plan for necessary instruction to address specific student needs and document growth in the months leading up to the Spring assessments.

I want to express my thanks to you for your active involvement in our school. We welcome your involvement and interest as we collectively celebrate

the many talents of our students as learners. Please continue to take the time and ask your child how his/her day was, inquire about what he/she has learned, and take a look at some of the work your child is engaged in daily. These are all great ways to stay involved in your child's education. Lastly, we extend many congratulations to the following student WINNERS who will represent Pinellas County at the State Level, for the Pinellas County Council PTA/PTSA 2013-2014 Reflections Program: Robert Czyszczon, Cory Diaz, Sarah Blackett, and Jonathan Owens. We are absolutely over-joyed with the accomplishments of the students for their great projects and to all who participated in the Reflections Program this year!

Dr. Felita Grant

FEBRUARY-FEBRERO
14th Happy Valentines Day
17th Pro Ed Day School Closed for Students
19th PTA Parent University 3rd & 4th Grade par- ents 6-7:15
21st 3rd Grade Student Led Conferences
28th Young Astronaut Club to Kennedy



SCIENCE CORNER: MS. VYVERBERG

Parents, it is time to start thinking about our school science fair, especially if your child is in third, fourth or fifth grade. The students should begin thinking about a topic to research and investigate. The fair will be on May 12th and 13th. Your child's classroom teacher will communicate a date when finished projects are due in the classroom for grading. I will be selling display boards throughout the month of March. They will cost \$3.00 and may be purchased before and after school in the science lab. If you have additional questions email <u>vyverbergc@pcsb.org</u> or your child's classroom teacher.