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Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Families and Community members,

Happy 2009! Welcome back for the second semester of learning at Bay Point Elementary.

Levels of academic pace and activity increase during this time of year. Your continued support and communication as well as work with your child and teacher make a difference. We will be doing a great deal of data gathering this month as it is mid point in the year. Common assessments and a MOCK FCAT at the end of the month will be part of the checkpoint processes.

We will have an on-site LEGO FIELD trip for each class at the end of the month. That requires the real life application of our science and math skills. Our emphasis on Environmental Science continues to grow in awareness and application throughout our school. Be sure to watch for more news on more types of recycling.

Magnet tours begin this month on Wednesday mornings. Kindergarten is our main focus of new students. Application period is Jan 26-Feb16th for all magnet schools including middle schools. More information will be given out to 5th grade. Magnet fair is Jan 24th at John Hopkins Middle School. Remember to share the news with your neighbors and friends.

Please be sure to check backpacks and agendas for important communications and we welcome your partnership as we begin the challenges of 2009.

Sincere regards,

Mrs. Lively

This month:

Magnet tours for incoming students start every Wednesday at 9:30am in the office.

- 8th 5000 Role Model Induction (4th Grade)
- Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 13th Fire Station (Bridges, Hunt, Johnson)
- 14th Fire Station (Wilson, Alvarez)
- 15th *Guest author William Durbin
- *Fire Station (Godfirnon, Griffin)
- *Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- *4th Grade Foresters— seedlings will be distributed to all 4th graders!

16th No School

19th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—
No School

20th Presidential Inauguration

21st Chik Fil A Spirit Night—St Pete Bch Mahaffey Theater (grade 2)

22nd Domino's Pizza Dough Night

24th Magnet Information Fair at John Hopkins Middle School, 10-1

26th Magnet Application period begins

29th Domino's Pizza Dough Night

Clubs (Clubs meet after school from 2:45–4:00 pm, except for the Care Club which adjourns at 3:50 pm. Your child will be dismissed from clubs if they are not picked up promptly)

Club Olé: 13th, 27th

Community Care Kids Club: 14th, 28th

Earth Force: 6th, 20th

Guitar-Beginning: 5th, 12th, 26th

Guitar-Intermediate and Advanced:

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Young Astronauts: 13th, 27th



Bay Point Elementary Magnet School's mission is to promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment by utilizing an integrated system of learning with an emphasis on math, science, technology and foreign language.

A Community of Master Learners

From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

This month of January, the coming to the science lab will be learning about matter and energy.

The students in Kindergarten will look at solids, liquids and gasses and the effect of heat and cold has on them. First graders will explore the properties of matter and the effect of heat and cold on the molecules that they are made of. They will also learn how to use a balance scale to measure the mass of different objects. The students in second grade will be learning how to use metric tools of science to measure mass, volume, and temperature. The third graders will also use metric tools to measure differences and changes in matter. Fourth grade classes will investigate and identify the properties of mixtures and solutions. Fifth graders will use metric tools to measure and calculate volume and density of different states of matter.



Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

In January, Bay Point students will celebrate *El Día de los Reyes Magos* (The Three Wise Men Day). This is a cultural experience where students will learn how Hispanic families celebrate this important Holiday. Mexican children leave their shoes beneath the window the night of January 5th, and the next morning, January 6th, they get presents and candies. Among many other Hispanic countries, in Puerto Rico, Spain and Cuba, the children collect grass (hay) for the camels to eat and put it under their beds or by the door so Los Reyes Magos will stop to leave presents.

Bay Point students will leave their shoes in front of Café Olé. Inside the classroom they will play a game reviewing colors, numbers, food items, verbs, shapes, etc., en Español. When it is time to wear their shoes they will find candies (generously donated by Sra. Kirschbaum and Publix) inside their shoes.

I'm Fit, I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Being fit is a way of saying a person eats well, gets a lot of physical activity, exercise, and has a healthy weight. If you're fit, your body works well, feels good, and can do all the things you want to do, like run around with your friends.

Some steps only parents can take — such as serving healthy meals or deciding to take the family on a nature hike. But kids can take charge, too, when it comes to health.

Eat a variety of foods, especially fruits and vegetables. You may have a favorite food, but the best choice is to eat a variety. If you eat different foods, you're more likely to get the nutrients your body needs. Taste new foods and old ones you haven't tried for a while. Some foods, such as green veggies, are more pleasing the older you get. Shoot for at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day — two fruits and three vegetables.

MORE CONTENT ON-LINE!

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Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Make sure you call the Front Office and update your child's clinic card.

RoboPanthers Help Out

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

On Saturday, December 6th, four members of the Bay Point RoboPanther Lego League team and their family and friends participated in a Neighborhood Car Wash in the Crescent Lake Neighborhood. **Isaac Anderson, Drew Carvill, Jamie Loomas, and Bryan Peebles** helped raise \$310 for a mission called Partners with Haiti to make the community aware of the terrible hurricane damage Haiti suffered this past summer. Several members of Partners with Haiti came to the car wash and were very interested in the team's solution to Haiti's wind destruction, which is called eco-architecture.

OLWEUS Grant

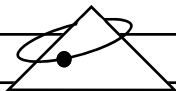
Ms. Cunningham has applied for a grant from the **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program**. The program is designed to prevent bullying problems and improve peer relations in school. Implemented in over dozen countries, it has been shown to improve the social climate in the classroom.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Celebrate Literacy Week January 12th – 16th

William Durbin, award winning author, will be with us on January 15th. Mr. Durbin's books include *El Lector* (set in a cigar factory in Ybor City), books in the *My Name Is America* series, and others such as his newest, *The Winter War*.

Mr. Durbin will present to our students. For more information, contact Mrs. Bonnie Parker in the Media Center.



Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

Today I'd like to spotlight one of our wonderful VE teachers who has the kindergarten/1st grade students. Together, they made a fabulous book with illustrations and stories all done by them. The book is bound and beautiful and a copy is on display in our media center. In addition, the parents of the students all bought a copy as well. Congratulations to **Ms. Bridges** and all her students for such a wonderful project!



The 5th grade classes continue to work on their Moodle projects in the lab and have been doing a Go Green Project and will soon be involved in Force and Motion projects to align with their science curriculum.

In addition, some First grade students will be working with me in the lab on furthering their reading skills which I'm looking forward to doing with them.

Art Award

Ms. Lawson submitted artwork for the Arts Center Word and Image Exhibition Program.

Mia Jakubik, 1st Grade, from Bay Point won 1 out of the 8 Honorable Mention Award. The category was only meant for 4th and 5th graders but Ms. Lawson was able to obtain an exception for the work Mia submitted. Congratulations, Mia!

Give Kids a Smile 2009

The seventh annual **Give Kids a Smile** in Pinellas County will take in February. There will be a total of eight sites available. The Pinellas County Dental Association and the Upper Pinellas County Dental Association hope to screen, clean and treat more than 400 children in Pinellas County who otherwise would be unable to receive dental care.

There is increasing research that point to the connections between chronic oral infection and other chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and obesity.

In order to be eligible for this free dental care event, the child **must be Medicaid eligible**, between the ages of 3-18, **but without a dental provider**. Parents can contact their school guidance counselor, **Ms. Kerry Cunningham**, if they are interested in scheduling their child. The parents or guardian **must fill out the paperwork** authorizing dental treatment prior to the event and will need to provide transportation for the child to the nearest clinic for their scheduled appointment. They may also call the Info-line to ensure their children are eligible and make an appointment by calling the Smile Info-Line at (727)219-0400 or 211 (Tampa Bay Cares).

On Friday, February 6th, every child participating in the program will be seen for a screening, x-rays, a cleaning and sealants if needed. On Friday, February 20th and Saturday February 21st, any children needing follow-up treatment will return to the clinic for fillings and extractions.

Most children will be assigned a clinic through a referral source, but parents of children not affiliated with these organizations can call our Give Kids a Smile Info-Line at (727)219-0400 or 211 Tampa Bay Cares for more information. The hours for information will be 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday to reserve their child's spot for this great day. Appointments are extremely limited, so call today.

Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Great news, Group 3's annual trip to Kennedy Space Center was a huge success! While we were checking in, we found out we were the only group there! We became VIPS! The staff was happy to see we were early, so off we went to security, everyone passed!

The group was then treated to the Space Shuttle Launch Experience! It was a launch simulation, with pre flight, and very realistic "ride". We all had a blast. Then we went off to see other areas of the KSC. We viewed the I-MAX Moon adventure movie, and met an Astronaut, Col. John Fabian, a veteran of 3 shuttle flights. His interesting outlook on the space program informed, and entertained us all!

We made our way to the Saturn V center, named for the vehicle that took American's to the Moon. Our group had a task to build a lunar structure. Many unique buildings were made! Lights out at 11:00 and we slept under the mighty rocket. We awoke to a great breakfast, and awards. The group said good bye to our event leaders, and boarded the bus for a dawn tour. We were able to ride up to the launch pad 39A, where the launches happen.

Later we all went to the Astronauts Hall of Fame where saw many historical things. Many thanks to all the adult and student chaperons that made our trip awesome! Check out our YAHOO web group for pictures, and more news!

Please Support the Businesses Who Support Us

Magnet Applications

- Chik-fil-A, St. Pete Beach**— sponsors Spirit Night once a month and donates a portion of the proceeds to our school; hosted meals for our teachers; gave free sandwich coupons
- Beef O’Brady’s of South St Pete**— free meal for students
- Bob Evans**-4900 34th St S; free meal for students
- Strike & Spare Bowling**— bowling party for students and staff
- Carter’s Florist**-weekly delivers flowers to the office
- Winn-Dixie**— donated dessert for Teach-In speakers
- Sweetbay**, 62nd Av s— Collected *School Dollars* to donate
- Publix, Lakeland**-provided bags to our Teach-In Speakers
- Domino’s Pizza**-donates a portion of the Pizza Dough Thursdays to BPE

**General Mills
Box Tops for Education**
Earn money for the school one dime at a time! Shop online to earn more: www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/

We also collect:
Campbell’s Soup Labels
Nestle’s Pure Lite water labels

Paper Donation
Thank you Mr. Herbert Gould, Attorney at Law, for the donation of several cases of paper!

For more content Check out the on-line version of this newsletter at: www.baypointes.pinellas.k12.fl.us

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.
~Native American Proverb

- Magnet Application Period** begins Monday, January 26th and ends Monday, February 16th
- Acceptance Period** March 2nd through the 13th
- District Information Fairs**—
Sat. Jan. 24th, John Hopkins MS, 10am-1pm
Mon. Feb. 2nd, Dunedin MS, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- BPE Magnet Tours**—
Begin at 9:30 am in the office
January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
February 4th, 11th
- BPE Discovery Night**—
Tuesday February 3rd at 6:00 pm
- Siblings of Current BPE Students**
Parents of incoming siblings must call Ms. Rivera at 552-1449 to assure sibling priority at BPE

Join us at



(Dolphin Village Shopping Center: 4623 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach)

BAY POINT ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT
Get a FREE MILKSHAKE!

Chik-fil-A has teamed up with Bay Point Elementary *Magnet School for a fundraiser.
All you do is come to *Chik-fil-A* on St. Pete Beach on:

January 21st from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- Put your cash register receipt in the BPE box by the cashier so we get credit
- Bring this flyer with you, and students will receive a **free milkshake** with your family’s purchase

Community Care Kids Club



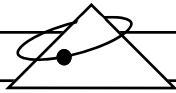
Students collected over 5,000 cans of food

We collected non-perishable items for the Salvation Army for those local community members that are less fortunate. Our club hosted this event, however it was a school-wide effort. Many teachers incorporated it into their curriculum...example kinder and ESE did estimation; third grade did a weekly contest between teachers to see which class collected the most items, then we created a bar graph. Our club collected the items on a bi-weekly basis and stored them in my classroom until pick-up day, which was Dec. 3rd. On pick-up day, we had to place items in boxes, no heavier than a person could lift. Then we had to haul all the boxes down to the front of the school. The members really enjoyed this because we piled them on the flat bed cart and they took turns taking the carts down the elevator....

On the same day that we had pick-up, so did other schools in our district. Well, the "pick-up people" were AMAZED at the amount of items we collected!! They kept on saying..."There's more?????" They said we were BY FAR the school that collected the most cans, estimating at about 5,000 plus items!!!!

Young Astronauts at the Kennedy Space Center





The Winter Concert Was A Great Success!

Bay Point students gave an amazing performance at the Winter Concert on December 16th under the direction of Mr. Pineda, and assisted by Mr. Madrinan. Parents and families were delighted with the well rounded program, including:

- The Guitar Club
- The Orff Ensemble
- Kindergarten
- Club Olé
- Community Care Kids Club
- 4th & 5th Grade Chorus



Ms. Harrington prepares one of the props for the Winter Concert

The Faculty Wins Again! The Annual 5th Grade vs. Teachers Kickball Game

