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Principal's Note...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to 2010! Amazing to see those numbers and know that we are in a world that is changing so very fast. Trying to imagine the world that our children will live in twenty years from now is beyond my imagination as I review the technological changes that have taken place just in the past five to six years.

As we plan and teach we must always keep in mind the reason why. Why must we teach certain curriculum, have high academic expectations, require tests, encourage higher level thinking, promote and support appropriate social skills? So that we can prepare our children for what their future may hold. So that they can be successful in modern society, able to support themselves effectively, reach their potential academically, get along with people from all over the world in many different circumstances.

If we allow them to rebuff responsibility for learning, not put effort towards hard work, excuse or accept negative behaviors, we are crippling them for their adulthood in a new and exciting world. Children learn quickly and by example. Are we doing enough as parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, adults?

It is easy to ignore the long range goals as we get caught up in our day to day tasks, government requirements, daily problems, packed schedules and economy. I ask you to join me in keeping the goals in the large picture and aligning all that we do as partners to help our children be equipped and successful adults in this amazing world.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively



This month:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35

MAGNET SCHOOL TOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:15—10:15 am

- 4th Welcome Back!
- 6th Midterm Report Cards go home
- 8th First Friday—No Uniforms
PTA *Reflections* Show
- 9th **District Magnet Information Fair** at
Northeast High, 10:00 am—2:00 pm
- 11th PRIDE Testing—5th Grade
- 14th Razzmatazz Puppet Show (1st grade)
- 18th **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**—No School
- 19th PTA Bully Prevention Workshop
- 20th **Discovery Night**, 6:00-7:00 pm
- 22nd Pro Ed Day—No School
- 25th PTA Skating Party
Science Center, 5th Grade
- 26th Firearm Prevention, 3rd Grade
- 28th Parent Night, 3rd Grade
- 29th Mahaffey Theater, 3rd & 4th Grade

Clubs—Please be prompt picking up your child or they will be dismissed from clubs

Chinese Mandarin: meets 1:45-2:25 pm on Wednesdays

Club Olé: meets to 3:45 pm Enero 14th & 28th

Community Care: meets to 3:30pm
Watch for flier

Earth Force: meets 2:55 pm -4:00 pm January 12th & 26th

Guitar Club: meets 3:00 pm—3:45 pm
Beginners on Mondays

Intermediate and Advanced on Thursdays

Young Astronauts: meets 2:55 pm-4:00 pm January 9th & 23rd

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

Prepare for the FCAT

...Dr. Christi Porter

FCAT Explorer: Free FCAT Practice On The Internet

FCAT Explorer is a free, online practice program from the Florida Department of Education. It features four practice programs created especially for middle school students: *Reading Island*, *Reading Boardwalk*, *Math Navigator*, and *Science Voyager*.

All four programs offer practice for the skills tested on the FCAT and feature lots of stuff to help you get the most out of your study time. *Reading Island* offers 37 reading passages with over 250 practice questions. *Reading Boardwalk* contains 60 reading passages and over 500 practice questions to help you do your best on the FCAT. *Math Navigator* contains 140 math questions and features an online calculator and a handy formula reference sheet. *Science Voyager* contains 190 practice questions, along with vocabulary exercises and 8 lessons on each of the areas tested in the Sunshine State Standards.

Best of all, FCAT Explorer is online, which means you can use it on any computer connected to the Internet: at school, at the library, even at home.

Your performance on the FCAT can benefit from the extra time you spend studying math, reading, and science on FCAT Explorer. To get your free FCAT Explorer sign-in name and password, talk to your teacher, or call the FCAT Explorer Team at 1-888-750-3228. Log on today!

FCAT EXPLORER

Third through fifth graders can prepare for FCAT at FCAT Explorer at <http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>. Contact your child's teacher if you need a user name or password.

Have a Wonderful New Year

8:20 AM Gates Open

8:35 AM—2:50 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:35 AM—1:35 PM Early Release

Every Wednesday

3:15 PM School Closed—*Any students not picked up will be sent to the YMCA and charged for after-school care*

Office Hours: 8:00 AM—3:15 PM

Office Phone: 727-552-1449

School Website: www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us

TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser—check the on-line version for links to web pages, photos and more!



Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

In January, Bay Point students will celebrate El Día de los Reyes Magos (The Three Wise Men). 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. The next morning, January 6th, they get presents and candies in their shoes. Among many other Hispanic countries, in Puerto Rico, Cuba and Spain, the children collect grass (hay) for the camels to eat and put it under their beds or by the doors 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 Spanish vocabulary. When it is time to wear their shoes they will find candies inside their shoes.

Homework Helpline

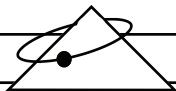
Call 547-7223.

5:00 to 8:00 pm Monday—Thursday.

Cafeteria Reminders

...Ms. Deloris Smith

- ★ Breakfast is served beginning at 8:05 am
- ★ Regular priced breakfast is \$1.00
- ★ Reduced priced breakfast is \$.30
- ★ NO BREAKFAST LOANS ARE GIVEN, however, students can have white milk and 2 slices of toast.
- ★ Children who qualify for free or reduced lunch also qualify for free or reduced breakfast
- ★ Regular priced lunch is \$1.75
- ★ Reduced priced lunch is \$.40
- ★ Milk price is \$.50
- ★ NO MORE THAN 3 LUNCH LOANS ARE ALLOWED
- ★ Notices are sent home when a student's lunch account has a negative balance
- ★ There are several ways to pay:
 1. Pay by credit card at Mealpay Plus at www15.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx
 2. Pay by cash or check. Contact the **Cafeteria Manager, Deloris Smith**, before school (727-552-1459). Checks payable to: *Bay Point Elementary Food Service*.
- ★ Menus may be found at: <http://www.pcsb.org/is/fsmenus/home.html>



Update Your Contact Information

Make sure the Front Office has up-to-date contact information—

- New phone numbers
- Change of Address
- Contacts

If there is an emergency, you need to be sure we have a way to contact you, or a person you trust with your child!

We Recycle!

- Ink Jet Cartridges
- Laser Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Eye Glasses
- Newspaper

Tech Talk

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Our district has purchased a subscription to www.BrainPop.com for all elementary and middle schools which offers many educational videos.

Our school's generic login is as follows:

Username: BAYPOINT_ES Password: bpinellas

Here's another great link for academic help:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html?src=rt>

Hope you had a wonderful holiday and don't forget—we collect and recycle used laser and inkjet cartridges as well as cell phones!

YAC Space Center Report

...Mr. John Barfield

The Young Astronauts Club finished 2009, with a bang! The groups had a great last meeting, celebrated the holiday season, and look forward to an exciting new year! Group three experienced an exciting event. We participated in Kennedy Space Center's Overnight Adventure!

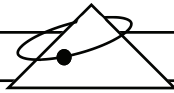
Preparations were long, and somewhat demanding, but the end result was something the students will never forget! We met at BPE Saturday morning, loaded our cars, and headed for KSC! After a lunch break we arrived at the Space Center. We were met by our teachers, guides, and the fun began! After clearing security, we loaded our belongings into our bus, and made the way to the rocket garden.

We took part in a historical rocket scavenger hunt! The students learned a lot about the rockets that made history, and manned space flight possible! The tour continued, we discovered many pieces of history and learned about Astronaut heroes of the past! We enjoyed a great dinner, then made our way to meet a real Astronaut. Captain Wendy Lawrence. A veteran of 4 shuttle flights, she informed, and amazed us with the steps she took to be a successful member of NASA.

We were able to ask questions, and had a real one on one with her! We set off to see a great IMAX movie next. Magnificent Desolation, Walking on the Moon. It was a 3-D experience that made us all feel we were there on the Moon! We then boarded our bus, and headed out to the Saturn V Center. This building houses one of the last "real" Saturn V rockets that carried men to the Moon. It was awe inspiring to see this mammoth vehicle. We were assigned our spots as to where we would be sleeping. The night competition began. Our students, again did an awesome job, winning second place in the engineering assignment to build a structure that could survive moon quakes! After a midnight snack, it was lights out!

6:30 came early, but our Young Astro's were up. and ready for another day! We had morning awards, then said good bye to our teacher friends, boarded the bus, for a behind the scene tour of KSC. We actually drove right up to launch pad 39 A where the Space Shuttle launch's from! Did you know KSC, is a wild life sanctuary? We discovered that too, see a huge eagle's nest, alligators, and many other animals on our tour. Returning to the Visitor's Center, we reloaded the cars, and returned to experience more of KSC. One of the top choices for our YAC members was the Shuttle Launch Experience! This simulation felt like we were really going into orbit! After lunch we made the short drive to the Astronaut's Hall of Fame. This museum was filled with history!

The trip ended way too soon, as we loaded vehicles, and made the trip back to BPE. Many thanks go out to all of the adults, students, and student, "chaperones". The adults, **John Barfield, Claudia Rodriguez, Nancy Fanning, Maria Haan, Laura Henley, Diana Hodge, Andrea Carvill, Diane Peebles, Cindy Wilson, Aida, & Rudy Gonzales, Judy Gray, Nancy Pope, and Rachelle Myott.** A special thank to BPE teacher, **Jodi Warson.** She stepped in to help out when our advisor, Ms. Sue Godfirnon, was not able to make the trip this year. The student chaperones, YAC grads, **Sarah Barfield, Tatsiana Wilson, Alex Henley, Laura Haan, Kaitlin Fanning, Jaime Gonzales, Tyler Bittner, and Emily Wilson.** And of course **Mrs. Lively,** for ok'ing this trip, and **Cindy Petelle,** who worked extra hours of paper work to make it a possible! Thanks to the parents, for their continued support, and see you all on January 12, 2010.



YOUR PTA Has Planned These Events

January

19th -PTA Bullying Prevention

25th -Skating Party

February

6th -"CAMP BPE"

New this year—potato sack races and lots of other ol' fashioned family fun at the campfire!

We need your help to keep the campfire safe contact:

Chris Hudgens at
finance100@hotmail.com

Dear Volunteers...

Thank you for all you have done for us! My report to the District is due in a few days so I need to know all the time you have volunteered.

Please log in all your hours, or email them to me if you can not get in to use the computer.

What counts? Everything you do!

- Field trips
- Classroom assistant
- PTA and SAC meetings
- Work you do at home
- PTA or school events

~Cindy Petelle petellec@pcsb.org

Community Care Club

Congratulations for collecting over 2,500 lbs of food to the Free Clinic

Thank You!

Chili's

Coupons for kids

Scrubs N Stuff, Inc

www.scrubsnstuff.biz

40% off uniforms until Jan. 14th!

Adopt A Class

Mr. and Mrs. Kym Ottaviani

Rex Rentals & Realty, Inc.

Ms. Storm

Mrs. McLean-Gifted

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dreyer

Ms. Harrington-Art

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riley

Girlfriends-Mentoring

Help us "attract" others to our Magnet School!



BAY POINT ELEMENTARY
MAGNET SCHOOL

We would like your help in educating our community about the wonderful opportunities available at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School. Please provide the name of any place you recommend we share our flyers and contact information. Return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

*pre-school centers * day care centers * pediatrician's office
community centers * local library * churches*

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Porter or Mrs. Rivera at 552-1449.

Our Kids Are Worth Whatever It Takes!

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

I suggest you contact the following places:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OR Please provide me with _____ flyers and I will distribute them at the above locations.

how to apply for a

- Magnet School/Program
- Fundamental School
- Career Academy (High Schools Only)

APPLICATION PERIOD
2010-2011
Jan. 9-29, 2010

WHAT	WHEN	HOW
<p>Step 1: Find out about programs/schools</p>	<p>November 2009 through Jan. 29, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website, www.pcsb.org • Information Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northeast High • School Discovery Nights – listed on the district website • Program Guide for magnets, fundamental schools and career academies (available in December at schools and on the website).
<p>Step 2: Obtain a ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password</p> <p>IMPORTANT: If you do not already have a ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password for any child in your family, go to a nearby school and ask to get one. Bring photo I.D. with you.</p>	<p>Before applying</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: If you already have a ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password you don't need another one. Only one User I.D. and Password is needed per family, even if you have more than one child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have misplaced your User I.D. and Password, visit a nearby school and bring your photo I.D.
<p>Step 3: Apply online using your ParentCONNECTxp User I.D. and Password</p>	<p>Jan. 9-29, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using your home computer or the community computer at a school, log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district website, www.pcsb.org. • Enter your program selections from the list of programs. • The SRS will be available at additional community locations.
<p>Step 4: Acceptance Period</p>	<p>March 1-8, 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) during this period to accept a program invitation. If this is not done, your application will not be valid.

Key Dates to Remember

Jan. 9, 8 a.m.-Jan. 29, 5 p.m. – Application Period

Jan. 6-Feb. 28 – Discovery Nights (listed on the district website)

Jan 9 – Information Fair, Northeast High, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 1-8 – Acceptance Period

Magnet Application Period and ParentCONNECT

WHO MUST APPLY

- **CURRENTLY ENROLLED Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 4th grade students DO NOT need to do anything if you plan on staying at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School.**
- **5th Grade Students, Incoming Kindergarten students, and siblings currently not attending Bay Point Elementary Magnet School need to apply following this process:**

If you plan to attend Bay Point Middle CAST Program, apply to another magnet or fundamental school, have an incoming Kindergarten student or sibling not currently attending Bay Point Elementary Magnet School, you will need to register during the application period starting on January 9 through the 29. This is done **online** and you must have registered for ParentCONNECT prior to doing this (see below). You can obtain a ParentCONNECT user ID and password at this time.

- **Incoming Siblings must apply and return this form:**

Siblings are given priority, providing there is an opening at the grade level needed. If your child has any brothers or sisters that will be entering Bay Point for the 2010/11 school year please fill out the section below. A sibling is defined as brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, or other children with common legal guardianship who reside in the same household.

Please consider a place for the following sibling(s) of _____ at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School for the 2010-11 school year.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade applying for _____ School/Pre-school presently attending _____

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010 to enter Kindergarten.

We hope this has answered any questions you may have had. Please return this form to school by Friday, January 8th, 2010.

REGISTER IN PARENTCONNECT:

STEP 1: Go to the PCSB ParentCONNECT web site: <http://parent.pinellas.k12.fl.us/> . If you do not have Internet access, you may go to a public library or any public school to use the computer.

STEP 2: Click on the "REGISTER" button.

STEP 3: Complete BOTH the parent and student information. Click "SUBMIT".

STEP 4: Two business days later, visit your child's school and present your picture ID to receive your login and password.
