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Administrator's Message

Dear BPE Family,

Happy 2011! Can you believe another year has come and gone? It was wonderful seeing students and their parents' smiling faces on the first school day back of the New Year. There were lots of smiling faces from bus riders, too.

Welcome Back!

We still have lots of teaching and learning happening as we near the end of first semester. Many upcoming activities and testing are around the corner for students: Science Fair, Florida Writes for students in grade four, FCAT testing for Grades 3-5 and of course the continuance of Common Assessments for students in 2-5 grades.

Parents, please be sure to take some time to speak with your child's teacher about his/her progress. The more you check-in on your child's progress, the greater the probability is that your child will be successful in school. We are a great village here at BPE therefore we want to see all children exceed their potential and obtain greatness.

Thanks to all volunteers and teachers who assisted Mr. Pineda with the Winter Concert. It was fabulous! If you missed it, you will have another opportunity to hear children sing and play their guitar with such pride and ownership at BPE's Spring Concert. Thanks to our itinerate music instructor, Mr. Madrinan, for a job well done, as well.

Happy New Year!

Ms. Hawkins, Assistant Principal

Calendar:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35 pm
Magnet Tours Wed. 5th, 12th, 19th; 9:15 am

- 3rd **Welcome Back for a Great New Year!**
- 7th Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior
- 13th Parent Science Fair Workshop
PTA Mad Science Night
- 17th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL
- 21st Pro-Ed Day: NO SCHOOL
- 24th Sawgrass Lake (Cairns)
- 25th Sawgrass Lake (Frady)
- 26th Discovery Night, 6 pm, Media Center
- 27th Sawgrass Lake (Gomillion)
- 28th Sawgrass Lake (Hudak, Kincaid)
Mahaffey Theater (gifted classes)
- 31st Sawgrass Lake (Wolf)

Coming Up...February

- 1st Science Fair projects due to teacher
- 5th Camp BPE—PTA Campfire at Boyd Hill



Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities or they may be dismissed from the clubs.

- Earth Force—5th
- Club Olé—
- Community Care Kids Club—
- Guitar Club - Beginning Level: Mondays
Intermediate & Advanced: Thursdays
- Young Astronauts—11th, 25th to 4:00 pm

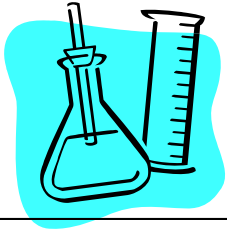
Bay Point Elementary Magnet School's mission is to promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment by utilizing an integrated system of learning with an emphasis on math, science, technology and foreign language.

A Community of Master Learners

Science

...Ms. Warson

Science Fair Parent Workshop January 13th



Happy New Year! We have a lot of wonderful activities coming up in science. During the month of January, the students will continue learning about Physical Science. They will also begin preparation for the Science Fair. **The school Science Fair is February 10th.** I will be holding a Science Fair Parent Workshop on January 13th. **Projects will be due to teachers the week of Feb. 1st.** If you have questions regarding the Science Fair please feel free to contact myself or your child's homeroom teacher.

Tech Talk

...Ms. Sanchez

Exciting news!!!! We have been granted a trial usage (until March 31st) of a reading software program called Lexia Reading. This program has been recognized by *District Administration Readers' Choice Top 100 K12 Products* (2010 & 2008), *Scholastic Administrator Best in Tech* (2010 & 2009), *EdNet Impact Award Winner* (2009), and more.

Lexia Reading is a powerful technology solution that brings together Lexia's reading products: Early Reading and Primary Reading Strategies as well as Strategies for Older Students which are on student workstations and a browser-based view for teachers and administrators to see our Lexia Reading data. **Each student works at their own pace and their progress is monitored daily.** There is instructional content in the form of Lexia Lessons to enhance the teacher's ability to use Lexia Reading as a component of a Response to Intervention (RtI). We will be using this program with all our students in Kindergarten through fourth grade and a selection of fifth graders for a minimum of three times a week with a minimum duration of 15 minutes each time. Teachers can extend reading skills practice by printing out Lexia Skill Builders for their students to use during center time or as homework.

To use this software, go to <https://www.mylexia.com/admin/login.php>.

School Customer ID: 1325-0247-7281-0947

Student Login: (ask your child for this information)

We look forward to sharing our future success!!

More On-Line Resources For Use At Home

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

Scott Foresman Science and Envision Math-
<https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>

FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)-<http://www.fcateexplorer.com/>

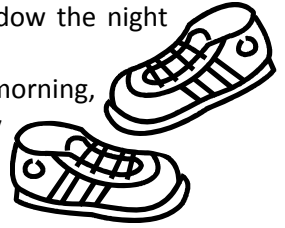
Britannica Online School Edition—<http://www.school.eb.com/>
Login using all lowercase letters: Username: **bpes** Password: **pinellas**

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 them.

Homework Helpline

547-7223

*Certified teachers are available
Monday-Thursday*

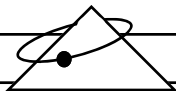
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Reflections Art Contest Participants

...Mrs. D'Louhy

Andrew Blackett: Mrs. Wall
 Sophie Suereth: Pierson
 Keyla Franklin: Jeffries
 Jonathon Owens: Godfirnon
 Jackson Payne: Alvarez
 Nina Jakubik: Godfirnon
 Emily Kramer: Wilson(Kdg)
 Mia Jakubik: Storm
 Mary Blackett :Ackerson
 Lucas Clayton: Pipino
 Megan Friedman: Pipino
 K'nara Bogel:Ackerson
 Cammie Peebles:Gomillion
 Luke Williams: Wolf
 Amita Singh: Frady

www.schoolstore.com

We have signed up with School Store, an on-line portal to a variety of vendors (Walmart, Target, Office Depot, Sears, Oriental Trading, etc). When you shop through this site and designate our school, a portion of the proceeds comes back to BPE!

Help us spread the word! Your child will receive a packet explaining how to submit email invitations to other family members and friends asking them to participate. (For nine addresses, the student receives a participation prize).

With education funding drying up we are trying everything to raise money—Thank you for your support!

Bay Point Elementary 2011 Tour Dates

Wednesday's at 9:15 am

January 5
 January 12
 January 19

February 2
 February 9
 February 16

IMPORTANT DISTRICT DATES

Jan. 22 – Countywide
 Information Fair: NE High, 10-2

Jan. 26 – Bay Point Elementary
 Discovery Night, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
 Media Center

Jan. 27 – South County
 Information Fair: Gibbs HS, 6-8

Jan. 29-Feb. 20 – Application
 Period for Magnet, Fundamental
 & Career Academies

Feb. 1 – North County
 Information Fair: Dunedin HS, 6

March 14-20 – Acceptance
 Period for Magnet, Fundamental
 & Career Academies

Who Can Read One Million Words?

Bay Point Elementary students have read over **19,183,044** words to date.
 Congratulations to these classes who have read over a million words:

Ackerson's Awesome Ducks (2,806,130)
 Cairns Doctors (1,462,025)
 Frady Bunch (3,617,250)
 Gomillion's All Stars (2,238,828)
 Schandel's 5th Graders (4,265,845)

And to these top performers in their grade level:

Scanlon's First Graders (64,100)
 Wood's Second Graders (709,400)



Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield

The Young Astronauts Club has been keeping very busy these past 2 months. Groups 1 and 2 were busy creating art with a space theme and group 3 built and launched their recycled 2-liter bottle rockets. These spacecrafts were altered to be aerodynamic and survive a launch powered by air pressure and H₂O. The day was cold and breezy just like shuttle launches! We sent our creations high into the sunny sky.

With only one meeting this December, we have been going full speed to get things done and have fun! 2011 is looking to be an even better year of excitement, fun and learning. The members took time over the holiday and prepared a project (or 2!) to be presented in their groups this month. Remember, a minimum of 3 projects are required to return to the Group next year!

The Young Astronauts Club wishes all Bay Point Families a Happy New Year!

NOTE TO PARENTS OF INCOMING SIBLINGS:

You must notify Ms. Rivera by turning in the Sibling Priority form before the end of the month. The forms may be found in the front office.

8:35 am—2:50 pm
 Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri
 8:35 am—1:35 pm
 Wed



LOST & FOUND

We have piles of unclaimed clothing articles with no name which we will donate if left unclaimed.

USGS: Our Business Partner of the Year

Bay Point Elementary Magnet School is proud to nominate our partner, the U.S. Geological Survey: St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center as our Business Partner of the Year.

We have been associated with the organization for over seven years. The partnership began as part of the Mayors Mentors and More initiative and has thrived over time.

Every year the USGS has sent speakers to spend the day at our Great American Teach-In, or to work with classroom teachers to highlight various topics. Our students have learned about diatoms, watched a volcano erupt, and witnessed live action beach erosion using one of the many learning models they have provided. Our science lab has received rock collections and many other resources.



Several members of the USGS spent the day assisting us with judging our annual school science fair. The unique background of the scientists add depth to the discussion with students as they learn to present their project.

This year the USGS helped us out by buying new parts for our onsite pond. It once again boasts crystal clear water and a fish community thanks to their contribution.

The impact of the time they have spent has been great. Bringing real life science to our students has inspired and engaged them in a way that would not have been possible without them working alongside our teachers.

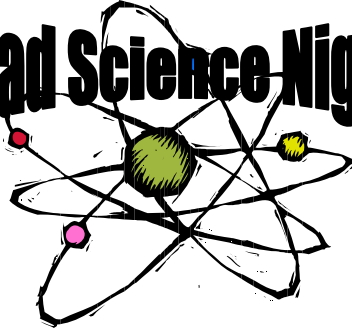
You may learn about them at:
<http://coastal.er.usgs.gov/>

BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

We will have Mad Science night on January 13th. This will be a fun and educational evening and will be tied in with our Science Fair training. More details to come!

Mad Science Night



January 13th

PTA *Mad Science* Night
 for students
 & Science Fair
 Parent Workshop

Camp BPE



February 5th

PTA *Camp BPE*
 Campfire at Boy Hill
 Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers, Count!

... Ms. Cindy Petelle, Family & Community

Thank you for all you have done for us this year—working hard on PTA committees to plan things for the whole school, being a classroom assistant, bringing things home to do for teachers, grading papers, driving field trips, adopting classes... PLEASE input all those hours this week in time for our school report! Have a Happy New Year!

Florida Department of Education Success Measures

The Florida Department of Education has developed an online tool to help parents and families throughout the state learn about changes to our standards and assessments. This new resource, called Success Measures will provide parents and students with information on what is being taught and tested in our classrooms. Log on today to learn more about:

- The materials students will be learning.
- When and how students will be tested.
- Why our assessment program is changing.

This will be a very informative site to pass on to your students and their families. Try these three easy steps to learn more:

STEP # 1 Go to www.fldoe.org/successmeasures.

STEP # 2 Select a grade level and school year

STEP # 3 Submit the course(s) in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health or Physical Education