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# BROADCAST

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## A Message from the Principal

Happy New Year BPE Families and Friends.

We hope that each of you had a memorable holiday season and the new year brings you all of the best! Many thanks to Mr. Pineda and all the students, staff and parents involved with our Winter Concert. What a magical way to end our week before the break.

Between now and the end of the school year, all of our students will continue to be engaged in many rigorous learning activities and we ask for your continued support at home. Our goal is to ensure that every student makes at least one year's worth of growth and that they are demonstrating proficient levels of performance in all subject areas.

As we head into the second semester of school we would like to ask that parents please continue to be mindful of safety when dropping off and picking up your children from school. For car riders and walkers, remember that learning begins at 8:35AM and we need our students present and on time.

Wishing everyone a grand new year, and remember, TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

*Felita Grant Lott, Principal*

## Calendar:

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year!
- 7<sup>th</sup> Back to School
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bay Point Middle School Discovery Night  
6—7pm, *For our fifth graders*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Casual Friday
- 12<sup>th</sup> PTA at Bayside Sports Academy, 6-8pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> — 18<sup>th</sup> Florida Literacy Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> No Classes
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
School Closed—No classes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> PTA General Meeting, 6pm

### 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

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Application News

## After school activities:

Guitar-Beginner: Mondays

Guitar-Intermediate: Thursdays

Club Olé:

Young Astronauts: 8th, 22nd



*It's New A Years!  
Make it a great one for learning!*

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*

## Physical Science

...Mrs. Vyverberg

Physical science now rules the science lab! All classes are studying force and motion, matter, magnetism, electricity, or solids, liquids, and gases. We learn that a force is a push or a pull. More magnets mean more magnetic force. The greater an object's mass the more force is required to move it. These physical science activities fascinate students. They learn about how their world operates and what laws govern these actions. If you want to build a simple catapult with your child go to the site "Spaghetti Box Kids" at <http://spaghetiboxkids.com/blog/> There are many simple projects you can do at home.

## Guidance Corner

...Mrs. Ware

Attention parents! The Guidance Department is in need of gifts/incentives to reward our students who exhibit the school guidelines for success. This is part of our school wide *Panther Bucks* program. Please consider donating a gift card (from Walmart, etc.), adopting the Guidance Department, or dropping off a \$3-\$10 gift. We are looking for games and other items of interest to students. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Ware at 552-1449 x2007, or email: [warecam@pcsb.org](mailto:warecam@pcsb.org)

## We Are in "InSync" With Technology

...Mrs. Erica Shepherd, SAC Chairman



Welcome back Bay Point families! If you haven't done so already, please be sure to register your child (ren) for the InSync

program. 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!

## Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

The Spanish team hopes that everyone had *¡felices fiestas!* In January, Bay Point Students will celebrate *El Día de los Tres Reyes Magos* (The Three Wise Men). At BPE, this is a cultural experience where students will learn how Mexican families celebrate this important



holiday. Every Latin country celebrates this day in their own particular way, however most Hispanic children get their presents on this day instead of Christmas. Like in Mexico, our students will leave their shoes outside Café Olé.

Inside the classroom they will participate in an activity reviewing Spanish vocabulary. When it is time to go outside they will find candies in their shoes. ¡Español es chévere, olé!

## Recycle With Us!

- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Ink jet and Laser cartridges



January 14—18



### Arrive before

8:05 am—Breakfast  
8:35 am—Class begins

### Pick Up

2:50 pm - Mon, Tues,  
Thur, Fri  
**1:35 pm Wed**

# Reflections

Congratulations to these students who will go on to compete at the district level in the PTA Reflections Art Contest:

*Corey Díaz*

*Sarah Blackett*

*Andrew Blackett*

*Mary Blackett*

*Mia Jakubik*

*Nina Jakubik*

*Joshua Nguyen*

*Victoria Czynszczon*

## Thank you volunteers-

Winter Concert:

Charlene Bailey, Chris Simoniello

Frosty the Snowman Day:

Carmen Pupo, Jason Grant, Cheryl Shaughnessy, Cara Ertle, Shanika Sanders

## Adopt-A Class

### Kindergarten

Seneca Construction Services,  
Inc. ~ Mr. Smith

Brighthouse ~ Ms. Johnson

### First Grade

Angelo Patrizzi and Treasure  
Island Fun Center ~ Mrs. Wall

*Thank you to those who have adopted a  
class, or a program*

## 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!

## 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

## Magnet School Application

...Ms. Sara DePerro, Magnet Coordinator

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

### January:

8th Bay Point Middle School Discovery Night, 6—7pm  
*Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology*  
2152 62nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg

9th—23rd MAGNET SCHOOL APPLICATION PERIOD  
<https://reservation.pcsb.org>

10th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am

17th BPE School Tour, 9am—10am

### February:

13th—20th APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

*You must log back in and accept any invitations*

*Currently enrolled BPE students **do not** need to reapply to stay at BPE. 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)*

## Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

## Zoned School Locator

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

## Volunteers Please Log Your Hours

Don't be shy—log in all your hours! BPE must fill out a biannual report that includes the number of volunteer hours. Whether it's 1 hour or 100 it all adds up.

You can log in hours from any computer by going to the district page: [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Log in using your "v." password. Ms. Petelle, [petellec@pcs.org](mailto:petellec@pcs.org), will assist you if you have difficulty.

Volunteer hours include things you do from home (e.g. clipping things out for teachers), grading papers, guest speakers, PTA and SAC meetings and events as well helping out in the classrooms or on a field trip.

Please help us out one more time by logging in today!

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

Happy 2013 from BPE PTA!

I hope you all had a fantastic winter break with families and friends, and that you are ready for a fun 2013 at BPE!

Our **Math Superstars Program** is well underway. I hope you have been receiving the email reminders to download the worksheets and have been encouraging your children to complete them. If not, please go to our website [bpepta.org](http://bpepta.org) to sign up for these emails. This Friday, January 11, we will have a small prize store open for the students who have completed the required number of worksheets. If you are not sure how many worksheets your child has completed, check out the charts hanging in the cafeteria. We have had great participation in this program and want to celebrate the children's hard work! If anyone has some time to help man the store, please contact me at [cjpupo@gmail.com](mailto:cjpupo@gmail.com).

On Saturday January 12 from 6-8, the PTA Programs Team is hosting a fun night at **Bayside Sports Academy**. This is the night to play on all the gymnastics equipment you want: trampolines, balance beams, foam pits, vaults, rings, pretty much anything you can think of. It's only \$6 per person to play and both kids and parents love it. Last year I remember seeing our PTA president on a balance beam and our secretary trying to put chalk hand prints on his back!! Please plan to join in the fun! There will be door prizes too!!

On January 22, from 6-7ish, in the media center, we will be holding our second **General PTA Meeting** of the school year. We will be discussing our plans for the rest of the year, including teacher appreciation ideas, fund-raising ideas, and upcoming programs and events. We will also share some information about Common Core Standards and how this will affect our children's education. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, coming up on 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 watch for more information on this event in the next few weeks.

*Carmen Pupo*, PTA President  
[www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org)



# Proclamation

## CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

- Whereas, Bay Point Elementary Magnet School is celebrating 50 years of service to the children and families of our community; and
- Whereas, the Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology Magnet Program was initiated in the 1993-1994 school year and includes 100% of the students in the magnet program; and
- Whereas, mathematics concepts are integrated across the curriculum and included in music, art, and Spanish; while the science program is aimed at giving students modern tools and techniques as they apply to the real world while creating enjoyable hands-on activities; and
- Whereas, constantly evolving technology is exciting and is incorporated into daily curriculum and best teaching practices; and
- Whereas, special activities have been developed for all students including daily Spanish instruction, Café Olé visits, and the Spanish Lab for enrichment activities along with a dedicated, quality early learning Spanish program; and
- Whereas, the Parent-Teacher Association and the School Advisory Council are strong supporters of the Bay Point Elementary Magnet School assisting in numerous ways to improve the learning experiences for our children;

Now, Therefore, I, Steve Kornell, Member of St. Petersburg City Council do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 13, 2012

## Bay Point Elementary Magnet School Day

and urge area residents to join me in recognizing the parents, faculty and businesses who strive to foster the growth of each student towards becoming "master learners" in this rapidly changing world and wishing them all the best in the future.

Steve Kornell  
Member of City Council