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A Note From the Principal...

Dear BPE Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! I am truly amazed that we have already completed five months of school. Time does go by quickly. The students have grown so much emotionally, physically and academically. It is truly a wonder to watch.

January is a great time to reflect on areas where we were successful during the past year. It is also a time for our students to consider ways to start the New Year off on a positive note. Some great tips include: get plenty of sleep; eat healthy; exercise your body and mind; attend school regularly; write out your plans for success; read, read, read; write about what you read; and continue to follow the golden rule – treat others the way you want to be treated.

Thank you to our parents and family members for your continued support. Wishing all a fantastic year!

Warm Regards,

Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal



Calendar:

January—enero

- 6 Classes resume
- 8–17 Magnet Application period
- 9 Vision / Hearing screening (K, 1, 3)
- 10 Casual Friday, no uniforms
PTA T—Shirt Sales, car circle gate
Selby Gardens (gifted, 1, 2, 3)
- 15 Selby Gardens (gifted, 4, 5)
- 17 Pro—Ed Day, No Classes
- 20 Dr. MLK, Jr. Day—School Closed
- 27—31 Scholastic Book Fair, Media Center
- 28 Deadline to RSVP for Dad Breakfast
Butterfly Grant awarded at School Bd. Mtg.
- 31 ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30am

All Pro Dads Breakfast

**Friday, January 31st
at 7:30 am**

*Breakfast is FREE
if you RSVP by the 28th:*
<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

*Dads! Granddads! Save these 2014
dates for breakfast with your child:
Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 25*

Commitment to Character

SELF—MOTIVATION

*Working in a careful and consistent
manner without giving up.*

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.

*5 Star School * Golden School*

You have Done So Much Work Volunteering This Semester, We Hate To See the Hours Missing

Please remember...PTA, SAC, Clubs and after-school activities, Tutors, Mentors, Drivers, chaperones, and the list goes on...log your hours!

Log in at <https://portal.pcsb.org/focus/index.php> and enter all your hours.

The volunteer user name is: "v." followed by your last name and first initial (For those with a common last name, you may need to add the first 2 or 3 initials of your first name)

Your password is your last name followed by your four digit year of birth. Capitalize the first letter of your name.

If you have any trouble please contact Mrs. Stamos at stamosl@pcsb.org or Ms. Petelle at petellec@pcsb.org. Without the hours we cannot make the Golden School Award, that we have had for over 30 years, without the Golden School Award, we cannot file for the FIVE STAR SCHOOL AWARD which we have also had for many years. Please log in before January 10th!

Book Fair This Month

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

Hope you all had a wonderful break with your family! We are starting the year off right with another opportunity to build your home reading library.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming January 27-31. As before, each class has an assigned buying time to visit the fair. Look for the book fair flyer coming home soon that will have information on your child's buying day and how to shop at the fair. Some of the important things to remember are:

- ◆ Please include 7% sales tax on all purchases.
- ◆ Make checks out to Bay Point Elementary. We take all major credit cards as well.
- ◆ If you send cash please put it in an envelope with your child's name on it.
- ◆ Students can purchase gift certificates in any amount for classroom teachers.
- ◆ We open every day at 8:15 and close at 3:15 except on Friday when we will close at noon. Parents are welcome to come any time to shop. Just be sure to sign in at the front office.

Remember, proceeds from this sale will go to support reading activities and incentives for our school. We also hope to have another author visit later this year.

Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

¡Hola! On Saturday, March 1st 2014, the World Languages Department of Pinellas County is having our annual International Day. Our theme this year is "Languages: It's in our DNA." Each school is only allowed to bring 20 students. Sra. Van Deilen and Sra. Gomez are planning to bring a group to represent Bay Point Elementary.

If you would like to attend with your child, please come or send your child to Café Olé to get a permission slip. **The first 20 students to come to get the permission slip before January 16th** will have the opportunity to participate in this wonderful activity. This is a day full of cultural workshops, language competitions, and fun! The cost is \$10.00 per student, which covers craft materials and lunch. The cost for parents is \$4.00 which covers their lunch. Parents are required to provide transportation and stay with their child at all times.

Enero Curriculum

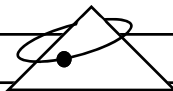
KINDER-GARTEN	FIRST & SECOND	THIRD & FOURTH	FIFTH
 Circus Animals	 Clothing	 Multiplication Division #s 1-1000	 Ir a + infinitivo

In the Science Lab

...Mrs. Charlotte Vyverberg

This month in the lab:

- ◆ The fifth grade is learning about physical and chemical reactions. They have observed whether an alka-seltzer tablet dissolves faster in hot or cold water.
- ◆ Fourth grade students are massing matter with a triple beam balance and learning that mass and weight are different.
- ◆ Magnets are mesmerizing to third graders. They have explored their properties and learned about Maglev trains.
- ◆ What's the quickest way to melt an ice cube in a plastic bag? Ask a second grader who is studying states of matter in the science lab.
- ◆ Testing which types of matter float is the topic of the week for first grade. Kindergarteners are learning about non-standard measurement. They have measured with steps and hands and other objects in the lab.



Thank You Adopt A Class !!

Hollie Schmidt
Ms. Alvarez

*And Thank You to
Our Neighbors at
Avondale-by-the-Lakes
For the donation of
school supplies!*

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Coordinator

Hope everyone had a happy holiday and that all Young Astronauts took the time to do a creative space science activity that they can share with their other Young Astronauts this month.

Group 2 parents- Your student brought home an information and paperwork packet for our upcoming Field Trip Adventure to Kennedy Space Center. Please read over all of the forms, sign, and return by the January 14, 2014 meeting. Even if you have decided your child can not participate in this unique experience, please sign the appropriate form and return the envelop. The tuition for our trip will start being accepted at our January 14 meeting, and is due no later than January 28, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the coordinator anytime.

Homework Helpline
727-547-7223

Gentle Reminders

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Please refer to your copy of the *Code of Student Conduct 5500.05 (V)*:

- A. The student is ill or injured.
- B. There is a major illness in the student's immediate family (this means parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or others living in the home).
- C. There is a death in the immediate family.
- D. The student attends instruction or there is a religious holiday in the student's own faith.
- E. The student is required by summons to appear in court.
- F. Special event (see the Code for examples).
- G. The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment.
- H. Students having a communicable disease or infestation which can be transmitted (see the Code).

The District expects parents to notify the school of their child's absence prior to the end of the school day of the absence.

The complete Code is available online at:

<https://www.pcsb.org/images/stories/RA/Manuals/code1314.pdf>

BPE's Student Handbook is also available at:

<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/atoz.htm>

District Application Programs Key Dates

... Ms. Sara DePerro, Assistant Principal, Magnet Coordinator

Jan. 8 – 17, 2014:

District Application Programs Application Period

Feb. 6 – 13, 2014:

District Application Programs Acceptance Period

During this time, parents must log in to make a decision to remain on a waiting list or to accept an invitation. Any invitation that is not accepted expires midnight on Feb. 13.

Get a parent portal ID. You should have one if your child has been enrolled in a Pinellas County school, if not, bring a driver's license to any school and request one.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

(January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience.



A word about **SIBLING PRIORITY**: you must apply on-line, make BPE your first choice, check the sibling priority option, and go back in to accept in February. Sibling priority is valid *only during the initial application period*.

Currently enrolled students do not to reapply to retain their seats.

For more information:

<https://www.pcsb.org/>

Tech Corner

... Ms. Sanchez

Be sure to utilize the following programs not only at school, but at home, the library, and just about anywhere you can access the internet!!!



Ticket to Read® is an online program that strengthens reading skills and knowledge with stories from social studies and science content areas.

How Do I access and use *Ticket to Read*?

Go to <http://portal.pcsb.org>. Enter your child's PCS Portal (R2.D2) Username and Password. Click Login.

On the right side of the next screen, select Ticket to Read under Student Programs.

- ♦ Kindergarten students will begin in the Phonics section.
- ♦ 1st grade students will take the initial test to determine in which section they begin.
- ♦ 2nd – 5th grade students will begin in the Reading section.



ThinkCentral is a Houghton Mifflin Harcourt website that provides access to digital materials associated with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt products such as our *Go Math!*, *Science Fusion*, and *Journeys* textbooks.

How Do I access and use *ThinkCentral*?

When you [log on to ThinkCentral](#), you will choose the selections below from the drop-down menus:

State: Florida

District: Pinellas Co School District, Largo 33770

School: Your student's school name

User name: Please use your Pinellas County Schools student user name.

However, put 52 in front of it and DO NOT include the dot

Example User name: 52r2d2

Password: The password is your Pinellas County Schools student password

Example Password: s.xxxxxxxx

Once you have filled in this information, you will click on the Log In button



FCAT Explorer is a free, online educational program for students in grades 3-5 that reinforces reading and math skills outlined in the Sunshine State Standards. It is provided by the Florida Department of Education.

How Do I access and use *FCAT Explorer*?

Go to <http://fcatexplorer.com>

Enter your Pinellas County Schools student user name and password in the top right-hand side of the site but omit the s. in your password.

Example Sign-in Name: r2.d2

Password: xxxxxxxx (Do Not include the s. before the password numbers!!!!)

Dear BPE Families-

Can you believe it is already 2014? I am extremely thankful and proud of what our PTA has accomplished thus far and all of the exciting plans for the remainder of this school year. As we go into this new year, we have an increased focus on the valuable input that we receive from all PTA members.

We hope that you take advantage of all the avenues in which we are looking to improve and increase communication and thus involvement. Please be sure to check out our website, www.bpepta.org for updates and subscribe to our weekly email alerts to "Keep Up with PTA" and also like us on our Facebook page 'Bay Point Elementary PTA'. As PTA President I am proud to serve a school as wonderful as Bay Point with the help of an amazing Board. We look forward to continuing to support our school and advocating for our children.

I wish all of you and your families a very Happy New Year.

Thank you,
Shanika Sanders
BPE PTA President

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and send them in to the office. Ask your friends and families to save them for us too!



Don't forget to designate Bay Point Elementary on your **Target** card!