



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY  
MAGNET SCHOOL**

# BROADCAST

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Dearest BPE Family and Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I wish all BPE families and friends a new year filled with hope, promise, and good cheer! Welcome back and hoping that everyone had time to relax and rest up. Here at school, we are ready to make 2015 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing students with daily opportunities to flourish. The work that has to be done is the responsibility of each of us - teachers, students, staff, families and administrators. Together, let's continue to make learning an exciting venture for all! Below are a few updates and gentle reminders from our school's team.

Best,

Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal

## Calendar:

### January

- 6 Classes Resume
- 7 District Application Program opens
- 9 Casual Friday, no uniform, best behavior  
PTA T-Shirt sales Main Gate until 8:30am
- 14 Report Cards home
- 16 ALL PRO DAD Breakfast, 7:30am  
Rsvp at: <http://www.allprodad.com/3578>  
(Just to make sure we have enough food!)  
**District Application Period ends**
- 19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
- 23 Pennies for Pasta collection

### February

- 4—11 Application Acceptance Period
- 13 ALL PRO DAD Breakfast, 7:30am  
Rsvp at: <http://www.allprodad.com/3578>  
(Just to make sure we have enough food!)
- 16 Pro-Dev Day—No School

## District Accreditation Update:

As you are likely aware, Pinellas County Schools is seeking district-wide accreditation through AdvancED, the parent organization of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The survey we recently asked parents to complete is an integral part of our district-wide accreditation process. Each school in the district has been wrapping a variety of school-assessment tasks so that the district can complete its system-wide assessment before the winter holidays. The evaluation process will culminate in a visit from AdvancED evaluators on Feb. 2-4 to gauge the effectiveness of classroom learning environments. We are incredibly excited about this opportunity. Currently, one middle school and all district high schools are accredited through AdvancED. District-wide accreditation through AdvancED will provide PCS with the distinction of quality associated with a globally recognized accreditation organization. Earning and maintaining accreditation will help the district align its priorities to improve our processes and better drive student achievement. AdvancED will also provide the district with tools, training and strategies for continuous improvement.

## Commitment to Character

### SELF MOTIVATION:

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

Through our curriculum, we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences. We will place a special emphasis on the integrated applications of mathematics, science, foreign language and technology to prepare students to function productively in our global environment.

## Pennies for Pasta

...Coach Irving



Help us raise money to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Just send in your change on Friday, January 23rd. Students will be asked to deliver it to one of the tables in the courtyard before school (8:05 to 9:00 am). The class that raises the most money

will win a pasta party so start saving now.

We will need a few parents to help us collect the change so if you can spare an hour that morning please let Cindy Petelle know at [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org).

## Online Access

...Ms. Sanchez



## ALL PRO DAD

...Mr. Jorge Angulo

Bay Point Pops! Come join us for FREE breakfast!

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Let us know you're coming so that we can prepare enough food at:

<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

*Upcoming dates:*

February 13 ~ March 13 ~ April 17 ~ May 22

## Magnet Programs - Apply Now! Wed., January 7th ~ Fri. January 16th

All 5th graders who wish to attend a magnet or fundamental program must apply online. (You do not need to apply online for your child's close to home school.)

To apply, you will need your child's student ID found on the report card. If applying to a middle school magnet program, you may need to provide a copy of your child's most recent report card and a copy of their most recent standardized test scores (i.e. FCAT scores) to the school.

## KUDOS! CONGRATS!

### LaShawn Gomillion

BPE's 2014-2015 Outstanding Educator of the Year

### Tracy Grant

BPE's 2014-2015 Outstanding Support Employee of the Year

## Thank You \* Thank You \* Thank You

### Caring for Classroom donations

Patricia Riddle (White)	Gene Riddle (White)
Mary Freeman (Foronda)	Joel Thompson (Wood)
Debra Alexander (Wolf)	Ilona Szymanski (Griffin)
Chrystal Taloma (Johnson)	Brenda Crow (Clarke)
Patricia Hornsby (Hillriegel)	Andres Rodriguez (Morgan)
Stefan Pantin (Morgan)	Julian Rojas (Morgan)
Marlon Pantin (Morgan)	Rus Wooton (Morgan)
Lynn Davis (Ohlemiller)	

### Classroom Donor

Miles Baker (Murray) pencil sharpener, file folders

Cassis Bakery in downtown St. Petersburg (170 Beach Drive NE) for providing us with Gingerbread Cookies for each student at cost for Ms. Parker's Gingerbread Man Day program. They gave us a terrific deal and we appreciate their support.

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

*Clip These Please!*



## Keep up with the latest!

**WEB PAGE:**

[www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es](http://www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es)

**FACEBOOK:**

**BayPointElementaryMagnet**

Bookmark the school's webpage!

On the home page you will find quick links to the lunch menu, see the calendar for upcoming events, find your classroom teacher and staff email.

# Handbook highlights

## Arrival and Pick-Up:

Students shall not arrive to school before 8:05AM each day, unless enrolled in the YMCA. School is dismissed at 2:35PM. Please remember to make arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up on-time, daily. Please remember that cars are NOT permitted in the bus circle during the posted times.

For changes in afternoon transportation, we ask that you please notify the school office before 2:00PM.

## Clinic/Emergency Cards:

Please be sure to update the information on your child's emergency card in the event we need to contact you (phone numbers and address changes). *Please remember, that only persons listed on your child's card will be permitted to sign them out of school with proper identification – safety first!* 😊

## Bus Behavior:

Please remind your child(ren) of the bus safety rules. This includes the bus stop(s) as well. Students can only be dropped off at their assigned stop, as designated by the Pinellas County School's transportation department. The school will not permit changes in pick-up or drop-off locations, for the safety of all.

## Car Circle:

Please continue to follow the designated pattern. Students are not permitted to cross the car lanes without an adult. All car riders "must" be picked up from the car circle only – as other areas are unsupervised.

## All Pro Dads:

Dads, granddads, stepdads, foster dads, uncles, brothers, and all men – please remember to support our All Pro Dads program, held each month in our school's cafeteria. Share and bring a friend!

## Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

## Homework Help Call: 547-7223

Monday-Thursdays on days school is in session

## Club News and Open Houses

**Guitar** until 3:45PM  
Beginners: Mondays  
Intermediate: Thursdays

**STEM**  
until 4:15 Wednesdays

**Rock Band**  
*Coming Soon!*

**MAD SCIENCE**  
until 3:45 Wednesdays

## Young Astronauts

January 13 & 27 after school until 4:00  
March 28—29 Group 2 Overnight Adventure at  
Kennedy Space Center

## Updated Food Service Policy

Food Service (cafeteria) will be making an adjustment to the fruit/vegetable offerings beginning this month. Our Bay Point Elementary students will continue to have a variety of fruits and vegetables to choose from in our cafeteria for breakfast and lunch.

Students will still be required to choose a *minimum* of a serving of one fruit *OR* vegetable for a complete breakfast or lunch meal. There will now be a new *maximum* of up to two (2) servings of fruits *AND* two (2) servings of vegetables.

Posters have been displayed in our cafeteria to notify students of these new maximum serving changes starting Jan 6th.

Pinellas County Schools participates in the USDA national School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

## Add funds to your child's cafeteria account:

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

## View the lunch menu at:

<http://pcsb.nutrislice.com/menu/bay-point-elementary/lunch/>



January 15th

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?' Consider honoring the MLK Day of Service by volunteering at BPE or for one of the PTA events!

## Math Night at Publix

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30–7:30 pm

Publix (Seville Square)  
3030 54th Avenue South



- ◆ Come experience how math connects to the real world!
- ◆ Win PRIZES for participation!
- ◆ Dinner available at a reduced cost!
- ◆ Show your pride and wear your BPE T-Shirt!

## CAMP BPE AT BOYD HILL'S

Pinellas Pioneer  
Settlement

(3130 31<sup>st</sup> St S, Gate 4)

January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm



- ◆ Games!
- ◆ Campfire!
- ◆ Roast Marshmallows!
- ◆ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs!
- ◆ BLINKIES!

Bring a flashlight & lawn chair and join the fun!

### Don't Sit on the Sidelines

The parents who worked to bring you the ice cream social, fall festival, and fiesta night could use a little back-up. **All they ask is that you take a shift at one of the events coming up**—just devote an hour so they can spend time with their children too!

Look for the flyers coming home or email:  
volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org

### It's Not Too Late

**The Math Super Stars** program will resume this month the week of January 12th. Kindergarteners who have signed up for the program will begin at this time as well.

If you have not already done so, E-mail [MathSuperStars@bpepta.org](mailto:MathSuperStars@bpepta.org) and include your student's name, grade, and teacher to make sure your child benefits from this "super" program!

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

Volunteers—please update your profile and make sure you have entered all your hours—it's important to the school for the report we have to submit to the district this week.

User Name = v.lastname, first initial (no spaces, lower case)

Password = Lastname, four digit year of birth (no spaces, capitalize the first letter)

### Pinellas Virtual School registration begins Jan. 7

Do you have a child that is an independent learner, possesses basic computer skills and takes responsibility for their learning? Pinellas Virtual School may be a good educational choice for your child. Starting Jan. 7, Pinellas Virtual School, an online K-12 Pinellas County public school, will register full-time students during the District Application Period, Jan. 7-16.

### 5th Graders Need to Apply for Programs Jan 7-16

Students wishing to attend a magnet, choice or fundamental need to apply. Go to <http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Domain/173> for information.

Congratulations!



**Dara  
Wilkerson**

Drawing  
winner for  
entering all  
your hours