

BROADCAST

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Dear Bay Point Families,

Each day brings us new challenges and opportunities to provide the children with an environment in which to grow and learn. As we head into the summer I hope that you will find ways to help your child learn about his world and expand his experiences beyond the walls of the school. Great discussion on family trips, learning to get along with cousins or play groups, reading books, trips to the library, or just keeping a journal are always good ideas. We hope you have enjoyed the many Spring activities and we are looking forward a great beginning next year.

It is a pleasure to work with your child. We will be 100% magnet seats, and mandatory uniforms. A brochure with much more information is being sent home with the report cards. Our school hours will remain the same. We will have a new reading program, greater hands on science lessons, more recycling, and lots integration of math. FCAT scores for third, fourth and fifth graders will be mailed home when they arrive. A welcome letter will also be mailed home prior to the beginning of school. Please make sure we have your current phone and address for future messages.

We will be saying good bye to Dr. Bianco as she moves to become head mistress of Shorecrest Primary School. She has been a wonderful partner, administrator and friend to all students, parents, and staff. We will miss her and wish her well.

We will also be saying thank you and best wishes to Mr. Ron Motyka after 32 years of teaching, Ms. Carter-Rutledge as she moves out of state and to Ms. Kimpton as she moves back to New York. We appreciate all that they have given to BPE and wish them success in their endeavors. Mostly, I would like to thank you for all of your support, encouragement, generosity and partnership this year. You make our school a better place for your child. May we each find time to appreciate the many things in life we are thankful for as we begin the summer.

I am assigned to Fairmont Park for the summer VPK and you will be able to reach by email, Livelyg@pcsb.org. if you have an emergency.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively

June:

3rd LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Fifth Grade Breakfast: guest speaker
Gregory Johnson, President
Pinellas County Urban League
Early dismissal all students, 12:40 pm

August:

18th Meet the Teacher,
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

19th First Day of School,
8:25 am gates open
8:40 am classes begin

28th Volunteer Orientation/Workshop,
(for new and returning volunteers)
9:00 am—Media Center



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.

Golden School Award - 25+ Years * Five Star School Award
Mayor's Top Apple Award * Florida DOE Grade A School

Changes for Next Year ...Ms. Christi Porter

Our School Advisory Council (SAC), chaired by **Lisa Brody**, has worked hard this year to insure a quality learning environment for your child. In our continued effort to create a sense of community, we are happy to be going 100% magnet in 2008-09. This allows us to move to mandatory uniforms. This visual sense of pride will build on our Bay Point community and our team goals. Our students play a very important in this community each day as they grow, learn and build the academic and personal skills necessary to be successful individuals.

A few highlights for 2008-09:

- Bay Point Elementary Magnet School is now a **100% countywide magnet** school. That means new students will be admitted only through the magnet application process. (Current students will of course keep their spot.)
- In addition to the District Code of Student Conduct, all students must sign and adhere to the **Bay Point Elementary Magnet Schools Commitment Agreement**. This will be distributed in your first day of school packet, as well as registration packets. Essentially, you agree that your student will come to school every day on time, your child will adhere to the discipline policies, you will communicate with your child's teacher, and you will support your child and participate in school activities. Your student agrees to treat themselves, other students and the school with respect, obey school, bus and district rules and to accept responsibility for their actions. Look for the complete statement in your First Day Packet in the fall.
- A **mandatory uniform** policy is in place for the 2008-2009 school year. Please ensure that your child is properly attired. Specific uniform guidelines were sent in the uniform brochure. Students may wear khaki or navy bottoms (no denim), white or navy polo style shirts, or Bay Point logo shirts. PTA will be selling Bay Point logo shirts at the Spring Concert on 5/22 and in the parent pick up area the last week of school (TBD). We look forward to building on our Bay Point community in 2008-2009! Our Kids Are Worth Whatever It Takes!

From the Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

It's hard to believe that the year has come to a close so quickly! Teachers are wrapping up final lessons and students are already thinking about what they're going to do this summer.

Several parents have asked about information that is out there on internet safety so I've gathered a few web sites for you to peruse on this subject. The last one, the Disney site, is for students to go on and we use it in school as well. Pinellas County has a filter on the internet to block sites we feel students should not be using but at home, you might not have that provision so hopefully, these guides will give you some insight into what you can do at home to protect your children while online.

Happy summer and we'll see you back here for 2008-2009!

PARENTS GUIDE TO THE INTERNET

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/index.html>

FBI'S A PARENT GUIDE TO INTERNET SAFETY:

<http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm>

FAMILY GUIDE BOOK:

<http://www.familyguidebook.com/>

DISNEY'S ADVENTURES IN INTERNET SAFETY (FOR KIDS):

<http://disney.go.com/surfswell/>

Young Astronauts Club News

...Mr. John Barfield

Another year of learning, friendship, and discovery has come to an end! The Bay Point Elementary *Magnet Young Astronauts Club was a huge success! The three groups had adventures in learning, working together and supporting the science magnet of Bay Point through the things we all accomplished together in our organization. We built our own flying rockets, and discovered what a controlled explosion is! Guests to our club filled our minds with awe, and ideas for the student's future careers.

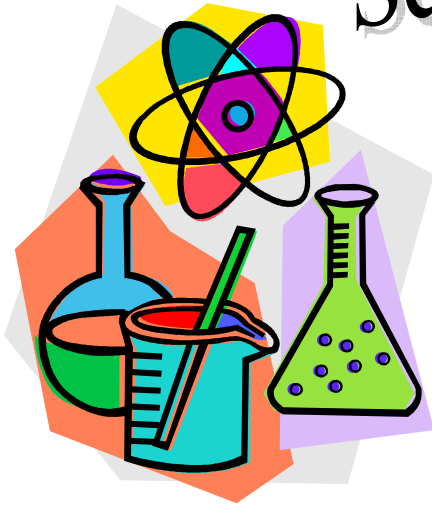
The senior group #3 experienced Kennedy Space Center in a unique, and exciting way! All of these wonderful memories will keep these students' eyes to the stars. Like we tell them, "you can do, or be anything you put your mind to". Who knows, perhaps one of our YAC kids will be the amongst first explorer on the surface of Mars!

The year would not have been possible if it was not for some special people. Our group is an all volunteer run organization. We are not your typical club. The parents that help, dig into curriculum that directly effects the students studies. Their unselfish giving will make memories these students will carry with them for a lifetime.

I would like to than the following, regular volunteers. **Claudia Rodriguez, Cathy Gautreau, Andrea Andersen, Andrea Carvill, Cindy Wilson, Jennifer Friedman, Kelly D'Louhy, Lori Lowery, Cassie Whalen, Aida Gonzales**, and Teacher sponsor, **Brenda Denbigh**. A big thanks to **Sue Godfirnon**. Sue's countless hours of support and guidance truly made us a successful group. To **Mrs. Lively**, thank you again for allowing or organization to continue at Bay Point. We look forward to many more years of adventure!

To the returning students. Do not let yourself get bored this summer! Do a couple projects for next years Young Astronauts Club! We have already begun planning for next years missions! Finally, I wish all of you a fun, restful summer. Thank you all for your continued support in my efforts to keep this group flying! I could not have had as much luck without all of you out there! Stay safe this summer, keep your mind alive!

Science Extravaganza



Congratulations for your Exemplary Science Fair Project !

Reese Remington
 Drew Carvill
 Alyssa Hickey
 Ciana Rodgers
 Bryan Peebles
 D. J. Hunter
 Bryce Morrison

Sarah Barfield
 Michelle Lynch
 Matthew Kessel
 Danielle Sackett
 Tommy Hilliard
 Sam Talmadge

Thank You for Making Our Science Days a Success!

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

Dr. George Garbutt and his team of AP Chemistry students from Lakewood High School CAT program

Dr. Bruce Brodney
Mr. Martin Raney
Ms. Kip Mitchell

SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA PRESENTORS

Progress Energy Egg Drop
Tom Lawery

Pinellas Animal Hospital Pet Professor
Charlotte Anderson
Teri Hembree

USGS Hurricanes
Theresa Burress

Pinellas County Recycling
Rick Clark

Andrea Carvill and her team of students from Lakewood High School CAT program:

Robots

Jay Haksar
 Paul Rosenberger

Mad Chemistry

Andy Kissner
 Dany Trinh
 Greg Lee
 Justin Gray

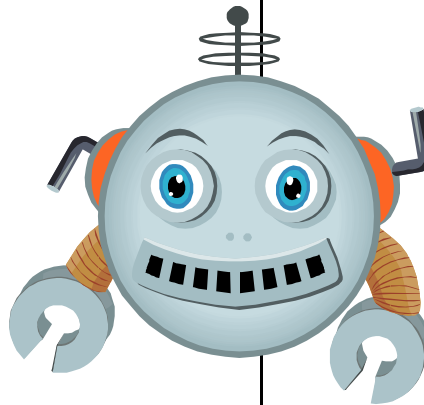
Rockets

John Barfield

Rain Barrels

Carol Suggs

Thank you PTA for providing lunch and Mr. Ron Woolums for planning the day



Dear Families,

It has truly been a pleasure to have served as Bay Point Elementary School's Assistant Principal for the past two years. It took a little time for me to understand the "Pinellas Way of Work," but with the support, encouragement, and guidance of the adults and children that make up the Bay Point's school community, I persevered.

Having been a principal of a small school in NYC, I had hoped that in time I would have my own school to lead one day here in Pinellas County. As good fortune would have it, that opportunity has presented itself. Thus, after the school year ends, I will be leaving Bay Point.

I want to thank you for all the support you have given me and to tell you how much I have enjoyed getting to know your children. I love them all. They are all so special and I've learned so much from them. I sincerely appreciate all that was done to help me in my role as an AP. It has been a privilege to have worked with you and the school's dedicated staff. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

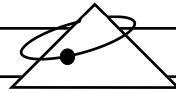
Lisa Bianco.

Announcements

A Special Interview With Ms. Griffin ...Mr. Deven A. Scott, student

Ms. Griffin is a watercolor artist. She is most proud of her painting of Harris Island, which is a real island off of Australia. She has a son and lives in St. Petersburg. She likes teaching kindergarten at Bay Point Elementary. She loves to teach kindergarten and would not teach another grade. Her class is one of the smartest I have seen. She makes me want to go back to kindergarten.

- The on-campus **YMCA** will be open during the summer for childcare. Call 867-4099, or the main number at 895-9622
- School start times will remain the same next year. Classes start at 8:40 am and school dismisses at 2:40 pm
- Meet the Teacher day is August 18th
- The First Day of School is Tuesday, August 19th
- Keep going green—learn more ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle this summer!



I'm Fit, I'm It

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

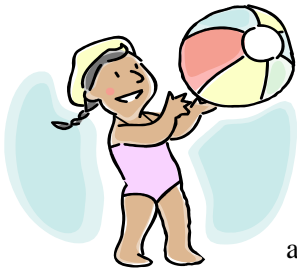
HERE ARE FIVE RULES TO LIVE BY

Being fit is a way of saying a person eats well, gets a lot of physical activity (exercise), and has a healthy weight. If you're fit, your body works well, feels good, and can do all the things you want to do, like run around with your friends.

Some steps only parents can take — such as serving healthy meals or deciding to take the family on a nature hike. But kids can take charge, too.

1. Eat a variety of foods, especially fruits and vegetables. You may have a favorite food, but the best choice is to eat a variety. If you eat different foods, you're more likely to get the nutrients your body needs. Taste new foods and old ones you haven't tried for a while. Some foods, such as green veggies, are more pleasing the older you get. Shoot for at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day — two fruits and three vegetables.

2. Drink water and milk most often. When you're really thirsty, cold water is the No. 1 thirst-quencher. And there's a reason your school cafeteria offers cartons of milk. Kids need calcium to grow strong bones, and milk is a great source of this mineral. How much do kids need? Aim for 3 cups of milk per day, or its equivalent. You can mix it up by having milk and some other calcium-rich dairy foods.



3. Listen to your body. What does it feel like to be full? When you're eating, notice how your body feels and when your stomach feels comfortably full.

4. Limit screen time. What's screen time? Try to spend no more than 2 hours a day on screen time, not counting computer use related to school.

5. Be active. One job you have as a kid. Find ways to be active every day.

Speaking of parents, they can be a big help if you want to be a fit kid. For instance, they can stock the house with healthy foods and plan physical activities for the family. Tell your parents about these five steps you want to take and maybe you can teach them a thing or two. If you're a fit kid, why shouldn't you have a fit mom and a fit dad?

The June Commitment to Character Trait is:

Courage

Being brave in difficult situations, challenging yourself

Congratulations

...to our 5th Graders!

We wish the best in middle school and beyond

Incoming Kindergarteners

...Mrs. Annie Tucker

Please make sure your child has completed the necessary shots prior to the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. Two doses of *varicella* vaccine (chicken pox) have been added to the list required for new kindergarten students next school year.

Registration for all grades (new students) should be completed by now.

Gifted Math Meet

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to the 4th Grade members of Bay Point Elementary's Gifted Math Meet teams who competed in March.

The fourth grade team captain, **Tyler Bittner**, led his team to a third place win, earning another plaque for Mrs. McLean's walls! Members were **Malcolm Butler, Isaac Andersen, and Tatsiana Wilson**.

Isaac proudly earned the First Place Individual trophy for scoring the highest out of 44 competitors in his grade level.

Way to go! We are proud of you!

Talented Artists

...Ms. Meredith Lawson

Throughout the school year student art work is submitted for exhibition at the Art Center, Hospice, the Gulfcoast Museum, Mainsail's *Young at Art*, the Florida Art Education Association (FAEA) digital exhibition, and the Pinellas County School Administration Building's year-long exhibit.

I am proud to announce that these students had art work chosen for exhibition this school year:

Kelsey Gonzalez (FAEA)
Ashley Morris (Admin. Bldg.)
Kyleigh White (FAEA)
Lucas Clayton (Mainsail)
Kyle Wind (Gulfcoast & Hospice)
Jiquel Richardson (Admin. Bldg.)

Congratulations to these young student artists!

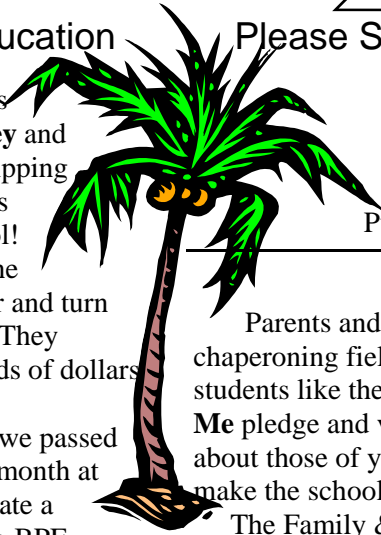


Box Tops for Education

Thank you to our friends at **U.S. Geological Survey** and **Publix Store #688** for clipping Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels for our school!

You can clip and save the coupons over the summer and turn them in to us in August. They quickly add up to hundreds of dollars for Bay Point!

And if you use the card we passed out in the newsletter last month at **Albertsons** they will donate a portion of the sale back to BPE.



Please Support These Businesses Who Support Us

- Echelon Corporation * U.S. Geological Survey
- Strike & Spare Fun Centers * Domino's Pizza
- Chik-fil-A at Dolphin Village
- Eckerd College * Breakfast Optimist Club
- Publix at Bay Pointe Plaza * City of St. Petersburg

Our Volunteers Are the Best!

Parents and friends of Bay Point volunteered over 15,000 hours chaperoning field trips, helping in classrooms, and planning fun events for our students like the Fall Festival! Thank you to all of you who fulfilled your **3 for Me** pledge and volunteered at least 3 hours this year. And we can't say enough about those of you who gave us so many more hours. Your commitment helps make the school a special place. Thank you for all you have given us.

The Family & Community web page may be reached through the BPE site or at: <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/teachers7/petellec>



Sunshine State Reading for Summer
...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

check off the books you read this summer!

Grades 3-5

- The Blue Ghost**
by Marion Dane Bauer
- Clementine**
by Sara Pennypacker
- Dexter the Tough**
by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- The Ghost's Grave**
by Peg Kehret
- The Homework Machine**
by Dan Gutman
- Listen!**
by Stephanie S. Tolan
- The Missing Manatee**
by Cynthia DeFelice
- No Talking**
by Andrew Clements
- Phineas L. MacGuire. . . Erupts!**
by Frances O'Roark Dowell
- Roxie and the Hooligans**
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Rules**
by Cynthia Lord
- The Sloppy Copy Slipup**
by DyAnne DiSalvo
- Stumptown Kid**
by Carol Gorman & Ron J. Findley
- The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco** by Janice Repka
- The Thing about Georgie**
by Lisa Graff

Grades 6-8

- Adam Canfield of the Slash**
by Michael Winerip
- Black Duck**
by Janet Taylor Lisle
- Eggs**
by Jerry Spinelli
- The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kripp** by Rick Yancey
- Hurt Go Happy**
by Ginny Rorby
- Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life** by Wendy Mass
- Kimchi & Calamari**
by Rose Kent
- The Kingdom Keepers**
by Ridley Pearson
- Out of Patience**
by Brian Meehl
- Peak**
by Roland Smith
- Red Kayak**
by Priscilla Cummings
- Rules**
by Cynthia Lord
- The Sacrifice**
by Kathleen Benner Duble
- Shakespeare's Secret**
by Elise Broach
- Whisper in the Dark**
by Joseph Bruchac

Thank You For Serving

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- Diane Van Deilen

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