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Principal's Note...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our students have been shining everywhere... Principal's List, Honor Roll, Math Mania, Dr. Seuss Day, Young Author, Lego Mindstorms competition, Junior Achievement, Enterprise Village ... are just a few of the places. Next week they will have the opportunity to shine on the FCAT testing. They have worked hard this year and learned so much. We wish them well and know that they will do their best with your encouragement and support. Then we will have fun at the Science Extravaganza on Friday the 20th.

We encourage our students to use our new partner, SafeWave. SafeWave is an internet safety program that we have joined. Fliers will be coming home next week and the PTA will be holding a program later on about internet safety.

The PTA is also holding a "READ-a-Thon" the last day before Spring Break. This is their final fundraiser of the year. Hopefully we can use some of the proceeds to replace the 21 laptops stolen from the portables last weekend. Your support is appreciated.

We have developed a GOING GREEN TEAM on our faculty at BPE to move forward with many GREEN ideas and plans. You will see much more recycling, gardening, pond care and student activities as we apply more hands on science in the next few months.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively

This month:

- 2nd Principal's List Bowling Party
Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
- 3rd Enterprise Village (grade 5)
- 4th PTA Board Meeting
- 5th Science Center (Morgan, Sanchez)
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 9th Main Library (Bridges, Hunt, Johnson)
- 10th SAC Meeting
- 10th - 17th FCAT Testing
- 12th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 13th Water Pigs Show
- 19th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 20th Science Extravaganza
- 23rd Main Library (Godfirnon, Griffin)
Westminster Shores (gr. 3 gifted)
- 25th Kindergarten Report Cards Home
Science Fair Parent Workshop, 7pm
- 26th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 30th - April 3rd SPRING BREAK No School



Clubs (Clubs meet after school. Check with the club sponsor for pick-up time. Your child will be dismissed from clubs if they are not picked up promptly)

Camera Club: 3rd

Community Care Kids Club: No Mtg

Guitar-Beginning: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Guitar-Intermediate and Advanced:

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Young Astronauts: 10th, 24th



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

From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

Wow! This year is really flying by. In March, all classes are moving on to study the life sciences. In the science lab this month, **Kindergarten** students will be observing live animals and picture cards to see how different animals move. They will also learn how animals use their coloration as camouflage. The **First Grade** students observe different habitats and identify different features (geography, weather) and the kinds of plants and animals that live in them. The **Second Graders** will also observe different habitats, but will identify the adaptations that the plants and animals have in order to survive there. **Third Grade** classes will observe the physical characteristics of live animals and picture cards of animals to classify vertebrate animals. **Fourth Grade** will observe different structures of live plants and pictures of plants. They will also experiment with the processes of photosynthesis and the oxygen cycle. Our **Fifth Graders** will use microscopes to explore plant, animal, and human cell structures. They will also learn how to prepare their own slides.

Bay Point is a long standing participant in the **City of St. Petersburg's Drop Savers** water conservation t-shirt design contest. We had over 60 entries for the school contest. The winner for the K-1 entry was **Maslin Grant** in Mrs. Hunt's class, the winner for 2-3 was **Magellan Grant** in Ms. Moore's class, and the winner for 4-5 was **Autumn Comiskey** in Mrs. Frady's class.

Congratulations to these students and thank you to all of those students who entered. These student's designs were sent to the City of St. Petersburg's Water Department to be judged in the city contest with other public and private schools within the city limits. Those who win the city contest are automatically entered in the State contest. Last year, one of our students, Cameron Peebles won the city and state contests.

Science Fair Parent Workshop "How to Help Your Child With Their Science Fair Project" will be held March 25, 2009 from 7 -8 PM in the Science Lab for parents of third, fourth, and fifth grade students.

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

During the month of March, Pinellas County World Languages Department will be celebrating **World Languages Month**. Our theme this year in "Opening Minds to the World Through Languages." Our Pinellas County's World Language supervisor says: "The study of foreign language, beginning at elementary school level and continuing through high school, will enhance and strengthen students' career potential and help broaden their employment opportunities. Foreign language instruction at the elementary level will add a significant academic dimension to our students' educational program."

Learning a second language will enrich your life, develop your mental ability, and improve your understanding of your first language. Encourage your child to share what he/she had learned in the Spanish class! ¡Español es chévere, olé!

I'm Fit, I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Take a look at MyPyramid for Kids at <http://mypyramid.gov/kids/> and make healthful food choices.

- ♦ Be physically active every day like biking, or walking the dog
- ♦ Choose healthier foods from each food group
- ♦ Eat more fruits and vegetables
- ♦ Make choices that are right for you—find ideas on how to eat better and exercise more on the pyramid website.
- ♦ Every color, every day - The colors orange , green, red, yellow, blue, and purple represent the five different food groups. Remember to eat foods from all food groups every day.

You are invited to the
PE Field Day

Friday, April 10th

(Rain Date: Friday, April 17th)

9:00-10:00 Grade 5

9:45-10:45 Grade 4

10:20-11:20 Grade 2

12:05-1:05 Kindergarten

12:50-1:50 Grade 3

1:25-2:25 Grade 1

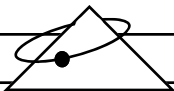
Science Fair Dates

March 25th Science Fair Parent
Workshop 7:00 - 8:00 PM
May 6th Bay Point Science Fair
May 23rd Science Project Expo



Going Green

We are getting greener every day! In addition to the paper recycling bin, we now have a metal recycling bin at the north side of the school. Bring all your paper (newspaper, magazines, etc.) and all your metal (aluminum cans, tin cans, etc.) and recycle while earning money for BPE! Thanks to the initiative of Earth Force Club and friend of the environment, **Mr. Pipino**, students are recycling all their juice pouches in the cafeteria. BPE Staff is also involved in recycling all paper, bottles, etc.



Math Mania

...Ms. Jodi Warson

Mrs. Jamieson and myself took eight of our students to the 16th Annual Math Mania held at Pinellas Park High. I am pleased to announce that the 2 teams from Bay Point Elementary received gold and silver ribbons. They all did a wonderful job and I was proud to be there with them.

Congratulations are in order for the following students:

Nevin Avila
Mariah Fisher
Monica Marrocco
Tysen Singletary
Kevin West
Kasey Lineberger
Maverick Abulone
Laura Haan

Way to go Bay Point!

Ha Long Bay Chinese Seafood Restaurant

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

Gung Hai Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year! This holiday marks the first day of the new full moon. This year, the actual first day began January 26th, and the traditional Chinese celebrate the holiday for 15 days. The celebration is marked with dragon parades, feasting, new clothes, making amends with family and friends, and red lucky envelopes with money inside for the children!

Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Tomko's students celebrated the Chinese New Year by going to Ha Long Bay Chinese Seafood Restaurant, located at 5944-34th North, St. Pete. They enjoyed a traditional dim sum lunch, which offers a wonderful variety of handpacked little "snacks" with meat and/or vegetables tucked inside. It was surprising how many children tried foods that they normally would never touch, and were amazed at how good the food was!

Afterwards, the children explored the Asian Market nearby, and enjoyed looking at a multitude of foods and items that they had never seen before. Pocky, a sweet Asian treat, and Chinese gum were favorites to purchase, and some parent chaperones bought groceries for dinner.

We want to publicly thank Hai, the manager of Ha Long Bay, for his generosity and hospitality, along with Tom and Kim who made us feel very welcomed. All of the staff were helpful and patient, even showing how to use chopsticks properly!

Please show a big Bay Point Thanks by visiting their restaurant and nearby store. Gung Hai Fat Choy!

WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN MARCH

Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Greetings from Your Young Astronauts Club! Not only do we have talented students, but we also have awesome adults! We are so proud of group 2's leader, and assistant YAC coordinator, **Ms. Cindy Wilson**. She has been chosen as Bay Point's Volunteer of the Year! Not only that, Ms. Wilson is in the finals for volunteer of the year for Pinellas County! We are happy to have this great adult, parent volunteer being apart of YAC. As coordinator, I could not have gotten as much accomplished without Cindy's help. Her never ending spirit has helped us make YAC a successful organization! Thanks Cindy, and good luck!

Group 3 just completed a 2 meeting project. We built, and launched multi-stage recycles soda bottle rockets! The students did all the work, and we even had parachutes that opened on a few of the vehicles! The members are learning the science of rocket flight. We will soon be building powered rockets from scratch. These will be launched into flight with a real rocket engine!

We are at mid point in the YAC year. With the meetings left, we will be asking for adult help in the construction of our end of the year projects. Remember to check your child's YAC folder! Of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email, and ask! The three groups will also be completing their projects, to insure a return to the group next year! Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see all of you soon.

Dear Community Care Kids Club
 I am happy to let you know that Bay Point Elementary School was the winner of this years "Golden Can Award" for The Salvation Army's 2008 Holiday Food Drive. Your school collected a grand total of 5,000 cans of food.
 I would like to invite you to attend our upcoming Volunteer Recognition Lunch to receive an award on behalf of your school for the outstanding job you and the students did in collecting the food for us. The lunch will take place on March 9, 2009.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks again for your wonderful support,

Jim Spencer,
 Salvation Army St. Pete

BPE Parent-Teacher Association
...Mrs. Lynn Bittner, PTA President

- ◆ For the **PTA Spring Fundraiser**, we will be having a Read-a-thon the end of March where children will collect pledges and be able to come to school with their own stuffed animal or pillow and enjoy a day of reading. Be looking for more information to come home. Thanks for your support of PTA.
- ◆ If you'd like to get more involved in PTA, consider **joining the PTA Board**. The Board meets monthly, in the evening. We currently have several positions to fill for next year's board. If you are interested, please contact Cissy Blevins at flwildcats@aol.com
- ◆ Later this spring, PTA will provide snacks during FCAT week, help with the Science Fair, provide a great week of activities for Teacher Appreciation Week as well as support the 5th grade end of the year celebration. **PTA is looking for many volunteers** to assist with Teacher Appreciation Week which is the first week of May. If you are able to help out, please contact Dawn Smith at dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com
- ◆ If you have any suggestions or comments for PTA, we now have a **mailbox in the front office**.

Yes, I am interested in helping our school by joining the Bay Point Elementary Magnet PTA Board or PTA committees for **2009-10!** ~ **No experience is necessary.**

I would like more information on the following positions:

- _____ **President** (Liaison for county PTA, assist in planning meetings and school events)
- _____ **Programs** (plan/organize monthly PTA meetings)
- _____ **Membership** (Encourage families and community members to join PTA)
- _____ **Treasurer** (Develop budget, track expenses, balance checkbook monthly and provide reports to board and general membership)
- _____ **Ways and Means** (fundraising)
- _____ **Grant Writing** (search for and apply for grants)
- _____ **Legislation/Advocacy** (keep school aware of political happenings)
- _____ **Reflections** (organize fine art contest, notify winners, coordinate with county competition)
- _____ **Newsletter** (monthly – can be done at home through e-mails)
- _____ **Hospitality** (plan/purchase food for PTA/school events)
- _____ **Staff Appreciation** (Plan/organize appreciation events during staff appreciation week)
- _____ **T-Shirts** (fulfill orders, sell at meetings)
- _____ **Activities** (help and organize Fall Festival &/or Campfire)
- _____ **Community Liaison** (Secure involvement of surrounding community)
- _____ **Website Liaison** (Send information to webmaster a few times a year)
- _____ **Bay Point Bricks** (Places orders and oversees the their installation in the butterfly garden)

Name _____
Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____
Child's Name and Teacher _____

Please turn in this form by **Tuesday, March 31st** to your child's teacher. Someone from the board will contact you in April to answer any questions you might have. Elections will be held at the May General Meeting. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting with you soon!

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

~Native American Proverb

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families and businesses who have adopted a program or class this month:

Ted and Valerie Stickland

Ms. Griffin

Chris and Liz Stiles

Ms. Warson

Ms. Moore

Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Tomko

Dr. Cairns

Thank You!

- ◆ Mr. Harold Gould and Office Depot for the cases of paper they donated
- ◆ Ms. Adrien Helm for the teacher source material she donated.

The Magnet Application Acceptance Period March 2nd through the 13th

Confirm your seat by calling 501-0871 and log in using your student's ID number.

If you are an incoming student and planning on attending Bay Point, you must accept the seat



Outgrown Your Uniform?

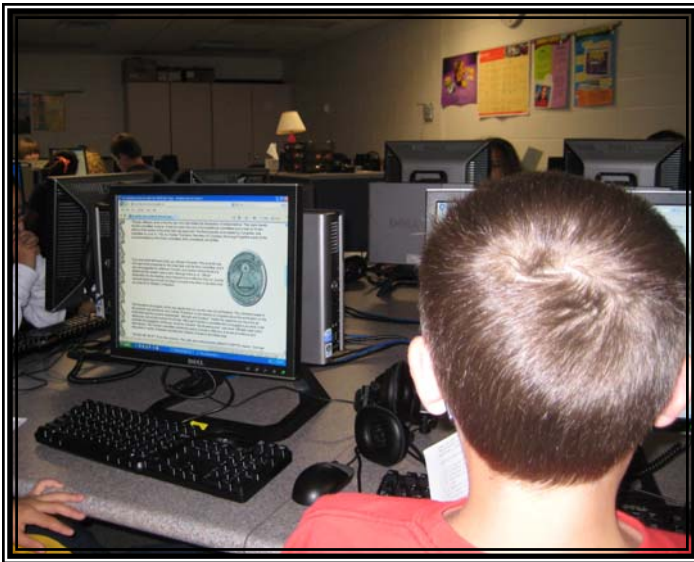
The School's ECO shop is in need of donations of gently used T's, and uniform pants. If your child has outgrown their clothes, please consider sending them into the office to replenish our supply.

MORE CONTENT ON-LINE!
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What's Happening...



The Cat in the Hat (aka Sylvan Learning Center) was on hand to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday.



The Digital Camera Club is up and running. Students learn the basics of taking a good photograph with a digital camera, as well as refining the shot in Adobe Photoshop.



Staff members celebrated African American Authors Day with a soul food luncheon. Students read books written by African American authors.



The campus is going green. Families can pitch in by using the paper and metal recycling bins at the north side of the school.

Congratulations to the Pearls of Bay Point Girlfriends organization. Twelve girls were inducted last month. School Board member Mary Brown was on hand for the ceremony.

