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## Principal's Note...

Dear Parents,

Our Principals' list was the largest ever-65. Our Honor Roll students worked very hard- 125. Congratulations on a job well done! Our students are all working very hard and learning a great deal. As I visit the classrooms, the children are busy at work and eager to share their progress. It has been amazing to see the determination, creativity and persistence the children are displaying. The impact of FCAT is tremendous.

Our teachers are working very hard and putting in many extra hours to meet the students' needs. We appreciate the many volunteers and mentors that help our teachers and children so much. A special thank you to Mrs. Petelle for the fine volunteer leadership and coordination.

This month must have been our safety check month, a lockdown, car fire, pulled fire alarm, bus evacuation, and torrential downpours. Fortunately, all fared very well and the children did an excellent job.

Parent input forms for teacher evaluation are available in the front office. They must include signatures and the teacher will be provided with a copy. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff at Bay Point Elem. The FCAT testing taking place this month is an important part of assessment of their learning. Our emphasis is on the learning for the whole year and we want to focus on all types of learning and growth your student has made.

Our PTA campfire was exceptional, parent training nights went very well, our guitar club performed in a State contest and the applications for our school soared. Our SAC will meet Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Anyone is invited to attend. New RTI processes that are being streamlined and addressed will be discussed.

I hope you enjoy your Spring vacation, March 29<sup>th</sup>-Apr.4<sup>th</sup>, as I know the months of April and May will be packed full of activities and excitement here at Bay Point.

Sincerely,

Gaye B. Lively,  
Principal

## This month:

**Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Principal's List Bowling Party, 9am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Across America
- 5<sup>th</sup> All County Honors Chorus
- 6<sup>th</sup> FLES Field Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> FCAT Testing begins for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 13<sup>th</sup> GTEFCU (Girlfriends)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time begins
- 16<sup>th</sup> FCAT Testing continues  
The Pier (Ericson)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fine Arts (gifted, 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Fine Arts (gifted, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Public Library (Kindergarten)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Fine Arts (gifted, 4<sup>th</sup>)  
PTA Science Night
- 26<sup>th</sup> PE Field Day 2010  
Fresh Fruit Friday
- 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Break (to April 2nd)**

### APRIL-

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sawgrass Lake (Cairns)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sawgrass Lake (Frady)

**Clubs**—Please be prompt picking up your child in the car circle (south parking lot) or they will be dismissed from clubs

**Chinese Mandarin:** meets 1:45-2:25 pm  
March 3rd & 10th

**Club Olé:** meets to 3:45 pm  
Marzo 11th & 25th

**Community Care:** No meeting this month

**Earth Force:** meets 2:55 pm -4:00 pm  
March 2nd & 16th

**Guitar Club:** meets 3:00 pm—3:45 pm  
Beginners on Mondays

Intermediate and Advanced on Thursdays

**Young Astronauts:** meets 2:55 pm-4:00 pm  
March 9th & 23rd

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*

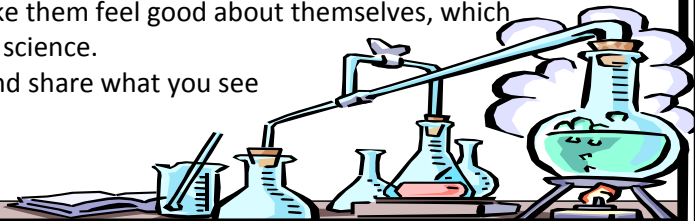
## Science is Everywhere!

...Ms. Warson

Science is all around us in our world. While kids may not realize it, science includes outer space, race cars, animals, and growing plants. Many of the activities you already do with your kids, whether it is going to the park for the day, going to the zoo or beach, or even walking to the bus stop can be turned into a science lesson, most of the time without them even realizing what you are doing.

Because kids are naturally curious it is easy to get them to love science. Kids love to ask questions, they always want to know how something works, why it works the way it does, how something is made, and many other inquiring questions. Rather than telling them the answers right away you can ask them what they think the answer is. Getting the right answer is not as important as letting them think the process through. Giving them this opportunity will make them feel good about themselves, which can lead to a love of science.

Look around you and share what you see with your children!



### Tech Talk

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Keep your child's skills sharp by allowing them to visit any of the following websites either at home or at the public library:

Destination Math and Reading- <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>

Scott Foresman Science- <https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/>

FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)- <http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>. Be sure to contact your child's teacher if your child has not obtained his/her user name and password.

BrainPop-<http://www.brainpop.com/> is an award-winning educational resource that has animated, curriculum-based concepts to engage students.

Login using: Username: **baypoint\_es** Password: **bpinellas**

Britannica Online School Edition at <http://www.school.eb.com> has a wealth of resources. Login using all lowercase letters:

Username: **bpes** Password: **pinellas**

### Creativity Olympics

A BIG congratulations goes to members of the **two 4th grade gifted teams** who represented Bay Point Elementary at the Sixth Annual Creativity Olympics competition sponsored by Gifted Program teachers in South County. It was held at Perkins Elementary on 2/18/2010.

**The Wicked Smarts'** team members were Emalie Baker, Chandler West, Lauryn Smith, and Kate Andersen. **The BPE Brains'** team members were Mya Bohlander, Maddie McLaughlin, Caoilfhinn McCormack, and Dana Dusenbery.

Both teams tried their best to work cooperatively, and think creatively to solve hands-on problems. **BPE Brains** were able to earn enough points to win **1st Place out of 20 teams!** They each earned a medal and wore a laurel wreath like true Olympians. Magnifico! Way to go, Everyone!

## Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

During the month of March, Pinellas County World Language Department will be celebrating World Languages Month. Our theme this year is: "Languages: The Power of Many Voices." Did you know that Mandarin Chinese is the most spoken language in the world with an estimate 800 million speakers, followed by Spanish with an estimate 358 million speakers? English comes next with an estimate 350 million speakers.

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 she/he had learned in Spanish class. ¡Español es chévere!

### Lost and Found

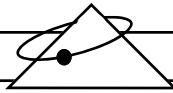
There are a number of coats, sweaters, and lunchboxes in Lost & Found—Check to see if your child is missing something! Leftover items will be donated to charity prior to Spring Break. Label their clothes so that they may be identified.

### March is... National Nutrition Month.

...Ms. Ryczek

Eating well can help reduce the risk of chronic diseases like cancer, diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. Eating well means eating a variety of healthy foods in the right amounts so your body gets the nutrients needed to maintain good health and work properly.

### The Kids Club Raised \$833.88 for Haiti!



## Welcome...

Our new second grade teacher, **Ms. Damm** came to us from Azalea Middle School. Prior to that, she taught elementary school for 16 years in Connecticut. Ms. Damm has earned a Masters in Reading. She has two children, and she tells us she is very happy to be a part of the Bay Point family!

### Homework Helpline

Call 547-7223.

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Monday—Thursday.

## Your Input Counts

Pinellas County Schools welcomes input of parents regarding the job performance of district employees. A **Parent Input Form** is available for parents to give input regarding teacher performance. Also available is a **Parent/Teacher Input Form** for input regarding administrator performance. Each form requires a signature. A copy of the form will be shared with the employee. Forms are available in the school office.

- Ink Jet Cartridges
- Laser Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Eye Glasses
- Newspaper

***We Recycle!***

## FCAT Testing

FCAT Testing in Reading and Math begins for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Fifth graders will be tested in Science the following week, beginning on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Help your child do well by insuring they get plenty of rest the night before, and offer a good breakfast that morning. Promote a positive attitude!

## BPE Guitar Club Shines in State Festival

...Mr. Pineda

The Bay Point Guitar Club (intermediate & advanced levels) had an outstanding participation in the 2010 Florida Music Educators Association Guitar Festival in Tampa. The event, which was held on Saturday, February 20th at Blake High School, showcased guitar ensembles from all around the state of Florida, including 10 high school, 2 middle school, and 2 elementary school performance groups. The guest clinicians included Dr. Matt Dunlap, Heritage High School, Fairfax County, Virginia, and Dr. Leo Welch, Assistant Dean, College of Music at Florida State University.

The Bay Point Guitar Club is pioneer in Pinellas County and one of a few elementary guitar programs in the state of Florida. Congratulations to the following students who proudly represented our school through their commitment to excellence: **Emalie Baker, Mya Bohlander, Jonathan Dacres, Julia Dolson, Georgia Dunning, Dana Dusenbery, Kelsey González, Dea Jahovaj, Khoury Kennedy, Caoilfhinn McCormack, Ethan Myott, Rina Osani, Sunny Parvataneni, and Ciana Rodgers.**

## BPE STUDENTS IN ALL COUNTY ELEMENTARY HONORS CONCERT

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to perform during the 2010 All County Elementary Honors Concert on March 5th at Countryside Christian Center in Clearwater at 7:30 PM: **Conlan Hale, Kaeleigh Morehouse, Auhmya Newton, Ivy Penn, and Holly Spayde.** Our students will perform with the All County Chorus, which consists of the most outstanding elementary school singers in the county. Additionally, Conlan Hale and Amahya Newton will participate in the All County Orff Ensemble, which will be featured the same night as part of the Honors Concert. Bay Point feels proud of the musical achievement of these students whose performance will be broadcast on WPDS-TV14.

## Young Astronaut Clubs Report

...Mr. John Barfield

February had our Young Astronauts looking into experiments, sharing projects and looking forward the end of the year Big Blast! ( more on that event soon!) All three groups continue to grow as young scientist, and future explorers. Some of the projects presented are amazing for these students. They complete them after all of the their other homework, of course.

We have had models of the solar system, replicas of satellites, reports on Astronauts. the list goes on, and on. Feel free to attend your child's YAC meeting, and see these amazing Young Astronauts yourself. You're always welcome! Group three discovered the importance of recovery systems for our space ships.

The history of these recovery systems, parachutes, date back to ancient China, and were improved by the Great Leonardo da Vinci. We built parachutes of many sizes, with weight difference. The launch, or drop from the second story walkway showed the student results, and the comparisons were made, another lesson learned!

As always, thank you to the parents for supplying snacks, and support for our all volunteer group.

## The PTA Invites You "CAMP BPE"

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

Our bullying program with Denise Nestor was a great way to start off our schoolwide **Defend a Friend** program. She brought her 10 year old son and they gave us a lot of really helpful tips and information. On January 25th, we had over 75 families join us at Astro Skate. Our last PTA night at **Astro Skate will be Thursday, April 8th**. We will have door raffles for everyone who attends. Mark your calendars to join us and show off your skating skills.

On February 6th we had our annual Campfire at Boyd Hill Pioneer Settlement. This year we added old-fashioned family fun games. We had some awesome sack and three legged racers but I think the tug-o-war was the hands down favorite. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this event happen.

Don't forget our **Mad Science** night is right around the corner on Tuesday March 23rd. The night will not only be educational but it is guaranteed to also be a lot of fun. In April, we asked what you wanted for a program and you chose a **family movie night**. That will be Thursday, April 29th.

We will be announcing the nominating committee at our next general meeting. If you are interested in getting more involved please let me or another board member know. New ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome.

Thank you for being such an important part of your PTA and your child's education. Any questions please email me or one of our programs people.

### Join Us For PE Field Day Friday, March 26th

Field Day activities last for about an hour and everyone wins! Join the fun—family members are welcome to cheer us on! (In case of rain, the event will be April 16, 2010).

8:45-9:45 Grade 4  
9:15-10:15 Grade K  
10:05-11:15 Grade 5  
10:35-11:35 Grade 2  
12:35-1:05 Grade 3  
1:30-2:30 Grade 1

### Thank You Publix

Please support our partner, Publix at 3030 54th Avenue South! They have sponsored awesome field trips, the PTA Math Night and provided student reward coupons.

### Read Across America

Lakewood High School students will be guest readers at BPE as part of Read Across America on March 2nd.

### More on the PTA

...Mrs. Ottaviani, VP Membership

We are in the working on the Spring Fundraiser and are in need of some new ideas to make it a success. This year, besides bringing a number of different programs, the PTA is working to assist in the funding of several Smart Boards for the school. These are interactive white boards for the students and teachers.

We are looking for a few volunteers to work with the Chair and Board to plan the Spring Fundraiser. Any and all creative ideas are wanted and welcomed. If anyone is interested, please contact me, Dawn Ottaviani at:  
dawn\_pta@hotmail.com

*You can also help purchase Smart Boards by becoming a Patron.  
Contact Cindy Petelle at  
petellec@pcsb.org for more  
information*

### Magnet Acceptance Period March 1-8

- Students invited to BPE **must** accept the seat online now.
- Late applications will be accepted on-line after March 10th. You must have a parent connect password and ID to complete the process.

### Thank You Adopt A Class

Ted & Valerie Strickland Family  
Ms. Pierson's Class

Raytheon Matching Funds  
Ms. Pierson's Class

There is still time to adopt our science lab or tech department!

### March 23rd is Science Night!

The PTA is hosting Mad Science, followed by a brief workshop about science fair projects. Just in time for the Science Fair on April 29th. Don't miss it!

### Congratulations to the Save Our Seas Poster Contest Winners

Kyleigh Jones (Godfirnon)  
Ashton Quimby (Jefferis)  
Sean Sohlberg (Wood)  
Cameron Peebles (Ackerson)  
Georgia Dunning (Wolf)  
Marica James (White)  
LeRoy Robinson (Kelly)

### PTA Reflections

Congratulations to:  
**Troy Redding (White)**  
His art will represent the district at the State level