



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY  
MAGNET SCHOOL**

# BROADCAST

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## *Administrator's Message*

Dear Bay Point Families,

It's that time of year again! On March 1<sup>st</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Florida Writes test. If you have a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, please make sure your child is in bed early, rise early, eat a good breakfast and arrive at school on time. The test will begin promptly at 9:00. When the test is administered, students are given 45 minutes to write. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have been working around the clock to prepare children for this important test. When you are on campus, please take a little time to thank your child's teacher for a job well done!

On another note, our P.E. Crew has been working with students on a portion of the Fitness Test while the weather is cool. The Pacer test is probably the most grueling of the tests, requiring the most stamina. The children do such a great job on the Fitness Test as they are prepared all year building endurance and stamina. Children get an opportunity to see how they have improved from the first fitness test taken at the beginning of the year to the one they will be completing soon. Please have a conversation with your child about their particular requirement for the Fitness Test. Again, when you see our coaches thank them for the terrific work they do keeping our children safe, fit, and healthy. These teachers are wonderful!

Sincerely,

Ms. Hawkins,  
Assistant Principal

## Calendar: Women's History Month

*Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35 pm*

- 1<sup>st</sup> —3<sup>rd</sup> FCAT Writing (4<sup>th</sup>)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Glazer Museum (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior  
Group Picture Day (& Individual retakes)
- 5<sup>th</sup> All County Chorus, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, 2 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> School Book Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> PTA AstroSkate Party, 6-8pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time begins
- 14<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup> Magnet Acceptance Period
- 14<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting, 3:30 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> Vision/Hearing  
Screening K,1,3
- 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Spring
- 25<sup>th</sup> PE Field Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Break to April 1<sup>st</sup>



*Coming Up...April*

- 4<sup>th</sup> Classes resume
- 5<sup>th</sup> PRIDE Award ceremony
- 11<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup> FCAT (3, 4, 5)

**FCAT Explorer** is a free, online practice program from the Florida Department of Education:

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

### Clubs

*Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities*

- Earth Force—1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- Club Olé—3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
- Guitar Club—Beginning Level: Mondays  
Intermediate & Advanced: Thursdays
- Pearls/5000 Role Models—11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- Young Astronauts—8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 4:00 pm
- Special Guest Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> > Catherine Carr,  
Project Engineer, United Space Alliance

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 Fair Wrap Up

...Ms. Warson

Congratulations to all students who had projects in the 2011 Science Fair! The science fair was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. The Top Ten projects were selected from each class to go on to be judged at the fair. Our judges were scientists from the US Geological Survey, students from Eckerd College's Environmental Science program, former science teachers and honor science students from Lakewood High School. The students were judged using a rubric developed by a county committee of science teachers and the student awards were based on their scores. Each student in the science fair received an award medal. The Top Five projects from the science fair will be sent to the District Wide Science Showcase!

Congratulations to those students:

**Elizabeth Moss-Wheeler**

*4<sup>th</sup> grade Ms. Wolf's class*

**Riley Guinagh**

*4<sup>th</sup> grade Ms. Kincaid's class*

**Sunny Parvataneni**

*5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. White's class*

**Alex Stover**

*5<sup>th</sup> grade Ms. Schandel's class*

**Georgia Dunning**

*5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Jamieson's class*

A big THANK YOU goes out to our fantastic PTA for all the support in making the science fair a huge success!

## Counselor's Corner

...Ms. Tetro

March's theme for the month is honesty. Honesty is defined as using truthful speech and behavior. It is important to teach children the importance of being honest in all that they do at a young age as it will lead to positive outcomes in their relationships and career.

According to the Josephson Institute's Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth (2004), the following statistics were found:

- ◆ 23% of students admitted to cheating in order to win a sporting event
- ◆ 82% admitted lying to their parents
- ◆ 62% admitted lying to their teachers

We need to work together as a team to ensure our students practice being honest on a daily basis!

### Dinner Dilemma

**Situation:** Sue finds a five dollar bill in the hallway at school.

**Dilemma:** On the one hand Sue could give it to the fundraiser to help her school. On the other hand Sue could turn it into the office knowing it probably belongs to someone.

**Discussion:** What is your advice for Sue?

"Honesty is better than any policy".

--Immanuel Kant

## Noticias Olé

...Sra. Van Deilen

On the morning of Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, our Club Olé students participated in the Annual Pinellas County International Day at Meadowlawn Middle School. Our students did a great job representing Bay Point. Twenty-three students from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade walked in the Parade of Nations wearing outfits from different countries. They participated in many hands-on activities like Mexican flower making, Spanish Jeopardy and Spanish cooking. I would like to thank the parents of our Club Olé students for making the necessary arrangements that made it possible for them to attend International Day. Also, during the month of March, Pinellas County World Languages Department will be celebrating World Languages Month. Our theme this year is "Expand Your Horizons: Learn a World Language". 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 has learned in their Spanish class. ¡Español es chévere, olé!

### Tech Talk

...Ms. Sanchez

Spring Break may be a break from school but doesn't mean students can't continue to learn by taking part in fun and educational activities. We have been seeing a lot of positive progress with students using **Lexia Reading**. Be sure to continue using **Lexia Reading** over the break as well as:

Destination Math and Reading-  
<https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms> and FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)-  
<http://www.fcateexplorer.com/>.

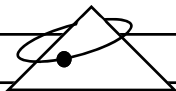
Contact your child's teacher for his/her user name and password.

## BAY POINT STUDENTS WILL SHINE ON MARCH 5th

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to perform with the All-County Honors Chorus and the All-County Honors Orff Ensemble:

**Sara Flórez** (Orff), **Mya Bohlander**, **Giovanni Day**, **Georgia Dunning** and **Dea Jahovaj** (Chorus).

The concert will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg (1900 Gandy Blvd) and will be broadcast on WPDS-TV14. Everyone is cordially invited to this musical event to see the beautiful job our students will do representing Bay Point! For more information please contact Mr. Pineda.



## Join Us at the Spring Book Fair March 7-11

...Mrs. Parker

The Scholastic Book fair is coming to Bay Point March 7-11. 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. Hope to see you there!

## If You Shop On-Line...

These sites donate a percent of sales to the school:



[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

[www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com)

Please consider designating Bay Point Elementary if you have a Target credit card. Thank you!

### 'Tis the Season for Lice

Lice are highly contagious and can spread quickly. Teach your child not share hats or brushes. For more information: [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org)

## Young Astronauts Club Visited Kennedy Space Center

...Mr. John Barfield

Great news: The Young Astronauts Club Group 3 has returned from another awesome adventure to Kennedy Space Center! This annual trip to KSC for *Overnight Adventure* went off without a hitch. Our group had some pretty great experiences that will stay with them a lifetime.

We all met Saturday, Feb. 12 at BPE, loaded up cars, and hit the road for Adventure! After a quick stop and late lunch at the I-4 rest area, we finished our trip to the Space Center. On arrival we met our event leaders and passed through security. We then took a tour through the rocket garden and learned about many of the history making space craft that propelled mankind to the stars. We visited the museum that housed actual capsules and spacesuits of historical missions. We completed a scavenger hunt, and one of our members won by finding all the answers.

Next we had a group activity, building a rocket from paper that was flown from a launch pad powered by compressed air. Students learned about Newton's law from this lesson. After a great dinner, we met our Astronaut, Captain Winston Scott. He is a retired Navy Flier, continued his education and became an Astronaut. Capt. Scott flew on the Space Shuttle twice, filling our heads with great stories of adventure and learning.

After a while we loaded our buses to make the trip to the Saturn V Center. There we learned about this giant rocket that took American Astronauts to the moon. We had our area to sleep under. The looks on the student's faces as they viewed this huge machine was priceless! A midnight snack, then off to sleep! 6:30 had the young explorers up and ready to eat! After a final visit to the lunar theater for a great story about Apollo 11's almost tragic moon landing we boarded our bus for a dawn behind the scene tour of KSC.

Shuttle Discovery was on the launch pad. We got to ride almost up to it which afforded us a great view of the external fuel tank and SRB's. After returning to the visitors center students loaded their belongings in the cars, and back into the Space Center we went. The rest of the day was spent seeing as much of KSC as we could. IMAX movies, hands on activities. A great event that will not be forgotten.

Many thanks to the adults that chaperoned to help make this a huge success: Aida Gonzalez, Cindy Wilson, Rachelle Myott, Lori Girard, Lori Elkin, Diane and Ernst Peebles, Diana Hodge, Kathy Kloske, Judy Gray, and of course the guidance of, Ms. Sue Godfirnon teacher sponsor of YAC. Student chaperones (past members) that returned to help guide our younger members were: Sarah Barfield, Emily, and Alex Henley, Connor Hodge, Ethan Myott, Emily Wilson, Tatsiana Wilson, Chelsea Girard, Molly Pope and Brian Peebles. Thank you to all of the YAC parents that made this trip run smooth.

**Our PTA Board of Directors**

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Hospitality~Sonja Stiles

*Thank You!*

**BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS**

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

**PTA Family Night**



**AstroSkate**

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

*www.bpepta.org*

Hi Bay Point families,  
By now everyone must be fully back in the swing of things. Mad Science was a great success. I know many parents who were in the science fair training were envious of how much fun we had in the cafeteria learning science with our own mad scientist, Jeff Meister. That training obviously paid off through the following month at the science fair. What magnificent projects our kids did. It was so wonderful after the science fair to see the kids proudly wearing their hard earned medals over at our movie night. It was a nice relaxing and enjoyable

time for our families.

We are so sorry about the weather for our annual campfire and regret that with no more availability at Boyd Hill we will have to wait until next year for this awesome event. We did look into other options but tightened fire restrictions prevented those as well.

With Florida Writes and FCAT approaching we will just be having our AstroSkate get together on March 10th and then have our parent pick meeting at the end of April.

Our elections for the 2011/12 year will be coming up soon and we would love some new enthusiasm and ideas. Please consider how you can get more involved to help our school and kids. As always, please contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

**MAGNET APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY (and outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Remember you must return to the Student Reservation System (SRS) Website between



**March**

**14 - 20**

to accept any invitations.

If you are claiming sibling priority, you should have already submitted a form to Ms. Rivera in the front office.

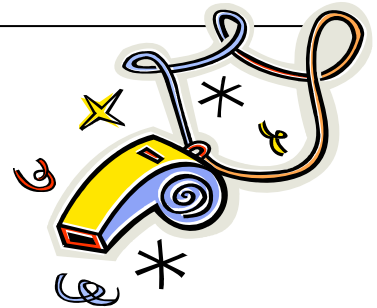
If you haven't you **must** come in and do so.

**Thank you School Advisory Council (SAC) Members:**

These parents and community members have given time each month to develop the School Improvement Plan (SIP):

- Erich Henegar, SAC Chair
- Ursula Niznik
- Lynn Guinagh
- Kym Ottaviani
- Lisa Livingston-Rice
- Reeta Singh
- Fatima Anasti
- Michael Jefferis

**PE Field Day**



**Friday, March 25th**

Grade 4	9:00—10:00
Grade 2	9:30—10:30
Grade 5	10:30—11:30
Grade 3	12:15— 1:15
Grade K	12:45— 1:45
Grade 1	1:30— 2:30

Family members are welcome to come and cheer us on. Check the schedule above for times.