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A Message from the Principal

Greetings BPE Families and Friends.

We are bouncing right into the Spring season with many fun filled rigorous activities. Students are working on community service projects, writing research papers, preparing for state assessments, and participating in physical education activities that promote good health and gross motor skill development.

We are pleased to share that Bay Point Elementary School was selected by the State of Florida to host the Breakfast Roll-Out for the month of March. BPE was recognized for our "Grab-N-Go" Breakfast Program, in which students may elect to take a bagged breakfast to class each morning, and for the largest increase in the number of meals served each morning. The Grab-N-Go Program allows learning to begin promptly at 8:35AM and for all students to have a hearty meal to begin their day. Remember - BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS.

We'd like to send a special thank you to all volunteers who partner with our school. We love having you and our students look forward to your being here! Thanks for all that you continue to do to support learning at home. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

Best regards,
Felita Grant Lott, Principal

March Calendar:

- 1st Casual Friday, no uniforms
Dr. Seuss' Birthday—
Read Across America
PTA Parents and Pastries, 8:05 am
- 4th Library: 11:30—Kincaid, Williams
12:45—Johnson, Hunt
- 4th—April 5th Registration begins for incoming Kindergarten students
- 4th—8th PTA *Penny Wars* fundraiser
- 8th Class Photos (wear uniforms)
Science project planning sheets due
- 9th International Day at Meadowlawn (Club Olé)
- 10th Daylight Savings Time begins
- 11th—15th Science Fair project boards on sale \$3 / Mrs. Vyverberg
- 13th ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30am Cafeteria, \$3.00
- 14th π PI day
- 15th Report Cards go home
- 19th HOPS (gifted classes)
- 21st Junior Achievement (1st grade)
Glazener Museum (2nd grade)
- 22nd PE Field Day (see schedule inside)
- 25th—29th Spring Break

APRIL 1st Back to Class (no fooling 😊)

Welcome Special Guests

Due to our success with offering free breakfast to our students, Bay Point Elementary is honored to host dignitaries for *The Florida Department of Agriculture's Breakfast Expansion Program* kickoff on February 28th.

Through our curriculum we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences with special emphasis on the processes of mathematics, science, foreign language, and technology to prepare students to function constructively in the 21st century.

Celebrating Our 50th Year
*5 Star School * AWARDS * Golden School*

BPE Computer Lab

...Ms. Sanchez

Did you know that standardized assessment test will soon all be on the computer? Here is how we are preparing our students for the future:

First and second graders have learned how to copy and paste as well as how to cut and paste in a word document.

First graders have been applying skills taught in writing and reading in the computer lab by transferring those skills in creating word documents. They've learned how to capitalize the first letter in a sentence, how to add a space between words, how to add a question mark at the end of an asking sentence, how to add an apostrophe for a contraction, as well as insert a clip art picture that goes with the sentences.

Second graders have also been applying skills taught in reading, writing, and science in the computer lab by transferring these skills in creating word documents. They've learned how to capitalize the first letter in a sentence, how to add a space between words, how to add a colon, how to insert a clip art picture that goes with the document as well as resizing the picture to fit, how to save their document to their home folder which is located on the district's server as well as retrieve their document to continue working on it.

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working on FCAT 2.0 Math quizzes that I've retrieved from one of the Department of Education sites and created the quizzes in the Portal Online Course in preparation for April's FCAT.

Students Who Use Lexia at Home Make Gains

Is your child taking advantage of the Lexia reading program? The students who are using it are reading better than those who do not. It can be accessed from home: go to: <https://www.mylexia.com/admin/login.php> and "Click here" under the School-to-Home Connection User for the instructions to download and install the software. School Customer ID: 7044-9439-4165-9793 Student Login: ask your child or teacher for information

π "Pi Day is an unofficial holiday commemorating the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (or 3/14 in *month/day* date format), since 3, 1 and 4 are the three most significant digits of π in the decimal form. In 2009, the United States House of Representatives supported the designation of Pi Day (from Wikipedia)

Learn more about this important number at: <http://www.piday.org/learn-about-pi/>

Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

Jan Kucerik, our Pinellas County World Languages Department Supervisor says: "The study of foreign language beginning at the 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 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. Let's reflect on our theme for this year: **Many Languages: One United Voice**, to celebrate World Languages Month in March.



ALL PRO DAD[®] BREAKFAST

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

7:30 am in the school cafeteria—\$3.00

**students must be in class by 8:30 am*

DADS! Come have breakfast with your child at BPE!

Science Fair News

...Mrs. Vyverberg

During the month of March Grades K,1,3,4,& 5 will be transitioning into our study of life science. Second grade will continue their study of forces concentrating on magnets. Our gardens are blooming and students are excited to see the fruits of their labor. Thanks to Ms. Russo's father, Mr. Nick Harper, our pond is now healthy and the fish are happy.

Science Fair display boards will be sold the week of March 11—15 for \$3.00 each

I am planning on having some after school sessions on Wednesday March 20 and Wednesday April 3 after school until 3:00 pm to help students prepare for the science fair. Students need to sign up with me in the lab so I know how many to expect.

BAY POINT STUDENTS WILL SHINE AT ALL COUNTY CONCERT

...Mr. Pineda

Congratulations to all the Bay Point students who were selected to participate in the All County Elementary Guitar Ensemble and All County Honors Chorus. These students have been working long hours in and outside of school in order to represent us highly in the district's most important musical event.

The performance will be on Saturday, March 9th, 2013 at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg at 2:00 p.m, and will be broadcast by WPDS-TV14. Ticket prices for the concert are \$6.00 each.

Congratulation to the following students:

All County Guitar Ensemble: Elizabeth Barker, Maslin Grant, Alanna Growe, Augustine Langer, Myriam Marc, Joshua Nguyen, Immanuel Penn, Jeremy Rachlin, Jamel Walker.

All County Honors Chorus: Ansley Burtch, Bailey Rubero

For more information, please go to:

http://artsweb.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=50&Itemid=62



Free breakfast
for students at
8:05—8:25am

Arrive

8:05 am—Free
Breakfast
8:35 am—Class
begins

Pick Up

2:50 pm -
Mon, Tues,
Thur, Fri
1:35 pm Wed



Mrs. Parker says, "Let this oath inspire your students to become lifelong readers!"

I promise to read
Each day and each night.

I know it's the key
To growing up right.

I'll read to myself,
I'll read to a crowd.

It makes no difference
If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk,
At home and at school,
On my bean bag or bed,

By the fire or pool.

Each book that I read
Puts smarts in my head,

'Cause brains grow more thoughts

The more they are fed.

So I take this oath
To make reading my way
Of feeding my brain
What it needs every day

~Debra Angstead, Missouri-NEA

Magnet School Application

...Ms. Sara DePerro, Magnet Coordinator

Fifth graders and incoming kindergarten students who have applied for magnet school programs need to be aware of these dates:

March:

4th—April 5th REGISTRATION: Incoming Kindergarten
11th LATE APPLICATION / WAIT LIST

Families who did not take advantage of the application period in January may complete a late application on-line. They will be ranked below those who applied earlier.

For more information about applying check out our webpage:

http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/m_mag.htm

Young Astronaut Adventure

...Mr. Barfield

Great news from Group 3 of the Young Astronauts! We have successfully landed after an amazing 2 day adventure to America's Space Port! We started at BPE Saturday morning. After a quick briefing about our mission, we launched 10 space craft with 40 adventurous explorers, our destination, Kennedy Space Center!

Our journey there was smooth, arriving at KSC we were met by COLD temperatures and smiling faces! The evening progressed too quick for us. Preparing to meet our veteran NASA Astronaut, we were treated to a great dinner, along with Space Trivia, and building of air powered Rockets!

The students met Astronaut Jack R. Lousma. veteran of Skylab, (the first US space Station) and Space Shuttle flights. He thrilled and amazed us all with his insight to life as an Astronauts and all the positive things achieved through Space Flight and science. Students were able to ask questions and spend an hour with this amazing person.

Next we loaded our bus and headed out for the Saturn 5 Center were we would spend the night under the world's largest and most powerful spacecraft ever built! An evening of launching our air powered rockets and a very informative tour of the Saturn 5 was a thrill to all.

Sonic sleep was welcomed by the adults while our students could barely sleep with all the exciting things done and coming up. We were up early, had a great breakfast, then off to the Lunar Theater with a final presentation about Apollo 11. Buses loaded we had a special sunrise, behind the scene tour. The remainder of the day we split up with our chaperones and explored the Space Center. Our trip home was an easy one, many sleepy Young Astronauts. Many thanks to the adults, students, and student chaperones that made this trip one we will never forget!

Parent-Teacher Association—Go for the Gold!

We are currently seeking parents who love our school and would like to **be a part of the Board**. We welcome fresh ideas. We have positions available for all types of people with different strengths. There is a place for YOU on our Board. Being on the Board offers you the opportunity to be involved in the decision making regarding the events we hold, our fundraisers, and how we spend our money. We want to have a diverse Board that represents our school well. Time commitments vary depending on the position, but being a part of the Board is very rewarding. Plus, we have a lot of fun together too!! Please think about joining us. If you would like more information, please contact me at cpupo@gmail.com or Mari Czyszczon at mari@plazabeach.com. Thank you!!



March 1st is our **Parents and Pastries** event. We invite you to join us in the cafeteria for breakfast with your child at 8:05am. We will be partnering with Ms. Parker to promote Reading Across America. So come enjoy a pastry and a good book with your favorite BPE student!!

Finally, we are planning a really exciting **Teacher Appreciation** Gift, but we are going to need your help! If you want to know more, please contact me at cpupo@gmail.com. We will be sending home more information in the near future, but please let me know if you'd like to be part of the planning. And shhhh, it's a surprise!!

Carmen Pupo, PTA President

www.bpepta.org

WANTED:
PTA Board Members



REWARD:
Immeasurable



Start saving your pennies and mark your calendars for our **PTA Spring Fundraiser** the week of March 4th – March 8th.

Your goal is to collect as many pennies as possible toward your child's grade.

Each penny you collect is worth one positive point. Dollar bills and "Silver" coins – nickels, dimes, and quarters can be used to sabotage competing grades & teachers, which deducts from the amount of pennies they have collected.

Now's the time to ask relatives like Grandma and Grandpa, Aunts and Uncles to save their change too. The Penny War jugs will be displayed during the day in the library.

At the end of the week, the grade that wins will earn a "Pizza Party" to be held on Thursday, March 21st!

If you have any questions please contact Lorrie Ashley at 727-430-4893 or LT2003@tampabay.rr.com.

All proceeds will be used towards technology for our school.

Thank You

Modern Woodmen
Michelle Terzynski, FIC
For the donations of educational materials

Thank You

Mr. Harper
For fixing the pond

Lasting Impressions
For the donations of supplies

FIELD DAY 2013

Parents Welcome Friday, March 22

Kindergarten	12:15 am	to	1:15 pm
First	12:45 pm	to	1:45 pm
Second	9:30 am	to	10:30 am
Third	1:25 pm	to	2:25 pm
Fourth	10:15 am	to	11:15 am
Fifth	8:55 am	to	9:55 am