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Greetings BPE Families: and Friends,

Happy March! Spring is approaching and we want to remind parents and students that learning is still in full force. We are preparing for our Spring testing (FCAT for intermediate grades and SAT-10 for primary grades. It is important that we continue to encourage our students to read, read, read.... as reading is fundamental to student learning across all content areas and subjects. Here are a few points to consider.

### **Why read with children?**

Many experts say that daily reading to students at an early age is a great way for parents and caregivers to help children keep pace in school – and later in life. A proven way to achieve this is by making sure a child is read to every day for 20 minutes. This is known as the “**20 Minute Miracle.**” Reading can do many things to help a child on the road to lifelong learning. Here are just a few examples of what reading can do.

- ✓ Children learn by being talked to and read to.
- ✓ Reading helps children learn about language - they learn new words and what they mean.
- ✓ Children hear words in books that they don't hear in conversation.
- ✓ Reading can calm and comfort a child.
- ✓ Reading exposes children to a wealth of experiences outside of their own.
- ✓ Reading can help stimulate a child's imagination.
- ✓ Colorful pictures in books give meaning to words.
- ✓ Hearing books helps children learn to listen.
- ✓ As they follow along, children learn that the ‘marks’ on the pages have meaning.

Lastly, as you read for longer times, you help increase a child's attention span. Being able to pay attention in school will help a child succeed, and reading encourages a child to be comfortable with books and reading - which will lead to a lifelong love of books and learning!

Fondest regards,  
Dr. Felita Grant, Principal



## **March-Marzo Calendar:**

*Science fair showboards on sale this month*

- 1 Super Scientist Competition (Andolina)
- World Languages Day (Spanish)
- 3 Read Across America—Read with your child!
- 5 Guest Children's Author: Shutta Crum
- 7 Casual Friday, no uniforms
- PTA T—Shirt Sales, car circle gate
- Pennies for Pasta* donation collected
- 8 All County Chorus & Guitar performance
- 12 Report Cards go home
- 13 Palladium-Aesop's Fables (gr. 3)
- 13-14 Gifted Math Meet at Azalea
- 14 ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30am
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 Field Day—Come cheer us on!
- 24-28 Spring Break—School Closed
- 31 Classes resume

## **All Pro Dads Breakfast**

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am

*Breakfast is FREE  
if you RSVP by the 11<sup>th</sup>:*

<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

*Dads! Granddads! Save this date for  
breakfast with your child:*

April 25

### **Commitment to Character**

#### **HONESTY**

*Using truthful speech and behavior.*

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.

*5 Star School \* Golden School*

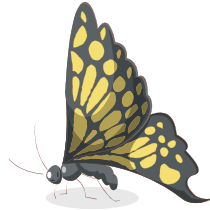
## Our Garden is Growing

You may have noticed the new Butterfly Garden taking shape in the center of campus (it even looks like a butterfly when you view it from the second floor!).

The timbers have been placed and the dirt has been filled in thanks to our parents, students (past and present) and staff who pitched in after school to lay down and stake the weed cloth, move and cut the timbers, and to wheel barrow the soil into the beds.

*Thank you to:*

Jason Grant	Regina Johnson
Craig Schafer	Renee Hale
Cara Ertle	Martha
Elaine Smalling	Harrington
Erica Shepherd	Robyn Stroud
Michelle Devereaux	Jerome Lane
Michael Godfirnon	Bonnie Parker
Jason Cowan	
Landon Hale	



We need additional plants for the garden! Please contact Mrs. Parker [parkerbo@pcsb.org] if you are willing to donate: parsley, pentas, milkweed, passion vine, lantana or plumago in five gallon containers.

## Children's Author to Visit

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

This year we are privileged to have Shutta Crum come Wednesday March 5th to talk to our students. Ms. Crum has written a number of books including *Who Took My Hairy Toe* which I have read to many students over the years and also *Thomas and the Dragon Queen* which is one of this year's Sunshine State Reader Award books. Please visit her blog and learn more about her. Take a look at her illustrators as well as many of you will recognize their names. <http://blog.shutta.com/>

## Pennies to Save A Life

...Coach Irving

We are collecting pennies for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** to help save a life. There are two ways to donate.

You may contribute on-line at: [schoolandyouth.org](http://schoolandyouth.org). Click "find a school" then click on Florida. Once you see our school click "donate".

On Friday, March 7th we will collect your small change before school to send in. **We do need several volunteers to help out** that day between about 7:50am and 9:00am. If you are willing to help please contact Ms. Petelle at [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org). Thank you!

## Noticias Olé





...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

During the month of March, Pinellas County World Languages Department will be celebrating World Languages Month. Here are some words from Janet Kucerik, Pinellas County's World Language supervisor: "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. It will also help you make meaningful contacts with people around the world, especially now that the world is getting smaller and communities are getting closer thanks to technology and media communication.

Encourage your child to share with the family what he/she had learned in the Spanish class! ¡Español es chévere!

## Marzo Curriculum

KINDER-GARTEN	FIRST & SECOND	THIRD & FOURTH	FIFTH
 SHAPES	 LAND FORMS	 CENTROAMÉRICA Y CARIBE	 SURAMÉRICA

## Science Fair Time Line

...Mrs. Charlotte Vyverberg

The lead up to the science fair is under way! Students should use the scientific method and turn in good quality work to their teacher. Here are a few dates to keep in mind for those in grades 3-5:

March 3rd—Project Show Boards on sale \$3.00

March 8th—Project Planning Sheets Due to Teacher

Check out my web page for project ideas:

<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/scienceprojects.htm>

## District Application Programs

... Ms. Sara DePerro, Assistant Principal,  
Magnet Coordinator

If you missed the deadlines for applying to a magnet, fundamental or choice school you will have another opportunity beginning March 31st when the window reopens. All applications will go on the wait list after those who signed up in January.

To apply, you will need a parent portal ID which you can get at any Pinellas County school. Once you have your password and user name, log in at:

[https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3267&Itemid=1564](https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3267&Itemid=1564)

## Thank You Kenny's Landscape Service

All the beautiful plants in our new butterfly garden were provided at a cut-rate cost to the school by Kenny's at 1740 21st Street South. Please stop by and thank them for helping us out!



## Coming Up:

- ♦ A number of classes have scheduled field trips. If you wish to volunteer please log in and make sure you are still an active volunteer (you must renew every year). If you have difficulty please contact Cindy Petelle [petellec@pcsb.org] or Linda Stamos [stamosl@pcsb.org] for assistance

## Spring Break

### March 24th–28th

## Celebrate Mathematics on Pi “π” Day

Did you know *Pi* Day (3/14) is celebrated around the world? *Pi* is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It is used widely in geometry. Though it has been calculated to over a trillion digits, only 39 digits past the decimal are needed to accurately calculate the spherical volume of the universe according to the *Pi* Day website ([www.piday.org](http://www.piday.org)). You can go to the site and search the digits for your favorite number combination. How many digits of *Pi* do you know?

## All County Chorus

...Mr. Hernán Pineda

The All County Chorus Concert will be

**March 8th, 2014**

**2:00 pm**

The concert will be held at

**First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg**

1900 Gandy Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to participate in the All County Honors Chorus and All County Honors Orff Ensemble:

### All County Honors Chorus

Tatiana Barrie

Kaela Cox

Andrea Rodríguez-Gómez

### All County Honors Orff Ensemble

Alana Gibson

Taffrey Peterman

## Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Coordinator

Your Young Astronauts continue to move and experience new and exciting subjects like learning the science behind flight, the forces that act against them, and recovery systems. We have built from scratch, water-fueled, air-powered 2 liter rockets and we made them aerodynamic to insure a successful launch!



The students are right on track for completing their required 3 projects for continued membership in our group.

By the time this newsletter is published, Your Young Astronauts Group 2, 4th & 5th grader students, will have experienced the Overnight Adventure field trip to Kennedy Space Center. We will have great stories to share in next month's newsletters.

Thank you again for all of the support of families, teachers, and administration!

## Homework Helpline

**727-547-7223**

# Field Day 2014

## March 21st

Bay Point Elementary invites parents, friends, and relatives of our students to observe Field Day. The activities will last approximately 1 hour. See the schedule below for the time your child will be on the field. You may want to arrive a little early so that you do not miss any of the action!

Kindergarten 12:15-1:15	Grade 1 9:25-10:25	Grade 2 1:20-2:20
Grade 3 8:50-9:50	Grade 4 12:40-1:40	Grade 5 10:10-11:10

### Our All Pro Dads

*We would like to extend a special thanks to one of our dads, Mr. Jorge Angulo, who leads and facilitates our monthly **All Pro Dads Breakfast**, and to all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male figures who participate each month. We encourage you to continue to support this event and to invite a friend. We would also like to thank school staff for their assistance: Mrs. Petelle, Mr. Lane, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Ware, Mrs. Dlouhy, Ms. Borsari and all of our cafeteria staff. We love you and thank you!*

*~The BPE Administrative Team*

### Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

### Keep Using the Online Programs Over Spring Break

You can find wonderful links to help keep your skills sharp on our website: <http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/tech.htm>

## Join the Fun at PTA's Annual Camp BPE

We had to reschedule due to weather conditions, but look for a flier to come home soon with the date in March. To keep the event safe and fun for all we need lots of helpers (people posted by the fires, some to help out with food or games).



If you are willing to step up please contact: [volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org)

The more parents who volunteer, the less work for everyone!

## Save the Date

### Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Wednesday, April 9th

Media Center, After the morning bell

This is our chance to thank you for helping in classrooms, going on field trips and donating money and goods!

**Please Come!**

### Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and send them in to the office. Ask your friends and families to save them for us too!



### We Recycle:

- Ink Cartridges
- Cell Phones

Don't forget to designate Bay Point Elementary on your **Target** card!