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Dearest BPE Families and Friends,

We are moving quickly throughout the year, but yet there is still a lot of teaching and learning going on! Please be reminded of upcoming dates to note on your calendars, such as: FSA writing for intermediate students, FSA Mathematics and English/Language Arts (ELA), and the continuance of teacher assessments that help us guide instructional practices for our student learners. Parents be sure to take time to speak with your child's teacher about his/her progress. The more you check-in on your child's progress, the greater the likelihood of his/her success in school.

In addition to student learning and assessments, I would like to encourage our parents to remain focused on student safety on and around our campus. In order to ensure safety for all, we ask that parents adhere to the following:

- Students should be dropped off in the appropriate areas of the school. Please do not drop students off at the Crossing Guard or on the roadways.
- Use the crosswalks to cross the street.
- Do not drive in the bus circle in the front of the school during arrival and dismissal times.
- Obey the turn signs which prohibit making LEFT turns during posted hours. Right turns only are permitted, during arrival and dismissal times.

Lastly, please continue to check your child's lunch account to ensure that he/she has adequate funding. Students who do have lunch account funds will be provided an alternate lunch. Please remember to see our school's cafeteria manager to discuss options, if you need assistance with meals.

Thanks for continuing to be involved in our school and giving attention to the safety and well-being of all. We appreciate you! ☺

Fondly, Dr. Felita Grant

Calendar:

March is Women's History Month

- 1 Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 6 Casual Friday—no uniforms
PTA T-Shirt sales, main gate until 8:30am
Class & Individual Spring Picture Day
- 9—13 Book Fair, Media Center
- 10 Book Fair Open 5:30-7:30pm
Parent Math Workshop, 6:00pm
- 13 ALL PRO DAD Breakfast, 7:30am
Rsvp at: <http://www.allprodad.com/3578>
- 16 Pro-Dev Day NO SCHOOL
- 19, 20 Gifted Math Meets
- 20 PE Field Day (*see schedule inside*)
- 25 REPORT CARDS HOME
- 27 5th Grade vs. Staff T Ball game
- 28—29 YA Overnight Adventure
- 30—April 3 SPRING BREAK

April

- 6 School reopens
- 10 Casual Friday—no uniforms
PTA T-Shirt sales, main gate until 8:30am
5th Grade Picture Day

**Helping Your Child With Math:
Mental Math Techniques for Math
Readiness (Grades 3-5)**

March 10—6 to 7pm at BPE

More information at:
www.pcsb.org/parentacademy

LAST CALL for lost items

The mountain of unclaimed jackets, etc. will be donated—Last chance to claim anything you lost!

Commitment to Character

HONESTY:

Using truthful speech and behavior.

Through our curriculum, we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences. We will place a special emphasis on the integrated applications of mathematics, science, foreign language and technology to prepare students to function productively in our global environment.

Tech Corner

...Ms. Sanchez

Science Fair Update

Congratulations to the following students who have completed 100% of their ST Math Syllabus and are working on Jiji's challenging puzzles:

1st grade

Ramiyah Green
Brody Nelson
Te'omas Traywick
Kai Skipper
Terry Robinson

2nd grade

Keena Taylor

3rd grade

Donna Burrows
Calli Heath
James Zolg


Start your search for ideas for your Science Fair project at:
<http://www.pcsb.org/Page/12615>
\$3.00 to buy a display board! They go sale in the science lab the weeks of March 9th and March 23rd.
The Science Fair is May 7th, but check with your teacher for the date your project is due in class.

Let's continue building and reinforcing our math skills by utilizing ST Math.

1 Pick Your Device

Computer
Works on Macs, PCs, and Chromebooks. Requires 1GB of RAM (2GB recommended), and a high-speed Internet connection.

Access
Go to www.stmath.com and click on Jiji the penguin.



or

Tablets*
If your school has ST Math featuring touch licensing, your child can access ST Math homework from home using their tablet.


Supported Devices:

- iPad 2 or newer running iOS 5.0 or higher
- Kindle Fire
- Full-size tablet running Android 3.1 or later

A high-speed internet connection is required.


Access
Download the app by searching for "ST Math" on

- iTunes Store (iPad)
- Google Play (Android)
- Amazon (Kindle Fire)




2 Play ST Math

1 **Computer/Android**




Click on the Homework button.

2 **iPad**




3 **Click**




Enter your password.

4 **Text**




3 **Text**




Type in your school name and press Enter.

4 **Text**





Begin playing assigned homework.

Tip: If there is no Homework assigned, access previously played content by clicking on the Replay Games button. 


3 Exit ST Math


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Select the  button.


Important: Students should use the following process in order to save their work.



Keep selecting the  button until you get to the Today's Accomplishments screen.

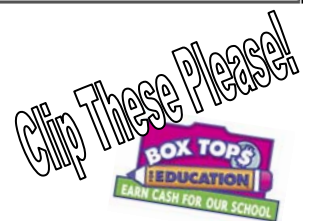
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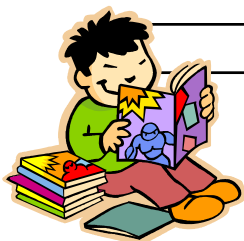
Select the  button.

Pinellas Virtual School part-time enrollment in full swing

Part-time enrollment for fall and spring courses for the 2015-16 school year is underway through March 27. Enrollment in Pinellas Virtual School is one way students can meet the state's online credit requirement. Under Florida's Digital Learning Act, students are required to complete an online course as part of the state's 24-credit minimum needed to graduate. Honors courses and popular electives, such as HOPE and Driver's Education are offered as part-time curriculum aligned with Pinellas County Schools. Families can enroll online at www.virtualschool.pcsb.org. Pinellas Virtual School will offer students an opportunity to enroll *full-time* in April.



Help us earn money for the school!



BOOK FAIR March 9-13

...Mrs. Parker

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

- On your child's buying day, please send money for the books in an envelope labeled Book Fair. Put your child's name and teacher on the envelope.
- Remember to include 7% sales tax on all purchases.
- If you pay by check, please make the check out to Bay Point Elementary. We also take all major credit cards.
- Students can purchase gift certificates in any amount for their teachers to buy books for the classroom.
- We are open every day (except Friday) from 8:15-3:15. Parents are welcome to come before and after school to shop. Friday morning is open buying day for all students who forgot to bring their money on their assigned day. All students who bring money on Friday will be allowed to shop on this day. We will close at noon on Friday.
- The Book Fair will be open 5:30-7:00 on March 10th

Hope to see you there!

Shop online at scholastic.com/fair

MATH MEET

These students will represent Bay Point at the Southeast County Gifted Math Meet at North Shore Elementary:
 Thursday, March 19th (Fourth Grade): Landon Hale, Ryder Marsicovetere, Tripp Spoor and Gavin Tran with Bethany Wilkerson acting as the alternate.
 Friday, March 20th (Fifth Grade): Andrew Blackett, Dillon Pupo, LaShai Scott-Drake and Leah Sonberg with Quinlan Whitney acting as the alternate.

Keep up with the latest!

WEB PAGE:

www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es

FACEBOOK:

BayPointElementaryMagnet

Bookmark the school's webpage! On the home page you will find quick links to the lunch menu, see the calendar for upcoming events, find your classroom teacher and staff email.

Club News and Open Houses

Guitar until 3:45PM

Beginners: Mondays
Intermediate: Thursdays

STEM

until 4:15 Wednesdays

Rock Band

Coming Soon!

MAD SCIENCE

until 3:45 Wednesdays

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Team Leader

Bay Point's Young Astronauts have been working so diligently on their projects. We have had many amazing presentations! Group 2 just finished building and test flying their "egg capsules". After studying about how space craft return from outer space, they designed and built a safe capsule for their Eggstronaut. Many survived the re-entry, but a few crashed scrambled....

If you are on campus and the media center is open, pop in and see some of our Young Astronauts' projects on the top of book shelves near the rear exit.

Group 2 is getting excited about next months field trip to Kennedy Space Center! Parents, if you need any more information feel free to call, or email.

Contacts for Mr. B.: firebeach1@aol.com.
727-698-0598.

YA Meeting Dates:

March 10 & 24 after school until 4:00

March 28—29 Group 2 Overnight Adventure at Kennedy Space Center

FIELD DAY

Come cheer us on! Parents, friends and relatives are invited to observe this fun event! Check the chart below for your child's game time:

Friday, March 20th <i>Rain Date: March 27th</i>		
Kindergarten 11:15-12:15	Grade 1 1:25-2:25	Grade 2 1:00-2:00
Grade 3 10:30-11:30	Grade 4 8:55-9:55	Grade 5 9:40-10:40

Hello Bay Point families,

PTA would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful families and teachers that attended and helped out at our Boyd Hill Campfire event last month. It was a huge success and an absolutely beautiful night to be outside!

This month PTA is supporting our 3rd-5th grade students as they participate in statewide assessments by providing pretzels and peppermints on testing days. Join us as we wish students all our best.



Are you interested in getting more involved with our school, but are just not sure how? PTA is currently seeking parents who would like to become part of our 2015-2016 Board. Depending on your individual areas of interest, we can help find a position that suits YOU the best! Please consider joining us as we work side-by-side with teachers and administrators to organize our fabulous evening events (Fall Festival, Fiesta Night), sponsor in-school programs (Author Day, Gingerbread Man Day), and raise funds to purchase technology items for our school. Being part of the Board can be very rewarding and we always welcome fresh ideas. If you would like more information, please contact me at vicepresident@bpepta.org . Thank you!!!

Jen Cannizzaro, PTA Vice President

REMINDER: PTA sells T-shirts and sweat jackets every first Friday during drop-off until 8:30am at the main gate

LET'S GET DIGITAL



March 17-20 Spring Fundraiser

PTA is collecting your extra change to \$6,000 to purchase additional laptop computers!

Bring all your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars!! (We even take checks!) Check your child's back pack for details about this important fundraiser.

Gates close at 8:30 a.m. to allow students to get into their classroom before the 8:35 a.m. bell

- 8:05 a.m. breakfast
- 8:35 a.m. in class



Homework Helpline

Call: 547-7223

Monday-Thursdays on days school is in session

ALL PRO DAD

...Mr. Jorge Angulo

Dads! Be a sweetheart!
Come join us for FREE breakfast!

7:30am—March 13th

Let us know you're coming so that we can prepare enough food at:
<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

Note these dates:

April 17 ~ May 22



**CHERYL
SHAUGNESSY**

Drawing winner for entering all your hours