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This month:

- April 28-May 2nd Ft. Desoto, (gr. 4)
- 1st Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 5th-9th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6th Museum of History (Pipino)
- After School Clubs: Young Astronauts, Camera Club [PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY]
- 7th Museum of History (Levesque)
All Children's (grade 1)
- 8th Familia Contenta
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 9th Museum of History (Bouanene)
Softball Game
- 11th Happy Mother's Day!
- 13th Incoming Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 am
After School Clubs: Young Astronauts
SAC Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 14th PE Walk-a-Thon
Early Release Day, 12:40 Dismissal
Chik-fil-A St. Pete Beach Spirit Night
- 15th Museum of History (Ackerson)
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 16th Museum of History (McKay)
Science Center (Britten, Wall)
- 20th Animal Kingdom (gifted), 7:00 am
After School Clubs: Young Astronauts,
Camera Club [PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY]
- 22nd Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 24th Young Astronaut Club BBQ
- 26th Memorial Day—No School
- 27th & 29th Student Led Conferences (gifted)
- 27th After School Clubs: Young Astronauts
- 28th EPCOT (grade 5)
- 29th Science Fair Open House, 7-8 pm
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 30th Science Extravaganza

JUNE 3rd LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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.

Golden School Award - 25+ Years * Five Star School Award
Mayor's Top Apple Award * Florida DOE Grade A School



From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

During the month of May all classes are hard at work on their class science projects and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades on their individual projects for the science fair. In the science lab, Kindergarten will do some simple experiments with gliders. First graders will experiment with ways of producing sound. Second grades will do some experiments with chemical energy or magnets. Third, fourth, and fifth grades receive practice activities to help them with their science projects.

DROP SAVERS CONTEST WINNERS

Our three Bay Point students swept the City of St. Petersburg's Drop Saver Contest. **Cameron Peebles** won first place in the City for the K-1 division and 1st place at the state level. Her brother, **Bryan Peebles**, won 1st place in the City in the 2-3 division and 2nd place at the state level. **Savannah Pate** won 1st place in the City contest in the 4-5 division and fourth place at the state level. Our students competed against students from other public and private students within the St. Petersburg city limits. Congratulations to these students on a remarkable job.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN SATURDAY WORKDAY

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Butterfly Garden Saturday Workday on April 19th. We had close to 30 people – students, parents, teachers, administrators, and **Eckerd College** students who came to clean out grass and weeds from the flower beds. It was a lot of hard work, but it really looks great. A huge thank you goes out to **Mrs. Lawery** for renting a rototiller to dig out the heavy patches of Bermuda grass. The **Earth Force Club** students along with students from the Eckerd College Environmental Science classes came Tuesday on Earth Day to plant the new butterfly plants in the garden. They sure look great. New **Memory Bricks** purchased by parents and students have been added to the walk way. Thank you to all of the parents, students, and teachers who came to work.

SCIENCE FAIR

By now, students should be planning their science fair projects. Teachers have already been teaching the processes throughout the year in class experiments. Now it is time for the students demonstrate their learning and scientific curiosity through individual and class projects. Judging of the projects will be held the morning of May 29th. All of our Bay Point families are invited to see these fantastic projects from 6:30 – 7:30 PM that evening.



Eckerd College digs the Earth Force Club

...Ms. Jodi Warson

Saturday morning turned out to be such a success! There were many students and teachers (and administrators) who came out to help clean up our butterfly garden. Along with some college students from Eckerd, we managed to pull weeds, prune trees, and clean things up. Unfortunately, that took us the entire 3 hours, plus some more! So, on Tuesday (**Earth Day!**), the Earth

Force club, **Mr. Woolums**, and our great partners at **Eckerd College** came on Tuesday to finish up the butterfly garden after school. We had a ton of things to plant and could use some help to maintain the gardens. So, if you would like to do something for our school, and our Earth, join us in the butterfly garden!

Thanks to everyone that came out on Saturday. It was awesome.

Noticia Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez

In order for your child to maintain his/her language ability over the summer, consider involving him/her in some of the following activities:

1. For the computer, get the Jump Star software or Usborne's Thousand Words. Also you can go to the following websites:

www.quia.com

www.storyplace.org

<http://anacleta.homestead.com>

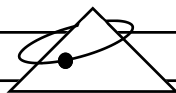
2. Ask your local librarian to locate some beginner reader Spanish books.
3. Purchase some good books from Scholastic or your local book store.
4. Go to dinner at a Spanish restaurant and have your child to order the food in Spanish.
5. Have your child teach you some songs or vocabulary words.
6. Review your Spanish homework calendars.
7. Come to Spanish summer camp at Perkins Elementary.
8. Call a friend from school and try to see how much Spanish you remember.
9. Go to the zoo and name the animals in Spanish.
10. Try to name the food at the grocery store in Spanish.
11. Ask your child to tell you the date in Spanish.
12. Practice numbers every time you can.

Your child knows a lot of vocabulary in Spanish. Give them every opportunity, anywhere you go, to identify anything they know.

Have a wonderful summer!

Thank You for Your Support of the Book Fair!

This was one of the best sales ever! Over \$800 was donated to classroom libraries. Thank you to all the volunteers (and especially Esther Albertson) for helping with this year's sales.



Counselor Corner ...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

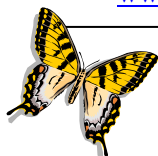
THE FLORIDA LEARNING NETWORK: FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING

The Florida Learning Network provides students homework help when they need it. Whether students are struggling with subject-related concepts or need assistance with weak skill areas, tutors are available through the convenience of the Internet. Students can connect with a tutor from home, after-school programs, and the library—anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Florida Learning Network is a collection of online resources for students in grades K-12. Tutoring and guidance in accordance with Sunshine State Standards is provided for mathematics, science, reading, and social studies at no cost.

To access the Florida Learning Network, visit:

www.filearningnetwork.com



Homework Helpline

Call 547-7223

Congratulations Honor Roll

Randal E. Pizarro II

Gifted Math Meet ...Mrs. Darlene McLean

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to members of Bay Point Elementary's Gifted Math Meet teams who competed 3/27/08 and 3/28/08, before Spring Break. They competed with ten other South County Elementary Schools at Thurgood Marshall Middle School.

The fifth grade team captain **Lane Marshall** earned a First Place Individual trophy for scoring the highest out of 44 competitors. Lane's team members were **Michelle Lynch, Robert Richardson, and Emma Underwood**. They showed confidence and team spirit while tackling very challenging problems.

Technology News

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

The year is coming to a close pretty quickly and we are already looking to next year's refresh program where we will get more student computers for the classroom.

We are also excited about being a totally wireless campus next year which will enable us to do so much more with the equipment we have and the curriculum.

BPES is one of the very few elementary schools that still has a computer lab which is filled up every day with students starting in kindergarten up to fifth grade, coming in for lessons. We feel very fortunate here in having a facility that allows our students to be so technology advanced at an early age.

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

As we near the end of the school, and club, year there are some very important Young Astronaut events to mark on your calendar! Our last regular meeting will be on May 13th. We will be completing our rocket kits and finishing members' project presentations. We still need volunteers to help out!

We will be sending home a request for donations of food, snacks, and deserts for our end of the year picnic scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, at Ft. DeSoto Park, shelter number 7. Each group will have items to bring; please bring what you can! This is a family event. Come and meet all the students, and adults your kids have been talking about all year! No drop off of students allowed!

Finally, we will celebrate our year of adventure with the club rocket launch.

On May 27th, meet your students out on the P E field, for the launch of over 60 student-built rockets! It will be an awe inspiring event! This meeting will be extended to 4:30 pm. There will be snacks, drinks, and maybe a cake for you enjoyment!

Thank you all for your support, plan to be there on the big days, and watch for our final info of the school year in the last newsletter.

Would you like to help us build rockets?

Come to YAC meetings after school and we will show you how we do it!

Battle of the Books

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

*Congratulations to these students who will compete at
Battle of the Books on May 7th*

*Emma Underwood
Claudia Martynow*

*Seve Monahan
Resham Patel*

The May Commitment to Character Trait is:

Caring

*Being kind, friendly, considerate
and willing to listen, give and share*

SCIENCE FAIR TIMELINE

5th—15th Showboards on sale \$2
16th Project Applications due
19th All Projects due to classrooms
28th Project setup
29th Science Fair Open House 7-9 pm
30th All Projects go home



Wrapping Up A Great Year ...Ms. Cindy Petelle

Summer to do list:

- Clip and save Box Tops for Education, Campbells Soup Labels, Tyson's Project A+
- Designate BPE at Target, Albertsons and Office Depot
- Recycle paper at BPE

Thank you for the outstanding support you have given us this year. BPE volunteers logged in over 13, 500 hours! We have over 30 trained mentors. New this year—**Mr. Michael Hughes** started a 5000 Role Model group. Our parents run the Young Astronauts Clubs—thank you to **Mr. John Barfield** who has headed up this group for the past 6 years. The PTA has been very supportive of the teachers, and has run several fun events for the families. Thank you to all who joined this year. Please consider taking a spot on the Board next year.

Check out my website, which you may reach through the BPE site or at:
<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/teachers7/petellec>

I'm Fit—I'm It! ...Ms. Julie Ryczek

IT'S MAY LET'S GET OUT AND PLAY

As you're thinking about your child's fitness and play, it's important to keep in mind your child's age and developmental level, natural abilities, and interests. Through physical activities, kids can learn about setting goals, meeting challenges, sportsmanship, teamwork, and the value of practice.

Between the ages of 6 and 8, kids are sharpening their basic physical skills like jumping, throwing, kicking, and catching. Some kids enjoy doing this in organized sports teams, but non-competitive leagues are the best choice for younger kids. Coaching your child's team or cheering from the stands on game days are ways you can show your support.

Kids who are 9 to 12 years old are refining, improving, and coordinating their skills. It's a time when a child's commitment to a sport may be reaffirmed, while other kids may drop out as competition heats up and level of play improves. It's okay if your child is not interested in traditional sports, but it's important to find alternative ways to be active.

If your child doesn't like soccer, basketball, or other team sports, explore other options and encourage your child to be creative. There are plenty of fun and challenging activities that your child might like more: karate, fencing, golf, bicycling, skateboarding, and tennis to name just a few.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) News

2008-2009 PTA BOARD

Elections will be held in May. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the PTA Board, please contact our President, **Jerry Blevins** at jblevins@fla-esq.com

Your fresh new ideas and energy is needed to make next year the best ever!

PTA Web Page
www.bpepta.org

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-9th. This year we'd like to honor our teachers with gifts and services.

If you or your business is willing to donate a gift or service to our teachers, or if you are willing to help please contact **Cissy Blevins** at flwildcats@aol.com

Let's show our teachers that we appreciate everything they do with the best Teacher Appreciation Week.

Artists Selected for Annual Administration Building Art Exhibit Ms. Martha Harrington

Ten fifth grade artists were selected to represent Ms. Harrington's Bay Point art classes in the Annual Administration Building Art Show. The self-portrait collages were created from digital photographs, patterned specialty papers, and the student's own art work. The digital camera, specialty papers and Mac laptop used for downloading the photos were purchased using referendum money. All of the 5th grade self portrait collages are on display in the library and will be displayed the night of the Spring Concert in the courtyard.

Congratulations!

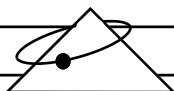
*Brianna Daviau
Jade D'Esposito
Michelle Lynch
Patrick Lynch
Nicardo Mitchell*

*Joshua Morehouse
Jazzmine Pagan
Miraj Patel
Randall Pizarro
Danielle Sackett*

Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents ...Mrs. Annie Tucker

Two doses of *varicella* vaccine (chicken pox) have been added to the list required for new kindergarten students next school year.

Don't miss the Kindergarten Orientation on May 13th!



Albertsons

Join us at

(Dolphin Village Shopping Center: 4623 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach)

BAY POINT ELEMENTARY *MAGNET SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT
Get a FREE MILKSHAKE!

Chik-fil-A has teamed up with Bay Point Elementary *Magnet School for a fundraiser. All you do is come to *Chik-fil-A* on St. Pete Beach on:

May 14th from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Put your cash register receipt in the box, and *Chik-fil-A* will make a donation to our school!
Everyone wins!

Just bring this flyer with you, and every student will receive a **free milkshake**
with your family's purchase