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Principal's Note...

Dear Parents and community members,

Summer break is almost here. The students are still working hard and yet celebrating their many accomplishments. A special thank you goes to PTA and the many leaders in accomplishing their events as well as all of the many supporters.

A special thank you to our SAC Chair, Lisa Brody and PTA President, Lynn Bittner. Their leadership and support helped make BPE a good family oriented school.

We say good bye and best wishes to Mrs. Britten, and Ms. Mitchell, as they retire from their many years of dedication to children and move towards a new direction of life. They have contributed so very much to the excellence at Bay Point and we thank them for their dedication, time and love.

Congratulations to our Math teams and Battle of the Books participants. We are so proud of their accomplishments. Our Field days were fun and we will have a walkathon coming soon. Magnet invitations for next year have been accepted and it looks like we will have a full house. We held a Kdg orientation and they are so excited.

I want to thank each of you for your wonderful support of students, teachers and staff. Your involvement makes such a big difference to your child's success.

I'm looking forward to next year here at Bay Point Elementary and we have begun planning events and trainings for next year as well as working on the School Improvement Plan. If you have any input, please feel free to e-mail me or share your ideas with SAC. Our Spring concert May 21 will also have an art exhibit, PTA meeting, and a Social Services table. Our talent show is the next week. The last day of school is Tuesday June 2nd and is an early release day...12:40!!

We will be sending a letter home over the summer with class placement and pertinent information. Please be sure that we have your correct mailing address and phone number in the office. No teacher requests are being accepted, however if your child requires special needs or environment you may put those in writing to me.

It was a honor serving you and your child this year. I wish you each a wonderful summer break and I plan on seeing you each in August when we begin another year together.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lively

This month:

- 1st Dunedin Highland Steppers
 - 5th Strike & Spare Turnaround Breakfast
 - 6th Battle of the Books
All Children's Hospital, gr. 1
PTA Board Meeting
Science Fair, 6:30 PM
 - 7th Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
 - 12th EPCOT, gifted 1-4
Junior Achievement, gr. 2
SAC Meeting
 - 13th *Familia Contenta* Spanish Play
 - 14th 5th Grade Breakfast
Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
 - 18th - 22nd PE Walk A Thon all week
 - 20th Chik fil A St. Pete Beach—Spirit Night
 - 21st Spring Concert, 7:00 PM
 - 22nd 5th grade vs. Faculty Softball Game
 - 25th Memorial Day Holiday—No school
 - 26th - 28th Boyd Hill (Kindergarten classes)
 - 28th Domino's *Pizza Dough* Night
 - 29th EPCOT 5th Grade
- JUNE
- 2nd Last Day * Early Dismissal, 12:40 PM
5th Grade Breakfast

August
25th School reopens



Club Olé: 5th
Community Care Kids Club: Swap 4-8, 13th
Earth Force: 5th, 19th (Year end picnic)
Guitar Clubs: See Mr. Pineda
Young Astronauts: see article



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

From the Science Guy

...Mr. Ron Woolums

May is a very busy month for science. We have our science fair, fourth grade classes going to Ft. DeSoto to seine the grass flats to study the marine life, and competitions in fun science challenges in the science lab class.

The science fair will be held on May 6th in the cafeteria. Our students have worked hard on their projects in March. The Top Ten projects have been selected for each class to go on to be judged. Our judges are scientists from the US Geological Survey and the University of South Florida, former science teachers and science supervisors, and honor science students from Lakewood High School. The students are judged with a rubric developed by a county committee of science teachers and the student awards are based on their scores. Each student in the science fair will receive an award ribbon. The science fair is closed to parents during the day, but will be open to everyone in the evening from 6:30 until 7:30. Each year, I take our fourth grade students to Ft. DeSoto to study the grass flat habitat. The student use seine nets to collect a limited number of fish,

crabs, star fish, and occasionally a sea horse from three different grass areas. These go into aquariums for them to observe and identify. Then all of the catch is returned to the water. The students also do a shoreline litter clean-up to help the environment and as a service to the park.

Science Fair

May 5th Project Set up in Cafeteria
 May 6th Project Judging, 9:00-1:00
 Science Fair Open House
 6:30—7:30 PM
 *** Take Projects home
 after 7:30 PM
 May 23rd District Science Expo
 Science Center



Book Swap for Summer Reading

The Community Care Kids Club is sponsoring a Book Swap! Bring your gently used books to Ms. Storm or Ms. Bouanene's room May 4th through May 7th. For two books you will receive one ticket. Friday, May 8th is book shopping day. You may redeem each ticket for a new book. The swap will take place in the school cafeteria from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Adults may bring in books to swap too.

Make sure the books you bring are in good condition, and appropriate for school :)

I'm Fit, I'm It

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

May Is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month! Exercise helps you look and feel better and can add years to your life. Brisk walking for 30 minutes a day, five days a week, is one of the best ways to feel and look better. Walking is the one exercise that almost anyone can do.

Also, it is National High Blood pressure Education Month, know your numbers!

Congratulations

Jodi Rivera

for completing requirements for the Certificate of Distinction

Noticias Olé

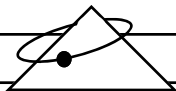
...Sra. Gómez

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 a software like Jump Star Spanish or Usborne's Thousand Words. Also, you can visit the following websites: www.quia.com and www.storyplace.org
2. **Ask your local librarian to locate some beginner reader Spanish books**, or purchase some Spanish books from your local book store.
3. Go to dinner at a Spanish restaurant and have your child order the food in Spanish.
4. Have your child teach you some songs or vocabulary words.
5. **Come to Spanish summer camp at Perkins Elementary.**
6. Call a friend from school and try to see how much Spanish they remember.
7. Go to the zoo and name the animals in Spanish.
8. Try to name the food at the grocery store in Spanish.
9. Have your child tell you the colors on the clothes he/she is wearing.
10. Practice numbers every time you can.
11. Ask your child to tell you the date in Spanish.
12. **Watch Familia Contenta video clips during Lunch Time Jam, WPDS-TV channel 14, filmed by our own Pinellas County Spanish Team.**

Your child knows a lot of vocabulary, encourage them to practice every day! Have a wonderful summer!

Our Turn Around Student Deontae Harrington



Gifted Math Meet

...Mrs. Darlene McLean

Congratulations go to our Bay Point Gifted Math Meet Teams! Both the 4th grade and 5th grade teams earned trophies. The 4th grade captain, Jamie Loomas, guided his team to a third place win out of 11 south county schools. Members were Ben Chiudina, Bryan Peebles, and Conlan Hale, who also won a third place individual trophy, out of a total of 44 gifted students.

5th grade captain, Isaac Andersen, led his team to a fourth place win, taking home another trophy like last year. Other 5th grade team members were Lauren LaPeter, Tatsiana Wilson, and Tyler Bittner. All BPE students said they had a lot of fun in spite of the stiff competition. This was a shining moment for Bay Point as the teams were very cooperative and spirited. Way to go, students! We're proud of you all!

Classroom Teacher Request

Although we appreciate your active involvement, we are unable to accept requests from parents for specific teachers. We do accept letters describing the type of learning environment that you feel your child would most benefit from and any special needs of the student. We have great teachers and sometimes certain styles are better suited for different children. The current teachers give most of the input for academic, behavior and social needs of the children when considering class placement for the following year. Thank you.

PRIDE Award Winners

Tyler Bittner * MATH

Isaac Andersen * SCIENCE

Malcolm Butler * SOCIAL STUDIES

Patricia Turner * WRITING

Congratulations!

Kudos to Students!

Battle of the Books Team

May 6th

Mitchell McCombs
(captain)

Charlie Langer

Sierra Brave

Alexis Bridges (alternate)

Congratulations to **Daisja Johnson**, a Kindergarten student in Ms. Lawson's art class, for the honor of having her artwork selected for the very selective "Young at Art" student art exhibit, which was part of the Mainsail Art Festival held in St. Pete on April 18 and 19, and every year in the Spring

Counselor's Corner

...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

Classroom Guidance is getting ready to wrap up for the year. Kindergarteners have spent the year with I-Care Cat learning *the I-Care Rules*. First and second graders have almost completed the *Second Step Violence Prevention Program*. Many skills have been covered this year with the last lesson focusing on impulse control.

Third, fourth and fifth graders have participated in *Steps to Respect*, an anti-bullying program. Your children have impressed me with their interest and awareness of social/emotional issues. They have been excellent participants in discussions that cover subjects from school and community to friendships and family. Please find ways to keep the flow of communication between yourself and your child strong over the summer months. I have found that Bay Point kids have very thoughtful ideas that they want to share with an adult at times. Thank you for allowing me into your children's lives this year. I look forward to another great year.

Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

The Young Astronauts are in the final approach for the end of the year *finale*. With two big events planned, we want to make sure all members, and their families have the information! We need everyone there to be a part of these great events!



The rocket launch is May 26th.

Our annual Ft. DeSoto BBQ beach party is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at North Beach Shelter number 7, from 11:00 to 3-3:30 PM. All of the students brought home forms for you to fill out and return as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. There are donation forms for items to share with friends, please make a note, and let us know you are coming! **This is a family, group event, not a student drop off. You must accompany your child!** Come out, and meet the students, and adults, your young scientist have been talking about all year!

Of course, the BIG BLAST, on May 26th, when all three groups gather for a final farewell, to friends, and to launch our rockets! Plan on an afternoon of entertainment, and watching your child's face light up with excitement as their projects blaze into the heavens! All family members, friends, and YAC alumni are welcomed! As always, if you have any questions, please email the coordinator **John Barfield**, at:

Firebeach1@aol.com, or call: 727-698-0598. See you all soon!

BPE Parent-Teacher Association

...Mrs. Lynn Bittner, PTA President

Dear Parents;

Thank you for all you have done to support PTA this year. I am very proud of the job PTA has done to support our school and the children. It takes a great deal of volunteers to organize all of the events and we couldn't do it without your help.

The Read-a-Thon raised over \$5,100, a great first time fundraiser. Congratulations to all of the children, parents and school staff who helped out. A special congratulations to **Cayla Hester**, a second-grader in Mr. Wood's class, who personally raised \$240.00. Wow, what a super job! Cayla will be receiving a gift card to a book store to encourage her reading.



Please plan on attending the final PTA General Membership meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Spring Concert, where the new board members for next year will be elected.

Bookmark These Web Pages On Your Computer

See **more content** on-line!

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

For links to **teachers' web** pages:

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

Find **forms and volunteer information** on-line at:

<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

Safer web surfing through this portal: **ILANDS.com**

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

~Native American Proverb

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families who Adopted A Class this year:

- Mr. and Mrs. Bell
- Mr. and Mrs. Brody
- Ms. Carhart-Kiser
- Mr. Castro
- Mr. and Mrs. Dreyer
- Mr. and Mrs. Dunning
- Mr. Fallon, CFP
- Ms. Fleming
- Mr. and Mrs. Ford
- Ms. Harrison
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey
- Mr. and Mrs. Helinger
- Mr. Hudgens
- Mr. and Mrs. Hokanson
- Ms. Icelly
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawery
- Mr. McDonald
- Mr. and Mrs. Milanese
- Mr. and Mrs. Ottaviani
- Mr. and Mrs. Smith
- Mr. and Mrs. Strickland
- Mr. Scherer

Thank You for the Time You Gave...

Over 500 Hours

- Tracy Grant
- Julia Ray

Over 400 Hours

- John Barfield
- Cindy Wilson

Over 200 Hours

- Susan Odom

Over 100 Hours

- Lynn Bittner
- Cissy Blevins
- Lisa Brody
- Andrea DeSouza
- Debbie Griffin
- Anne Lynch
- Aviva Kirschbaum
- Tracy Milanese
- Ellen Revit
- Dawn Ottaviani
- Diane Peebles
- Claudia Rodriguez
- Dawn Smith

Business Partners

- Chik fil A
- Domino's Pizza
- Strike & Spare Fun Center
- USGS
- Eckerd College
- Publix
- Sweetbay
- Beef O'Brady's
- General Mills *Box Tops*
- Breakfast Optimist Club
- Carter's Florist
- Bob Evans Restaurant

Please support our partners

Exciting Summer News from Destination Math & Reading

This summer your child(ren) will be able to use Destination to retain math and reading skills and prepare for the upcoming school year. Engaging activities for students will be posted to all students in grades K - 5 - with new activities each week! Usernames and passwords will be sent home in your child's last Report Card. Students can access Destination from any computer that is connected to the Internet.



This wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

All students will use this address to access Destination:

<http://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us>

How Many Years Have You Attended Concerts at BPE?

If you have attended BPE concerts for five or years please respond to this poll by e-mailing Mr. Pineda at pinedah@pcsb.org

Congratulations Fifth Graders! Best of luck in Middle School. We will miss you!

Thank You for Your Service

SAC MEMBERS

Lisa Brody, Chairman
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 Angela Owens
 Dawn Smith
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 Kym Ottaviani
 Cathy Wall
 Annie Tucker
 Diane Van Deilen
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Year End Checklist

- ❑ Settle your account in the cafeteria. The last day a check will be accepted is May 15th. After that, you may still pay be cash.
- ❑ Return all library books by Monday 18th. Look under your bed, in your backpack, and the back seat of the car and round up all those books you borrowed from the Media Center or Teachers.
- ❑ Donate uniforms your children have outgrown to the school. Please Send clean shirts and shorts to the office. Fifth grade students may put theirs in the bin during the breakfast on the Last day.
- ❑ Make sure the front office has your correct mailing address so that you receive back-to-school information.