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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. The Art Auction is being prepared and the movie night was a huge success. A special thank you goes to PTA and the many leaders in accomplishing these events as well as all of the many supporters.

I thank Dawn Smith, PTA president and Erich Henegar, SAC chair for their year of leadership, support and determination. They have contributed so very much to the excellence at Bay Point.

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Grant for the Math super stars, and the many programs their leadership did to make BPE a good family oriented school.

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 seats for next year have accepted and it looks like we have a full house. We held a Kindergarten orientation and they are so excited. Thank you Dr. Porter and Mrs. Rivera for preparing the program. Mrs. Petelle is continually busy keeping us all in guidelines with the many, many field trips coming up. I also thank her for this excellent newsletter each month and the time spent gathering information.

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.

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.

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 before the end of the year.

It was a pleasure serving you and your child this year Thank you for this opportunity! I wish you each a wonderful summer break

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lively

This month:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35

7th Pro-Ed Day, **NO SCHOOL**

8th Young Astronauts Picnic 11-3, Ft DeSoto

9th Happy Mother's Day!

11th Ringling Museum (gifted 3,4,5)

Sea World (gifted 1,2)

SAC meeting

17th to 20th PE Walk A Thon

18th Lowry Park (2nd)

PTA Bids for Kids

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

20th Ft. DeSoto Math Art (3rd)

20th to 21st Vision / Hearing Screening

22nd District Science Fair


25th Young Astronaut Rocket Launch

26th Boyd Hill (Wilson, Alvarez)

27th Spring Concert

28th Boyd Hill (Hunt, Johnson)

Fresh Fruit Friday

31st  Memorial Day—**NO SCHOOL**

JUNE-JUNIO

4th EPCOT Center (5th)

Magic Show (3rd)

Boyd Hill (Griffin, Godfirnon)

7th Talent Show

9th **Last Day of School** (Early Release)

5th Grade Celebration

Report Cards go home

*Spring Concert
And
Fifth Grade Art Show*

May 27th

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

Science Fair A Winner!

...Ms. Jodi Warson

We had an outstanding Science Fair this year, a record 59 students received Exemplary points, 49 Superior, 27 Honorable, along with 11 Participation. Congratulations to these students who finished at the top:

3rd Grade:

Tristan Hale (Ackerson)
Madeleine Latimer (Bouanene)
Matt Saffan (Bouanene)

4th Grade:

Georgia Dunning (Wolf)
Cameron Bernard (Kincaid)

5th Grade:

Jamie Loomas (Dodge)
Lauren Pizzonia (Dodge)
Ian Quimby (Dodge)
Brittney Strickland (Jamieson)
David Deister (Ryczek)



Thank you to our volunteers, Ron Woolums, Diane Kelley, Kathy Fullerton, Tracy Grant and Jason Grant, to Mr. Garbutt and his team of Lakewood High School CAT Students, and to our partners at USGS including BPE moms Theresa Burress and Kathryn Smith.

Don't Fall Behind This Summer

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

This summer students 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 (home, relative/friends home, public library). This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our students. All students can access Destination at: <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>



Counseling Corner

...Ms. Cunningham

Daily Attendance Ensures Success

A study from the *Journal of Educational Research* found that attendance makes a **BIG** difference in grades. Kids who are in school every day do better than those who aren't. Here are some tips to help you get your child out the door on time every morning.

Start the night before. Is the homework in the backpack? Are permission slips signed? Does he have lunch money?

Put the backpack by the door the child will go out.

Lay out clothes – down to the socks. This one step will avoid more morning fights than anything else you do.

Create a to-do list of jobs that have to be done in the morning.

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 in Spanish:

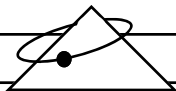
1. Watch *Familia Contenta* in Lunch Time Jam on channel 14 (PDS-TV14).
 2. Practice numbers every time you can.
 3. Ask your child to tell you the date.
 4. Try to name the food at the grocery store.
 5. Go to the zoo and name the animals.
 6. Come to Spanish summer camp at Perkins Elementary (727-893-2117).
 7. Have your child teach you some songs or vocabulary words.
 8. Ask your local librarian to locate some beginner Spanish books.
 9. Call a friend for school and try to see how much Spanish you remember.
 10. For the computer, get a software like Jumpstart Spanish or go to a children websites like:
www.quia.com or
www.storyplace.org .
- Your child knows a lot of vocabulary in Spanish. Give them every opportunity, anywhere you go, to identify anything they know. ¡Felices vacaciones de verano! Happy summer vacations!

National Physical Education and Sport Week

...Ms. Ryczek

Move Every Body, Every Day, Every Way" is the theme of the 2010 National Physical Education and Sport Week, May 1-7

<http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/advocacy/events/mayWeek/index.cfm>



Battle of the Books

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

Congratulations to the "Bay Point Brainiacs"! They will represent our school in the 2010 *Battle of the Books*.

Captain: **Conlan Hale**
Joshua Cooper
Alexis Bridges
 Alternate: **Caoilfhinn McCormack**

They won the privilege to Battle at the next level by beating out other school's teams at the District *Battle of the Books* on May 6.



Kudos to all of the classes that have collectively read over 1,000,000 words. Look for their pictures on the bulletin board in the media center. They are:

Ms. Frady 4,913,445 words
 Ms. Kincaid 2,399,034 words
 Ms. Ackerson 2,294,847 words
 Mr. Dodge's HR 1,610,518
 Ms. Wolf 1,511,185 words
 Ms. O'Connor 1,365,007

A shout out to Mr. Wood and Ms. Pierson whose primary classes are over 240,000 words!

Individual students who are now members of the **BPE Million Word Club** are:

Chandler West 1,507,664
Tristan Hale 1,351,935
Caoilfhinn McCormack 1,104,535
Magellan Grant 1,007,158

Please applaud these students on their achievement if you see them around campus.

There is still time for more members to the Million Word Club. Read and Let Reading Count!

Thank You PTA...

...for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation celebration and for your hard work all year long!

Please note...

No Child Left Behind and English as a Second Language (ESOL)
 Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to the goal of having them reach their highest level of academic achievement. Our teachers are all certified by the state of Florida and are qualified to teach the core academic subjects they are assigned. In addition, they attend professional development designed to keep them current with the best strategies to help our students achieve.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Requirements have changed. In order to be considered in compliance, the teacher must now take a Subject Area Exam in the core academic area or document core academic competency. Until this is completed, the teacher has not met the compliance standards of the NCLB Act. Mrs. Sandra Damm, 2nd grade, is in the process of meeting the compliance standards for NCLB.

In addition, some of our teachers are in the process of obtaining their English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement. This endorsement is designed to give teachers special strategies for working with students whose primary language is not English. This endorsement requires up to 300 hours of additional professional development. Our Science Specialist, Ms. Jodi Warson is considered out of field for ESOL while working towards this endorsement.

I am confident that these teachers will provide effective instruction in a safe learning environment to all of their students. Our teachers and staff work diligently to meet the needs of every student in our school. Your continued support of your child's education is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 552-1449.

Gaye Lively, Principal

Young Astronaut Clubs Report

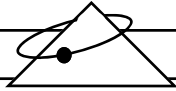
...Mr. John Barfield

Hello from your Young Astronauts Club. We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. Only 3 meetings left. They are: April 27, May 11, and the final meeting, and rocket launch on May 25. The meeting will be extended to 4:30 that day. Please come and see your child's creation fly into the heavens. We have had to cancel the end of the year beach party. We will invite all alumni next year to the event next year.

I want to thank the many volunteers for the countless hours they gave to this group. Aida Gonzales, Nancy Pope, Claudia Rodriguez, John Barfield, Lisa Brody, Heather Showalter, Cindy Wilson. Our 2 high school volunteers, Michael Petrino-Godfirnon, and Jason Cowen. Of course our teacher advisor, Ms. Sue Godfirnon, and the staff of Bay Point Elementary, and especially Mrs. Lively.

Keep the students minds working, they can work on projects during the summer. If any parent of a group one member would like to consider coming on board next year as an assistant, or leader, please notify me, John Barfield, at Firebeach1@aol.com. Have a great summer, keep checking our Yahoo went group for updates, and we will see all of you next school year!

Keep your mind alive!



Come join us for our PTA- Year End Celebration and Bids for Kids Dinner!!

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

On May 18th from 5:30 -8:00 we will have a spaghetti dinner provided by Olive Garden, a silent auction raffle/bid and our very own Coach Irving will be pumping up the fun with some great sounds. Every class has done a project or basket and many businesses in our community have donated some fantastic items. We will have everything from a three day/ two night stay at the Tradewinds, to a cash money tree to a chance to be principal for the day where a student will shadow the principal for an entire day, making announcements, visiting classrooms and pick a day for everyone to be no-uniform!

Dinner Tickets (available by presale only) are \$6.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child. This will include spaghetti, salad, breadstick, drink and dessert. Must be received by May 12th through your child's classroom, front office or the car circle.

ALL PERSONALIZED CLASS PROJECTS and many baskets will be done by raffle. Each item will have it's own separate raffle.

Raffle Tickets are available by presale and at the Bids for Kids Dinner. There will also be items that will be done by regular silent auction bid. Bid numbers will be given when you check in.

Presale Price	At Bids for Kids dinner
1 for \$1.50	1 for \$2.00
10 for \$12.00	10 for \$15.00
20 for \$20.00	20 for \$25.00

We are hoping to put 6 more SMART BOARDS in classrooms!

Don't miss this fun, family, fundraising event. Not only will you have a chance to win these incredible projects and baskets for as little as a \$1 or \$2 but, you will help us to hopefully raise enough money to put 6 more smart boards in our kids classrooms AND see Mrs. Lively and Ms. Owens get a pie in the face!!!!



Donations for services or new items still being accepted. Please contact Sonja Stiles at stilesfamily4@aol.com or 424-8760.

Volunteers to help work the event(serving food, check in or check out) also needed. Please contact Dawn Smith at dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com or 418-9567.

Congratulations Gifted Math Meet Teams

4th Grade Captain: Juliana Hodge
 Chandler West
 Kelsey Gonzalez
 Cameron Bernard
 Alternate: Frank Skapura

5th Grade Captain: Jack Keeler
 Conlan Hale
 Charlie Langer
 Bryan Peebles
 Alternate: Ben Chiudina

You Count!

Florida needs to know, did you get counted?

Every person counted by the census means as much as \$1,500 per year in federal funds for Florida. And for every person counted, Florida's representation in Congress has the opportunity to increase.

Being counted means being represented. For more information: <http://www.myfloridacensus.gov/>

Arbor Day

...Mrs. Frady

Thank you to our Fourth Grade Team and Richard Carroll of **Carroll Brothers Nursery** for the new tree in the PE Field. We hope for the tree planting to become an annual event. As the trees grow they will provide more shade in our fields!

Thank You!

...Ms. Cindy Petelle
 Family & Community Liaison

Please support these businesses who have helped us throughout the year:

- Publix
- 54th Avenue South
- Chik fil A
- St. Pete Beach, Dolphin Village
- Bubba Gumps
- Strike & Spare Fun Centers
- Carter's Florist
- Breakfast Optimist Club
- Congo River Golf
- Chili's
- Scrubs n Stuff
- US Geological Survey

Don't forget to clip Box Tops for Education all summer long!

Thank You to
 Tom & Lori Lawery for adopting
 the Music Department!