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Administrator's Message

Dear Bay Point Families,

I hope each of you enjoyed quality time with family and friends during Spring Break. Even though the school year is coming to a close and FCAT is over, we still have many fun learning activities planned. After reviewing our attendance data, please be reminded that part of the magnet commitment is that students are present and on time daily.

This is the time that we begin planning for the upcoming school year. Soon teachers will begin forming recommended groups for the 2011/2012 school year. A number of criteria are taken into consideration as these groups are recommended. This important process does not include parent requests. Our teachers spend hours in an effort to make the best possible matches to ensure success for every child. If your child has unique needs that would be important for me to be aware of, I do accept written letters stating these for my use when I finalize these lists.

My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me so we can continue to make your child's educational experience a pleasant and productive one.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Milton,
Principal

Calendar:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35 pm

- 2nd Volunteers sign in using PORTAL
- 2nd - 6th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5th PTA Family Skate at AstroSkate, 6-8
- 6th Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior
Florida Orchestra, grade 4
Photos, grade 5
- 9th SAC Meeting, 3:30 pm
- 11th Math Training Night, 5:30 pm
- 17th Incoming Kindergarten Orientation, 6 pm
- 20th Spanish Play *Familia Contenta*
All volunteer hours due in Portal
- 23rd—27th Bay Point Walks
- 24th District Battle of the Books
- 26th Spring Concert
- 30th Memorial Day—No School

JUNE

- 3rd Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior
EPCOT, grade 5
- 8th Last Day of School—1:35 pm dismissal
Report Cards go home

AUGUST

- 22nd First Day of School

Clubs

Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities or they may be dismissed from the clubs.

- Earth Force—3rd, 17th & 31st
- Club Olé—2:50-3:45 pm
- Guitar Club - Beginning Level: Mondays
Intermediate & Advanced: Thursdays
- Pearls/5000 Role Models—
- Young Astronauts—10th, 24th Rocket Launch

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

Tech Talk

...Ms. Sanchez

Exciting News!!!!

Our representative with Educational Learning Systems, Inc. has graciously extended our expiration date for *Lexia Reading* until the end of the school year! ***Lexia Reading is intended for independent practice by the student with no assistance from parents or siblings. Please allow your child to work at their own pace without assistance.*** Let's keep moving those bar graphs up and moving onto the next level!!!

Our school has chosen to take advantage of our District's offer of their summer online distance learning opportunity for our students to participate through Destination Reading and Math.

Every Monday during the summer vacation, students will receive new Destination Reading and Math activities.

These engaging activities can be accessed from any computer with Internet access. Students, K-5, will need their **Pinellas Login and Password**
<https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>

Do You Shop On-Line?

The school earns cash rewards when you shop through these portals:

Box Tops for Education
www.btf.com

www.schoolstore.com

Recycle With Us!

- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Ink jet cartridges
- ◆ Newspaper



Please Clip These



All Summer Long!

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

www.quia.com/shared/spanish
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. Call a friend from school and try to see how much Spanish you remember.

7. Go to a zoo and name the animals in Spanish.

8. Try to name the food at the grocery store, or name the clothing items and colors at the mall.

9. Ask your child to tell you the date and weather in Spanish.

10. Ask your child to count and practice numbers in Spanish.

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!

Young Astronauts at BPE

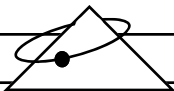
...Mr. John Barfield

All three groups have begun the exciting task of building their own rockets. As you can imagine the students are very eager to complete these flying machines! If you have time to volunteer with your students group, come on in. As we approach the end of the club year, we wanted to remind you of the dates of our last meetings and events. The dates are: May 10, regular meeting, and May 24, our final gathering and end of the year "Big Blast" Celebration!

This date will have all of the members out on the PE field flying their rockets. It will also be a day where certificates, and great snacks will be served. Bring out the family for an afternoon of exciting launches! Meet the people your child has been talking about all year! The Blast will last until 5:00 PM so everyone can get an opportunity to send their rocket to the stars! Mark your calendars now!

Thanks, we'll see you all soon!





Counselor's Corner

...Ms. Tetro

The monthly theme for May is *Caring*. *Caring* means being kind, friendly, considerate and willing to listen, give and share. It is important to show other people you care through your actions and words. Listening to a friend in a time of need is just one way that you can show someone that you care. Here are three words a day that you can use during the month of May that will remind you to be caring toward others:

- May 1 Attitudes is everything!
- May 2 Express your feelings.
- May 3 Don't belittle others.
- May 4 Courtesy is contagious.
- May 5 Knowledge is power.
- May 6 Don't "get even."
- May 7 Compliment other people.
- May 8 Friends are prizes.
- May 9 Smiles show caring.
- May 10 Reading strengthens minds.
- May 11 Positive attitudes win.
- May 12 Appreciate hard work.
- May 13 Grooming tells feelings.
- May 14 Acquire new talents.
- May 15 Never be indifferent.
- May 16 Always be responsible.
- May 17 People can change.

- May 18 Make reasonable goals.
- May 19 Choose good models.
- May 20 Animals need care.
- May 21 Help at home.
- May 22 Books erase loneliness.
- May 23 Do not interrupt.
- May 24 Believing is winning.
- May 25 Patience has limits.
- May 26 Show you care.
- May 27 Count your blessings.
- May 28 Try, try, try.
- May 29 Remember happy memories.
- May 30 Forgive and forget.
- May 31 Experience new things.

Dinner Dilemma

Situation: Sam sees a jacket lying on the PE field. He knows it belongs to a kid in another classroom.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam can walk away and ignore the jacket. On the other hand Sam could show he cares by taking the jacket to the boy.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not!" - Doctor Seuss

Gifted Math Meet

...Mrs. McLean

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to members of Bay Point Elementary's **Gifted Math Meet** teams who competed before Spring Break. There were eleven other South County elementary schools at Thurgood Marshall Middle School.

The 5th grade team captain was **Karen Kloske**. Her team members were: this year's Math Pride Award winner, **Cameron Bernard, Frank Skapura, and Chandler West**. They showed confidence, cooperation, and team spirit while tackling very challenging problems.

The 4th grade team captain was **Tristan Hale**. His team members were Alex McGill, Riley Guinagh, and Cody Livingston. **Tristan** proudly earned the First Place Individual trophy for scoring the highest out of 48 competitors in his grade level!

Both teams did a fantastic job, worked hard, and had a lot of fun. They received tee shirts and ribbons for participation. Way to go! We are proud of you! And thanks to our wonderful PTA for your support!

Thank You For Your Support of Our Mentoring Programs!

Stacey Hughes
Theresa Mejia Johnson
Gina Bonewit
Michael Hughes
William Sheperd

And to St. Petersburg College,
Allstate Center:

Mr. J. C. Brock, CEO; Mr. Joseph Smith; Mr. Watson Haynes, Dean
Dr. Brian Franks; Mr. Randy Lewis
Mr. Reggie Harris

And to: *Sofia Forte* Catering

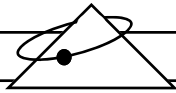
Spring concert
May 26th

Our School's Website

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

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020



Adopt*A*Class

Scott, Beth & Samantha Schwebke
Ms. Kincaid
 Tom & Lori Lawery
Mr. Dodge

Adopt*A*Kindle

Dr. Charles L. Ford, III

Thank You Math Superstars!

Thank you for grading math papers all year long:

Kimberly Payne
 Janice Lusignan
 Tiffany Spoor
 Cinnamon McGeehan
 Cheryl Shaughnessy
 Roger Cohen
 Kristen Cohen
 Crystal Warren
 Carmen Pupo
 Shanika Sanders
 Yvonne Bowen
 Kirby Bowen
 Kathy Blackett
 Cindy Wilson
 Lisa Brody
 Sonja Stiles
 Diane Peebles
 Dawn Ottaviani
 Rachelle Myott
 Courtney McLaughlin
 Jonise Sherman

Congratulations to Our
 PTA for Meeting its
 General Meeting and
 Advocacy Training
 Requirements!

BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

BAY POINT FAMILIES YOU ROCK!!! The success of our spring fundraiser was amazing thanks to you. We surpassed our goal and have already ordered 30 new kindles for our media center. Remember all of these will have the 2011/2012 15 Sunshine State readers provided on them because we made the April 15th deadline. What a great way to help our technology magnet school.

We are busy organizing all of the great prizes for the different levels. Due to overwhelming response, we have had many teachers volunteer in order to have a school job for all of our kids who were entered to win that prize. Obviously, our administrators will be having there tricycle race in front of the whole

school and we will have a surprise treat for everyone to enjoy while they cheer on the racers. All dates for the different awards will be announced on the news so that no one will miss out.

Our elections for the 2011/12 year will be coming up soon and we would love some new enthusiasm and ideas. The new board will be presented before the Spring Concert. There are several different board positions available! We need your help to continue to keep our school thriving and connected. Please consider how you can get more involved to help our school and kids.

As always, please contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Family & Community

...Ms. Cindy Petelle



Outstanding School Volunteers

Ms. Ellen Revit

Mrs. Dawn
 Smith

Thank you for all
 you have done for
 school!



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers— you gave us so much of your time this year on field trips, helping out in classrooms, speaking at the Great American Teach-In, working on PTA committees, and supporting special events.

With ever-increasing budget cuts we have had to ask more of our parent community. We cannot thank you enough for adopting classes, contributing to classroom wish lists—not to mention supporting the PTA fundraisers and purchasing *Kindles* for the school library!

The Box Tops for Education you sent in have added up to hundreds of dollars. The school has benefited from those who designated BPE at Target and who shop online at schoolstore.com. You're the best!