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Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Families,

Each day brings us new challenges and opportunities to provide the children with an environment in which to grow and learn. We hope you have enjoyed the Fall activities and we are looking forward to the Great American Teach-In November 14th.

Between the new grants being implemented, student assignment plans, field trips, Going Green activities, media literacy, clubs starting up, our staff and children are actively engaged. Stop by the media center and view the dioramas of native Indians the fifth graders created, or view the math art work in the hallways. Our staff will be taking a field trip to USGS on November 7th to learn more about our business partner. We are having speakers in on recycling activities to incorporate at school.

We have been incorporating CHAMPS strategies along with the Responsibility Discipline system and for the most part our school is performing very well in the areas of civility and nonviolence. Peacemaking skills become vital to our students in this new world. Patience and good judgment help. We must all be role models of these skills for them.

Our SAC and PTA have been extraordinary. The support and involvement is very welcome. You may review the current School Improvement Plan in the Front Office or online. I urge each of you to remind children of the traffic safety guidelines and important use of bicycle helmets. Safety at all times remains paramount. May we each find time to appreciate the many things in life we are thankful for as we begin this November season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively

This month:

- 1st Domino's Pizza Dough Night
Sawgrass Lake Park (Kincaid)
 - 2nd Sawgrass Lake Park (Motyka)
 - 4th Daylight Savings Time ends
 - 5th-9th Scholastic Book Fair, Media Center
 - 5th Sawgrass Lake Park (Weaver, Frady)
 - 6th Camera Club
 - 7th Early Release Day, 12:40 dismissal
Chik-fil-A Spirit Night, St. Pete Beach
USGS Open House, 3-6
 - 8th Picture Retake Day
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
 - 9th End of reporting period
 - 13th Westminster Shores (gifted, gr. 3)
Young Astronauts
 - 14th **Great American Teach-In**
 - 15th Science Center (gifted)
Domino's Pizza Dough Night
 - 19th-23rd Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
 - 27th Young Astronauts
 - 29th Domino's Pizza Dough Night
 - 30th Report Cards home
- Coffee and Curriculum Talk:**
 "Cultural Competency", 8:30 AM
 Media Center.

Sign up today!
Great American Teach-In
 Share your hobby—
 tell us about your job.
 Spend an hour—or the whole day!
Wednesday, November 14th

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

In the science lab this month, the kindergarten classes will be exploring light and heat energy from the Sun. The first grade classes will investigate and model the cause of night time and daytime and why we can see the moon. The second grade classes will experiment with light energy and map an energy flow through a food chain. Fourth grade classes will experiment with levers and pendulums. Fifth grade students will be performing experiments dealing with inertia and gears.

GOING GREEN AT BAY POINT

Wayne Hefty from Pinellas County Schools will meet with our faculty this month to inform us as to how we can take green measures at Bay Point in order to become Green certified by the state. We are also planning to have our first Green Day on Friday, Nov. 30th, so save your newspapers.

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know that you can recycle old or broken electronics like computers and TVs? Pinellas County has a recycling center for them. Just take them to: Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center, 2990 110th Avenue North, St. Petersburg.

I'm Fit—I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Why is hand washing so important? - It's the first line of defense against germs! Germs such as bacteria and viruses can be transmitted several different ways, especially by touching dirty hands or changing dirty diapers. Other ways germs spread include:

- Through contaminated water and food
- Through droplets released during a cough or sneeze
- Through contaminated surfaces
- Through a sick person's body fluids

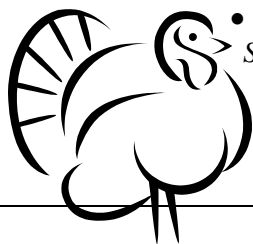
If kids pick up germs from one of these sources, they can unknowingly become infected simply by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. And once they are infected, it's usually just a matter of time before the whole family comes down with the same illness.

This can be prevented by frequently washing hands:

1. Wash in warm water (not too hot for little hands)
2. Use soap, and lather for 10—15 minutes, getting between fingers and under nails
3. Rinse and dry with a clean towel

Wish List

- The media center needs Clorox wipes to keep the books clean and germ free.
- Students need a volunteer to help with math



- Sweetbay Supports Schools cash register receipts for the school

From the Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

All of our new laptops, 190 of them, are out in the classrooms now and being used. I believe BPE has more computers per classroom than any other elementary! Don't forget that we have two wireless labs too, with 16 laptops each, plus our Computer Lab with 30 more computers.

Students have been busy with Riverdeep Reading and Math and taking the Scholastic Reading Inventory Test in the upper grades, to get their current lexile scores.

I've been working with the fifth graders on Microsoft Office 2007 which has many new bells and whistles.

I know two things that are needed in the classroom for all these laptops and that is a mouse for the younger children and more headphones. We'll be working on getting more of these and hopefully will have some donated as well.

Don't forget our recycling program for ink cartridges also. We cannot accept generic ones, only name brands. There is a box for these in the front office and media center.

Noticia Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez

¡Saludos!

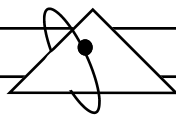
During the Hispanic Heritage Month, most 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in a poster contest sponsor by **HOLA – Raytheon**. We had three winners in each grade level. Prizes were gift cards from Office Depot: 1st prize of \$50.00, 2nd prize of \$25.00, and 3rd prize of \$20.00. The 3rd grade winners are **Taylor Herd** (1st prize), **Emily Porterfield** (2nd prize), and **Lauren Pizzonia** (3rd prize). The 4th grade winners are **Deven A. Scott** (1st prize), **Mara Brody** (2nd prize), and **Emmanuel Sims** (3rd prize). The 5th grade winners are **Taylor Wilkes** (1st prize), **Zoe Balse** (2nd prize), and **Alex Bondoc** (3rd prize).

Congratulations to the winners and Gracias to all the students that participated in the contest.

The November Commitment to Character Trait is:

CITIZENSHIP

"Being law abiding and involved in service to school, community and country."



Self-discipline is critical to your child's success in school & in life

...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

To encourage self-discipline:

- **Set limits.** As your child grows, family rules will change. But they should match his age and abilities. Be sure to enforce rules consistently.
- **Be clear.** Instead of "Clean your room," say, "Make your bed and stack your blocks in the corner." Explain possible results: "Toys left out are taken away for a day."
- **Use consequences.** Kids learn from their successes and failures. Stick to the rules you make. And let your child make minor decision even if you disagree with them.
- **Solve problems.** Work through difficulties together. Avoid yelling and interrupting. Focus on respect and solutions.
- **Be a role model.** You are your child's most important teacher. Show him exactly how you want him to act. Over time, you will see results.



Join Us for Coffee

Confounded by the lingo used by educators? Need

useful information to better prepare your child for comprehensive tests or for advancement to middle school?

These topics and others will be addressed in a series of morning sessions hosted by Mrs. Lively. At "*Coffee and Curriculum Talk*" parents will have the opportunity to learn, and to ask questions in a relaxed setting. The first was held in October—don't miss our next one!

November 30th *Cultural Competence* – Join us and learn more about the ideas embedded in this concept and how it relates to developing a culturally responsive school.

8:30 AM in the Media Center

The Book Fair is Coming!

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Bay Point from November 5th–9th. It will be open each day from 8:45 A.M. until 3:30 P.M., except Friday when it will close at noon.

Here's how the book fair works: During the week, each child visits the Book Fair with their class and makes his/her purchases. You and your family are invited to come during any of our open hours. Be sure to check in at the office and get a visitor's badge when you arrive. We have books for all ages, including adults! And we think you will be happily surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices.

Besides bringing affordable, appropriate books to our school, a goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. One way is with the Classroom Gift Certificates, which allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your child's. Look for the Classroom Gift Certificates display when you arrive.

A few days before the Book Fair, your child will bring home a flyer that has the day and time his/her class will be attending the fair. It also will have a sampling of some of the books that will be available at the fair. Please remember there will be many more books to choose from when your child gets to the fair. Please send all money in a sealed envelope with your child's name printed on it. Any checks should be made out to Bay Point Elementary. Keep in mind that there cannot be more than a dollar change given on any checks used to purchase books. Profits from the book fair will go toward a new reading table in the library for the children.

Again, we invite you to visit our Book Fair. Your children will be glad you did!

CAMERA CLUB

Bay Point Elementary is proud to host a digital camera club at our school. Eighteen students each semester participate in this one of a kind club. Each student learns the basics of using a digital camera as well as photography tips for capturing the perfect photo. Students can use these skills while making multimedia projects for the classroom such as PowerPoints, web pages and blogs. Our 5th grade students will put these skills to work as they gather pictures of school events for the 5th grade memory book. This club is sponsored by **Mrs. Bonnie Parker, Ms. Cindy Petelle, and Ms. Martha Harrington.**

Young Astronauts

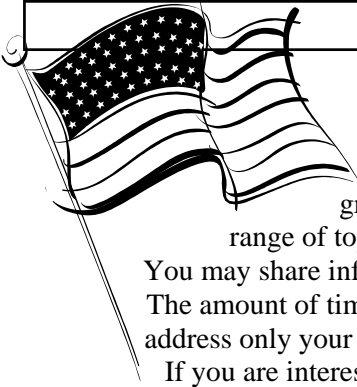
...Mr. John Barfield

Young Astronauts Club had first meeting, on October 9. All three groups are up and running having a great time! Meeting new friends, and preparing for adventure in learning, and fun!

Once again, we are all volunteer run. Each group's "teachers" are parents giving their time for the students benefit. A special thanks to special people: **John Barfield, Cindy Wilson, Jennifer Friedman, Cassie Whalen, Andrea Andersen, Lori Lawery, Andrea Carvill, Claudia Rodriquez, Cathy Gautreau, and Aida Gonzalez.** These parents helped make our first meeting successful.

Another thanks is due to Ms. Sue Godfirnon. Once again, she has volunteered her time, as our group's teacher advisor. Her assistance helps the group run smoothly! We would also like to welcome, teacher **Ms. Brenda Denbigh** to our group. She will be working with Ms. Godfirnon, in supporting our group, and keeping us on tract!

Thanks again to all the parents, and students, and see you soon!



Join us for *The Great American Teach-In* November 14th

Will you join us for the Teach-In? The children love to see their moms and dads, grandparents or aunts and uncles on campus. In the past, speakers have talked about a wide range of topics including running marathons, knitting, elections, traffic control, mosquitoes, and turtles! You may share information about your job, or your hobby. The amount of time you spend can be as little as a half hour—or the whole day. And you may choose to address only your child’s class, or several classes.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please let us know now. You may e-mail Cindy Petelle at petellec@pcsb.org or phone her at 552-1449. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Adopt*A*CLASS

Thank you

to these families and friends who have adopted a classroom teacher:

- Melissa Berrang (Ms. Bouanene)
- Matt & Remi Anderson (Mr. Dodge)
- Brenda Lysowski (Mr. Dodge)
- Carl & Lisa Brody (Ms. Frady)
- Brenda Lysowski (Ms. Harrington)
- Chris & Liz Stiles (Mrs. McLean)
- Chris & Liz Stiles (Ms. Morgan)
- Jonathon & Gwen Ford (Mrs. Wooten)
- Michael & Maria Haan (Ms. Frady)
- Keith & Kim Bailey (Mrs. McLean)
- Chris & Liz Stiles (Ms. Bouanene)
- James & Melissa Greenfield (Mr. Dodge)
- Tom & Karen Halvorsen (Mrs. Britten)
- Keith & Kim Bailey (Mrs. Jefferis)

YES, I WANT TO ADOPT A CLASS

TEACHER: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

- \$100.00
- \$200.00

MY CONTRIBUTION IS TO BE USED FOR:

- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES
- TEACHER’S DISCRETION

SIGNED: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Did you know...

...that the school could earn over \$60,000 a year from Box Tops for Education? The 10¢ coupon just needs to be clipped from products you are already purchasing.

And if you like to shop on-line try this link for coupons that help you save money. If you shop through the Box Tops link some stores (like Kohl’s, Target and WalMart) return a percentage to us

www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/

Look at all the classes that have been adopted!

- Anderson * Bouanene * Britten * Conroy * Denbigh * Dodge * Frady * Godfirnon * Gomillion * Griffin * Harrington * Hunt * Johnson * McLean * Morgan * Pipino * Rutledge * Scanlon * Warson * Wilson * Wooten

So far the money has been used for chair pockets in Kindergarten and for snazzing up reading centers in 5th grade classrooms!

Don’t see a teacher on the list? Maybe you can adopt that classroom or specialist! Just use the coupon to the left. Also, check with your employer about matching funds for your donation.

PTA’s Fall Festival was a HUGE SUCCESS!

...Mrs. Cissy Blevins

The weather was perfect, the food was great, and everyone had a ton of fun! But did you know that it takes **hours** of planning and preparation time during the weeks prior to the festival, **hours** of set up work (9 AM – 9 PM Friday and 9 AM – 5 PM Saturday), as well as **hours** of take down (8 – 11 PM Saturday) and **hours** of clean up (9:30 AM – 4 PM Sunday) to pull it all together? This year we had help not only from BPE parents, but many adults who didn’t even have students at BPE any longer, as well as BPE students, middle and high schoolers, and **Eckerd College** students! In fact, about half of the Haunted House rooms were designed, decorated, set up and manned by middle and high schoolers!

We also had volunteers from **Chic-fil-A St. Pete Beach** and members of the **St. Petersburg Recreation Department Youth Council** serving food. During the fall festival, there were 132 shifts that were filled by only 69 volunteers. This number doesn’t include the Haunted House crew or the outside food servers! As you can see, it really does take everyone’s help to make the Fall Festival successful! Get involved in the fun – volunteer!

The PTA sends out a **huge “Thank You!” to all who helped! And “KUDOS” to our teachers who braved the cold water from the flushing dunk tanks! Who knew our students had such great aim!**

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:

November 7th 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!

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