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Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Families,

We hope you have enjoyed the Fall activities and we are looking forward to the Great American Teach-In November 18th.

The Author's Conference, book fair, student art display at the administration building, field trips, news crew, extended learning, literacy clubs, Club Olé, Young Astronauts, guitar clubs, and Earth Club are all adding to the wonderful learning going on at BPE.

The **School Improvement Plan** is available in the office and on-line for your viewing. Please feel free to join any SAC meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Many new State guidelines are being implemented.

http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Public/print.aspx?uid-520161
Uniforms are mandatory. In trying to clarify the requirements this year, we inadvertently left out that the white collared top must be **polo style** shirt. For future purchases, please make sure that the white or navy top is polo style and not just a white collared blouse.

Beginning second semester there will be right turn only on the car driveway exit. We also will be making more openings in the railings and outside speakers for calling rider names.

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:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35

- 2nd 5th Grade Enterprise Village
- Community Care canned food drive begins
- 3rd Election Day—City of St. Petersburg
- 5th SPIFFS (gifted, gr. 3-5)
- 6th First Friday—No Uniforms
- USGS (gr. 4)
- 7th USGS Annual Open House, 10—3pm
- 600 Fourth Street South
- 9th Science Center (gr. 5) PTA Board
- 13th Report Cards go home
- A Walk on the Bayou*, 6-10pm
- (BPE Pearls Fundraiser)
- 17th USF (gifted, gr. 4)
- PTA Math Night at Publix, 54th Av S
- 18th GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN
- 23rd-27th NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

Happy Thanksgiving



Clubs—Please be prompt picking up your child or they will be dismissed from clubs

Club Olé: meets to 3:45 pm
November 5th & 19th

Community Care: meets to 3:30pm
November 5th, 12th, & 19th

Earth Force: meets 2:55 pm -4:00 pm
November 3rd & 17th

Guitar Club: meets 3:00 pm—3:45 pm
Beginners on Mondays

Intermediate and Advanced on Thursdays

Young Astronauts: meets 2:55 pm-4:00 pm
November 10th

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

In order to improve our FCAT science scores, all fourth and fifth grade students will have science lab every week for 45 minutes. Kindergarten and first grades will remain 30 minute periods and second and third grades will remain 45 minutes once every two weeks.

During the months of **November through January**, all classes will focus on the physical sciences of motion and energy. In the science lab, the **Kindergarten** will discover what causes shadows, sources of light and heat energy, and experiment with different pushing and pulling forces.

First graders will investigate properties of solids, liquids, and gasses. They will also learn about gravity, experiment with changing forces and speed, learn how to use a thermometer to measure temperature, experiment with different materials to see which will allow light to pass through them, and learn about food groups that provide our bodies with energy.

Second graders will explore physical changes in matter and learn how to measure the mass of different objects. They will experiment with cars and other objects to see how gravity and the amount of pushing or pulling force effects speed and distance traveled. They will also experiment with different types of magnets to test how the size of the magnet, kind of material and size of an object effects the attraction to the magnet. They will discover the cause of sounds and learn how the ear works so that we can hear sounds. They will use thermometers to experiment with different materials to measure the amount of heat absorbed by the material.

Third grade will be investigating the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces, experimenting with levers, inclined plains, and wheel and axle systems, learning about sound waves, as well as experimenting and measuring frequency of waves and their relationship to pitch. They will also investigate the amount of light that will pass through transparent, translucent, opaque

materials. They will also use thermometers to measure temperatures of heat produced by electricity, friction, and chemical reactions.

Fourth grade students will experiment with fixed and movable pulleys and measure the amount of effort the pulleys save and learn about the effects of friction. They will also measure changes in position, direction, and speed of moving objects. They will construct, conduct investigations and trace the flow of energy through simple, series, and parallel electrical circuits. Also, they will do investigations with heat conduction and insulation.

Fifth grade will learn about the atomic structure of matter and measure the mass, volume, and density of regular and irregular objects. They will also be discovering the difference between physical and chemical changes in matter. They will be learning about different sources of energy, how electricity is produced, and how electrical energy is converted to other forms of energy. They will use KEX kits to build models with gears to investigate how gears are used to change direction of motion, speed, and effort. They will conduct experiments with cars to measure velocity and how inertia, gravity, mass, force affects motion. They will also learn how potential and kinetic energy are involved in each of these activities. In addition they will be learning about the differences between renewable and non-renewable resources and how they are used to produce electrical energy.

YWCA and 4th Grade Promote Peace

Congratulations to these students who won the *Stop Violence and Promote Peace* essay contest sponsored by the YWCA of Tampa Bay. They were honored during a reception at the YWCA :

In Dr. Cairns' class:

Nickayla Mitchell
Tasha Prophet
Vladimir Khlistun

In Ms. Gomillion's class:

Lauryn Maggie Smith
Aria Odom



Homework Helpline

Hours are from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Monday through Thursday.

The number is: 547-7223.

If you call and get a busy signal, keep trying! Some nights are busier than others.

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

¡Saludos!

During the Hispanic Heritage Month, most 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in a poster contest sponsor by HOLA-RAYTHEON. Our winners received gift certificates for our own Scholastic Book Fair: 1st prize of \$30.00, 2nd of \$20.00, and 3rd of \$15.00. The 3rd grade winners are **Azavia McClain** (1st prize), **Reignah Pizarro** (2nd prize), and **Alexandra Kosmakos** (3rd prize). The 4th grade winners are **Sara Florez** (1st prize), **Caoilfhinn McCormack** (2nd prize), and **Jiana Johnson** (3rd prize). The 5th grade winners are **Molly Pope** (1st prize), **Sierra Brave** (2nd prize) and **Julia Dolson** (3rd prize).

Congratulation to the winners and GRACIAS to all the students that participated in the contest.

Tech Talk

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Whew!! We've made it through the first cycle for the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR). You can learn more about FAIR at <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/index.htm> or <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/more.info.htm>. All BPE students have access to our online Scott Foresman Science textbooks and more at <https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/> at school as well as at home. In addition, all BPE students have access to Destination Math and Destination Reading programs both at school and at home through the internet. Your child now has additional learning opportunities to practice or review math and reading skills taught at school, or learn and apply new skills aligned to national and state standards. Destination Math and Reading are highly interactive, with full animation and audio support for each lesson in every unit at <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>. Be sure to contact your child's teacher if your child has not obtained his/her user name and password.

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Britannica Log On Correction

Use Britannica Online School Edition at school and at home. Go online to www.school.eb.com and login using **all lowercase letters**:

Username: bpes Password: pinellas

Britannica Online School Edition provides easy access to a world of knowledge!

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

The Young Astronauts Club has begun this year with a huge bang! The three groups have become fun filled, close learning friends. Congratulations to all the students for the great effort so far this year! We look forward to continues success as our journey to adventure continues!

To the parents, if you have not yet sent in your child's Club dues (\$20.00) please do by the next meeting. These funds provide supplies for the adults to use in each group. If you have a problem with providing the cost, please contact the coordinator.

Group three is anticipating our trip to the Overnight Adventure, at Kennedy Space Center. It is scheduled for December 5th & 6th. Members must have all paper work, and the tuition of \$85.00 by the **November 10th meeting**, or they will **not** be able to attend this awesome event!

We have had a great bunch of volunteers helping lead our students this year. A big thanks to: **Aida Gonzales, Claudia Rodriguez, Nancy Pope, Lisa Brody, Lisa Hawk, Julie Saffan, Cindy Wilson, Joan Davis** (Dr. Cairn's teacher intern!), and **Tracy Langer**. If I left anyone out, let me know! To the parents of group one members, Cindy Wilson could use another hand or two, if you can help, contact the coordinator at: Firebeach1@aol.com. Thanks, and we'll see you all soon!

John Barfield, Coordinator,

Cindy Wilson, Assistant Coordinator

Sue Godfirnon, Teacher Advisor

November 2, 2009 NOTICE: Out of Field - 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. To that end, many of our teachers are in the process of obtaining their English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement.

This endorsement requires up to 300 hours of additional professional development. The following teachers are considered out of field for ESOL while working towards this endorsement: Sue Godfirnon - Candy Wilson

I am confident that they will provide excellent instruction in a safe learning environment to all of their students.

Gaye Lively,
Principal

Parent-Teacher Association

...Mrs. Dawn Ottaviani, VP-Membership

I want to thank all our members who have joined us in voicing our support for our children. Remember time is running out to help your child and their class win a popcorn party. We have one class with 100% participation and three classes within a few members of 100%. The class with 100% is Ms. Griffin's Class – WAY TO GO!!! The three classes within a few members are Ms. Wilson (Kindergarten), Ms. Storm and Ms. Godfirnon.

Our voice and school is only as strong as our PTA membership. Joining PTA does not mean you have to put in hours of volunteering. It is simply a donation to the school to help fund various activities throughout the year, including Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, Family Movie Night, BPE Campfire, and many other fun events and services provided to each child of Bay Point Elementary.

Below are just a few advantages to joining the PTA:

Discover Great Resources. Your PTA offers a variety of programs designed for kids AND parents.

Make New Friends. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, build new relationships and discuss issues that are on your mind.

Watch Yourself Grow. Joining PTA does not require you to volunteer for various activities. However, if you are interested in helping out, it truly is an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause – your child and all children in the community.

Speak Your Mind. Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Get Involved. By getting involved at your child's school you will be part of the solution, which is helping make positive changes. Our PTA plays an important role in fundraising to provide extra activities, projects and social events – all vital to a school's success.

Everyone can show their support by joining PTA -- parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors and business leaders. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join!

You may find forms on-line at www.bpepta.org.

Thank You For Adopting My Class!

About 1/2 of our teachers have been adopted!

Jeff Meister– Mad Scientist	Griffin
Gregory Garbers	Greenwood
Roger and Kristen Cohen	Hunt
Michelle Rogers	Godfirnon
Tom and Lori Lawery	Gomillion
Suzan Harrison	Jefferis
Curtis Newnum	Bays
Curtis Newnum	PE Department
Christopher Stickney & Toby McDuffie	Griffin

Please consider adopting your child's class!



Great American Teach In

The Teach In is just a few weeks away! Thank you to those of you who have offered to share your day with us. We always receive solid support from our families and friends so this will be a wonderful day for the students. They will be exposed to a wide variety of career choices, as well learn about the hobbies and interests of many different people. If you would like to participate but have not yet replied, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Petelle, at 552-1449 or petellec@pcsb.org for more information.

US Geological Survey Open House

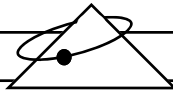
Our school business partner, the USGS, is hosting an open house on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring your children by for this fun, free event and let them see science in action!

The USGS is located at 600 Fourth Street South in St. Petersburg.

Community Care Club Canned Food Drive

The Community Care Kids Club is working extra hard this month collecting non-perishable goods and toiletries for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Members will meet each Thursday to empty the collection bins scattered around campus.

Please send canned goods in this month for the food drive. It will benefit our community and support the efforts of our students!



BPE PTA Presents
BPE H.A.P.P.Y.
 Family Skating Party
 Monday, November 2nd



\$5.00 per person
 (includes admission and
 skate rental)

Bring the whole family and
 join the fun at:
ASTRO SKATE
 10001 66th Street North
 Pinellas Park

*****RAFFLE PRIZES*****

The BPE PTA
MATH SUPERSTARS

...are off to a great start.
 We have **331 Superstars** who
 are challenging themselves
 each week with this
Math Enrichment Program
 earning points to great
 prizes.

Thank you to all of our
STARS who are
 participating and our
 wonderful volunteers!!!

Keep up the
GREAT WORK!!!!
 (And we would like to
 add, thanks to Jason and
 Tracy Grant for
 spearheading this effort!)

BPE PTA Presents
PUBLIX MATH NIGHT
 Tuesday, November 17th



Please join us for a fun-filled
MATH NIGHT
 at our neighborhood
PUBLIX GROCERY STORE
 3030 54th Avenue South

Drop in between 6:30-8:00pm

Students will search the aisles
 for answers to Math Questions
 having fun as they go!
 Students can decorate a
 cookie after the activity!

*****RAFFLE PRIZES*****

*****Math Superstars*****
 will receive 20 Bonus Points
 for attending

Just a few more things...

If you purchased a BPE t-shirt this year from the PTA and the logo is fading
 please send it back in with your child's name and teacher and we will
 exchange it for you. We had a small run of shirts that had a problem.

Did you know PTA has car magnets(\$3.00), smencils(\$1.00), white hoodie
 sweat jackets(\$18.00) and Bay Point Elementary hand sanitizer clips(\$3.00)
 for sale?

BPE PTA Presents
READ-A-THON
 Fundraiser
 Friday, November 20th



Congratulations

Andrea Sanchez
 Pinellas County
 Finalist
 Teacher of the Year

Jodi Warson
 BPE Teacher of the Year

Jodi Rivera
 BPE Support
 Employee of the Year

**Uniforms are Required
 Every Day**

- ★ White or Blue Polo Shirts, or BPE Logo T
 - ★ Khaki or blue bottoms
- See the complete list at:
<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/uniform.htm>

No Cars in Bus Circle

Please **DO NOT DRIVE IN THE BUS CIRCLE** during drop off and pick up times. The busses are very full this year and we must keep the students safe!

Magnet, Fundamental and Career Academy Application Period

The **Application Period** for applying to any magnet, fundamental or career academy program for the 2010-2011 school year is scheduled for **Jan. 9-29, 2010**. The Application Period will open at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and end Friday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m.

Parents will use their ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password to log onto the Student Reservation System (SRS) web page located on the district website, www.pcsb.org, to apply. Those parents who do not have a User ID and Password may call the Student Assignment office, (727) 588-6210 to obtain one. If families do not have a home computer, they may visit a nearby school or a community location. The list of community computer locations will be made available soon. The SRS also is available in Spanish.

The annual districtwide **Information Fair** will be at Northeast High School (5500 16th St. N, St. Petersburg) on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Information Fair allows parents to gather information and ask questions about the district's magnet, fundamental and career academy programs. Regardless of your child's present career aspirations, the district offers dozens of options that will fit his/her needs – from advanced information technology to architectural design, from building technologies to automotive technologies and a host of other specialized programs such as business applications, communication studies, criminal justice, world-class culinary arts, engineering and robotics, environmental technology, finance, gifted studies, graphic arts, international culture and commerce, international studies, mass media, marine science, medical professions, performing arts, teaching arts, sciences and technology, and veterinary science.

Additional information about the application process will be posted on the district website as it becomes available. Dates and times of Discovery Nights also will be posted online when the schedule is finalized.

H1N1 (Swine) Flu Update

Pinellas County Schools has partnered with the Pinellas County Health Department to provide H1N1 (swine) flu immunizations to students in elementary, middle and high schools. The plan calls for information packets to be sent home with students.

The vaccinations for students are voluntary, and parents must sign a consent form to have their children participate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers H1N1 (swine) flu a pandemic, and are concerned that the number of cases will continue to increase. Since the school year began, the district has been taking steps to prepare, mitigate and respond to this health emergency. Ongoing communication sent to parents includes precautions to protect the health of their children.

If the district does experience a significant amount of flu resulting in increased absences by students and staff members, it will respond based upon guidance from the CDC, the Department of Education and the Pinellas County Health Department. The safety of students and employees is of paramount importance as Pinellas County Schools' deals with this health emergency.

Stay Connected With Pinellas County Schools

Visit the district's website, www.pcsb.org for the latest district news.

School board meetings are held twice monthly during most months and are streamed live at www.wpds.tv.

Rebroadcasts are available on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 2 and Verizon Ch. 46.

Progress Energy Great American Teach-In

5800 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

727-552-1449

Thank you for your interest in participating in *The Great American Teach-In* at Bay Point Elementary Magnet School on Wednesday, November 18th.

Here is some information to help you plan your time at our school:

- You may choose to speak only to your child's class, or to several classes.
- You may come in for an hour, or for a day. School begins at 8:35 AM and our first speakers will start at 9:00 AM, present for about 25 minutes, and then each half hour throughout the day, until 1:00 PM.
- May we "double-up" classes? (If you would present to 2 classes at one time it allows more students access. This would bring the number of students up to 42). Please note your preferences on the attached form.
- Please remember these are elementary age children and attention spans may be limited. Hands on activities are often effective and fun for the kids.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation or hobby you plan to discuss.
- If you plan to bring printed or audiovisual materials, please provide them to the school in advance. (All such materials must be age appropriate and approved by the principal.)
- Likewise, please check in advance if you have any handouts or "goodies" to share with the classes.
- There are some restrictions on bringing live animals on campus, please call for more information.

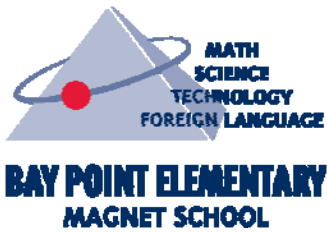


On the Day of the Teach-In:



- When you arrive on campus, please check in at the Front Office. You will be given a nametag, and a copy of your schedule.
- You are invited to lunch in *Club Olé*.
- Thank you for volunteering! Your presentation will broaden horizons!

If you have any questions, contact: Cindy Petelle, Family and Community Liaison
Phone: 552-1449 e-mail: petellec@pcsb.org



Progress Energy Great American Teach-In

5800 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

727-552-1449

Great American Teach-In *Speaker Information*

November 18, 2009

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____
STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

What is Your Topic/Subject Matter?: _____

What Equipment Do You Need?: _____ Outdoors? ____yes ____no
(table, electrical outlet, etc.)

Please schedule me for my child's class: _____ and _____
(teacher name) (teacher name)

I will speak to other classes as well. I prefer these grades (circle all that apply):
Kindergarten 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

I will present to one class *or* two classes (about 42 students) at a time.

Please check *all* the sessions you wish to speak. These times will be posted for the teachers to sign up their classes, *so please plan to attend all the periods you check:*

____ 9:00
____ 9:30
____ 10:00
____ 10:30

____ 11:00
____ 11:30
____ 12:00
____ 12:30

____ 1:00

Will you join us for lunch? ____yes ____no

What is your child's lunch time? _____

Please return this form by Oct. 31st to:
(You may want to make a copy of this form
for your own calendar before sending it in)

Cindy Petelle, Family and Community Liaison
Bay Point Elementary Magnet School
5800 22nd Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Thank you for making our day!