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Administrator's Message

A big thank you goes out to our PTA and all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to make the Fall Festival a festive event. It was wonderful! It was heartwarming watching families gather for a fun-filled evening playing games and eating a meal of pizza, hamburger, or hotdogs. Many even rode a pony and petted chickens and rabbits. And, let's not forget the howling and screeching coming from the Haunted House! The great weather made the festival an even more perfect evening, as well.

A few weeks back we had visitors from South America to visit BPE. They came to learn more about our Spanish program. They spent much of their time observing our students speaking and listening in Spanish. They were amazed to see how well our Kindergarten and First grade students were progressing in learning a language that may not be the language spoken at home. Our visitors came from different parts of South America: Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Panama, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Suriname, Paraguay and The Dominica Republic. Before leaving the campus the visitors stated, "This was the best center we have ever visited." GO BPE!

Don't forget that you can access the Bay Point Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP) at:

http://www.flbsi.org/1011_SIP/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f1011_SIP%2fschoolinformation.aspx

*Ms. Hawkins,
Assistant Principal*

Calendar:

Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35 pm

- 1st Familia Cicatriz
- 2nd ELECTION DAY—VOTE
- 4th Lowry Park (gifted, 3rd & 5th)
US Geological Survey (4th)
PTA AstroSkate Party, 6-8 pm
- 5th Casual Friday—no uniforms, best behavior
- 6th USGS 12th Annual Open House, 10-3 pm
600 4th Street S, St. Pete
- 8th—12th BOOK FAIR
[Family Night Nov. 10th at 5:30 pm]
- 9th Lowry Park (gifted, 1st, 2nd, 4th)
- 10th Picture Retake Day
- 16th PTA Publix Math Night, 6-8 pm
- 18th Great American Teach In
- 19th Enterprise Village (5th)
- 22nd—26th Thanksgiving Break**
- 29th Classes resume

Coming Up...December
16th Winter Concert
20th—31st Winter Break



Clubs

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

- Earth Force—2nd, 16th, 30th to 4:30 pm
- Club Olé—begins in January
- Community Care Kids Club— Nov 4th
- Guitar Club - Beginning Level: Mondays
Intermediate & Advanced: Thursdays
- Young Astronauts—9th to 4:00 pm

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: Use These Resources At Home

...Ms. Sanchez

During the upcoming vacation days away from school, please try to keep your child's skills sharp by allowing them to visit any of the following websites either at home or at the public library:

Destination Math and Reading- <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us/lms>;

Scott Foresman Science and envision Math-

<https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>

FCAT Explorer (grades 3-5)-<http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>.

Be sure to contact your child's teacher if your child has not obtained his/her user name and password.

Also, Britannica Online School Edition at <http://www.school.eb.com/> has a wealth of resources. Login using all lowercase letters:

Username: **bpes** Password: **pinellas**

Please do not forget that our BPE Tech Dept. can be adopted as well as we always need new supplies for our lab, especially in the winter when we go through Kleenex like crazy! Any donations are always greatly appreciated!!

We recycle ink cartridges, laser cartridges, and cell phones.

Earth Force

...Ms. Warson

Earth Force engages young people as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities now and in the future. This environmental program is for 4th and 5th grade students. During the after school club, Earth Force will identify a local (around the school) environmental problem, develop an action plan to fix the problem, and implement the plan. Past Earth Force projects include: creating a butterfly garden, building a pond, beginning a recycling program, and constructing a flower/vegetable garden. The members will also learn about environmental issues going on in our world today and what they can do to help. We will plan one or two field trips during the year and a celebration at the end of the year.



Creativity Olympics

...Mrs. McLean

A BIG congratulations goes to members of the **two 4th grade gifted teams** who represented Bay Point Elementary at the Sixth Annual Creativity Olympics competition sponsored by Gifted Program teachers in South County. It was held at Perkins Elementary on 2/18/2010.

The Wicked Smarts' team members were **Emalie Baker, Chandler West, Lauryn Smith, and Kate Andersen.**

The BPE Brains' team members were **Mya Bohlander, Maddie McLaughlin, Caoilfhinn McCormack, and Dana Dusenbery.**

Both teams tried their best to work cooperatively, and think creatively to solve hands-on problems. **BPE Brains** were able to earn enough points to win **1st Place out of 20 teams!** They each earned a medal and wore a laurel wreath like true Olympians. Magnifico! Way to go, Everyone!

Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

"The study of a foreign language, beginning at the elementary school level and continuing through high school, will enhance and strengthen students' career potential and broaden their employment opportunities. Foreign language instruction at elementary level will add a significant academic dimension to our students' educational program." -Jan Kucerik, World Languages Supervisor, Pinellas County Schools.

Please encourage your child to practice the vocabulary that he or she acquired during the past few months. Even if you do not understand Spanish, listen to them, praise their hard work, and highlight their progress.

¡Español es chévere, olé!

Young Astronauts Club

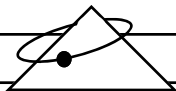
...Mr. John Barfield

Hello to all Bay Point Young Astronauts Club family and friends. Our first month of the club has been a real experience: Renewing friendships, making new ones. The three groups all met together on the PE court the first day. I had a minute to say hello and thanks to all the students, and adult leaders. After making sure the members were in their correct group, we headed off to our regular class meeting rooms. There was almost a 100% attendance this year! A few sick members, but all in all a great response.

Day one was also about learning what is expected of a Bay Point Young Astronauts Club Member. Rules, projects expected, and telling the kids all the fun and learning excitement to come! Many thanks to all of the teachers at BPE and Mrs. Milton, for supporting our unique organization. Any parent that has time to spare as a group volunteer your presence is always welcome. The curiosity of our members sometimes needs an extra hand or two to stay on course! There are many great things ahead this year for our YAC!

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020



Counselor's Corner

...Ms. Tetro

As we progress in the school year students have numerous opportunities to work with each other in the classroom. Cooperation is a trait that comes to mind when thinking of how students interact in various group activities and classroom lessons.

Children learn the importance of cooperation through adults modeling what it means to help one another out to be successful. Teachers work together as a team on a daily basis and represent how each individual can help to make something run smoothly.

At home children learn the importance of cooperation when an adult models how to help out with various activities or chores. Teamwork should always be emphasized in order to allow children to see that you don't always have to do it alone.

Cooperation is all about helping one another out and will ultimately have a positive effect on social skills and the ability to get along with others. Take the time to promote Cooperation!

The best way to do good to ourselves is to do it to others; the right way to gather is to scatter.--Seneca

Fall Book Fair

...Mrs. Parker



The Scholastic Book fair is coming to Bay Point Nov. 8-12. Each class has an assigned buying time to visit the fair. Look for the book fair flyer coming home soon that will have information on your child's buying day and how to shop at the fair. **Family Night** is Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Students will be able to sign up for a public library card and we will have a special 20 minute presentation in the computer lab on Internet Safety. The K-2 presentation is at 5:40 and the 3-5 presentation is at 6:10. And of course we will have the Book Fair open for family shopping! Hope to see you there!

Is Music in School Important for My Child?

...Mr. Pineda

Before providing a perspective of the significance of music education in school, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the parents who "adopted" the music program during the month of October, an irrefutable demonstration of their awareness of the implications of music on their children's integral development. Firstly, I would like to commend the remarkable job three of our students did, who, voluntarily and devotedly, and with the support of their parents, collected money to cover some of the needs of the program. These students are: **Mya Bohlander, Rina Osani and Kacy Kimberly**. Secondly, I would like to thank **Dr. Kristen Bohlander, Ms. Linda Osani, Mrs. Jennifer Bell**, and the **Jennings** for their continuous support and encouragement, as well as **Mrs. Lisa Cornett** for her diligence with the Guitar Club. Finally, I would like to thank all of the Bay Point families for their support of the music program throughout the years, which has allowed for overwhelming attendances to all of our concerts and many volunteer hours dedicated to the success of those concerts. This, in turn, has provided our students with profound musical experiences and memorable moments in their lives.

Music is a universal form of expression with differing characteristics from one culture to the next. It is a human phenomenon that is universally embraced as a meaningful part of life. Its value can be traced back as far as the fourth century B.C. To the Greeks, for example, music was considered a force that affected everything that existed. During the Middle Ages, music, along with arithmetic, astronomy and geometry, was a crucial part of the so called *quadrivium*, which constituted the higher division of the seven liberal arts in universities.

In the United States, music instruction was recommended on the basis of three functional aims, — intellectual, moral, and physical— being accepted for the first time in 1838, as a subject of the public school curriculum. Following the Civil War, there was an increase in musical activity, including the formation of symphony orchestras, bands, and the growth of choral societies, which led to an expansion of music in schools. The advent of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) at the beginning of the twentieth century greatly contributed to the consolidation of music education as an integral part of the school curriculum.

Recently, music education has gained much importance due to significant findings of neurological research that point to a correlation between musical training and the development of higher brain functions. Music education, according to research, stimulates specific regions of the brain responsible for memory, motor control, timing and language. Although the intrinsic value of music education suffices in understanding its importance in schools, it also helps children think and work across traditional disciplines. They learn to both integrate knowledge and to "think out of the box." For example, when the children at Bay Point learn how to read different note values through various games and activities where they develop their musicianship and their creativity, they are also reinforcing the concept of fractions. When the students experience the concept of Musical Form, they, at the same time, understand spatial relationships, symmetry, reflections, congruency, and similarity, an important FCAT benchmark.

The students at Bay Point are also exposed, in the music classroom, to important factors for successful reading such as psychomotor development, cognitive development, conceptual and vocabulary development, listening facility, visual acuity and discrimination among many others. As stated by music philosopher David Elliott, "Music as a unique form of thinking and knowing deserves a central place in the education of all people."

Adopt-A-Class

Thank you to these families and businesses:

JOHN MILFORD

MRS. MCLEAN~MS. CARFORA

MAD SCIENCE

JEFF MEISTER

MS. GREENWOOD

RICK & DAWN SMITH

SMITH CUSTOM CABINETRY

MS. FRADY

RICK & DAWN SMITH

SMITH CUSTOM CABINETRY

MS. WALL

MYA BOHLANDER, RINA OSANI, &

KACY KIMBERLY

MR. PINEDA ~ MUSIC PROGRAM

SUZAN HARRISON

MRS. MCLEAN ~ MS. CARFORA

SUZAN HARRISON

MS. BAYS

JAY & JACKIE JENNINGS

MR. PINEDA ~ MUSIC

Adopt A Class forms may be found in the office.

BPE PTA ... CONNECTED FOR KIDS

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, PTA President

In November, we will be back at **Astro-Skate** on Thursday, November 4th.

And on Tuesday the 16th we will have a family **Publix Math Night**. This is at the Publix in Seville Square at 3030 54th Avenue South. Last year we had a great time, and practiced math skills in an everyday setting. Look for a flyer to come home soon. You will need to return it to reserve your spot at this great event.

Our **Read-a-thon** will also be happening in November right before Thanksgiving break. This fundraiser not only keeps all of the money raised at our school, it is a fun way to encourage our kids to read. Once again, we will have special secret V.I.P.'s for every child that get's \$10 worth of sponsors! Last years V.I.P's were Raymond from the Rays, Santa and Sparky the Fire Dog. You never know who we will surprise you with this year!

Check www.bpepta.org for updates to all PTA events.

Congratulations Community Care Kids Club!



Club members collected \$1085 dollars (that's 155 hats!) to raise cancer awareness. Classrooms with the highest donations were Mr. Levesque and Ms. Johnson. They each won a popcorn party. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.



Kudos to Our Students

Art work by these students was chosen for display at the Administration Building in Largo. All were invited to a reception on November 3rd:

Doriana Watson

Brian Lach

Sean Sohlberg

Dasia Hobbs

Marica James

Allison Campbell

Brian Peebles

Julie Tavares

Silence Lawes

Brittany Strickland

We are very proud of these students who scored a perfect 6 on the FCAT Writes exam:

Mya Bohlander

Zachary Thomas

Great American Teach In

Please join us Thursday, November 18th for the Great American Teach-In! We hope you will come in to share your occupation or your hobby with our students. If you have not already contacted us, please do so by Friday, November 5th. For more information, please contact Cindy Petelle at 552-1449, or by email at petellec@pcsb.org

Visitor? OR Volunteer?

Everyone entering campus must sign in, and wear a badge.

Confused about which system to use? Hope this helps:

You are a VISITOR if you are:

- ◆ Meeting with a teacher or staff
- ◆ Attending an event on campus

When you come in, present your driver's license to school personnel.

Badge Pass will check visitors against the national sexual predator database

You are a VOLUNTEER if you are:

- ◆ Helping a teacher or staff
- ◆ Helping with an event

When you come in, sign in on

Volunteers, Count! on the computer.

Registered volunteers have received a background check.

Homework Helpline

547-7223

*Certified teachers are available
Monday-Thursday*

La Familia Cicatriz

Mamá con su pelo, muy largo y amarillo.
Siempre elegante. La Mamá Cicatriz.

El Papá anda lento con los pies muy grandes.
Es un poco tonto. El Papá Cicatriz.

El hermano que es muy listo, con cabeza grande.
Su cerebro es gigante. El hermano Cicatriz.

Ahora la hermnana con cintura muy pequeña.
Baila el mere ngue. La Hermana Cicatriz..

La bebé es consentida, con orejas grandes.
Piensa que es hermosa. La Bebé Cicatriz.

Ahora la abuela. Le duele todo el cuerpo.
No tiene muchos dientes. La Abuela Cicatriz.

Aquí está la tía con nariz muy larga.
Le gusta oler basura. La Tía Cicatriz.

La Prima Cicatriz tienes mucha s manos.
Toca el violín. La Prima Cicatriz.

