



BAY POINT ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL

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Administrator's Note

...Mrs. Delores Milton, Principal

We would like to thank the PTA for organizing and putting on such a wonderful Fall Festival. Some have commented that it was the best one ever. Parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends gave their support by being present to see the children having so much fun.

I would like to encourage you if you have not already taken the opportunity to do so, to review the Bay Point School Improvement Plan by visiting the following link, <http://www.flbsi.org/SIP/>. This will help you become familiar with the kinds of things we will be doing this year. We are planning parent trainings sponsored by our teachers at all grade levels so that we can align our efforts to help your child. Please look for the dates in the near future.






Beginning this week students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:05. They will report to the cafeteria until 8:25 A.M. Those eating breakfast will be served as they enter.

Our school will not have hand scanning this year in the cafeteria.

It was brought to my attention that we have some parents doing things as dangerous as backing out of the front drive or even drive in the wrong direction in order to not get stuck behind the buses.

Think of the harm that could happen and the example you set for your own children. Please be reminded that the front driveway is for school buses *only* between the hours of 8:00 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

NOVEMBER * Calendar of Events * NOVIEMBRE

Monday-lunes	Tuesday-martes	Wednesday-miércoles	Thursday-jueves	Friday-viernes
	1 Familia Cicatriz— (Spanish play)	2	3 Enterprise Village (5 th) SPIFFS (gifted)	4 PTA Fall Festival Casual Friday Role Models 
7 Girlfriends	8	9	10 Magnet Tour 9am Mahaffey Theater (3 rd)	11 Veteran's Day 
14 PTA Publix Math Night Girlfriends SAC, 3:30	15 Election Day 	16	17 GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN 	18 5000 Role Models
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25
↔ Thanksgiving Break — No School ↔				
28 Classes Resume	29	30	After School Clubs Club Olé-1st, 3rd Th YAC-2nd, 4th Tues Guitar, Beg.-Mon Guitar, Int.& Adv.-Th	Next Month: 6 th Report Cards 15 th Winter Concert 19-Jan 2 Winter Break

Thank You Adopt A Class

Ms. Godfirnon: William & Erica Shepherd
Ms. Herens: The Ertle & Pupo Families
Dr. Cairns: Kathleen Carhart-Kiser
Ms. Henderson: Elaine & Surtie Dean
Ms. Storm: Andrew & Theresa Thoman
Music-Mr. Pineda: Bill & Suzanne Icelly
Jennifer Bell

Welcome to Kindergarten

Please welcome our new Kindergarten teacher, Andrea Hewett.

Best wishes to Ms. Storm in her new venture!

We Listened

In an effort to reduce our costs—printing a four page monthly newsletter is expensive—we tried putting it online—but you wanted a printed version! Here is our slimmed down, lean and mean publication. It will still be offered on-line on the school website:

www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us

The emphasis will be on the news you wanted (calendar and events), some articles, and topical items.

Hope you like it!

If you shop online for the holidays ...

...these portals donate a portion of the sales to the school!

www.schoolstore.com

www.btfe.com

5 Star * "A" Grade * Golden School

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.

BPE PTA Growing Together ...Mrs. Pupo, PTA Co-President

Thanks to you, our October events were a huge success! We had 75 children turn out for our Walk to School event. Kids and parents enjoyed healthy snacks and checking out the police cars before walking together to school.

Our Fall Fundraiser "Artwork for Education" raised over \$2000 for our school. I was lucky enough to preview some of the artwork, and I'm sure you will all enjoy seeing and sharing your child's cards. They are really very creative. The cards should be in the first week of December, just in time for holiday gift giving!

Our November events promise more fun and learning. November 4th was the Fall Festival. Families had a great time with face painting, inflatables, crafts, spooky trail, karaoke and more.

On November 14th, we will be having our Publix Math Night. This is a fun learning activity held at the Publix on 54th Ave S. We will have math activities and prizes for the children.

If you haven't already joined the PTA, there is still plenty of time to do so. We have over 200 members so far, but we have over 700 students at Bay Point. You can download the Membership form at bpepta.org and clicking on Join PTA. We hope you will join us as we strive to support our school and our children.

Young Astronauts first meetings were very successful! ...Mr. Barfield

We renewed friendships and made new ones. Attendance in all three groups was close to 100%, a great response. Our first meeting explained what is expected from the students including rules to follow, types of projects to present, and a review of all the fun and learning we plan this year.

Our second meeting had all three groups doing a project to see how they work together and follow rules. We all built helicopters, learning the science and laws that keep these aircraft flying. At the end of the meeting, we all dropped them from the second story floor, and witnessed all that information at work! Many thanks to all of the teachers, Ms. Godfirnon, club teacher advisor and group one leader, and to Mrs. Milton for supporting our unique organization. Any parent that would like to experience the fun your students have, feel free to volunteer at our meetings as an assistant.

PTA Events: Publix Math Night Mon., Nov. 14th 6-7:30pm

www.bpepta.org

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Fall Festival!

Parents' Support to the Music Program ...Mr. Pineda

I would like to thank **Mr. and Mrs. Icely** and **Ms. Jennifer Bell** for adopting the music program, as well as Mr. Tomey, Mrs. Davis, and former Bay Point and guitar student Paul Santora for their decisive support to the Bay Point Guitar Club. Additionally, I would like to thank all of the parents for their extraordinary support to the different concerts presented by the music program during many years at our school, always assuring, with their wonderful attendance and volunteer work, a remarkable success. Numerous studies of students in grades K-12 suggest a positive relationship between parental involvement and motivational constructs including school engagement, intrinsic/extrinsic motivation, perceived competence, perceived control, self-regulation, mastery goal orientation, motivation to read, as well as higher academic achievement. (*Gonzalez-DeHass, et al., 2005; Lee & Bowen, 2006*) Again, thank you very much Bay Point parents for your continued support.

What are the benefits of knowing a second language?

...Sra. Gómez

In addition to developing a lifelong ability to communicate with people from other countries and backgrounds, other benefits include improved overall school performance and superior problem-solving skills (e.g., Bamford & Mizokawa, 1991; see discussion in Hakuta, 1986).

Students of foreign languages tend to score higher on standardized tests. Results from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) show that students who had studied a foreign language for 4 or more years outscored other students on the verbal and math portions of the test (The College Board SAT, 2003).

Knowledge of a second language also seems to coincide with high academic achievement. A study by Horn and Kojaku (2001) shows that students who were in "rigorous" programs in high school, which included 3 years of foreign language study, were likely to earn better grades in college and less likely to drop out.

Learning another language can enhance knowledge of English structure and vocabulary (Curtain & Dahlberg, 2004).

Students of foreign languages may have better career opportunities (Carreira & Armengol, 2001). In a survey of 581 alumni of The American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, AZ, most respondents said they had gained a competitive advantage from their knowledge of foreign languages and other cultures. They said that not only was language study often a critical factor in hiring decisions and in enhancing their career paths, it also provided personal fulfillment, mental discipline, and cultural enlightenment (Grosse, in press).

The benefits to society are many. Americans fluent in other languages improve global communication, enhance our economic competitiveness abroad, and maintain our political and security interests. In recent years, the U.S. government has expressed a need for fluent speakers of languages other than English, particularly in less commonly taught languages such as Arabic and Chinese (U. S. General Accounting Office, 2002). **From: Center for Applied Linguistics – www.cal.org**