

## **BROADCAST**

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#### A Note From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Families and Friends.

October has been a busy month filled with lots of learning and service by both students and staff. I would like to recognize the students who attend McMannis After School Program for the community service efforts in helping to beautify our campus. The students spent an afternoon picking up excess paper around the campus, as well as along the perimeter of our school. We are very proud of the students and oh my, what an excellent way to support our school!

I would also like to commend the teachers, staff, PTA members, and other family volunteers who supported our school with the Fall Fundraiser and the Annual Fall Festival. We could not pull off such events without the level of support from all groups. It is because of YOU, that our students are able to benefit from such programs and activities.

Lastly, in ensuring that we maintain a safe and orderly school, I need to gently remind parents of our school and district expectations. Remember, all parents/family members/friends must have a current/valid photo ID when coming to the front office. All visitors MUST sign in, and shall only go to the area in which you have registered to visit in the front office. If staff members inquire about your whereabouts or ask to see a badge, please rest assured that it is only to protect our students, including your darling(s). Also, we want to remind parents who pick students up in the afternoon of the designated car pattern. Once in the car circle – the direction as indicated by the signage is "one way." Next, please be advised that when exiting the campus, the signage indicates that it is a RIGHT TURN only, and those in violation, do so at the risk of being ticketed by local policing agencies. Remember – safety first for students, staff and all of our family members is a critical priority, and we appreciate everyone's help and cooperation. As always..... TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER. ©

Fondly,

Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal

## Calendar:

#### November-Novembre

- 1 Casual Friday, no uniforms Kindergarten Character Parade, 9am Familia Cicatriz, Spanish Play
- Guitar Open House, beginning guitar (grades 3-4) in the Music Room, 6:30pm
- 6 Leadership Academy, Michael Devereaux guest speaker
- 7 PTA-Spanish Team Fiesta Night, 6-7:30pm You must rsvp by Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> so that we have enough food!
- 12 Deadline to RSVP for Dad Breakfast
- 13 or 15 Sweetwater Farm (Kindergarten)
- 15 ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30am Creativity Olympics, Gifted classes
- 17 BUCS vs. Falcons Spirit Game
- 21 Great American Teach-In

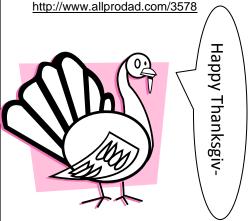
  Come help us celebrate career day!

  Report Cards go home
- 25—29 Thanksgiving Break—No School

#### All Pro Dads Breakfast

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am

Breakfast is FREE if you RSVP:

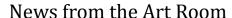


#### **Commitment to Character**

#### **CITIZENSHIP**

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

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.



... Ms. Harrington

#### BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE

National PTA *Reflections* is America's oldest and largest arts education program of its kind. The program was developed in 1969 by Colorado's PTA President Mary

All students must follow the general participation rules as well as rules for each arts category listed above. For

all forms and guidelines contact Ms. Harrington at

Lou Anderson to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves. Since then, the *Reflections* program has inspired millions of students to reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork.

Each year, students in grades pre-K through 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through film production, dance choreography, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. The 2013-2014 PTA Reflections program theme is Believe, Dream, Inspire.

harringtonm@pcsb.org.

To help students develop their ideas and art work for the PTA *Reflections* contest, Ms. Harrington will be available after school on the following days and times:

November 5, 6, 12, 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Please let Ms.

Harrington know if you plan to attend.

Materials and directions will be provided for visual arts projects.

#### Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

Noviembre Curriculum					
KINDER- GARTEN	FIRST & SECOND	THIRD &	FIFTH		
Fruits	Plants Seeds	Food Groups	Meals: desayuno, almuerzo, cena		



# Homework Helpline 727-547-7223

## Duke Energy GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

## Thursday, November 21st

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends to come in and share their careers, hobbies, and interests during the Great American Teach-In. It is a wonderful opportunity to broaden a child's world view, but we need YOU to participate! Presentations need only be about 20 minutes long, but you are welcome to stay the day.

YES!	S! I would like more information, please contact me at:				
Name: _	Topic				
Phone: .	E-mail:				
Fill	out and return this form by Nov. 5th to Cindy Petelle, or email at: petellec@pcsb.org				





## Thank You Adopt A Class!!

Henny Kartika & Holger Mauch *Mr. Bowen* 

Rick & Nadia Ruckman Ms. Hewett

Bill & Maria Monahan Ms. Williams



### **Young Astronauts**

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Coordinator

Bay Point's Young Astronauts blasted into a new club year with success! We had 100% attendance of all members! The student's enthusiasm to be there was very impressive! We even had a few achieving Young Astro's ready with projects!

We are looking forward to an exciting year with hands on learning, guest speakers, and lots of fun. A note to parents. Hopefully your child shared the important take home folder from YAC with you. If you have not already, please go over the contents with them. The rules and expectations are very important for both of you to know. We are an academic club, and follow similar rules as when they are in school.

There is an emergency contact card that needs to be filled out and returned ASAP. Please add as many contact numbers in the event we can not reach you. Many thanks to our own Media Specialist, Mrs. Parker for allowing group 2 to use the media center again this year. Ms. Godfirnon has made her room group 1's home. If you have any questions or concerns, email or call the coordinator, Mr. Barfield at: Firebeach1@aol.com (727) 698-0598.

### Computer Lab News

... Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Take a look at what's been going on in the computer lab...

Kindergarteners have been diligently learning their individual PCS logins in order to log onto the computers. They've been working on some websites that provide practice maneuvering the mouse.

First graders have been introduced to their home folders located on our district's server which ALL PCS students have access to until they graduate from high school within Pinellas County. What's so great about this is that the students can access their saved files from any computer at our school as well as any PCS computer connected to the domain. They've been working on copying, cutting, and pasting functions with Microsoft Word documents.

Second and third graders have been working on honing down basic addition and subtraction facts while learning how to insert a print screen of their facts results into their saved files

## We Recycle

- Ink Cartridges
- Cell Phones

Just send them in to the office. Proceeds benefit the Technology Department.

Thank you!

Fourth and fifth graders have been working on solving math problems on some interactive Excel sheets in order to reveal a hidden picture to write about in their saved computer lab journal.

## **District Application Process Set**

... Ms. Sara DePerro, Assistant Principal, Magnet Coordinator

The time is fast approaching for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and incoming kindergarten students to apply for magnet school programs. Please help BPE by recruiting your friends and families to join us. BPE School tours start this month and we have scheduled our Discovery Night for December 4th.

A word about **SIBLING PRIORITY**: you must apply on-line, make BPE your first choice, check the sibling priority option, and go back in to accept in February. Sibling priority is valid *only during the initial application period*. **Please make sure you fill out and return the enclosed Magnet Application Information form by November 15**<sup>th</sup> so that we are alerted that you are applying.

For our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, you may want to keep these dates in mind:

DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAM PROCESSES & TIMELINE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

November 7th: Boca Ciega High School, 6:30 pm November 12th: Pinellas Park High School, 6:30 pm November 14th: Countryside High School, 6:30 pm

**DISTRICT INFORMATION FAIRS** 

November 16th: Pinellas Park High School, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

November 19th: Gibbs High School, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For more information: http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/m\_mag.htm



#### Hello BPE Families

Can you believe it is November already? The school year is in full swing, as well as, PTA. We are coming off of a very successful cookie dough fundraiser: Thank you Dan Summers and Syd Ajabshir for your amazing work with this event! Speaking of cookie dough, orders will arrive on November 7<sup>th</sup>. PTA will alert families on how the pick-up process will work very soon.

A special thank you, too, to Jen Cannizarro and our very own super hero VP, Mari Czyszczon for their efforts in planning and coordinating the Fall Festival. It was a great festival with a Science twist!

As PTA President, I invite you to become a part of the change that will impact BPE whether it is through joining PTA or volunteering an hour or two assisting on various upcoming activities/events that are hosted. Remember that every little bit helps BPE. Also, if you want to stay in the know about BPE PTA, don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook.

Thank you,
Shanika Sanders
BPE PTA President
President@bpepta.org



Keep up with the latest PTA news at:

WWW.BPEPTA.ORG

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Number of Students Participating in Math Superstars:

339

## **Box Tops for Education**

PI ease continue to collect Box Tops for Education and send them in to the office. Tell your friends and families to save them for us too!

### **Spooky Science**

We hope you were able to come to the PTA Fall Festival on 24<sup>th</sup>—the games were fun, the food was great and the children loved the new Spooky Science room. A great big *thank you* to these community members who volunteered to set up those wonderful interactive displays:

Bay Point Middle School
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
Florida Sea Grant
Great Explorations
Mad Science
Pathfinders, Inc.
Science Center of Pinellas
University of South Florida
College of Marine Science

### Please Record Your Volunteer Hours

Use this link to log in to the district site to record your volunteer hours:

https://portal.pcsb.org/focus/

## PTA—Spanish Team First William

¡Vamos a la fiesta! Join the PTA and the Spanish Team for a fabulous night of Hispanic fun! We will have food, crafts, and music. <u>You must RSVP by November 4th!</u>

Adults \$5, Children \$3 (Pay at the door)

November 7th from 6-7:30pm

¡Si, vamos!	Name	
# of Adults _	# Children _	
_	Return to PTA mailhox by November 4th	