

# BROADCAST

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### Principal's Note...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Fall at Bay Point Elementary. Recycling projects are underway and PTA fall Festival is planned for Oct.13<sup>th</sup>. Mid term progress reports, book studies and after school clubs have begun. Initial test results and mid term reports have been completed. Conferences are being scheduled with parents, field trips are happening, fundraisers going on, and volunteers are busy at work. The school year moves ahead and we are finding the educational ventures exciting at Bay Point.

Our lockdown practice process was successful and I am pleased that our faculty and students knew the procedures, followed them. With all of the events in society, we will continue to practice safety drills. Please remember that if you park in the morning instead of using the drop off line, parents are required to walk their own child across the walkway. We all must continue to model safety, patience and respect for our students.

I hope you are checking backpacks as many notices, reports, surveys, meeting notes and announcements continually are sent home. This is one of the many communication methods we use. Remember that there are so sweets allowed for birthday celebrations or other school activities. You might want to consider donating a book to the classroom dedicated to your child. Each year we have tried to improve our actions to keep you better informed as a partner in your child's education. I welcome any written suggestions that you would like us to consider. There is a suggestion box in the office for your convenience.

Our multicultural committee has formed and will be adding special touches to our curriculum throughout the year. Life is busy and packed with things to do. I encourage you to make a special moment happen with each of your children, helping them become the best they can be with you as their mentor.

Sincerely,

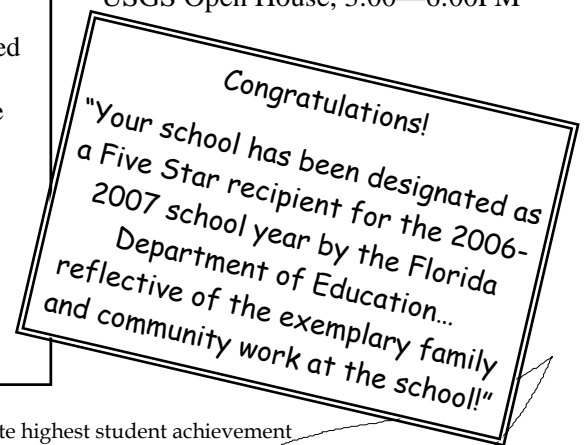
Gaye Lively,  
Principal

### This month:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mahaffey Theater, 2nd Grade
- Fifth Grade Conference Night, 6:30PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> Picture Day!
- Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fire Station, (Alvarez, Wilson)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Fire Station, (Petrino, Griffin)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Guests from Takamatsu, Japan
- 10<sup>th</sup> Early Release, 12:40 Dismissal
- 11<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 13<sup>th</sup> PTA Fall Festival, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
- 16<sup>th</sup> Science Center (Sanchez, Morgan)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Chik-fil-A Spirit Night
- 18<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pro-Ed Day—No School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 31<sup>st</sup> Familia Cicatriz
- Westminster Shores, (1st grade gifted)

### Next month:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time ends
- 7<sup>th</sup> Chik-fil-A Spirit Night
- USGS Open House, 3:00—6:00PM



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

This month in the science lab, the students in grades 2-5 are still studying Earth Sciences. First grade will explore chemical changes in matter and begin an Earth/Space unit to learn about energy from the Sun, the cause of night and day, and about the moon. Kindergarten boys and girls will see how heat changes ice through the three states of matter and explore the energy we receive from the sun. You can help your child at home by reading books, viewing television programs, or visit web sites that relate to these topics.

### GOING GREEN AT BAY POINT:

In keeping with our environmental science focus, our school is "Going Green". We have extra trash cans provided by last year's Earth Force Club to help control litter. We are working with our county school maintenance office and Pinellas County to establish a recycling center and pick-up. Our students will be learning about and participating in projects which address water conservation methods, conserving energy, recycling waste materials, and protecting habitats. We will be adding conservation tips to our morning news program and in the school newsletter. We are also trying to attract a lot of scientists from the local area to be guest speakers for the Teach In this November. We are planning to have a monthly Green Day for students to plant new plants, collect litter, and bring newspapers for recycling.

Bay Point has a newspaper recycling dumpster in the back of the parking lot, next to the air conditioning building. Your family can help our environment and our school with your donations. We are discussing having a monthly contest amongst classrooms to see which rooms can bring the most on our Green Day. We will provide more information as soon as we work out the logistics. In the meantime, please bring those papers. Please do **not** put plastic bags or magazines in the dumpster.

### Media Center Wish List

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

The Library has a need for tissues and hand sanitizer.

Look for the Book Fair in November

### I'm Fit—I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

*"Exercise and recreation are as necessary as reading"* Thomas Jefferson.

Physical activity can improve behavior as a consequence of improved socialization. Socially, physical education gives children the opportunity to set and strive for personal, achievable goals.

Pinellas County Schools Physical Education Department will be using the Fitnessgram program. The mission of the Fitnessgram is to promote lifelong physical activity among youth.

**Fitnessgram** tests the five health components of the fitness, which are:

1. Aerobic capacity, 2. Body composition, 3. Muscular strength,
4. Muscular endurance and 5. Flexibility

Go out and do activities you and your child can enjoy. Examples are: field sports, court sports, dance, run, skate, walk, bike, cheer, weight lift, do calisthenics, wrestle, martial arts, yoga, ballet and stretching,

Let's build healthy bodies and high self esteem.

## Noticia Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez

¡Saludos!

From September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, people all over the United States are celebrating **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that more than 41 million people are of Hispanic origin. Many Hispanic people have made big contributions to this country throughout the years. Pablo Casals, Salvador Dalí, Antonia Coello Novello, Ellen Ochoa, Carolina Herrera, Roberto Clemente, Rita Moreno and César Chavez are some of the great Hispanic people we honor during this month.

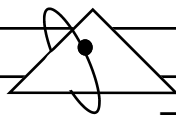
Raytheon Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Advancement (**HOLA-Raytheon**) has invited Bay Point Elementary students to a poster contest in honor of the Hispanic Heritage Month. Poster must be original creation by each student and must relate to Hispanic Heritage. The contest is open for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be three prizes per grade level. Prizes will be Gift Cards from Office Depot: 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$50.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$25.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$20.00. Although the poster will be done in the classroom during the Spanish class, participation in the contest will be voluntary. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation.

**On another note:** Our BPE students get "Spanish dinero" for participation, when they get five "dineros" they can go to the treasure box for a little prize. The Spanish team is in need of used toys for the treasure box. Any donation will be appreciated.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Effiom-Dauw  
Lyndon Fitzgibbon

**EBONY SCHOLARS**



## Everyday Mathematics – A Game to Play With Your Children

### Addition Top-It

Materials: A set of number cards with four cards each of the numbers 0-10, a penny (optional)

**Number of Players:** 2 or 3

**Directions:** A player shuffles the cards and places the deck number-side down on the playing surface. Each player turns over two cards and calls out their sum. The player with the highest sum wins the round and takes all the cards. In the case of a tie, each player turns over two more cards and calls out their sum. The player with the highest sum then takes all the cards from both plays.

Play ends when not enough cards are left for each player to have another turn. The player with the most cards wins.

*Option:* Children toss a penny to determine whether the player with the most or the fewest cards wins.

### Game Variations

1. Use a set of double-nine dominoes instead of a set of number cards to generate addition problems. Place the dominoes facedown on the playing surface. Each player turns over a domino and calls out the sum of the dots on the two halves. The winner of a round takes all the dominoes then in play. 2. To practice addition with three addends, use three cards.

## Education Is Your Job

...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

Getting an education is your child's most important job right now. And no teacher can teach a child who is not in class. It's that simple. One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to get your child to school on time (by 8:35 AM) every day. Follow these tips:

- **Enforce a regular bedtime** for your child
- **Schedule medical and dental appointments** before and after school
- **Plan family vacations** during school breaks
- **Limit before and after school activities** if your child is too tired to do homework or get up in the morning
- **Make sure the school knows** how to reach you if your child is absent
- **Support school rules and consequences** for being tardy

Welcome—**歓迎**

our visitors from Takamatsu

Takamatsu is the capital of Kagawa Prefecture, on the island of Shikoku. St. Petersburg, Florida and Takamatsu, Japan have participated in the international program as Sister cities for 47 years!

## The Pulse of Earth Science

Our partner, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), is hosting an open house on Wednesday, November 7th. Tour the facility, learn how scientists monitor the daily life of turtles and manatees, measure how hurricanes rearrange our coastlines, and predict volcanic eruptions!

More than 40 interactive booths will highlight USGS science activities.

**November 7th from 3 –6 PM at  
600 Fourth Street South**

For more information see:  
<http://coastal.ecusgs.gov/openhouse/>  
<http://www.usgs.gov>

The October Commitment to  
Character Trait is:  
**COOPERATION**  
"Getting along with others and  
working together."

## Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield

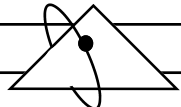
The response for membership to the Young Astronauts club has been huge! We have received over 150 applications! Hopefully by now the new members have received their notices if they were chosen or placed on the YAC waiting list. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2:45-4:00 PM.

Next month's newsletter will be filled with news about all of our members, new, and returning. I have received many e-mails and phone calls regarding the Young Astronauts Club. I wanted to let all parents know that the members are chosen randomly, with an equal number of boys and girls. Unfortunately, I have had requests from several parents that have more than one child at BPE, and desire all their students be put in the group.

In all fairness, I can not guarantee that all siblings will be picked. Please understand that we need to be fair to all applicants! Thank you again, for your support of the Bay Point Young Astronauts Club. If you have any questions, feel free to e mail me at: Firebeach1@aol.com

## POLICY & PROCEDURES

**ABSENCES:** A child who is absent from school must present, upon return, a written excuse signed by the parent. The note should explain the reason for the absence and the date. Excused absences are for sickness, death in the family or certain religious holidays. If a student is going to be out of school for a family emergency, class work may be done before, during or after the absence, according to the arrangements made ahead of time with the individual teacher.



# Adopt\*A\*Class

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

- Jack & Chris Helinger** (Ms. Gomillion)
- Tom & Lori Lawery** (Mr. Motyka)
- Roy Rentals & Realty** (Ms. Scanlon)
- Russell Family** (Ms. Hunt)
- Megan Conroy** (Mrs. Britten)
- Roy Rentals & Realty** (Mrs. Britten)
- Chris & Brodie Harvey** (Ms. Scanlon)
- Tom & Lori Lawery** (Ms. Conroy)
- Friend of Bay Point** (Ms. Griffin)
- Daniel & Jennifer Bell** (Ms. Griffin)
- John Kaleel** (Ms. Wilson)
- Chris & Liz Stiles** (Ms. Warson)
- Paul Whitehead & Jessica Manzione** (Ms. Petrino)
- Carl & Lisa Brody** (Ms. Scanlon)
- Bobby & Liz Fehr** (Mrs. Anderson)
- Chris & Liz Stiles** (Ms. Gomillion)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT YOUR CHILD'S 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 \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## The Great American Teach-In is November 14th

The Great American Teach-In is Wednesday November 14th. Parents are our best source for participants! The children love to see their moms and dads, grandparents or aunts and uncles on campus.

You may choose to talk 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. You may e-mail Cindy Petelle at [petellec@pcsb.org](mailto:petellec@pcsb.org) or phone her at 552-1449. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

## What are all these coupons?

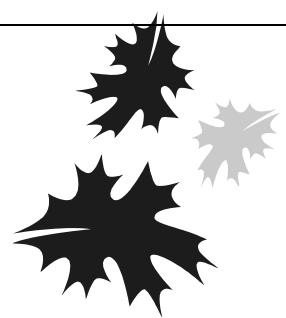
Budget cuts, both by the State and local districts (and by businesses who have cut back on giving) sometimes put an extra squeeze on a school. While the basics are all funded—we don't like to stop there. Here's a summary of some of the promotions. Some don't cost you a dime!

Clip *Box Tops for Education* from selected General Mills products. At a dime a clip, they have added up to over \$800 for the school. Check out this website for more ways to save: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

Sweetbay Supermarket is running their annual *Sweetbay Supports Schools* promotion. Look for "School Dollars" on your cash register receipts and turn them in to the school.

Domino's *Pizza Dough Nights* are every Thursday night. Use the coupon in the flier we send home and a percent of the sale comes back to BPE!

Chik-fil-A offers a free milkshake if you bring the coupon in this newsletter on Spirit Night. Make sure you ask for a cash register receipt and put it in the Bay Point box, and we receive a percent of those sales.



The Annual PTA

# Fall Festival

Saturday, October 13th  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Come for a spectacular evening of family fun and games

Of course, we will also need volunteers to help set up, pre-sell tickets, take down, as well as help during the event. please contact Cissy Blevins at 251-5221 or email: [flwildcats@aol.com](mailto:flwildcats@aol.com).

Your support makes our family events successful!

**Bay Point Elementary \*Magnet School PTA Membership Form**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I want to support the PTA, membership dues of \$10 per person are enclosed  
(Please make checks payable to *Bay Point Elementary PTA*)

CALL ON ME to volunteer (circle one): Fall Festival    Campfire    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you to all of our parents and staff members that have joined PTA!**

I hope all of you received your cards and free Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich. People like you make our schools a better place for our kids. **If you haven't joined, you still can!** Belong to the largest child advocacy group in the United States AND support your child's school.

Membership is just \$10.00 per person and you will receive special offers from Office Depot, Barnes and Noble, FedEx/ Kinko's and a **FREE** Chik-fil-A chicken sandwich. If you have not received your card/free chicken sandwich coupon or would like to join-- just contact Dawn Smith at [dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com) or fill out the membership form, above.

This just in—coming in November—all Bay Point Elementary Magnet School PTA members will get a free week at the YMCA. And if you decide to join the Y within 30 days of your free week, the entrance fees will be waived (a \$100 value). Just show your PTA card!

*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:

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

Just bring this flyer with you, and every student will receive a **free milkshake**  
with your family's purchase