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## Principal's Note...

Dear Parents,

Greetings! Thank you for checking those backpacks. This month the after school clubs have gotten underway, our first round of common assessments have been given, science experiments are being initiated, grants being written, Spanish being learned, and the "Units of Writing" are being taught in all grades. We have reached the mid-point of the grading period and conferences are being held.

Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been prepared for board approval. Soon it will be available for review on the State website or you can view a copy in the front office, Thank you to teachers, staff and parents for your input. My what a busy year so far!

PTA's Fall Festival is being planned for the first Saturday in October, the 4th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Please plan on joining in on the family fun. I also want to thank you for supporting the PTA fundraiser this week. PTA is trying to minimize the efforts required from parents and sales to support the school.

The learning of responsibility and perseverance is difficult for all of us. It is hard work and we must all help our children learn these if we want them to be successful adults. We are very proud of all that our BPE community has accomplished. Our school was once again recognized and awarded the **Five Star School Award** from the State. I want to thank Ms. Petelle for an excellent job of preparing the application and keeping us on track.

I hope you enjoy the beginning of Fall weather, as we pick up the pace of learning at BPE.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively, Principal

## This month:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday —no uniforms
- 4<sup>th</sup> PTA Fall Festival, 5:00—8:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 14<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 17<sup>th</sup> School closed for students
- 20<sup>th</sup> Early Voting begins in Pinellas
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ALL PRO DAD Breakfast, 7:30 am  
Chik-fil-A Spirit Night  
Westminster Shores, (gifted classes)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 29<sup>th</sup> Familia Cicatriz—Spanish play
- 30<sup>th</sup> Domino's Pizza Dough Night

**Clubs** (Please be prompt picking up your child from after school activities or your child may be dismissed from the club)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Humanitarian Kids Club, 2:45-3:50pm  
LEGO Mindstorms Team, 2:45-4:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> LEGO Mindstorms Team, 2:45-4:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Club Olé, 2:45-3:30pm  
Young Astronauts, 2:45-4:00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Kids Club, 2:45-3:50pm  
LEGO Mindstorms Team, 2:45-4:30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> LEGO Mindstorms Team, 2:45-4:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Club Olé, 2:45-3:30pm  
Young Astronauts, 2:45-4:00pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Kids Club, 2:45-3:50pm

## All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Oct 22, 2008 7:30-8:30a.m.

Bay Point School Cafeteria

Adult \$3.00

Please come and join us for a great time. For more information, contact Julie Ryczek at ryczekj@pcsb.org

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

Welcome to another year in the Science Lab. I will once again see all of the classes every two weeks for thirty to forty minutes. My main focus is to teach your child the scientific process skills and thinking. All of my lab activities address the Sunshine State Science Standards. My philosophy is that students learn science concepts through doing science.

**Students in third, fourth and fifth grades** will need to bring their science journals when they come to the science lab. They will be recording observations and results to investigations as well as writing the experiment question, drawing their data charts, and writing a conclusion statement for experiments that we do in the lab. I will collect and grade their journals for content and organization. Their journal grade and their participation will be given to their classroom teacher, which will be averaged into their report card science grade. My grade will count as only 20% of the grade.

**This year, a science experiment project** will be required of all third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The projects will be done in the classroom with teacher guidance and assistance after the students have learned how to do a project through completion of a class projects throughout the year. I will also reinforce the steps of the Scientific Method in the lab as well. A science fair will be held in the spring. The projects will be judged in the classroom with the use of a countywide rubric. The "Top Ten" projects will be selected to go to the school science fair for final judging. Four or five of the highest scoring projects will be selected to go to the County Science Exhibition in May.



**Calling all Gardeners!!** Bay Point needs a few garden lovers to help us maintain the butterfly garden. The rains of July and August have made more than the flowers grow. If you could give an hour or a few minutes to pull a few weeds or pesky vines, please see Mr. Woolums.

**Did you know that Bay Point recycles newspapers?**

There is a recycling bin in the driveway behind the cafeteria. So save a few trees by recycling.

## I'm Fit, I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Start your day the right way!

You know that paying attention in class and doing homework will help your child do well in school. Getting a good night's sleep will make a big difference, too. But did you know that eating right can also give brains a boost? It's true. Kids who eat healthy are more likely to do well in school. So how do you help your child eat to excel?

Most importantly, make sure he or she eats breakfast. Eating breakfast helps your child focus, solve problems, and have better hand-eye coordination.

People who eat breakfast are also more likely to:

- Develop life-long healthy eating habits
- Miss less school
- Score higher on tests
- Get better grades
- Avoid bad moods
- Maintain a healthy weight

TEACHERS CURRENTLY TEACHING OUT OF FIELD ARE CONSIDERED NON HIGHLY QUALIFIED: KIM TOMKO'S CURRENT ASSIGNMENT IS *TEACHER OF GIFTED AS OF AUGUST 19, 2008.*

## Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

¡Saludos! From September 15th to October 15th, people all over the United States are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. To celebrate Hispanic Heritage in our Bay Point Elementary community, **Raytheon Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Advancement (HOLA-Raytheon)** has invited us to participate in a poster contest. The contest is open for grades 3rd to 5th. There will be three prizes per grade level. Prizes will be Gift Cards from Barnes & Noble book store: 1st prize of \$50.00, 2nd prize of \$25.00, and 3rd prize of \$20.00. Although the posters 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.

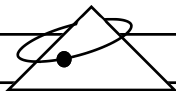
On another note: The Spanish team would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the BPE community for your support towards our goal of attending the ACTFL conference. We will be accepting donations through the second week of October. ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS! Thank you for your donations and encouragement.

## Safety Patrol 08-09

...Coach Chris Irving

*Congratulations to these students who have been selected to serve in the Safety Patrol:*

Nathan Huynh, Tysen Singletary, Malcolm Butler, Caroline Lawrey, Joy Baker, Meredith Marshall, Alyssa Dodge, Laura Haan, Vincent Monroy, Jacob Colonel, Kasey Lineberger, Jonah Hollander, Chase Goggins, James Leonard, DJ Hunter, Marcus Bradley, Gabriel Hamblin, Kaitlin Fanning, Elizabeth Mitchell, Christopher Holloway, Dahlia Boone



## Author Teleconference

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

*Author Teleconference* is an annual event held each fall featuring a guest children's author. This special program will be broadcast live October 23rd on WPDS-TV Ch. 14. WPDS-Ch. 14 is carried on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 14 and Verizon Ch. 46.

Schools participate by reading the author's books and working on activities related to the guest author. Students then submit a question to the Library Information Specialist who in turn sends the questions to the Office of Library/Media/Technology for judging. The top twenty-five questions are selected and the students who wrote the questions have the opportunity of being part of the studio audience. They will ask their question live and attend a reception with the author after the show.

The excitement of being on a live broadcast and learning that authors are people too has made this event a success for several years in Pinellas County. This year's author is Debra Frasier. She has written many children's books including *Miss Alanius* and *On the Day You Were Born*. You can read more about her on her website at:

<http://www.debrafrasier.com>

*Kudos to:*

**\*Ebony Scholars\***

Mara Brody  
Malcolm Butler  
Greg Parker

Ms. Jodi Warson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Teacher, who was selected for a  
Rays Environmental Fellowship  
Award!

## Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year here at BPE. We have lots of good things happening already and this year is going to be fantastic!

We have a little over a hundred more computers coming in next month for the students. This is part of the county's refresh program. Each classroom will receive two more stations. In grades K-2, they will get desktops and 3-5 will get laptops.

The county has changed some procedures for logging into *Riverdeep* and FCAT *Explorer* this year so look for this information to be coming home from the teachers.

**Our fabulous lab is up and running** and the class schedules are out for it. Teachers in K and 1 are always looking for help when they have their classes in the lab so come on in and volunteer sometime! Ask your child's teacher when they go in and sign up that day to volunteer. I'm sure the teachers would really appreciate it.

**Don't forget the Tech Dept. for classroom adoptions** too as there are always things we'd like to get to make our lab even better.

**We are still accepting used cell phones**, just the phone, no batteries, etc., and ink cartridges. We cannot accept generic ones, or ones refillable, however, as they won't take them. There is a box in the media center and front office for them.

Here's to another great BPE year!

## Young Astronauts Club

...Mr. John Barfield, YAC Coordinator

Greetings from your Young Astronauts Club!. By now, all new and returning members have received their notifications. We are all excited to have another year begin! The adventures in learning will even amaze the parents! Thank you all for your support during the period when the membership was chosen. We had a great response. **Over 130 students applied for 60 spots**. I know there will be some disappointed children. Keep your hopes up, as we maintain an active waiting list. If an opening occurs, we will notify you as soon as possible.

I would like to welcome to the YAC family, **Ms. Julie Saffan**, and **Ms. Brody Harvey**. These two parents have volunteered to take the helm, as leaders of group 1. This is a great time for members of group 1. Many are new to our organization. Sometimes their level of excitement is overflowing. If you are a parent of a group 1 student, feel free to lend a hand to these brave ladies!

Welcome back, to **Ms. Cindy Wilson**, **Ms. Cassie Whalen**, and **Ms. Aida Gonzales**, returning leaders of group 2. Myself, and **Ms. Claudia Rodriguez** will head up group 3 again. Please keep an eye on your child's YAC folder. Check it after each meeting. Important forms, information will be sent home. Please read, fill out, and return as soon as possible. If there are any questions, feel free to call, or email me, **John Barfield**, coordinator, at: Firebeach1@aol.com, or call: 727-698-0598.

Our Teacher advisor, **Ms. Sue Godfirnon**, will guide us again this year. Along with help from former BPE teacher, **Ms. Brenda Denbigh**. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

## SAC Completes School Improvement Plan

...Mrs. Lisa Brody, SAC Chair

Bay Point Families & Community Partners:

It is hard to believe that we have already finished our second full month of school. As we all settle into our routines which will guide us through another school year, your School Advisory Council (SAC) has already held two meetings with a great turnout from both our returning and new Bay Point Parents. The School Improvement Plan has been filed with the appropriate officials and may be viewed on-line or in the Front Office. A special thank you to the Administration and Teachers for their hard work on the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Plan is a working document that will guide our dedicated Bay Point staff this next year in making strides towards the common goal of creating an environment in which every child can achieve academically and become a "master learner". However, due to increasing budget cuts, the traditional allotments that provide financial resources to implement the School Improvement Plan have been cut in half. This is a severe cut that will certainly impact the anticipated resources that were to be available. As with all obstacles that have presented to us as a Bay Point Community in the past I am certain that we will be resourceful and as a Bay Point Community and generate the financial resources necessary to ensure that we are able to continue to deliver the high quality education to every child.

As your SAC we will continue to be vigilant in our mission which is to advocate for Bay Point Elementary to ensure its continued success. As members of the Bay Point Family, we ask that you would please remember the Adopt A Class Program and School Patron Program. These great programs enable parents, community members and businesses to make financial contributions to Bay Point Elementary that will directly benefit our students. For more information please contact **Cindy Petelle** in the front office.

Please remember that your SAC welcomes your input and your ideas. The next SAC Meeting will be Tuesday October 14th @ 5:30pm.

### Uniforms

Thank you for the outstanding support you have given to the new uniform standards! Just a few reminders:

- Remember to bring back borrowed uniforms—our clothes bank is running dry
- The *first* Friday of the month is the only day that is a choice day (not every Friday)

## Adopt-A-Class

Daniel and Jennifer Bell	Ms. Greenwood
Carl and Lisa Brody	Ms. Warson
Carl and Lisa Brody	Ms. Pierson
Central Florida Door & Hardware— Collen Fleming	Ms. Griffin
ComNet Corporation— Sergio Castro	Ms. Griffin
Chris and Jennifer Dunning	Ms. Storm
Suzan Harrison	Ms. Griffin
Chris and Brodie Harvey	Ms. Pierson
Jack and Chris Helinger	Ms. Jamieson
Jack and Chris Helinger	Mr. Dodge
Suzanne Icely	Ms. Griffin
Tom and Lori Lawery	Ms. Bouanene
Tom and Lori Lawery	Ms. Ryczek
Robin McDonald	Ms. Warson
Mark and Tracy Milanese	Mr. Pipino
Smith Custom Cabinetry— Rick and Dawn Smith	Ms. Moore
Ted and Valerie Strickland	Ms. Griffin

Thank you for supporting our classrooms through the Adopt A Class program. This allows teachers to go above and beyond and provide those little extras for their classes. If you would like to participate, Adopt A Class forms are available in the Front Office and on-line at:

<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

### Vote For the President

Early voting for the November General Elections begins October 20th. You must register to vote before October 6th to vote in this election. See: [www.votepinellas.com](http://www.votepinellas.com) for sample ballots, precincts and more!



**We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.** ~Native American Proverb

*Thank you*

**Avondale by the Lakes**  
for donating the bag of much needed school supplies

## Your Parent-Teacher Association

...Mrs. Dawn Ottaviani, VP Programs

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Ice Cream Social and all the volunteers who made it a great success. The membership has approved this year's budget and we have several programs being planned. Details and dates to follow.

Thank you for the wonderful support in the County PTA **Backpack Challenge**. We received a number of backpacks and some supplies the night of the social. We are still in need of a few backpacks to meet our goal of one per classroom however; we really could use the supplies (pencils, paper, etc.) to fill them.

Our **Fall Festival** is on October 4th. We look forward to seeing everyone there. This family fun event can only be a success if everyone helps. If you are able to man a booth for a shift or better yet perhaps join the planning committee, please contact Cissy Blevins at 343-4705.

This year we decided to enter in the **Reflections Program**. This is a national contest to showcase our children's artistic talents from painting to dance. We have been lucky to have an experience chairperson to coordinate the program. Please check out our website at [www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org) for more information

If you have not yet joined us, it is not too late. Please join and be part our team in creating an atmosphere where all children will learn and grow. Resolve to be involved!

[www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org) Check out the latest news! Vote for School Lunches!

PTA

# Fall Festival

Saturday, October 4th  
5:00—8:00pm

Fun for the whole family!

### Calling all Parents

- ♦ Sign in on the computer to make sure your volunteer registration is still valid
- ♦ Plan to help for an hour or so during the Fall Festival
- ♦ Join us for the Great American Teach-In—Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Find news, mentor training and forms online at:

<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/Teachers7/petellec/index.html>

Join us at



(Dolphin Village Shopping Center: 4623 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach)

## BAY POINT ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Get a **FREE MILKSHAKE!**

*Chick-fil-A* has teamed up with Bay Point Elementary \*Magnet School for a fundraiser.

All you do is come to *Chick-fil-A* on St. Pete Beach on:

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

- Put your cash register receipt in the BPE box by the cashier so we get credit
- Bring this flyer with you, and students will receive a **free milkshake** with your family's purchase