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Administrator's Note

Dear Bay Point Family,

The first cycle of common assessments scores are available for you to discuss with your child's teacher. Please schedule a conference with the teacher. We need your help with a few things to make the school run smoother. First, transportation has asked that we not have parents use the same driveway as the school buses. You have probably noted the Buses Only signs in the front driveway. Second, if your child arrives to school after the morning bell at 8:40 A. M., they are late and you will have to come into the office to sign them in. Three tardies equals one absence from school. Finally, beginning October 7th, the front gate will be open only to students riding the school bus. Anybody else will be asked to sign-in at the office to get a pass. Entering at the side gate by the car circle in the morning will remain the same.

A big thank you to Mr. Gregory Johnson, President and CEO of Pinellas County Urban League, Councilman Steve Kornell and all of the fathers who came out for "Fathers Walk Your Kids to School Day". We have four of the Tee-Shirts to give away. If you are interested in having one please turn your name in to Mrs. Petelle for the drawing no later than Oct. 15th.

Mrs. Delores Milton

This Month:

Check the web for updates:

<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/calendar.htm>

- 5th Walk to School Day, 7:45 am
Bay Village Shopping Center
Gifted Open House, 6:00—7:00 pm
- 7th Picture Retake Day
Casual Friday—no uniforms
- 10th SAC Meeting, 3:30 pm
- 14th Pro-Ed Day No School
- 17th Mahaffey Theater, 1st grade
- 20th MATH NIGHT, grades 3, 4, 5
- 21st American Stage "*Stuart Little*"
Pasta for Pennies—during lunch
- 25th Five Star School presentation to BPE
School Board Meeting, 5:00 pm
- 28th Kindergarten Character Parade

NEXT MONTH

- 1st Spanish Play "*Familia Cicatriz*"
- 5th PTA Fall Festival
- 17th Great American Teach-In,
Parents welcome

CLUB MEETINGS

- Young Astronauts: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- Club Olé: 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- Guitar Club:
 - Beginning Level-Mondays
 - Intermediate Level-Thursdays
- Pearls/5000 Role Models—

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.

*5 Star * "A" Grade * Golden School*

Tech News

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Exciting News! Our school has received some **Lexia Reading's** licenses after piloting the program last school year which has and will continue to help students develop their reading skills. **Lexia Reading's** School-to-Home Connection, your child will be able to pick up where he/she left off in school, and continue to make progress developing his or her reading skills at home. Teachers will be able to see progress from the classroom, school lab, and home sessions in 1 integrated report. All you need is a computer with internet access to conduct a quick, one-time download, creating a desktop icon which allows your child to use **Lexia Reading** by logging on with his/her **PCS Login**.

Additional Exciting News!! Our school has been granted some **Symphony MATH** licenses to pilot until the end of December. Symphony MATH is based upon research in the fields of Cognitive Development and Mathematics Education. This software program helps students develop a solid foundation in number conceptualization and math operations. Students can access at home using his/her **PCS Login**.

Symphony Approach: Concrete to Abstract

- Learning with Manipulatives (Concrete) - Manipulatives provide a concrete representation of mathematical concepts and number relationships.
 - Understanding Symbols (Abstract) - The meaning of mathematical symbols becomes clear by directly connecting them to manipulatives.
 - Mastering Number Facts (Fluency) - Students develop immediate recall of number relationships after building the conceptual foundation.
- Solving Word Problems (Applications) - Understanding is deepened by using language, symbols and manipulatives to solve every day problems.
To learn more about the approach, please visit:

<http://symphonylearning.com/overview/approach/>

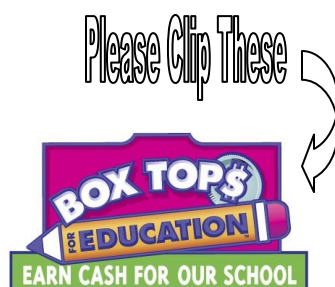
Reminder: We recycle ink cartridges, laser cartridges, and cell phones.

Field Trips

Field trips provide a fun, engaging way for students to learn. Some of their most treasured memories of school revolve around these special events. We can not go with out chaperones so we appreciate you taking a part of your day to make an excursion possible. If you plan to drive on field trip please:

- ♦ Make sure your volunteer registration is up to date and activated. You can do this from home by logging on to www.pcsb.org
- ♦ Provide proof of adequate insurance and a copy of your driver's license to the office
- ♦ Use booster seats for children under 80 lbs.
- ♦ Confirm your vehicle is allowed (no pickup trucks, jeeps, convertibles, etc.)

We do send home a sometimes confusing array of forms, please bear with us as we try to do our part to insure the well-being of the students.



Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

¡Hola! Did you know that 9.4% of the Pinellas County School student population is Hispanic? From September 15th to October 15th, people all over the United States are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that around 50 million people in the USA 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 Chávez are some of the great Hispanic people we honor during this month.

Learning about Hispanic heritage will help our children understand the ethnic diversity that is our country, which will lead them to understand and respect their own heritage!

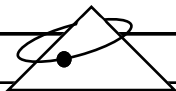
Here at Bay Point, we are very proud of our Spanish team: **Sra. Gómez** from Puerto Rico, **Sra. Jakubik** from Venezuela, **Sra. Cespedes McGill** from Bolivia, and **Sra. Van Deilen** from Cuba.

Thank You!

Raytheon HOLA

For sponsoring our Club Olé and for the treats for the staff to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

¡Muchas Gracias!



Guidance Corner

...Ms. Kym Tetro

The character trait of the month for October is Cooperation. Cooperation means getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal. We teach children to cooperate in groups on a daily basis here at school. Children also learn the importance of using nice words and respecting others in the classroom and at home. Children need to have cooperation reinforced at home in order to help them cooperate in all environments. You may use the dinner dilemma below to help teach your child the meaning and importance of cooperation.

Dinner Dilemma

Situation: One evening Sam's dad says he will take the family out for ice cream after the kids clean-up the kitchen. The ice cream shop closes in 20 minutes. Sam's brother was not helping.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam knew he could do both jobs. On the other hand Sam felt his brother should cooperate to help get the task completed as quickly as possible.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

"It is through cooperation, rather than conflict, that your greatest successes will be derived."

- Ralph Charell

In School,
On Time,
Every Class,
Every Day



8:35 am

You Love Your Kids! Help Them Appreciate the Value of Math and Money!

We are hosting a financial education workshop at Bay Point Elementary called *What's on the Menu?* Parents of students in grades 3 through 5 are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop which you teach you through easy games and exercises things you can do at home to bolster your child's math skills. It's free—you can bring your kids— and you will get free stuff to bring home! Look for the flier coming home soon and please plan to attend.

What's on the Menu?

6:00 pm on Thursday, October 20th
School Cafeteria

WHO: Parents and students in grades 3-5

You can register on-line at: www.volunteerausafund.org
Or by calling: 1-800-838-3006—*Press 1-buy tickets (They are free!)*
Or return the registration flier coming home soon

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020



Bay Point Young Astronauts News

...Mr. John Barfield

Welcome back to another great year with Bay Point's Young Astronauts! All of the volunteer leaders, are gearing up for another fun learning filled club year. As always during the first month of school the application process for the group is in progress. A reminder to all interested parents and students: Membership in YAC is a combination of lottery drawn students, and those Young Astronauts who successfully completed last years' required number of projects to return.

We have a membership of 50 students. So far this year I have had over 250 forms returned! The range of students are an equal number of boys and girls. Grade 1 - 5 are represented. Notification of acceptance, or being placed on a waiting list went out on or about September 20th. Our first meeting was scheduled for September 27th. We will meet again on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (in October on the 11th and 25th).

Thanks to all of the students, parents, and administration that have supported us over the years!

BPE PTA Growing Together

Thanks to all who turned out for our Annual Ice Cream Social and General Meeting in September. Our 2011-2012 budget was approved by the general membership as was the Program Calendar. The calendar promises many fun and educational events for us to continue to grow together. The Ice Cream Social fits right in with our theme this year, as we work to grow closer and stronger together as a school family. I just hope we don't grow heavier together from all that ice cream! But if we did, we can walk it off in October!

October is a month filled with cooler weather (hopefully) and we will have our annual "Walk to School" event on October 5. Please check the website (bpepta.org) and the Facebook page for details regarding where to meet and the route we will be walking.

Our Fall Fundraiser is also well underway. Children are busy making masterpieces to be transformed into greeting cards. Orders for the cards are due October 7. They cost \$20.50 for 12 cards. You can also purchase these cards for your business and they will include your business name on the back.

These cards are great gift ideas as well as thank you cards, or get well cards, etc. The PTA uses the funds raised from our fundraisers to put on various programs and activities throughout the year, but also to support our children's education by purchasing tools or providing trainings that have been shown to increase student achievement. We focus our efforts on the areas of BPE's magnets: Science, Technology, Math and Foreign Language.

So far our year is off to a great start and we look forward to more growth in the upcoming months!

PTA Walk to School Wednesday, October 5th

Meet at Bay Village Shopping Center on the corner of 62nd Avenue South and 22nd Street at 7:45am. We will begin walking to school promptly at 8:10am.

Families should arrive early to enter raffles for a chance to win awesome prizes!

Thank You Adopt A Class

Ms. Griffin: Mad Science-Jeff Meister
Ms. Hunt: Roger & Kristen Cohen
Ms. Johnson: Rob & Mari Czyszczon
Ms. Storm: Andrew & Theresa Thoman

Ms. Bridges: Jackie & Jay Jennings
Ms. Jefferis: Jim & Lorrie Ashley
Ms. Morgan: Brodie & Chris Harvey
Ms. C. Wilson: Sheila Devanesan
Suzanne & Bill Icely

Mr. Bowen: Roger & Kristen Cohen
Ms. Milford: John & Bernice Jones
Chris Stickney

Ms. Pierson: Mad Science-Jeff Meister
Plaza Beach Resort-Czyszczon
Ms. R. Wilson: Ron & Lydia Harless

Ms. Williams: Tien & Vanessa Nguyen
Ted & Valerie Strickland
Mr. Wood: Nilsa Gómez
Suzanne & Bill Icely

Dr. Cairns: Gregory Garbers
Timothy & Mary Sullivan
Ms. Gomillion: Jennifer Bell

Mr. Dodge: Brodie & Chris Harvey
Ms. O'Connor: Lisa Rico
Scott & Beth Schwebke

Art-Ms. Harrington: The Sullivan Family

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PTA news at:

WWW.BPEPTA.ORG



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Please Join Us For the Great American Teach-In November 17th

Remember Career Day? Same thing! Please come to school Thursday, November 17th to share your experiences with our students. Talk about your career, or your hobbies. Grandparents and friends are invited too!

You may come for any part of the day, or stay and visit with several classes.

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YES! I would like to participate, please contact me:

NAME: _____ STUDENT NAME/GRADE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

TOPIC: _____

Questions? Call Cindy Petelle (petellec@pcsb.org or call 552-1449 x2005) for more information.