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A Note From the Principal...

Greetings BPE Families and Friends.

Educators everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it – student success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's education. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily.

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of OUR children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at Bay Point Elementary School.

BPE has a strong tradition of supportive, hard-working parents. Throughout the year parents have the opportunity to develop that partnership in a wide variety of ways. Parents join the PTA, volunteer in the classroom, attend school related meetings, read to their children and help in many other ways. It is important to your child that you are involved in some way at school. It's a way to let your child know you think his or her school is important.

As we have begun the school year, teachers have established school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

At home, it is also important to provide routines that work for both you and your child. Additionally, school and home can and should work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth. We must continue to invest our time and energies in our nation's most valuable resource - our children, and we thank you for your support.

Best,

Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal

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.

Calendar:

October-*Octubre*

- 4 Casual Friday, no uniforms
- 8 Make-up Picture Day (wear uniforms)
Young Astronauts meeting
- 9 PTA Walk to School Day, 7:30am
- 18 ALL PRO DAD breakfast, 7:30 am
Marine Quest (Andolina)
- 22 Mahaffey Theater, Kindergarten
Young Astronauts meeting
- 24 PTA Fall Festival
- 25 Pro-Ed Day, No Classes

November-*Novembre*

- 1 Casual Friday, no uniforms
Kindergarten Character Parade, 9am
Familia Cicatriz, Spanish Play
- 15 ALL PRO DAD breakfast
- 17 BUCS vs. Falcons Spirit Game
- 21 Great American Teach-In
Come help us celebrate career day!

Commitment to Character

COOPERATION

*Getting along with others
and working together to
accomplish a goal*

Get InSync this school year

Pinellas County Schools wants to remind you about this great online resource for students, parents and teachers. You can access it from the school or district web page.

All Pro Dads Breakfast

**Friday, October 18th
at 7:30 am sharp**

Breakfast is FREE if you rsvp:

<http://www.allprodad.com/3578>

Welcome Back from SAC!

... Mr. Higel, SAC Chair

SAC who?

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is tasked with assisting the BPE administrative team and staff in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), including advice in the preparation of the school's annual budget related to the SIP. Did you know that SAC by-laws state that the composition of the Council should represent the ethnic, racial, and economic community it serves?

Your SAC members (except for administration) are elected by their peer group and must be approved by the School Board. Your SAC representatives are:

Administration: Dr. Grant, Mrs. Hawkins, and Ms. DePerro; Teacher: Ms. Khristin Henderson; Community Liaison: Mrs. Mary Ryan; Parents: Mr. Luis Aguilar, Mr. Kyle Baker, Mr. Bryan Higel (SAC Chair), Mrs. Erica Shepherd, and Dr. Chris Simoniello.

SAC needs you! The SAC meets the first Monday of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. While the meetings are open to all, protocol dictates that only Board members interact and vote on issues at this time. Because input from the BPE community is critical to enhancing the learning experience of our students, we are seeking to create a mechanism to capture all voices and ideas. Please stand by for more information on how to be a part of the SAC attack to keep BPE on track! In the meantime, please direct your SAC questions and suggestions to Bryan Higel: amyandbryanhigel@gmail.com





Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

¡Saludos!

From September 15th to October 15th, people all over the United States are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic people have made big contributions to this country throughout the years. 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! *¡Feliz mes de la hispanidad!*

Octubre Curriculum

KINDER-GARTEN	FIRST & SECOND	THIRD & FOURTH	FIFTH
			
Family Members & Body Parts	Family Members & Body Parts	Body Parts Verb 'tener'	Body Parts Verb 'tener'

10 Superb Psychological Advantages of Learning Another Language:

<http://www.spring.org.uk/2013/09/10-superb-psychological-advantages-of-learning-another-language.php>

Duke Energy GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

Thursday, November 21st

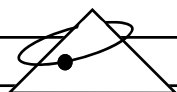
We invite parents, grandparents, and friends to come in and share their careers, hobbies, and interests during the Great American Teach-In. It is a wonderful opportunity to broaden a child's world view, but we need YOU to participate! Presentations need only be about 20 minutes long, but you are welcome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

YES! I would like more information, please contact me at:

Name: _____ Topic _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fill out and return this form to Cindy Petelle, or email me at: petellec@pcsb.org



Common Core Corner

... Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal

Thank You Adopt A Class !!

Robert & Mari Czyszczon
Mr. Bowen

Robert & Mari Czyszczon
Ms. Gomillion

Sigrid Muhar
Ms. Canchani

James & Amy Plouf
Ms. Scott

Daniel Summers
Mr. Wood

Paul & Denise Tomey
Mr. Smith

Paul & Denise Tomey
Ms. Henderson

WHY IS THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE IMPORTANT?

High standards that are consistent across states provide teachers, parents, and students with a set of clear expectations that are aligned to the expectations in college and careers. The standards promote equity by ensuring all students, no matter where they live, are well prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary to collaborate and compete with their peers in the United States and abroad. Unlike previous state standards, which were unique to every state in the country, the Common Core State Standards enable collaboration between states on a range of tools and policies, including: the development of textbooks, digital media, and other teaching materials aligned to the standards; and the development and implementation of common comprehensive assessment systems to measure student performance annually that will replace existing state testing systems; and changes needed to help support educators and schools in teaching to the new standards.

Magnet Application Process Starting Up

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

The time is fast approaching for 5th 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 next month and we have scheduled our Discovery Night for December 4th.

For our 5th 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

Young Astronauts

...Mr. John Barfield, YA Coordinator

Your Young Astronauts are preparing to launch another mission of learning & fun! By now, all new and returning members have received their group assignments. For those not chosen, you have been sent a waiting list number, as members were chosen randomly, with an equal number of boys and girls. We maintain a list in the event a spot opens. Thanks to all that applied!

This year the first meeting is on October 8th from 2:40pm to 4:00pm. Group 1 will meet in Ms. Godfirnon's room. Group 2 will meet in the media center. Please pick up your students no later than 4:10pm in the south car circle. If you have any questions in regard to Young Astronauts, contact the coordinator, John Barfield at: Firebeach1@aol.com.

Gentle reminder – parents arriving after 8:30AM with students, are to drop them off in the front office. Parents shall not enter the campus after the 1st bell so that teachers may focus on having students prepared by 8:35AM. Many thanks.....Admin. Team

Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Our School Improvement Plan for 2013-14 was approved by the School Board. You may view it in the office, or online via our web page.

Bookmark our webpage:
<http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/>

Homework Helpline

727-547-7223



Keep up with the latest PTA news at:

WWW.BPEPTA.ORG

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Dear Bay Point Families,

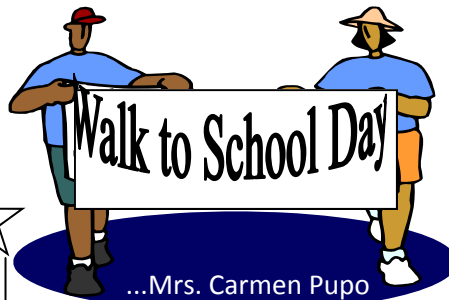
I'd like to share with you all how exciting it is to be able to support all our children as the new BPE PTA President. I am very much looking forward to working with each of you and being able to take part in the success of all students at BPE through the programs, activities and support that the PTA provides our school.

Our PTA has been very busy over the summer and even more so over the past few weeks creating and reinventing fun-filled education enriched activities and events for our families this school year.

While we as a Board are working hard to support our school, please know that we cannot do this without you. We welcome you to participate in events by showing up, volunteering and providing feedback.

Let's make this year our best year yet!

Shanika Sanders
BPE PTA President
President@bpepta.org



PTA & Math Superstars
...Mrs. Tracy Grant

BPE Math Superstars is an at home mathematics and problem solving enrichment program offered to all students. The program will start October 4th for grades 1-5 and on January 10th for Kindergarten. Students will receive a weekly worksheet provided by PTA on Friday and must return the following Friday. Participants will receive incentives and for those students who complete 20 out of 25 for grades 1-5 and 8 out of 10 for kindergarten will be rewarded with an end of the year celebration. Permission slips should be returned by September 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Grant or Amy Plouf at MathSuperStars@bpepta.org

National Safe Walk to School Day is October 9th. We will meet at the South Branch Library at 7:30am. We will begin walking at 7:50am and intend for students to make it to school in time for the free breakfast. There will be prizes and giveaways!

Please note that parents MUST walk WITH their child and cannot simply drop them off at the library.

You put the P in PTA

Any volunteer questions (for all PTA events, including Fall Festival) can be forwarded to Carmen Pupo at volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org

PTA Fall Fundraiser Cookie Dough

- ◆ It's SWEET and DELICIOUS
- ◆ There will be FREEKLEEZ
- ◆ There are lots of PRIZES
- ◆ It will be REWARDING for BPE

Starting September 30th!

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for classroom support and school events!

Your PTA is on a
ROLL—Look at all
these fun events
they have planned!!

PTA Fall Festival

Thursday, October 24th
5:30—8:30pm BPE Courtyard



****NEW THIS YEAR****

Spooky Science

Advance Tickets will be on sale soon

Please plan to help make this event fun for everyone—help us man a booth, set up or break it down

Contact:
volunteercoordinator@bpepta.org