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Principal's Note...

This month:

- 3rd Labor Day—No School
- 6th PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM
The social event of the season! Come to meet the other members of the BPE family and enjoy a sweet treat!
- 11th SAC Meeting, 5:30 PM
Interested parties welcome to attend
- 11th VOTE today in your City Elections
- 12th Early Release, 12:40 Dismissal
- 24th Ebony Scholars Awards,
Pasadena Community Church
- 26-27th Fire Arm Safety, grade 3
- 28th Start Dreamin' Assembly, grades 1-4
Mid-term reports

Next month:

- 2nd Fifth Grade Conference Night, 6:30PM
- 4th Picture Day!
- 10th Early Release, 12:40 Dismissal
- 13th PTA Fall Festival—Help plan this fun family event! Dunk Tanks? "Haunted" House? Your great ideas are needed!

*We Have Raptor
All visitors to the school will be asked to present their Driver's License in the Front Office before being allowed on campus. Please have it ready when you come in!*

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

Welcome back to the science lab for another exciting year of science. All of the students in grades 2-5 are studying Earth Science during the months of August through October. First Grade is discovering the different properties of solids, liquids, and gasses. Kindergarten students are learning about their bodies in September.

Earth Force Club and Young Astronauts are accepting applications this month and will be holding meetings soon.

I'm Fit—I'm It!

...Ms. Julie Ryczek

Governor Charlie Crist has developed a council on physical fitness; this council will develop a state wide plan of action to increase physical fitness through regular exercise and sound nutrition practices among Floridians of all ages to reduce the rate of obesity and chronic disease:

www.HealthyFloridians.com

Some Facts: Anyone with the body mass index BMI over 30 is considered obese. The overweight range is 25-29.9. The index is a ratio that takes into account height and weight. A BMI calculator is at:

www.nhlbupport.com/bmi/bmicalc.htm

According to the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention. In 2005, 60 percent of Floridians were overweight. Let's change these skyrocketing statistics.

From Resources for Educators, Exercise doesn't have to be done all at once. Encourage your youngster to be active thought-out the day small amounts add up. A daily walk is a great way to get your child and you moving.

Let's build healthy bodies and high self esteem.

(Ms. Ryczek is a member of the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness)

Bring in Your Old Cell
Phones and Used Ink Jet
Printer Cartridges—We
Recycle Them!

School Hours
8:40 AM—2:40 PM
Gates open at 8:25 AM

Office Hours
8:00 AM—3:15 PM
Phone: 552-1449



From the Tech Corner

...Ms. Kip Mitchell



Welcome back to the 2007-08 school year! We have big happenings this year at BPE.

Thanks to the Referendum monies and the refresh program, we received 190 new Dell laptops and desktops this school year! Each classroom will get two student laptops and a new teacher laptop. In addition, we now have 30 new desktops in our lab and our old lab computers were sent to the classrooms. Something else new and exciting is the 5th grade wheel this year and I will be participating in that and seeing a 5th grade classroom every day all year. It'll give us some wonderful opportunities for training and learning new programs for the students.

Any questions or comments about our tech program can be sent to me at:
mitchellma@pcsb.org

Noticia Olé

...Sra. Nilsa Gómez



¡Hola! The **FLES** (Foreign Language in Elementary School) team salutes you and wishes you a Fantástico school year. Our team members are **Sra. Gómez**

from Puerto Rico, **Srta. Jakubik** from Venezuela, **Sra. McGill** from Bolivia, and **Sra. Van Deilen** from Cuba.

Our Mission Statement: The mission of the Bay Point Elementary FLES Program is to provide sequential, content-related instruction in the Spanish language to Bay Point students by involving parents, teachers, and staff in meaningful language experiences and ongoing assessment.

FLES Principles: The Bay Point Elementary FLES Program...

...uses only Spanish to provide daily instruction and activities which enable students to naturally acquire functional language.

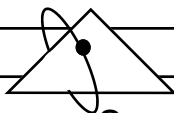
...integrates a variety of language development activities with the elementary curriculum, resulting in meaningful language practice which enhances overall student cognitive growth.

...provides opportunities for parents and classroom teachers to practice Spanish throughout the school day and at home.

...seeks to use the Spanish language and culture as a vehicle to accomplish goal of highest student achievement.

We are very proud of our FLES Program. ¡Español es chévere, Olé!

The T-Shirts are finally in! They will be sold by the PTA at the Ice Cream Social



Welcome Guidance ...Ms. Kerry Cunningham

Hello Everyone! My name is Ms. Cunningham and I am the new Guidance Counselor at Bay Point this year. Last year I was the 6th grade counselor at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School (so parents of fifth graders - I'm ready to help out)! Before that I was in Minnesota working as a counselor in St. Paul Public Schools. I'm thrilled to be around all these wonderful elementary students, especially since my son is now in his third year of college and I just sent my baby girl off to her first year in college! This year I will working with the classroom teachers in academic, personal/social, and career areas. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding academics, personal issues, transitions, etc. If I don't have an immediate answer, I will work hard to find one. Also, feel free to stop in and say "hi" and introduce yourself. We are all in this together!



Commitment to Character Pledge

"I pledge myself to C2C, respect, responsibility, honesty, self-motivation too. I'll use these traits in all I do."

The September C2C Trait is: **RESPONSIBILITY**

"Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions."

Literacy Success ...Mrs. Jennifer Whaley

In the coming weeks classroom teachers will be assessing students in reading. Based on these assessments some children may benefit from extra help in reading. Some of this help will come from our Literacy Success Team who will provide extra help in your child's classroom. Our mission of Literacy Success is to promote lifelong, independent learners who are able and excited readers, writers and literate communicators. Explore new worlds, READ.

The annual school report summarizing our school's results for the last year is now available at the school. This report is referred to as the *No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report* and is based on information provided by the Florida Department of Education. Please contact the school if you would like to review the report or receive a copy.

Young Astronauts ...Mr. John Barfield



Welcome back to school! This year, we are planning to have an even better year at the Young Astronauts Club.

If you are interested in being a member, or returning to the club from last year, please make sure you fill out the YAC application.

The applications will go home on or about September 5th. They are due back to school no later than September 21st. On October 2nd notifications of club members will be delivered. You will know if you have been chosen, or placed on the waiting list.

This year, the club will consist of three groups. Grades 1 to 5 are invited to apply! Any adults wishing to volunteer their time as a group assistant please make note on the application, contact the coordinator, **John Barfield**, by e-mail at Firebeach1@aol.com or call 727-698-0598.

* Remember, If you were a member last year, you **MUST FILL OUT** an application!

Thank you for your continued interest in Bay Point's Young Astronaut Club!



Our Safety Patrol:



- Michelle Lynch * Katie Horan * Aerial Nesbitt * Emma Underwood * Dwineshia Latimore * Lane Marshall * Tommy Hilliard * Vikash Singh * Jesse Anderson * Cameron Ray * Sarah Duey * Rebecca Hazners * Tamera Brown * Andrew Baker * Emily Anderson * Patrick Lynch * Alex Bondoc * Jade Lengyel-D'Esposito * Lyndon Fitzgibbon * Danielle Sackett * Thommi Schulz * Marisa Rivera * Auhria Reynolds * Savannah Pate * Sofia Juster-Kruse *

Sunshine State Readers for Grades 3-5

A Bear Named Trouble, Marion Dane Bauer
A House of Tailors, Patricia Giff Reilly
Cabin on Trouble Creek, Jean Van Leeuwen
Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler, William Wise
Drita, My Homegirl, Jenny Lombard
Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia, Barbara O'Connor
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Kate DiCamillo

No Dogs Allowed!, Bill Wallace
The President's Daughter, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Project Mulberry, Linda Sue Parker
Say What?, Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Spring, Betty Birney
Whittington, Alan Armstrong
Wildfire!, Elizabeth Starr Hill
Worth, A. LaFaye



Volunteers– Get Ready For Those Field Trips!

The teachers are planning a number of educational and fun field trips in the coming weeks. If you would like to drive or chaperone, you must be a registered volunteer. Furthermore, you will need to have *reactivated*, or signed in on the computer at least once this year (all volunteers were purged from last year.)

You will need to provide a copy of your driver's license and a copy of your current insurance showing that you have both PIP and Bodily Injury coverage.

May We Have Your E-Mail Address?

If you would like to receive periodic e-mails about the happenings on campus—please send an e-mail to me, Cindy Petelle, at petellec@pcsb.org

You may need to set permission in your server to allow the e-mails. Your address will not be visible to other recipients (they are sent as blind copies). No attachments will included and the list will nor be distributed to others.

In the past, e-mails have been sent as reminders of upcoming events, or when we have needed help at the school

What is CHAMPs?

CHAMPs: A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Management is a research-based, comprehensive series of trainings and resources for those teachers who want to design or fine tune a classroom management plan that will overtly teach student how to behave responsibly.

Underlying beliefs include:

1. All students must be treated with dignity and respect.
2. Student should be taught the skills and behaviors necessary for success.
3. Motivation and responsibility should be encouraged through positive interaction and building relationships with students.
4. Student misbehavior represents a teaching opportunity.

Key benefits include: Teachers establish clear expectations with logical and fair responses to misbehavior; Teachers spend less time disciplining and more time teaching; Students are taught how to behave responsibility.

Adopt*A*Class

Thank you to these families who have adopted their child's classroom teacher:

Jodi Earle (Ms. Wilson)

The Patels (Mrs. Rutledge)

Jodi Earle (Mr. Wood)

Mark & Tracy Milanese (Mrs. Denbigh)

John & Trish Spinazzola (Ms. Scanlon)

Rick & Dawn Smith (Ms. Morgan)

Steve & Kristen Berlin (Mrs. Johnson)

Steve & Kerry Barker (Ms. Warson)

Scott & Irene Cooper (Mr. Pipino)

Adopt-A-Class forms are available in the Front Office. The funds are used by teachers for all the little classroom extras. In the past, they have been used to buy cushions for classroom reading centers, publish books the children write, and science activities.

The suggested amount to Adopt*A*Class is \$100, as there is bookkeeping involved. Also, this program is meant to allow the teachers to add something exciting and substantial for the whole class to enjoy.

If you would like to contribute in other ways –ask your teacher about her “wish list”. Needed items may range from boxes of tissues to reams of paper.

Confused About the New Sign-In Procedures?

Like most schools in the District, BPE has installed the *Raptor* system which conducts a predator/offender screening only.

All visitors must have a photo ID (Driver's License or state ID) in hand when they enter the office. The card will be scanned and returned to you.

Volunteers may continue to sign in on the computer. (All volunteers are subject to a criminal background check).

Contact **Cindy Petelle** at 552-1449 or petellec@pcsb.org if you have any questions or concerns.



I Promise...to Volunteer
Three Hours during the
2007-2008 school year at
Bay Point Elementary Magnet

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____



Join PTA now for success all year long.

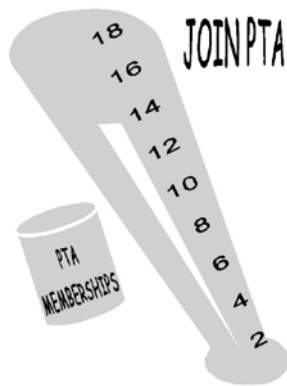
Dawn Smith 418-9567 or dsmith3@tampabay.rr.com



Since this is PTA membership month we will be having a popcorn party and a special prize for every class that has 18 PTA Members enrolled by the end of September!! Some classes are well on their way. Just fill out the attached enrollment form, include \$10.00 for each member and give it to your child's teacher.

Remember Bay Point Elementary PTA is only able to sponsor all of our activities by having members like you who support our Fall and Spring Fundraisers. We have funded (full or part): Accu-cut machine and dies—Boo Hoo breakfast for parents—Boyd Hill family Campfire—Cold laminator for teachers and staff—Safety patrol and Young Astronauts year-end parties—Fall Festival—Individual teacher requests—School supplies for needy students/classrooms—Science Fair Ribbons and judge's luncheon—Teacher start up funds for their classrooms—Teacher's welcome back breakfast, appreciation week and end of the year luncheon—1st Grade classroom rugs—5th Grade celebration and yearbook—Student Agendas—Parent Calendar/handbooks and Pet fund for all BPE animals.

Thank you for joining us and becoming more involved in the work we do for our children. Our first general meeting of the year is our Ice Cream Social on September the 6th from 6-7:30. As a dues paying member you are entitled to vote on BPE-PTA budget and programs. Bring the kids and join us!



Come join us for an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social
September 6th at 6:00 PM
BPE Cafeteria



We'll have a brief PTA meeting followed by plenty of cool ice cream and yummy toppings! Bring your whole family! Meet new friends and visit with old ones! We'll have PTA memberships, BPE

merchandise and T-shirts available for purchase. We'll also have some of our Fall Fundraising items on display

The BPE Fall Festival will be here sooner than you think! It's scheduled for October 13th! Did you know that the PTA is beginning to make plans and form committees *now* so that the Fall Festival can be a spectacular evening of fun and games? If you are interested in being a Fall Festival Committee Chair or serving on one of the committees (games, arts and crafts, food, haunted house, promotions, prizes), please contact Cissy Blevins at 251-5221 or email: flwildcats@aol.com. Of course, we will also need volunteers to help set up, pre-sell tickets, take down, as well as help during the event.

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 _____