



BAY POINT ELEMENTARY  
MAGNET SCHOOL

# BROADCAST

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## Principal's Note...

Dear Bay Point Families,

Each day brings us new challenges and opportunities to provide the children with an environment in which to grow and learn. The academic focus of Bay Point is strong and very important. Each child's emotional and social growth is just as important. In these times it becomes even more vital to equip our children with higher level thinking, problem-solving skills, comprehension skills, and social interaction skills, so that they will be able to make intelligent and responsible choices. I urge each of our staff members, parents and community members to join together, set priorities, value the time set aside for learning, and reach our common goals as a team for your child.

We will be basing our academic instruction on the data available, and zeroing in on specific needs of students. Our school is presently rewriting our school improvement plan, incorporating researched based strategies to achieve the highest academic performance as possible. A copy of it will be available in the office as well as on the state website. We also welcome you to our School Advisory Council meetings each second Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we form a partnership to journey towards success and learning at Bay Point Elementary. Learning can be so fun and we are all life long learners. How wonderful to have the opportunity to make Bay Point a special place for your child.

Our OPEN HOUSE is September 3rd at 7:30. Our PTA will hold our ice cream social at 6:30 PM that same evening. You will receive pertinent information regarding the year ahead and your child's school day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lively  
Principal

## This month:

**Early Release Every Wednesday, 1:35**

1<sup>st</sup> SAC Meeting, 5:00 PM

Young Astronaut applications home

3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 pm

**Open House, 7:30 pm**

After the Social, stop by your child's classroom to learn what your child will be studying this year, classroom expectations and upcoming events.

4<sup>th</sup> First Friday—no uniforms

7<sup>th</sup> **Labor Day, No School**

10<sup>th</sup> Father's Walk to School, 8:25 am

Dads! Bring your child to school today!

14<sup>th</sup> Young Astronaut Applications Due

15<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Night, 7:00 pm Cafeteria

**Hispanic Heritage Month** begins

17<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Workshop, 8:40 am

Media Center

21<sup>st</sup> PTA at AstroSkate, 6-8PM; \$5

25<sup>th</sup> Mid-term report

**October-October**

2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday, No Uniforms

7<sup>th</sup> PICTURE DAY, No Uniforms

24<sup>th</sup> PTA Fall Festival

29<sup>th</sup> YAC meeting, 2:55-4:00

# Congratulations!

Bay Point Elementary

Magnet School received an "A"

from the Florida Department of Education for student performance and was awarded the Five Star School Award for:

- ★ Business Partnerships
- ★ Family Involvement
- ★ Volunteerism
- ★ Student Community Service
- ★ School Advisory Councils



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-five 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 go to the County Science Exhibition in May.

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.

## Our Welcoming Staff

Our Front Office is ably manned by **Mrs. Linda Stamos**, assisted by Mrs. Kelly D'Louhy and Mrs. Eunice Morales in shifts. They will be happy to assist you.

## Phone Calls and Dismissal

- ◆ Phone calls to teachers will not be transferred to classrooms during the school day
- ◆ Requests to pick up students early cannot be honored after 2:30 PM as it interferes with the Bus Circle and instructional time. If you know you are taking your child out for an appointment, please send in a note.

## Noticias Olé

...Sra. Gómez

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

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated  
from September 15th to October 15th

## Teacher Wish List

Check with your child's teacher (art & Spanish too!), but it's a sure bet they can use these items now, and throughout the year:

- ◆ Boxes of tissues
- ◆ Antibacterial wipes or lotion
- ◆ Colorful copy paper

**And every teacher wishes they will be adopted!**

The Adopt A Class program allows teachers to go beyond the basics to provide something for their class. Some employers will match contributions, so please consider asking where you work. Forms may be found in the Front Office or on-line at:

<http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/teachers7/petellec/index.html>

## The Library is Open

...Mrs. Bonnie Parker

Welcome back to another exciting year at Bay Point Elementary. The students are beginning to come to the library for orientation and book check out. During orientation students learn the library rules and care of library books. Please be aware that if your child brings home a library book they are responsible for returning the book in the same condition as it was checked out. Lost books will need to be replaced and the student will be charged for the book.

Kindergarten and first grades are allowed to bring home 1 book at a time. Second through fifth are allowed to bring home 2 books at a time. Students may keep the books for up to two weeks.

See the insert for information about the **Battle of the Books** and list of **Sunshine State Readers** for grades 3-5.



TO: Gaye B. Lively, Principal  
FROM: Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director  
Office of Strategic Partnerships,  
Pinellas County Schools

Congratulations! Your school has been designated as a Five Star recipient for the 2008-2009 school year by the Florida Department of Education. Your school is part of an elite group that is reflective of the exemplary family and community work you are doing at your school. Your portfolio documenting this accomplishment should be displayed proudly for families and community members to see and should be kept as an historical document for future reference or review.

Community, business, and family involvement is crucial to the academic success of our students. By receiving the Five Star School award, your school has demonstrated an outstanding level of partnerships with parents and the community. Please extend our congratulations to your staff for their commitment to creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our community and families. You are to be commended for a job well done!

Thank you City of St. Petersburg Firefighters for standing watch to slow traffic down in school zones to keep our children safe!

## Tech Talk

...Ms. Andrea Sanchez

Welcome to the BPE Computer Lab! I would like to introduce myself as I am new to this position. I have been a teacher here for 10 years. I just received my Master's Degree in Information Studies from FSU and am very excited about sharing Tech opportunities with our staff and students.

In September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) in the computer lab. You can learn more about FAIR at

at <http://www.fcrr.org/fair/index.htm> or

[http://www.fcrr.org/fair/more\\_info.htm](http://www.fcrr.org/fair/more_info.htm).

As the new school year rolls on, our focus in the Computer Lab will be on Computer Usage, Internet Safety and Lab Rules. Most of you have already received, signed and returned the Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement which explains the PCS District Policies regarding computer usage. Thank you for returning those forms. It is important that both parent and student understand the districts policies. I look forward to sharing my excitement about Technology and how we can incorporate fun and learning at the same time embracing all of our areas of learning!

## Young Astronauts Launch a New Year

...Mr. John Barfield

Welcome back to another great year at Bay Point Elementary! Once again, the Young Astronauts Club will launch into many interesting adventures! YAC is an all volunteer run organization. Leaders, **John Barfield**, and assistant **Cindy Wilson** along with other volunteers guide students in unique learning situations! We are guided by our teacher advisor, **Ms. Sue Godfirnon**.

The applications will go out to students September 1. They will be due back on September 14. Students will be notified by September 22, if they have been chosen to be in the group, or are on the waiting list. ALL RETURNING MEMBERS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION!

Members are chosen randomly, with an equal number of boys and girls. The groups meets twice a month. from 2:55 to 4:00. Students must complete 3 approved projects to remain in YAC. **We are in need of 2 to 3 more dedicated adult volunteers.** You must love children! No experience in teaching is necessary, we have curriculum that makes learning fun, easy, and interesting! If you would like to be a part of YAC, please call the coordinator, John Barfield, at 727-698-0598, or email at: Firebeach1@aol.com.

Thank you for your interest, and we hope to see all of you soon! The first meeting is September 29.

If your child has enjoyed the Young Astronauts Club, consider volunteering to keep it going!

# Parent-Teacher Association

...Mrs. Dawn Smith, President

HI BAY POINT FAMILIES!

ON BEHALF OF BAY POINT ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL PTA, I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR. **THE 2009/2010 PTA THEME IS BPE HAPPY**~~BAY POINT ELEMENTARY HEALTHY ACTIVE PARENT PARTICIPATION YEAR! OUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN BUSY PLANNING SOME FUN AND INFORMATIVE EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR.

ON **SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** FROM **6:00-7:15**, WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST GENERAL MEETING--THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL. THE KIDS GET TO SEE ALL OF THEIR NEW AND OLD FRIENDS AND YOU WILL GET A CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, MEET THE BOARD, GET INFORMATION ON OUR REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM, AND TAKE A SURVEY ON WHAT KIND OF PTA PROGRAM YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT YOUR SCHOOL. WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING T-SHIRTS, MEMBERSHIPS AND STARTING TO GET ORGANIZED FOR OUR FABULOUS **PTA FALL FESTIVAL** ON OCTOBER 24TH. ON SEPTEMBER 21ST FROM 6-8 WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OUR FIRST **BAY POINT FAMILY NIGHT AT ASTRO SKATE**. THE COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES ADMISSION AND SKATE RENTAL.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITES. [WWW.BPEPTA.ORG](http://WWW.BPEPTA.ORG)

PLEASE REMEMBER~~PTA IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MEMBERSHIP. MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CHILDREN DO BETTER WHEN THEIR PARENTS ARE INVOLVED BOTH AT **HOME AND AT SCHOOL. GRADES ARE HIGHER. TEST SCORES RISE. SELF-ESTEEM GROWS. SCHOOLS IMPROVE.** MAKE THESE OUTCOMES A REALITY FOR YOU CHILD, AND YOUR COMMUNITY BY BEING INVOLVED IN PTA. BE IN THE KNOW. BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOU CHILD. BPE HAPPY.

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**Father's Walk**  
Thursday, September 10th  
On Campus, 8:15-8:45am

**Volunteer Workshop**  
Thursday, September 17th  
Media Center, 8:40 am

**PTA Fall Festival**  
October 24th—  
Help plan—or take a shift

Thank You Chik fil A—  
St. Pete Beach  
(for the staff breakfast)

**Great American Teach-In**  
November 18th  
We'd love to see you there!

**Sweetbay School Dollars**  
Check your receipts and turn  
the dollars in!

## When You Come On Campus...

- ◆ Present your driver's license
- ◆ Registered volunteers may sign in on the computer, and take a volunteer badge

# PTA ... BPE HAPPY

## Ice Cream

Social and General Meeting (followed by Open House)  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
6:00-7:15 pm  
School Cafeteria

## PTA Family Night Astro Skate

6:00—8:00 pm  
10001 66th St,  
Pinellas Park  
\$5 Admission &  
Skate Rental



# 2009-2010

## Battle of the Books

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
Brendan Buckley's Universe And Everything In It	Frazier, Sundee T.	630
Crooked Kind Of Perfect	Urban, Linda	730
Defiance	Hobbs, Valerie	640
Emmy And The Incredible Shrinking Rat	Jonell, Lynne	780
Fabled 4th Graders Of Aesop Elementary School	Fleming, Candace	580
Found	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	750
Highway Cats	Lisle, Janet Taylor	810
Igraine The Brave	Funke, Cornelia	900
Lemonade War	Davies, Jacqueline	630
Middle Of Somewhere	Cheaney, J. B.	900
Me And The Pumpkin Queen	Kennedy, Marlane	790
Night Of The Howling Dogs	Salisbury, Graham	530
Punished!	Lubar, David	540
Puzzling World Of Winston Breen	Berlin, Eric	670
Year Of The Dog	Lin, Grace	690

We are kicking off the year by introducing grades 3, 4 and 5 to the Sunshine State Reader Award books. These books are chosen each year by a panel of judges that include media specialists, teachers and students. They are the 15 books used in our school and county Battle of the Books.

The purpose of the Battle of the Books program is:

1. To expose children to a variety of literature.
2. To increase students' familiarity with authors.
3. To encourage recreational reading.
4. To improve reading comprehension.
5. To share books through written and oral expression.

If your child would like to be a part of their classes' Battle of the Books team they should start reading as many of these books as possible now. They are available in our library, the public library and at all bookstores. Look for the Battle of the Books display..