



**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY**  
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Greetings BPE Family Members and Friends!

Thanks to everyone for helping during the opening weeks of school. Our school team combined with support from our parents and community members made for a smooth opening. We would like to extend special thanks to the following persons who provided extraordinary support to our students and staff: Miles Baker (PTA), Bobbi Zolg (PTA), Carmen Pupo (PTA), Cheryl Shaughnessy (Media Center), Jorge Angula (All Pro Dads), Habiba Hussein (Gardens), and Jennifer Cannizzaro (PTA).

We would like to welcome Ms. Shontay Russ to our school, as our new bookkeeper/secretary. Nancy Wohlgemuth retired and will be greatly missed. We would also like to excitedly share that BPE was selected to receive 2 STEM Grants. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Ms. Vyverberg and Ms. Griffin will be our two school-based STEM Facilitators. More information will be forthcoming after their training.

Gentle reminders:

Please follow the posted signs in the Car and Bus Circles for the safety of everyone. Please pay close attention to the NO LEFT turns that are posted. Remember, cars are prohibited in the bus circle during student drop off and pick up. Thanks for helping us keep safety a priority. :)

We continue to solicit your support by joining our school Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and/or our School Advisory Council (SAC). Together we are better!

Fondly,  
Dr. Felita D. Grant, Principal

## Calendar:

### September

- 1 Labor Day School Closed
- 2 School Store packets go home
- 4 Guitar Open House, 6:30pm gr 3-5
- 5 Casual Friday  
Grandparents Day—Join us for lunch!  
PTA T-shirt sales until 8:30am at main gate
- 15 Spanish Heritage Month begins
- 16 PTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00pm
- 19 All Pro Dad breakfast, 7:30am
- 22 Kindergarten Parent Night, 6:00pm  
Book Fair open 5:30-7:00pm
- 22-26 BOOK FAIR, 8:15-3:15pm  
International Peace Week
- 24 Gifted open house (current students), 6:00  
PTA Reflections flyers home
- 30 Picture retake day  
Young Astronauts, 2:40—4:00pm

### October

- 2 PTA Reflections art club 2:45– 4:00pm
- 3 Casual Friday  
PTA T-shirt sales until 8:30 at main gate

### November

- 19 Great American Teach-In, *Come Join us!*

SIGN UP FOR  
**SCHOOLSTORE.COM**

Bay Point receives a donation from every sale from the site!

### Commitment to Character

#### RESPONSIBILITY

*Doing your best and taking  
ownership for your words  
and actions*

Through our curriculum, we will facilitate learning by providing relevant, multidimensional learning experiences. We will place a special emphasis on the integrated applications of mathematics, science, foreign language and technology to prepare students to function productively in our global environment.

## Peace Week Activities

Ms. Gomillion

The International Day of Peace is Sunday, September 21st. To celebrate the day, students will decorate peace signs which will be hung between the buildings during that week. Look for our colorful display sponsored by our Multicultural Club.

## School Times

Gates Open	8:05am
Free Breakfast	8:05—8:25am
Gates Close	8:30am
Classes Start	8:35am
Classes Dismiss	2:35pm



### Office Hours

7:35 AM—3:25 PM  
Office Phone: 727-552-1449  
Dial "0" for the Front Office

### School Website:

[www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.baypoint-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)  
*TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser!*

## Grandparents Day

Join your grandchild for lunch in the cafeteria on Friday September 5th!

Adult lunches—\$3.25

## All Pro Dad

Mr. Jorge Angulo

Bay Point Pops! Join us once a month for a free breakfast with your child. We had a fantastic turnout for our first event for dads and their children.

Go to the link to reserve your spot. (We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone!)

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

Mark these dates:

September 19      October 17      November 14

## Book Fairs and Battles

Mrs. Parker

Welcome back to another exciting year at Bay Point Elementary. We will start the year off in the Media Center with library orientation for all students. 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.

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 to:

1. Expose children to a variety of literature.
2. Increase students' familiarity with authors.
3. Encourage recreational reading.
4. Improve reading comprehension,
5. 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.

The Scholastic Book fair is coming to Bay Point Sept. 22nd-26th. Each class has an assigned buying time to visit the fair. Look for the book fair flyer coming home soon that will have information on your child's buying day and how to shop at the fair. Some of the important things to remember are:

Please include 7% sales tax on all purchases.

Make checks out to Bay Point Elementary. We take all major credit cards as well.

If you send cash please put it in an envelope with your child's name on it. Students can purchase gift certificates in any amount for classroom teachers.

We open every day at 8:15am and close at 3:15pm except on Friday when we will close at noon. Parents are welcome to come any time to shop. Just be sure to sign in at the front office. This year we will also be open in the evening on Monday, September 22nd from 5:30—7:00pm.

Hope to see you there!



## We Want YOU on SAC!

Ms. DePerro

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is made up of administrators, teachers, staff, businesses and parents who share an interest in improving all aspects of learning at Bay Point. The main function of SAC is to assist the school with development and evaluation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP).

**MEMBERS NEEDED:** It is vitally important that SAC reflect the community population here at Bay Point. This will assure proper representation for all aspects of our school population. No special qualifications, beyond an interest in education, is required. All SAC meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held monthly and are advertised in newsletters and on the marquee in front of the school. Those interested in becoming a member should please contact Sara DePerro, Assistant Principal, through the school office at 727.552.1449 x2012, or by email at [deperros@pcsb.org](mailto:deperros@pcsb.org).

### Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

### Parents! Log Into Focus

Your log in information must be used every year to stay active. Use this link from home or school to log in to the district site to update family information, check on your child's attendance and grades and to record your volunteer hours:

<https://focus.pcsb.org/>

Parents were given a password and user ID. The user ID begins with "p." and is followed by your name. The password is generated by the district, and is case sensitive. Please keep it in a safe place so that you are able to access your child's information.

### Volunteers Reactivate For This Year

Volunteers must reactivate in the computer. Usually the user ID is "v." followed by your last name, first initial (e.g. v.smithp). Your password is your last name (capitalize the first letter) followed by your four digit year of birth (e.g. Smith2012). Once you have reactivated you will not have to fill out paperwork again for this school year.

## Club News and Open Houses

### Two New STEM Academies

Mrs. Vyverberg and Ms. Griffin

Bay Point Elementary is proud to offer 2 STEM Academies to fourth and fifth grade students. These special clubs will feature Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) projects. They will be free, held once a week after school, and run from October through May.

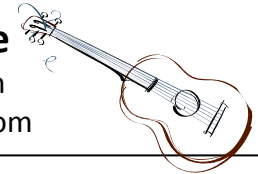
Students must make written application to be considered for the program. Look for a flyer coming home soon with more details.

### Kindergarten Parent Night

Monday, September 22nd  
at 6:00pm in the Kindergarten classrooms

### Guitar Open House

Thursday, September 4th  
at 6:30pm in the Music Room



### Gifted Open House

For students currently in the program  
September 24th at 6:00pm

### Young Astronauts

Mr. John Barfield

Happy back to school from your Young Astronauts! We will once again launch the Young Astronauts Club into a year of learning and fun. Your child will receive an application from their classroom teacher within the next few weeks. This year grades 2 - 5 will be eligible for membership.

Members are chosen 2 ways. Returning members that met their project requirements are back, but still MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION if they want to participate. Students that want to apply: Fill out the application, members are chosen randomly, with an equal number of boys and girls. Do NOT send in any money.

**Applications are due in by September 12, 2014**, no exceptions! Chosen members will be notified by the week of September 22. Those not chosen will be on a waiting list with a number. Any questions about the club should be directed to the coordinator, Mr. Barfield at:

[Firebeach1@aol.com](mailto:Firebeach1@aol.com).

# Get the Scoop on the New Year



- Eat Ice Cream!
- Play Bingo!
- Bring a book to swap!



PTA Ice Cream Social & General Meeting  
 Tuesday, September 16th  
 6:00 pm Cafeteria

The world would be a better place if....

## Reflections



2014-2015

Coming soon....

PTA T-shirt sales at gate first Friday of every month until 8:30am

[www.bpepta.org](http://www.bpepta.org)

# Adopt \* A \* Class

**Yes, I will adopt a class!**

I understand the *Adopt-A-Class* program requires a minimum donation of \$100. I have enclosed a check payable to:

**Bay Point Elementary Magnet School**

\$100                      \$200                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

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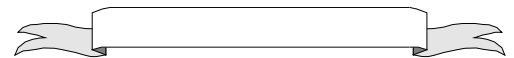
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 Your student's name

I understand my contribution is to be used this year for:

*If the funds are not spent in the current school year donors may request a refund. Otherwise the money will be transferred into the Adopt A School account for various school needs, including teachers whose classes were not adopted.*

- Classroom/Program supplies
- Teacher's Discretion

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your signature



Thank you for  
 Adopting a Class

Angulo Law Office  
 Ms. Palso

Maria & Bill Monahan  
 Gifted

Ron & Lydia Harless  
 Ms. Hillriegel

Patricia Putman & Maryann Dees  
 Ms. Hedman

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