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A Message from the Principal

Greetings BPE Families,

I am eager to share that our opening weeks of school were very successful and productive for our student learners. We extend our deepest thanks to each of you for assisting both at home and school. I would also like to share that we had a pleasant visit from Florida's First Lady, Mrs. Ann Scott. She had the delightful pleasure of observing in some of our magnet related areas, and read to three of our classes. We were elated that Bay Point Elementary was a school of choice for her visit.

We would like to remind parents and family members to maintain regular communication with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Our goal is to ensure that every student makes at least one year of growth for this school year. My goal is to also help our students and staff begin each day with a positive message, so that we maintain a CAN DO, POSITIVE SPIRIT throughout our school campus. My messages each morning focus around good character virtues such as choices, responsibilities, kindness, cooperation, and goal setting. The virtues clearly promote better self-esteem, self-discipline, and more positive social interactions. Ask your child to share the daily messages with you each day! Remember, sharing is caring.

Lastly, we would like to extend a GREAT BIG welcome to our new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Grego!

Best,

Felita Grant Lott, Principal

Calendar:

September-Septiembre

27th PTA Fiesta Night, 6:30 pm

October-Octubre

3rd PTA Safe Walk to School, 7:30 am

4th Science Center (Dodge, O'Connor)
Club Olé

5th Casual Friday
Picture Retake Day

9th Young Astronauts
11th Volunteer Fingerprinting, 8am -10am

18th Pasta for Pennies *Bring change
PTA Fall Festival, 5:30-8:30pm

19th NO SCHOOL

23rd young Astronauts
24th Perkins Olympics (gifted)

25th BPE at School Board Mtg
to receive **5 Star School Award!**

29th K Character Walk *bring costume
29th-Nov 2nd Scholastic Book Fair

Coming up:

Nov 2nd Familia Cicatriz, Spanish play

Nov 15th Great American Teach-In

Pasta for Pennies

October 18th

The class who collects the most
change wins a pasta party!



Bookmark our webpage

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

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

School Advisory Council

Now that the 2012-2013 school year has started, we are looking for families who would be interested and available to participate on our school's School Advisory Council (SAC). If you would like to join us as additional SAC member or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Hawkins, the SAC Liaison, at 727-552-1449. Meetings are held once per month. Additional Members will be selected from those who express an interest following the guidelines set forth for SAC committee membership. Those selected will be notified by the school in writing. We thank you for your interest and look forward to working with you this school year".

Noticias Olé

...Ms. Nilsa Gómez

¡Hola! From September 15th to October 15th, people all over the United States are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. On September 27th, the BPE Spanish Department will join our PTA to celebrate Hispanic Heritage in our community. We will be hosting our first annual "Fiesta Night". There will be dinner available (purchased in advance) and Club Olé students will perform various Latin dances as part of the entertainment. Come and join us in a night of fun, food and FIESTA.

The Spanish teams from area schools will join us to present *Familia Cicatriz*, a Spanish play that students enjoy every year.



What's this? It's where you log in to your classroom teacher's page!

Fall Checklist

- Made contact with my child's teacher*
- Labeled my child's jacket & lunchbox*
- Updated contact information in Portal*
- Signed up to help with an upcoming PTA event*

**In School,
On Time,
Every Class,
Every Day**

Arrive before
8:35 am - everyday
Pick Up
2:50 pm - Mon,
Tues, Thur, Fri
1:35 pm Wed



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **All-Star Book Fair: Every Reader Is a Star!** – is part of an exciting reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Parker,
Library Information Specialist

Book Fair Dates: Oct. 29-Nov. 2
Shopping Hours: 8:30 am—3:15 pm
(Closes at noon on Friday)

Adopt A Class

Kindergarten

Scott Blair & Beatriz Baraybar ~ Mr. Smith
 Mark Howerton & Joni James ~ Ms. Herens
Parkshore Grill, Tyson & Summer Grant ~ Ms. Johnson
 Laurie Robson ~ Ms. Hewett
 Sharleen Forde ~ Ms. Johnson
 Sinyee & Jorge Angulo ~ Ms. Hunt

First Grade

Jim & Lorrie Ashley ~ Mrs. Pierson
Bayview Plaza Resort,
 Robert & Mari Czynszczon ~ Mrs. Jefferis
 Mad Science, Jeff Meister ~ Ms. Griffin
 Gary & Bobbi Zolg ~ Ms. C. Wilson
 Roger & Kristen Cohen ~ Mrs. Morgan
 Gary & Bobbi Zolg ~ Ms. Griffin

Second Grade

Jim & Lorrie Ashley ~ Mrs. Pierson
 Patricia Putman ~ Ms. Williams
 Wes & Charlene Bailey ~ Mr. Bowen
 John & Carole Hall ~ Ms. Alvarez
 Wes & Charlene Bailey ~ Mrs. Pierson

Third Grade

Plaza Beach Hotel,
 Robert & Mari Czynszczon ~ Mrs. Bouanene
 Roger & Kristen Cohen ~ Mrs. Bouanene
Mad Science, Jeff Meister ~ Mr. Wood

Fourth Grade

Ted & Valerie Strickland ~ Dr. Cairns
 Suzan Harrison ~ Ms. Henderson
 John & Vanessa Nguyen ~ Mrs. White

Fifth Grade

Andrea DeSouza ~ Mr. Dodge
 Daniel & Jennifer Bell ~ Mrs. O'Connor
 Daniel & Jennifer Bell ~ Mr. Dodge
 Tim & Mary Sullivan ~ Mr. Dodge
 Tim & Mary Sullivan ~ Mrs. O'Connor

Specialists

Andrea DeSouza Rimoli ~ Mrs. McLean, Gifted

Fingerprinting Volunteers

The School Board requires that any one who has unsupervised contact with students be fingerprinted (Level II clearance).

EZFingerPrints is coming to BPE to fingerprint on campus on October 11th between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. You will need:

1. Photo ID (government issued)
2. \$51.00 cash, check or credit card
3. Registered volunteer—make sure you have reactivated your registration in Portal

Approval takes up to 72 hours. Individuals who currently have a Level II clearance (police officers, firefighters, nurses, school board employees) may provide a copy of the Level II badge/card or VECHS/FDLE paperwork to: The Office of Strategic Partnerships, 301 Fourth Street, Largo, FL 33770 - 727-588-6000 x 1853

You do not need to be fingerprinted to volunteer in the classroom under the supervision of the teacher, or to participate in PTA events.

- ◆ All volunteers, which includes guest speakers, must be registered volunteers and background checked.
- ◆ All volunteers must sign in at the front desk and log into Focus to record their hours for the day. Approval takes up to 72 hours.



Problem With the Bus?

Call Transportation at 587-2020

Thank You For Your Support!

Thank you for the support you have given to the school and PTA fundraisers! Here are some ways you can help by taking advantage of business opportunities:

Schoolstore.com is an online shopping mall with over 400 merchants. When you make everyday purchases using the site, BPE earns money—you do not have to buy anything special or pay extra money.

Target offers a percent of sales if you designate BPE on your Target debit or credit card.

Sweetbay runs a promotion for Dollars for the school. Watch your receipts for the coupon and return it to the school.

Box Tops for Education appear on food and office supplies. With one dime at a time we will have hundreds of dollars when you save the label and turn it in the office.

Parent-Teacher Association

Keep up with the latest PTA news at:
WWW.BPEPTA.ORG

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/BAY-POINT-ELEMENTARY-PTA/153952011294066](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/BAY-POINT-ELEMENTARY-PTA/153952011294066)



Go For the GOLD with BPE PTA...

Thanks to all who participated in our Fall Fundraiser. It was a great success! Stay tuned for more information on how much money we raised and what great technology items we are able to purchase for our school.

I hope you all enjoy our first Spanish Fiesta Night! Thank you to Club Olé for the entertainment, the cafeteria staff for the food, and to our Spanish Team for all their energy and commitment to make this event a success! We look forward to another Fiesta Night each year!

October 3rd is Walk to School Day. You should have received some information about where to meet and the route we will be taking. Please check our website for more information: www.bpepta.org.

October 18th is our big FALL FESTIVAL. This is a fantastic, fun event. If you have not been to the Fall Festival before, please put the date on your calendar now. We will have games, food, crafts, and more. We will also need about 100 volunteers to make this event work, so please contact our volunteer coordinator certle@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Remember to "like" us on Facebook and sign up at our website for the most up to date information. We look forward to seeing you at these October Events.

Volunteers Please Log Your Hours

You can log in hours from any computer by going to Portal and sign in using your volunteer ("v.") password. Ms. Petelle will assist you if you have difficulty.

PTA & FLES FIESTA NIGHT

Thursday, September 27th
From 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the School Cafeteria
Dancing & Entertainment!

PTA Safe Walk to School

Wednesday, October 3rd
Meet at South Branch Library *at 7:30 am
2300 Roy Hanna Drive South *check website
Walk to school at 8:00 am

PTA Fall Festival

Thursday, October 18th
5:30pm—8:30pm
School Grounds
*Please lend a hand! Contact:
Cara Ertle certle@gmail.com



Theme: "The Magic of a Moment"
Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

ART CATEGORIES:

- Dance Choreography
- Music Composition
- Film Production
- Photography
- Literature
- Visual Arts

Deadline for entries: Friday, Nov. 16th

For details, contact:

More details and entry forms may be found online at the PTA website: www.bpepta.org
Contact: Kelly D'louhy at dlouhyk@pcsb.org



Great American Teach-In

Thursday, November 15th

Parents, family members and friends are invited to our campus on this day to share information about their jobs, hobbies or interests. Enrich the lives of our students by telling us what you know! You can spend a half hour, or the whole day!

Your name _____ Contact Information _____

Child's Teacher _____

Return this form or contact Cindy Petelle~petellec@pcsb.org