

It's time to start school!

We are excited to have all our students back with us for another year of learning. We are also excited to share that our meet the teacher event will be held this year on Tuesday, August 10th, from 2:00-3:00pm.

Some other important dates to remember:

Meet the Teacher: August 10th (2:00-2:30 A-K/2:30-3:00pm L-Z)

First Day of School-August 11th

Title I Annual meeting/ Open House- August 25th.

School time: 8:45am-2:55pm

No School- September 6th

Who is my child's teacher? Class lists will be available outside the office on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 9th & 10th during business hours.

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2021-2022 school year.

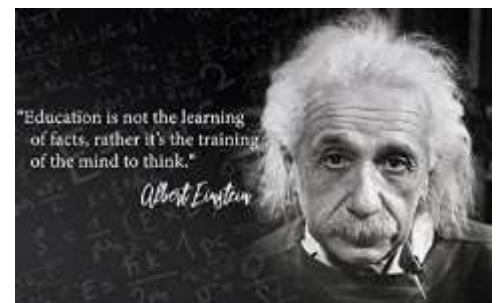
Careful consideration was given to your child's placement. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level, as well as the best way to meet the needs of all learners based on academic performance. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. With that, we will not be taking class changes requests or moving students.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. We are eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

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- **School will start** on August 11th. Our times will continue to be 8:45 to 2:55. The campus opens for students at 8:15. Student may not arrive before 8:15. The YMCA has before and after care for those that need it. Their phone number **727-864-3712** if you would like more information to register. Seats are on a limited basis so you will want to apply today.



OPEN HOUSE



➤ **Arrival:** Upon arrival students will be directed to the cafeteria for breakfast or they may go directly to class. Breakfast will stop being served at 8:50am so that our staff can begin preparation for lunch.

➤ **Masks** – Masks are no longer required though students may voluntarily wear them if they wish.



➤ **Lunch** – All students will continue to eat in our cafeteria, but we will continue to maximize space for safety. Families may once again join their students for lunch on Fridays at our outside picnic tables; but they must come during their child's designated lunch period as students will not be pulled out of learning to have lunch. Please be sure you have an ID and all visitors must be on the child's card.



➤ **Daily Learning** – teachers will cover all the state standards required of their grade level. Students will be able check out books, work on projects and collaborate with their peers once again. Your child will receive small group instruction and still have access to our computer lab and science lab materials.

➤ **Uniforms:** As you shop for back to school uniforms, please be sure to keep in mind our uniform colors. If you need assistance, please contact the school office or Clothes for Kids at 727-441-5050.

- White or Navy-Blue collared shirt or BPE PTA T-shirt*
- Khaki or Navy-Blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers

*NO other colors or jeans are permitted! Unfortunately, our PTA is currently inactive, so PTA uniform shirts and the ordering website are not available currently.



➤ **The Clinic** – If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If a student gets sick during the school day, our nurse will assess your child as in the past and consult with you. If a student exhibits illness beyond the normal stomach ache or “boo-boo”, we will request that you pick your child up. I strongly encourage you to make back-up plans for pick up and provide the front office with several people for us to contact on your behalf. Each day parents will be asked to assess their child's health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- Temperature above 100.4/chills
- Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home
- Been in close contact (15 minutes or more at less than 6 ft) with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days

- **Dismissal** – Students will be dismissed at 2:55. Students walking or reporting to the YMCA will be called first; followed by car riders and bus riders. Kindergarten Students will be dismissed with all other car riders through our parent car circle on the southside of campus. Pre-K parents will continue to pick up their students from the north side of the building. All car riders will remain in our cafeteria until they are called to come to the car line. Please be patient the first few days of school as we help our new families adjust and make sure that all students get to their proper dismissal location. The line goes quicker when everyone is following the rules.

Special Note: Please do not have your student walk to meet you at an off-campus location if they are a car rider. If a student leaves campus and then you should not be there, they are not permitted to return to campus to wait for you. It is safer for them to remain on campus and that you follow our car line dismissal process. If you designate them a walker, then they must leave campus as a walker.

- **Cleaning** – We have developed a cleaning schedule that allows for daily cleaning/disinfecting of the school building. Supplies will be provided in each classroom to allow for the cleaning of workspaces by students if they choose. These supplies will be non-irritant chemical that do not require a PPE.
- **Visitors** – Visitors are now permitted on campus for designated purposes (i.e. parent conferences, family events, volunteering, etc.). For security reasons though, families are still not permitted to walk their child to their classroom.



- **First week of school** – We will have additional adults to help your child out of your car and to their class. The same is true for our bus students. PLEASE do not park and walk your child in as you will not be permitted along the side walk. We kindly ask that you use the carline to drop off your child. I know this is scary for our first-time students, but I promise we will have plenty of adults to help your child to class and hopefully you will be able to join us for our “Meet the Teacher” event on

Aug. 10th so that you can see where they will be learning.

- **PreK Drop Off** will be in the PreK parking lot located on the north side of the building. You will see several adults there to welcome your child to school. PreK parents may park and walk their child to the entrance doors. You will receive additional directions from your child’s teacher when you arrive where to pick them up that afternoon. Only PreK parents are to use this parking area. Thank you everyone else for observing this rule all year long for the safety of our youngest learners.

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to insuring that Bay Point Elementary remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Sincerely

Mrs. Broom

Principal