

**BAY POINT ELEMENTARY** 

MAGNET SCHOOL

# **BROADCAST**

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Greetings Bay Point Families and Friends.

We have already made it to our 2nd marking period. Our students are staying focused and working hard. They are working to reach mastery of all their grade level standards. If you have not already done so, please be sure that you are checking your student's grades in parent portal regularly. This is a great resource for parents not only about their child's grades but also any attendance issues they may be having. This portal will be with your child all the way through high school, so it's great to begin practicing use of it now.

We want to remind all of our families of the importance of attendance. Even a few minutes late impacts your child's day. What may seem like only one day here or there adds up. Students with regular attendance show academic gains greater than their peers who miss even one day a month. It is something simple that has a great impact. A few helpful hints for our families and visitors about attendance:

- If you are picking up your child from school early for an appointment, please be sure that you bring the proper ID and that you do so before 2:00pm. Without the proper ID, even if you are a regular visitor to campus, we will not be able to release your child to you.
- If you are changing your child's going home instructions, please be sure to let your child's teacher know in writing in their planner as well as notifying the front office. We do not take student's words for those
- School starts promptly at 8:45am. If your child is arriving at that time or later, they are considered tardy to school. Please be sure though that your child does not arrive to campus prior to 8:15am as there is no adult supervision until that time.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please be sure to send a note in to the school and/or use our online absence reporting tool to let us know why (more info available in this newsletter).

Finally, we wanted to ask all of our families' support in making sure that your student is regularly using their CLEVER program to get onto their iReady practice site as well as their other school resources. This site allows them at-home practice in Reading and Math to help grow their understanding of grade level concepts or supports in areas that they need growth. We recommend that each student should at least try for 45 minutes in Reading and 45 minutes in Math each week. Your child can show you how to check if they are getting their minutes.

Sincerely Mrs. Sara Broom Principal



### Calendar: November

- 11 Picture retakes
- 17 Great American Teach-in
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Break (Schools closed)

**Upcoming in December** 

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3: Winter Break



#### Office Hours

7:45 AM-3:45 PM Office Phone: 727-552-1449 Dial "0" for the Front Office **School Website:** 

www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es TIP: Bookmark this page in your browser!

### **Commitment to Character**

#### Citizenship

Being law abiding and involved in service to the school, community, and country

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Educate and Prepare Each Student for College, Career and Life.

### Great American Teach-In

## JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

We invite our school community to volunteer to share information about their jobs, hobbies or special areas of interest during our annual Great American Teach-in, Nov. 17th. If you would be interested in sharing a recorded video, going live online or an in person presentation with our students for a session or two, please contact Mrs. Stetz at the school: 727-552-1449.

### We would love to have you!

### Tech News



Our students have several online programs that can be accessed at home. Every student has their own username and password to access all

of our online programs. If you have any questions or are having issues with your students getting on Clever to access these programs, please contact your child's teacher or Miss Batschi at 727-552-1449 so that they can get you assistance.







### Time is Important

#### **School Times:**

Gates Open 8:15am
Free Breakfast Begins at 8:15

Gates Close 8:45am

Classes Start 8:45am

Classes Dismiss 2:55pm

#### November notes:

- Students should not be dropped off on campus prior to 8:15am unless they are part of the YMCA. This is a safety issue as adult duty does not start until then.
- ♦ Students should not be picked up early as they are missing vital learning. Every minute counts.
- If your child is going to be absent, please be sure to call and send a note in when they return explaining their absence. You can also report a student absence on our website at: http://www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es

### Every Minute Counts....

Every minute counts in learning, so if your child is absent or tardy more than 10% of the time, they are missing vital instruction. With that, we are sending home attendance notices to those students who are frequently absent or tardy (excused or unexcused). Regular, on-time attendance, is part of the magnet agreement. It is important that you talk to us if your child is having difficulty getting to school. Call us at 727-552-1449. If your child must be absent, don't forget to send a note letting us know why. You can even do it online at https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20892. We are here to help!



### Magnet News

The Application Period for new students entering Kindergarten, 6th grade, or 9th grade in the 2022-2023 school year or students wanting to move into an application program is Jan. 5th — 14th, 2021.

## Bay Point's Discovery Night will be held November 4th at 6 pm.

If your student is already a student here at Bay Point in Kindergarten—4th grade you do not need to reapply!

### Safety First

See something....Say something!

Please report any cases of bullying or student safety issues at

### www.saysomething.net

### Don't Forget

ID ARE REQUIRED IF YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ARE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY OR LATE FROM SCHOOL. ALSO, ALL THOSE SENT MUST BE ON THE STUDENT'S INFORMATION CARD FOR US TO RELEASE THEM- SO PLEASE **KEEP THAT UP TO DATE!!!!** 



It's never okav! If you have a bully concern, please submit a report. https://www.saysomething.net/

### Dress for Success...we are a uniform school

Just a gentle reminder that the school dress code must be followed at all times:

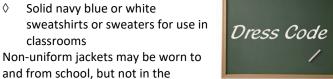
#### **Bottoms**

- Solid khaki/tan or navy blue (free of writing and designs)
- $\Diamond$ Shorts, skirts, jumpers or long pants
- $\Diamond$ No denim (jeans) material

- Solid navy blue or white, short or long sleeve, polo-style with collars (free of writing and designs)-No powder or light blue is permitted
- Bay Point Elementary School logo T-shirts previously sold by the PTA
- White or navy blue turtlenecks are allowed in the winter months

#### **Sweatshirts and Sweaters**

Solid navy blue or white sweatshirts or sweaters for use in classrooms



Tops

classrooms

Girlfriends Club Meeting Dates

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

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iEstamos en Noviembre, si, si si! What an exciting month! Our students are looking forward to learning all about *El Dia de los Muertos*. This is a world wide cultural celebration, where many Hispanic countries honor their loved ones who have passed away. Our scholars will enjoy learning how to make altars, Mexican flowers and even papel picado. They will also enjoy tasty treats like Pan de Muerto and sugared skulls. We all enjoy this time of year.

Our scholars are making wonderful progress in their Spanish classes. This month our Kindergarteners, First and Second graders will learn their alphabet and vegetables in Spanish as well as continue to work on their greetings and numbers. Our Third and Fourth graders will be telling time and continue working on their personal pronouns in Spanish. And finally, our Fifth graders will be learning about food as well as their likes and dislikes during each meal of the day.

Wishing our Bay Point families a happy Fall.

iGracias!

Sra. Jakubik, Sra. Morejon and Sra. Pernía

### **Reporting Absences Online**

Attendance Goal: To reduce the number of students missing 10% or more of school (10% is equal to missing about 2 days of school per month during a school year).

Families may log on to our school's website at <a href="www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es">www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es</a> to report their child's absence that day. Please see the specific directions and visual displays below.

The top of the website looks like this with the icon on the right.



Click on the icon "Report Student Absence" and it will direct you on how to report your student's absence. The page will look like this (see below). Click on the blue circle and it will create an email to the school directly.



Don't forget to include your student's name, date of birth, grade, date absent and the reason when reporting. It is that easy! No more waiting on the phone to talk to someone.

\*Other ways to report an absence include sending a note to your child's teacher in the agenda book or turning in the note directly to our schools DMT (Data Management Technician) in the front office.



### ATTENTION PARENTS!

## Do your kids need clothes?

#### What is Clothes To Kids?

Clothes To Kids Inc. is a nonprofit organization with three stores located in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties where children in crisis or eligible for free or reduced priced lunch can shop for a week's worth of clothes — free of charge. The selections at our stores are a combination of new and quality-used clothing (underwear and socks are always new).

#### Each shopper receives a wardrobe which includes:

5 pairs of new underwear, 5 pairs of new socks, 5 tops, 4 bottoms (including uniforms), 1 dress (optional), 1 pair of shoes and a jacket (in season)

### There are two ways PreK4 to 12th grade children can receive a wardrobe:

- Shop with us in person! Call 727-441-5050 (ext. 101 for Clearwater store or ext. 201 for St. Pete store) and schedule your appointment.
- Clothes To Go. Visit: https://clothestokids.org/. Complete a Clothes To Go form and request a wardrobe :



- Follow the instructions on the webpage and click on Open Form.
- Complete the form as instructed for all students in the family (PreK4 to 12th grade)
- When form is completed, click submit.
- Clothes To Kids, Inc., will contact you when your Clothes To Go bag(s) are assembled and ready to be picked-up.