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Dates to Remember

Thursday, Oct 6
 Early Dismissal Drill
 Back to School Night
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday, Oct 7
 K-12 Conference Day -
 NO SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 10
 Columbus Day - NO
 SCHOOL

Wednesday, Oct 12
 IL Picture Day
 PACE Info. Meeting
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 13
 BOE Policy Committee
 Meeting
 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Letter from the Principal

Dear Bay Trail Community,

Each year we talk with students about Asset Building and the importance of having positive supports at home, in school, and in the community. We also discuss with students our goal to make sure Bay Trail is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, both physically and emotionally. Our Building a Caring Community program speaks directly to this issue and helps students understand their role in keeping Bay Trail safe and welcoming. Lastly, we talk with students about Character Education. Our student planner has a character education section that is used on a regular basis for school-wide and classroom presentations. Please take time throughout the year to talk with your Bay Trail student about the attributes discussed in this section. The character trait for October is **Respect**.



Administrators have met with students in their classrooms to discuss the aspect of our motto, Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others, and Take Care of Bay Trail. We are reinforcing these messages through clear behavior expectations posted throughout the building that are representative of this motto. In addition, administrators reviewed the A B C's of Bay Trail, student dress code and discipline code through their classroom presentations.

Our [Bay Trail website](#) is your source for current Bay Trail happenings, such as Red Ribbon Week and the Book Fair which are coming up in October. You can also access athletic information through a link on our website. Fall modified sports are in full swing and our students are testing their athletic abilities.

We have a new format in place for Academic Support Center (ASC) for Bay Trail students this school year. In an effort to streamline academic support for all students to meet the goal of achieving success in school, there will be one academic support center in the Bay Trail Library on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:40 p.m. Students can voluntarily stay after school to work on school work. Teachers may assign a student to ASC to complete essential assignments after contacting the parent about missing work. Teachers will be available at ASC to assist students when needed.

You can keep track of your child's academic progress by logging into the parent portal of Infinite Campus. If you need assistance with your log in, please contact the Bay Trail Main Office at 249-6450. In Infinite Campus you can monitor due dates of your child's assignments as well as their grades on completed assignments. Please keep in mind that it may take a teacher time to grade the assignment once it is collected. There may be a delay from the due date to when the teacher enters a grade for an assignment. You can also verify your contact information in Infinite Campus. If you have a new email address, or if we do not have your email address, you can update that information in the parent portal.

We hope to see you at our Back-to-School nights on October 4 for sixth grade, and October 5 for seventh and eighth grades from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Schedules designed for the evening programs will be mailed home. This is a time for you to see your child's classrooms, learn about the curriculum and meet teachers. The evening programs provide teachers with the opportunity to give a brief presentation of their curriculum and classroom routines. If you

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would like more information, or have questions specific to your child, please contact the teacher or the counselor.

Thank you for all the support you give our students.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Winton Buddington

Bay Trail Principal

Teacher Feature

Proudly Introducing: New faculty at Bay Trail

Enjoy some fun facts below about some of our newest members of the Bay Trail family.

Mrs. Stutz joined Bay Trail this past summer as the new House C principal. When she was in middle school, her favorite subject was Earth Science and her favorite memory was the Washington, D.C. trip. She earned the nickname "Baby Giraffe" because she is so tall! The most interesting place she has been is Prague, but she someday hopes to visit an active volcano. Even though ELA was not her favorite subject, her favorite book is Lord of the Flies, and her favorite movie is The Goonies. When stressed out she likes to clean, but don't ask her to dust your clown collection, because she is afraid of them. Mrs. Stutz has always worked in the field of education but would enjoy refinishing furniture when she retires.

Mrs. Lostumbo is a school counselor in House C. She did her graduate internship here at Bay Trail in 2012 while at Roberts Wesleyan College. Before becoming a counselor, Mrs. Lostumbo worked as a cashier, as a waitress, in the shoe department at Macy's and as a lifeguard. She obviously enjoys the water, because her favorite middle school memory is making the varsity swim team, and she would like to retire to a life of reading on the beach. She also loves listening to Justin Timberlake, eating her grandmother's pasta and not surprisingly, traveling to Italy. Her favorite book is Bossy Pants by Tina Fey, and she enjoys watching Friends, The Office and Parks and Rec on television. Someday she hopes to travel to Greece.



Mrs. Ferranti is also a school counselor in House A. She recently moved back to Rochester from Boston, MA. Her nickname growing up was KK and her favorite subject in middle school was science. She loves observing nature, especially snorkeling under the sea! Her favorite middle school memories are a school-wide lip-sync contest and dress-down days, because her school required uniforms. She enjoys all cuisines and traveling, and would love to visit Thailand. Mrs. Ferranti has worked many education-oriented part-time and summer jobs, and in her retirement would like to try interior designing and puppy sitting.

Submitted by Karen Graham, Faculty PTA liaison

National PTA Reflections Program

Do you love the arts and being creative? Consider creating a piece for submission to this year's Reflections competition.

The 2016-2017 Reflections program theme is "What is Your Story?"

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

National PTA Reflections is America's oldest and largest arts education program of its kind. The program encourages students to explore their talents and express themselves. All Bay Trail students are invited to participate. Entries will be judged by community artists and

winning entries will move on to the regional level of judging and maybe on to state and national levels.

You may submit entries in film production, dance choreography, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Entries will be due in early November and student entry forms will be available soon on the PTA website or from Mr. Garza.

To see some examples of past submissions or to read the guidelines for each submission category, [visit the district's Reflections page](#).

If you have any questions, please e-mail reflections@baytrailpta.org.

Announcing the NYS PTA Reflections Art Roadshow Exhibit

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00pm

Hosted by Genesee Valley Region

Location: Monroe 1 BOCES, 15 Linden Park, Rochester NY 14625

This two week-long public access art exhibit features the original multimedia artwork of the 2015-2016 NYS PTA Reflections Award of Excellence and Award of Merit students.

The NYS PTA Reflections Art Roadshow mission is to bring communities together in celebration of student success in the PTA Reflections Program, while advocating for quality arts education for all children.

Please email pta.office@nyspta.org if you would like to attend! Deadline to register is October 7. Let's celebrate the arts and our students together.

We hope you can join us for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, featuring a multimedia student art display and remarks from New York State PTA, Genesee Valley Region PTA, and other special guests.

Programs for Students with Disabilities



Wed., October 19 @ 7:00pm

Bay Trail Library

Learn about programs and services offered in our community for students with disabilities. Representatives from AutismUp, Spectrum Creative Arts and The Family Autism Center will speak about their program offerings for this fall/winter.

A student does NOT need to have a disability to access these services and programs.

We have great resources in our community - Come learn about some of them!

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

SEPTA is Penfield's Special Education Parent Teacher Association. Our purpose is to create a positive, collaborative organization of parents and professionals to foster understanding, respect, support and appropriate education for all students with different abilities.

<http://www.penfield-septa.org/>

Penfield SEPTA Swimming at Eastside YMCA

Penfield SEPTA has partnered with the Eastside YMCA to develop an after school swimming program for ALL students. The focus of this program will be to develop swimming skills, as well as working to improve socialization skills.

The program will take place:

Wednesdays Oct. 12- Nov.16, 2016. **

3:30-4:00 pm for secondary students*

AND:

4:00- 4:30 for elementary students

*Bussing may be available for Bay Trail students- bussing will only be available 1 week after student registration is complete. Contact Mary Salluzzo (info below) to coordinate bussing.

****[Priority Registration for children with special needs open until Oct. 5th.](#)**

Registration for general education students begins 10/5/2016.

Cost: \$40 for the 6-week program
\$30 for YMCA members

To register for this program, please contact Sean Anne, Aquatics director at Eastside YMCA: seana@RochesterYMCA.org

We are utilizing TIES not only to grow this program, but to also develop new programs, and are asking that if your child needs support (and is at least 8 years old), please contact TIES coordinator Shannon McGregor for a TIES volunteer: tiesprogrampenfield@outlook.com

For any questions regarding this program, please contact Mary Salluzzo, SEPTA Recreation Chair: salluzzo23@yahoo.com

Project Enrichment

Please find the whole-school enrichment calendar for the 2016-2017 school year [here](#). For each event, we have listed:

- * the month
- * the type of program it is (field trip, large group presentation, Book Bunch, workshop or visiting artist) and
- * the title of the event

There are a variety of ways students can choose to participate. Generally, if it is a field trip, students must apply. We also welcome recommendations from teachers for students whom they feel would benefit from the experience. For large group presentations, we offer passes to all students on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, we extend invitations to teachers to bring whole classes.

As each program draws near, we will include specific information about the program on the morning announcements, in enews, BTTV, in the Trailblazer and on our teacher pages.

As always, we direct students to check with teachers before and after each event to make up any classroom work they will miss. Also, as part of our program, we often require additional student responsibilities in relation to the event. For example, for each field trip, the students are required to participate in a wrap-around program which prepares them for the trip and also allows for reflection time afterward. Many different types of activities take place during the wrap-around, such as power point presentations, Socratic seminars, vocabulary games, web-based scavenger hunts and writing performance reviews.

If you have any questions regarding our whole-school program, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Cindy Salsedo Karen Graham Kerry Young
House A Enrichment House B Enrichment House C Enrichment

[Enrichment Calendar](#)

Unity Day

Together against bullying--united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion

Unity Day is Wednesday, October 17.

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities, make your color **ORANGE** on Unity Day. That is the day everyone can come together - in schools, communities and online - and send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Everyone in the Bay Trail community can participate. Wear **ORANGE** in the school, workplace, home and community on October 19th. It can be an orange T-shirt, tie, wristband, socks or even shoelaces.

"One of every four school-aged children will be bullied this year- upwards of 13 million students," said Julie Hertzog, director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, which sponsors Unity Day and founded National Bullying Prevention Month in 2006. " It's important these students know they are not alone and that they have the right to feel safe. By joining together and wearing **ORANGE** on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about students physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society."

Visit PACER.ORG for more information on Unity Day and Bullying Prevention.

Library News: Annual Call for Volunteers and Book Fair!

Parents and other community members help make the Bay Trail Library great by assisting with shelving, displays, bookmark making and more. We can never have too many volunteers so please give us a call whether you have a few hours a week or a few hours a month to offer.

Our annual Book Fair runs from October 24th to October 28th. The book fair will be open in the library during the school day and all students will have the opportunity to visit the fair with either their ELA or reading class. We will also be open to the public on Wednesday, October 26th from 6 - 8pm so that students may visit with their family. Visiting the book fair is a great way to encourage your child to read and also supports the programs we offer here at the library.

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis or to help with the book fair, please contact Sandy at 249-6472 or shoffarth@penfield.edu.

Thanks and enjoy those fall colors!

Chelsea Johnson & Ben Griffin
Bay Trail Librarians

News from the Health Office

Penfield School District is looking for substitute nurses. If you are a Registered Professional Nurse and are interested in subbing in the school district, please contact Kathy Harris, Penfield Nurse Facilitator, at kharris@penfield.edu or 249-6406.

Chris Hugunine
Bay Trail Middle School
Health Office Secretary
(585) 249-6464

Science Olympiad Needs You!

Science Olympiad, a competition involving many events in different fields of science, is underway. We have completed our meeting cycle and are awaiting student forms.

Parents and others: we need volunteer coaches. The events still open are Dynamic Planet (Tectonics), Hovercraft, Optics, and Mystery Design. If you think you may be interested, check out descriptions of events for B division at www.soinc.org; events are also listed at www.newyorkscioly.org. For more information, email or call Mr. Terwilliger at Bay Trail 249-6891, ext. 7323 and leave a message. Thanks!!

Coping with School Stress

From the Bay Trail Mental Health Team

These [5 tips](#) can help kids cope with school stress and homework pressure -- and ease school anxiety for kids of all ages.

[READ MORE>>](#)

Please support Penfield FIRST Robotics

Fundraiser Night at Bill Gray's

Penfield, NY 14526

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016

4:30-8:30 p.m.

Present [this flyer](#) or mention that you're with Penfield Robotics & Bill Gray's will donate 15% of your purchase to FRC Team 1511 Rolling Thunder, FTC Team 6996 Oncoming Storm, and Penfield First Lego League (FLL) Teams.

Thanks for your support!

Head's Up

Concussion in Youth Sports

For information on concussions and how to prevent concussions, please read [the following link](#).

Thank You!

A huge Bay Trail PTA thank you goes out to the many folks who helped make this year's two locker set up nights successful and fun.

Thank you Verizon Wireless - specifically the Victor store (60 Square Dr, Victor, NY 14564 Phone:(585) 223-9950) for donating time and equipment to help us take online orders for locker shelving and memberships. Matt Reilly and Gary Zwick are Penfield parents and Verizon employees who really went the extra mile for the PTA during locker set up nights.

Thank you to our Food truck vendors who generously donated a portion of the proceeds from the locker set up night truck rally back to Bay Trail PTA. Thank you Mr. V's, Kona Ice, Macarollin, Abbotts and Wraps on Wheels!

And thank you to all our parent volunteers who worked the tables for our two Back to School nights.

The deadline for submissions to the September Trailblazer is Oct **28th**.

Please email submissions to:
trailblazer@baytrailpta.org

Penfield PTSA/PTA/HSA

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