



The Jaguar Journal

The Week of August 17, 2026

A Brief Message from Mr. Jones...

Dear Bay Vista Fundamental Families,

Our first week of school is officially in the books! Thank you for helping make the opening of the school year such a smooth and successful one. We appreciate the partnership and support of our Bay Vista families as we begin another great year together.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who attended the Fundamental Parent Meeting this past Thursday evening. We hope the meeting provided a stronger understanding of our Fundamental Program policies and expectations, as well as information about the many ways you can support Bay Vista through our outstanding PTA. If you were not able to attend the meeting or if you need to review the presentation shared, please see the presentation later in the newsletter.

As a reminder, this week will be the final week of our Fundamental Program grace period.

Beginning Monday, August 24, all Fundamental Program policies and expectations will be strictly enforced. We appreciate your attention to these guidelines and your continued support in helping our students be successful.

Please take a few moments to review the remainder of *The Jaguar Journal* for additional important information, upcoming events, and school updates.

Thank you for your partnership and for helping us make Bay Vista such a special place for our students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,
Carlmon Jones, Principal

Save the Dates

Friday, August 21 -

Grace Period for Fundamental Expectations Ends

- Fundamental guidelines and progressive consequences strictly enforced beginning Monday, August 24.



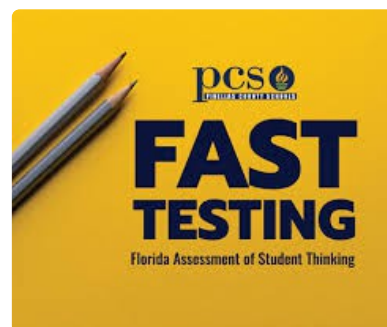
Monday, August 24 - September 25 -



- Progress Monitoring 1 testing window opens for grades K - 2 for the STAR assessments.
- Teachers will communicate assessment days with each family, as students may test on different days.

Monday, August 31 - September 25 -

- Progress Monitoring 1 testing window opens for grades 3 - 5 for the FAST assessments.
- Teachers will communicate assessment days with each family, as students may test on different days.



Monday, September 7 -

Labor Day

- Pinellas County Schools closed in honor of this holiday.



Tuesday, September 8 -

- Parents (only) may eat lunch with their child, during their designated lunch time, in the Rainbow Garden. (Monday - Friday)
- Parents must sign-in through the Front Office.

Join Our SAC Board!

The School Advisory Council is Seeking New Board Members

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a collaborative group of parents, teachers, school staff, community members, and administrators who work together to support school improvement and student achievement. The SAC Board provides input on school goals, reviews academic progress, helps develop and monitor the School Improvement Plan, and promotes communication between the school and the community. If you are interested in being considered for a SAC Board position please click on the link below to be considered.



Microsoft Forms

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Attendance Matters



Attendance Matters Flyer - BVF.docx

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After School Actviities



Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program taught by fully-trained coaches. Join us this season on Soccer Island for soccer skills, character-building curriculum designed specifically for kids, and a whole lot of FUN!

Enroll Now for the Fall Season!

Location: Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary

Ages: All children K-3rd grade are welcome to enroll!

When: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30PM, September 1st - October 20th (8 sessions)

Cost: \$155 + \$35 annual enrollment fee

****No equipment or cleats required!****

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida is neither sponsoring nor affiliated with this event.

Enroll now at soccershots.com/suncoast

Questions? 727.308.1200 | suncoast@soccershots.com



Happenings Around Bay Vista



Check Out What's Happening on Campus and in Classrooms on Our Facebook Page

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BayVistaFundamental/>
- After visiting the page, please follow our page to get updates through Facebook.

Archived Information

General Information

School Hours

- 8:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.
 - Parents may begin dropping their child off as early as 7:45 a.m. (not any earlier due to lack of supervision)
 - Students not in their class by 8:15 a.m. will be marked as tardy.
- Early Pick-Up Ends at 1:30 p.m.
- Cut off time to change child's dismissal option is 1:30 p.m.

Arrival Information

Car Drop-Off Procedures

- Parents are asked to use the Car Circle to safely drop their child(ren) off.
 - Students in **2nd and 5th grade will use the right-most lane** closest to the school building and drop their child off by the Purple Gate. Staff will be there to direct you where to drop off.
 - Students in **Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade will use the left-most lane** closest to the parking spaces to drop their child(ren) off by the Blue Gate. Staff will be there to direct you where to drop off.
- When students are being dropped off, students should only exit their vehicle from the passenger side only.
- **IMPORTANT:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street and 58th Avenue ARE NOT DESIGNATED for student drop-off.

R' Club Drop-Off Procedures

- Parents must park in the parking spots at the southern edge of campus as you enter the Car Circle. Please do not use the Car Circle lanes to drop your child off at R Club.
 - **R' Club drop-off ends at 7:30 a.m. daily.**

Walkers Procedures

- **If walking along Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St. (same side of the street as the school):** Students should enter campus where the cross walk is located in the car circle (next to the staff parking lot). Staff will be there to escort students across the drive.
- **If crossing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St.:** Parents and students should use the cross walk and be directed across the street by the school crossing guard. Students should enter campus where the cross walk is located in the car circle (next to the staff parking lot). Staff will be there to escort students across the drive.
- **If approaching the school along 58th Avenue (walking west towards Dr. MLK Jr. St.):** Walk to Dr. MLK Jr. St. and head south; approach the sidewalk leading to the cross walk. The sidewalk leading onto campus (next to the car circle exit) is not a student entrance option.

Dismissal Information

Private Vehicle Pick-Up Procedures

- Vehicles will be permitted to enter the car circle at approximately 2:15 p.m.
- Vehicles may line up in either line.
- Parents/grown-ups will be given a hanging car tag that should be hung on the rearview mirror, with their child(ren)'s names clearly written on it, to assist with the efficiency of getting students to their vehicle.
- **Up to eight (8) vehicles at a time will be directed to approach the area to pick their student(s) up.**
- Students names will be called - using the hanging car tag student name(s) - and students will enter their vehicle on the passenger side only.
 - Safety Patrols and adult staff will assist students in entering their vehicle.
- **Students not picked up by 2:50 p.m. daily will be marked tardy.**

- Staff will make a courtesy call to the parent/grown-up to inform them their child has not been picked up from school as of yet.
- Parents/grown-ups will have to go to the Front Office to retrieve their child.

We ask for patience for the first several days of school for everyone to get used to our processes in getting students safely to their ride home.

Walkers Procedures

- Students will be escorted, by grade level, across the cross walk and onto the sidewalk area (**Parent Meeting Point**) along Dr. Martin Luther king, Jr. St. **The Parent Meeting Point is the area where parents/grown-ups can retrieve their child(ren).** Please exit the area once you have your child(ren).
 - Parents may not walk onto campus to pick up students.
- Teachers / staff will stay with the students they escorted across at the Parent Meeting Point until all students have been accounted for.
 - Students not picked up by 2:35 p.m. will be escorted back onto campus by staff.
 - **Parents not physically at the Parent Meeting Point to retrieve their child by 2:35 p.m. will have to either: a) enter the car line to retrieve their child, or b) wait until the car line dies down to retrieve their child.**

Vans Procedures

- Students who are picked up by an outside agency (i.e. Boys & Girls Club van, Lake Vista Rec. van, karate, etc.) will be escorted to the van loading area alongside 58th Avenue.
- Staff will communicate with each van driver to ensure students get in the appropriate van.
- Anywhere along 58th Avenue, including where vans park, is not a designated parent pick-up area.

R' Club Procedures

- Students enrolled in R' Club will all be escorted to the cafeteria by school staff.
- R' Club pick-up will be available after 2:50 p.m. daily.



BVF Parent Handbook 2026.27

This handbook contains all Fundamental Program policies aligned with Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary School. Please reference as needed.

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Fundamental Parent Meeting Presentation 26.27

This is the presentation that was shared at the 8/13/26 Fundamental Parent Meeting at Lakewood High School. Please reference as needed.

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BVF Parent Meeting Calendar 2627SY (1).pdf

This is the gold-colored handout parents received at the 8/13/26 Fundamental Parent Meeting at Lakewood high School. Please reference as needed.

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New Worlds Reading

Florida offers families a free program called New Worlds Reading that helps VPK – 5th graders build their reading skills. Enrolled students get:

- 9 books that families choose each school year that are translated in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or braille.
- Reading guides and activities that help kids develop their literacy

skills.

Available books include popular series like *Clifford the Big Red Dog* and *The Magic School Bus*. There is no income requirement to participate! The program was created and funded by our state legislature, so it really is free for eligible families. 80% of VPK - 5th graders in Florida public and charter schools qualify, so when in doubt, fill the application out!

Apply today at newworldsreading.com.

BAY VISTA FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL UNIFORMS

JAGUAR STYLE!

✓ POLOS & DRESSES

Wear a solid polo or dress in one of our approved colors:

White Black Hunter Green Navy Blue Yellow Baby Blue Gray Navy Dress

✓ BAY VISTA TEE SHIRTS

Bay Vista tee shirts are always acceptable!

✓ UNIFORM BOTTOMS

Shorts, pants or skirts in one of our approved colors:

Khaki Navy Black Gray Khaki Navy Gray

✓ FOOTWEAR

Sneakers or canvas shoes with rubber bottoms.

Shoes must have rubber bottoms for safety!

✓ HOODIES, JACKETS & SWEATERS

May be worn in class if they are plain or Bay Vista branded in one of the approved colors:

Hunter Green Navy Blue Black Gray Baby Blue Yellow

Approved colors: Hunter Green, Navy Blue, Black, Gray, Baby Blue or Yellow
★ Hoodies, jackets & sweaters worn in class must be plain or Bay Vista branded.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS... AND READY TO ROAR!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP BAY VISTA FUNDAMENTAL LOOKING SHARP!



Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary School School Improvement Plan 2026 – 2027



VISION: 100% Student Success

MISSION: To educate all learners to become successful, productive members of society by providing a safe, positive learning community.

The Jaguar Focus: Key Priorities

DATA and GOALS	2025 – 26 (Actual)	2026 – 27 Goals
ELA Achievement	78%	81%
ELA Achievement (Grade 3)	82%	83%
ELA Learning Gains	68%	81%
ELA L25 Learning Gains	61%	70%
Math Achievement	86%	87%
Math Learning Gains	75%	85%
Math L25 Learning Gains	61%	70%
Science Achievement	83%	84%

Collaborative Planning for High- Quality Instruction



Teachers will engage in collaborative planning for the purpose of:

- Unpacking benchmarks
- Establishing lesson clarity, relevance, and success criteria
- Planning to address misconceptions
- Planning for engaging student tasks to enhance instruction and the instructional experience

Data Analysis and Progress Monitoring



Teachers will:

- Engage in data conversations that focus on reviewing and analyzing multiple data points.
- Analyze student work samples to identify trends, misconceptions, and plan for next steps
- Identify students in need of intervention and enrichment based on multiple data points
- Engage in data chats with their students regarding their current progress, goal setting and commitments to achieve goals

Flexible Grouping Based on Student Data



Teachers will:

- Create flexible student "pop-up" groups targeting specific skills and benchmarks using multiple data points from FAST/STAR, district, and classroom formative assessments
- Regroup students based on current data and demonstrated proficiency and/or mastery
- Ensure intervention and enrichment opportunities are available for all students



PLEASE NOTE: Once officially approved by the School Board, the entire School Improvement Plan will be uploaded for your viewing.

Donate to Bay Vista

Support Bay Vista Fundamental Any Time

Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary School is seeking support from our parents, families, and community partners. Donations of any amount help provide valuable resources, educational materials, and enriching opportunities for our students.

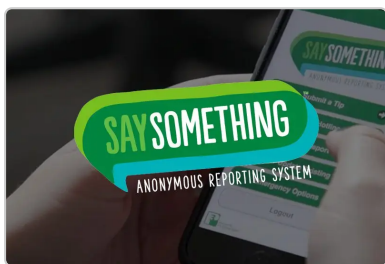


Every contribution makes a difference and helps us continue creating a positive learning environment where all students can thrive.

Thank you for supporting Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary School and investing in the future of our students!

You may click on the title of this section to access the donation link or use the QR Code to your right.

Report a Safety Concern or Threat



Say Something Tips – Sandy Hook Promise

Say Something Anonymous Reporting System allows users to submit secure tips to help at-risk people before they hurt themselves or others. Learn more.

saysomething.net



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

getfortifyfl.com



