

# Bobcat Banner

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BAY HAVEN CHARTER ACADEMY



2009-2010

**Remember that every expert was once a beginner.**



## Message from Dr. Tim Kitts Chief Education Officer

A tremendous number of changes have taken place at Bay Haven this past year. We have responded to the demand from our parents and the community by opening three new charter schools. The soccer team won their second consecutive county championship. Math Counts, once again went to the state championships and academically out of over 3500 K-8 schools we are ranked in the top 10. Our national recognition at the National Charter School conference in Washington D.C. this past summer was validation that we are doing many things very well. The most important thing learned in all of these accolades is that we need to focus on the things that have made us successful. Leadership that guides us to fulfill our mission based upon the educational philosophies we have chosen as part of our formula for student learning and teacher application. Teacher quality must be elevated through continuous professional development and finally parental involvement is critical to student success. We will continue the mission. Together we must stay the course.

### We have 5 schools? Explain that!

Bay Haven Charter Academy, Inc. is the corporation that over sees all of our schools. The Board of Directors are charged with setting policy and approving the budget for the 5 schools. Each school is given a cost center number. It's like having 5 different stores, but we have two at the current location and three on the North Bay Haven campus. It is extremely cost effective to use this model. At Bay Haven we will continue to have one principal for the 600 elementary students and the same principal for the 450 middle school students. North Bay Haven will start with one principal for the high school and middle school and one principal for the elementary school. Once they are at full capacity in their final facility destination they will have 3 different principals for the 3 different schools. They will be on one site and share facility costs, personnel costs as well as insurance, utilities, etc. The only model somewhat similar in Florida public district schools is when they create a K-8 or K-12 school. This saves money and allows for instructional articulation.

### Bay Haven Foundation

The Bay Haven Foundation is designed to serve all Bay Haven schools. This year the foundation set out to raise money for technology. Unfortunately, the golf tournament was cancelled due to lack of sponsorship and players. The first annual BHCA "GALA" was a success. The numbers weren't tremendous, but the program was phenomenal. Todd Herendeen performed, the silent auction was loaded with awesome prizes that people purchased for a steal, the food was fantastic and all in attendance had a great time. Next year it will be the event to *Not Miss!* We continue to need parents who want to be a part of this important support mechanism for all of Bay Haven. The state just doesn't provide enough money to allow us to stay on the "cutting edge" for our children through technology. Make the commitment to get involved and you will be doing your child and everyone else's child a great service. Let's do it the best we can the first time because kids don't get a do over.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS



HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

**Dr. Tim Kitts**, Chief Education Officer

**Larry Bolinger**, Principal

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### Monthly Meetings

1st Thursday - Board

2nd Tuesday - Foundation

4th Tuesday - PTSP



## A Message from Principal Bolinger

It is with deep honor and great enthusiasm that I am writing my first principal's message. Dr. Kitts and I are transitioning his principal's duties and will do so through the end of this school year. I want to thank him for his faith in me as he hands off this school he so dearly loves. Of course, he will remain in his office on the campus as he builds the central office staff which will oversee the operations of both Bay Haven and North Bay Haven schools; so he will still be an integral part of the daily life of the school.

We are working diligently to prepare for the closing of this school year. Soon we will be receiving our FCAT scores, taking final exams in the middle school and closing out the classrooms for the summer. We will all celebrate that last day with classroom parties, yearbook signings and activities to send us all into the summer with a smile!

I plan to communicate with you regularly through the Bobcat Banner as well as a new streaming weekly video on our website. Of course, you can always just email me, pick up the phone or just drop on in. I will strive to always be available to you to discuss your issues or concerns. Come on by!

Larry

## PTSP Pointers President's Message *with Nancy Crow*



Summer is here! Whoo-hoo!

I wish you all a fun and safe summer break. Rest assured that, while you all are enjoying your break, your PTSP officers will be steadily working on next year's projects and events. **If you have feedback or suggestions**, now is the time. Please email me at the address provided below.

Thanks to everyone who sold Classic Cookie products. We had 18 students who qualified for the Limo to Lunch by selling 20 or more items. We had 81 students who qualified for the Ice Pop / Silly String party by selling 7 or more items. The proceeds for this fundraiser have been allocated for our Student of the Quarter / Citizen of the Quarter program.

I am so thankful for all of you who have helped make this a successful year in terms of fundraising and events by volunteering your valuable time. A special thank you to Sonja Barber for coordinating SOQ/COQ this year; Linda Waddy for coordinating the Uniform Shop, Copy Center, Book Fairs, and ink cartridges (and so much more!); April Fadely for coordinating Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Coke Rewards; Mrs. Irby and Mrs. Kensinger for Art to Remember and the Student Art Show; and all of this year's event coordinators. I would also like to thank Barbara Nazaruk for providing our BHCA staff with an opportunity to update their photo on their web pages as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Your PTSP officers for the 2010-2011 school year are: President - Nancy Crow, Vice President - Laura Swindler, Fundraising / Events Coordinator - Linda Waddy, Treasurer - Ellie Eskine, Secretary - Monika Bennett, Communications Coordinator - Amanda Morris, and Restaurant Night Coordinator - Lindsay Stewart.

We have an open position for Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in this position, please contact me at the email address below.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your PTSP President. Please feel free to contact me with any needs or concerns you may have at [president.ptsp@bhca.ws](mailto:president.ptsp@bhca.ws).

# Have a great summer

# Be Careful

# Read Lots of Books

# Mostly ~ Have Fun



# ATHLETIC CORNER

WITH COACH FARNER



Greetings Bobcats!

We are about to finish another school year. It has been a good year and a learning year for our team. We can only improve and make the programs better next year. Middle School students need to stay focused on their exams this next week. Stay strong to the finish to accomplish positive results.

New P.E. uniforms are available if anyone would like to purchase early for monogramming purposes. To all the new incoming sixth grade students, your P.E. coaches are excited to get you on board. The cost of gym shorts and a shirt is \$20.00.

Field Day was very successful! We owe most of the thanks to the students. Each one of you followed the dress code and your cooperation was amazing. We all had fun. The eighth grade rocked the day!! We also would like to extend our thanks to administration for allowing the dress code to reflect the day. Teachers, cafeteria staff and all of my parent volunteers were so wonderfully supportive and helpful. It was easy because of you.

Speaking of volunteers, Coach Eric Bush was accidentally omitted from the newsletter last month. He spends countless hours as a volunteer coach in football and basketball. We are very grateful for him.

Our Athletic banquet held on May 7th was unprecedented! If you see the banquet team: Karen Baber, Barbara Nazaruk, Micki Murray, Lesa Anderson, Kim Hudson, Jeanette Friend, Shonna Gay and all the husbands of these ladies, give them a private round of applause. It was an amazing night.

The Swim team is still going strong and winning. They have one more meet at Frank Brown on June ?. Even though this is no longer a district sport, we still had about forty bobcats that created an awesome team! "There's nothin' madder than a wet cat!" Thanks Coach Jennifer Morgan!

Have a Great Summer!

Coach CiCi

# Parents in Prayer

All parents are invited to join us in a time of non-denominational prayer for our Bay Haven students, teachers, staff and others who impact the destiny of our children. We meet at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday in the conference room. For more information, contact Terry Barner at 774-0095.



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# SUMMERTIME!