



# Ballast Point ... On the Road to Success Welcome to the 2022-23 school year

## Note from the Principal

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### Website

<http://ballastpoint.mysdhc.org/>

### MySpot registration

<https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/register/>

### School Hours Arrival & Dismissal

Breakfast 7:10–7:30 AM  
First Bell 7:35 AM  
Tardy Bell 7:40 AM  
Dismissal Bell 12:55 PM (Monday)  
1:55 PM (Tuesday–Friday)

### Important Dates

Please see attached Refrigerator Calendar with upcoming events for the month of August.

### Mission

Building  
Unstoppable  
Lifelong intrinsic  
Learners by  
Differentiating for  
Our  
Growing  
Students of the world

### Vision

Preparing Students for Life

Dear BP Families -

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2022-23 school year. We are so excited to begin the school year with our amazing students, families and staff. This year's school theme is "Ballast Point...On the Road to Success". This past summer Ballast Point has been under construction and we are excited to show off the new floors and our new AC units.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events scheduled in August:

- Meet the Teacher—Tuesday, August 9th from 11 am —1 pm. To continue to minimize large gatherings, we are asking families to stick to the specified time schedule to be on campus. All families will enter through the Kindergarten gate located on the west side of the Main Office.

A-L Families will be from 11 am—12 noon

M-Z Families will be from 12 noon —1 pm

We understand that you want to visit former teachers but we are asking that you only visit this year's teacher at this time. Families are encouraged to bring labeled school supplies to the class during Meet the Teacher. **PTA Membership and Spirit Wear will be set up in the Cafeteria, signs will be posted** throughout the building to direct you to the correct location.

First Day of School—Wednesday, August 10th—All students will enter from the Kindergarten Breezeway. The district has shared that all buildings will be open on the 1st day of school and parents may walk students to class. Please know that we encourage you to leave your child at the door and head up to the Media Center to meet our PTA and join us for the Boo Hoo Celebration. This will be the perfect time to connect with other Ballast Point families and to celebrate the 1st day of school.

- A refrigerator calendar will be sent out monthly with events—keep this calendar handy so you will know what is happening on campus and how to get involved at Ballast Point.

Communication is one of our TOP Priorities and as more information is shared from the district, we will be sure to send it your way. Our goal is to get back to normal as quickly as possible. A detailed parent handbook

Thank you again for your positivity, flexibility and resilience during the last year and a half. We truly have the best families in Hillsborough County!!!

Beth & Shannon

## Student Nutrition Services

Breakfast is complementary for all students who arrive between the hours of 7:10 am –7:35 am. If you would like your child to participate in our breakfast program, it is extremely important to have them here during these hours.

Lunch will be served daily from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. The cost of student lunch is \$2.25. We encourage all families to have students try school lunch.

Once the snack cart opens, parents are encouraged to add funds to your child's account to allow him/her to purchase additional treats at lunch. You can monitor student expenses via the following website—[Student Nutrition Services / Welcome \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Student-Nutrition-Services-Welcome)

Applying for Free or Reduced Meals is an easy process. If you are interested in finding out more information, please go to the school district website—[www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and search "Go SNS". All your questions can be answered on this page.

# Transportation Information

## Arrival Procedures.

- All students will enter the building through the Kindergarten gate located on Ballast Point Blvd
- Bike riders will park their bikes inside the Kindergarten breezeway gate
- Car riders MUST be dropped off on Ballast Point Blvd no earlier than 7:10
- Adults will supervise at the drop-off area
- Departing from line—turn on Elberon or continue East on Ballast Point Blvd
- No U-Turns are allowed during arrival or dismissal
- For parking and walking students to the gate, park across the street at South Tampa Fellowship Church
- No parking or drop-off will be permitted on Russell Street (Only buses and day care vans)

## Dismissal Procedures

It is critical to notify your child's teacher of how your child will be going home (car, walking, bike, day care, neighborhood bus, HOST, or READ) Please complete the appropriate grade level form located on page 3 of this packet.

Students will be dismissed by grade level. All students will be released from school at 1:55 pm Tuesday–Friday and 12:55 on Early Release Mondays. All vehicles must have a car tag hanging with child's name and grade. Car tags will be available in front office and your child's classroom during Meet the Teacher on August 9th.

Parents will follow the same procedures as AM drop off. Cars will line up in a single file line going east in front of the school. Do not park across the street on Elberon or expect to pick your child up in the faculty parking lot. Sending students between cars or to "double park" cars is not part of our dismissal plan.

Teachers will escort the students to their cars as the parents remain in their vehicle. If you are placing a child in a car seat, we ask that you pull your car to the very front of the of the car line in order to keep the line moving. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

## Rainy Day Procedures

Dismissal will be the same as a normal day, however, students will remain in the building and will be escorted out to vehicle upon arrival. For safety reasons, we are asking families to not park and walk up to pick up your child. Please stay in your vehicle and have a car tag visible.

If lightning is detected, dismissal will be delayed until it is safe for students and personnel to be outside.

Please keep in mind that this procedure does take a little longer than normal—this is to keep everyone safe and we appreciate your patience.

## Uniform Policy

### Bus Schedules

If you are interested in having your child ride the school bus, please notify the front office so that a bus pass can be created for your child. If you have any questions, please call 813-272-3070.

Uniforms are required at Ballast Point. The uniform top colors are Red, White and Blue. We have also added spirit shirts can be worn daily. The bottoms are navy or khaki colors. Shoes must be closed toed-shoes with straps in the back. (no sandals).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Kindergarten



Kindergarten Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/MpVF9Hcjv2>

First Grade



First Grade Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/PNvxkFGsbd>

Second Grade



Second Grade Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/XAzQ1d1g34>

Third Grade



Third Grade Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ft9Z12hip2>

Fourth Grade



Fourth Grade Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/xcwKzn2nP>

Fifth Grade



Fifth Grade Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/igUiWVPHBg>

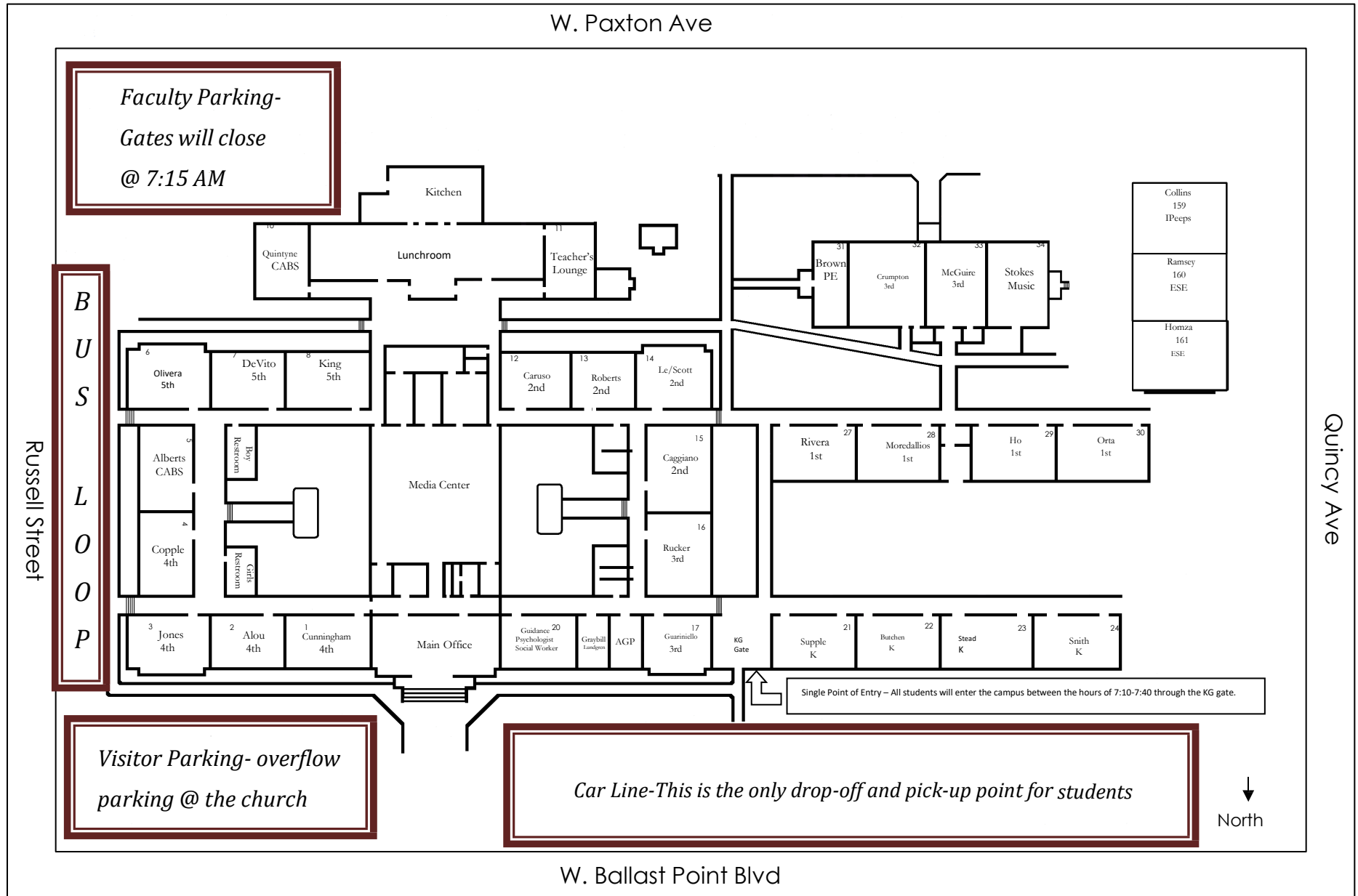
ESE/PK



ESE/PK Link -  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ZVi5e52iEK>

Please choose your child's appropriate grade, complete the form and you will be able to identify your child's teacher.

# Ballast Point Elementary School



*Faculty Parking-  
Gates will close  
@ 7:15 AM*

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*Visitor Parking- overflow  
parking @ the church*

*Car Line-This is the only drop-off and pick-up point for students*

Single Point of Entry – All students will enter the campus between the hours of 7:10-7:40 through the KG gate.

**2022-2023 School Supplies For Ballast Point Elementary**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>First Grade</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 pair of scissors</li> <li>• 2 packs of 24 ct #2 pencils</li> <li>• 2 boxes of 24 ct. Crayola crayons</li> <li>• 2 packs of 8 ct colored pencils</li> <li>• 2 packs of 8 ct washable markers</li> <li>• 1 box of 30 ct. glue sticks</li> <li>• 5 composition notebooks (blue, red, yellow, green, purple)</li> <li>• Pencil box/pouch</li> <li>• Pencil top erasers</li> <li>• Pack of page protectors</li> <li>• 1 in. 3 ring white, view binder</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information)</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Colored paper, Colored Cardstock, Hand Soap, Sanitizer, Clorox/Lysol Wipes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pair of scissors</li> <li>• 2 packs of 24 #2 pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of Kleenex</li> <li>• 2 boxes of 24 ct. Crayola crayons</li> <li>• 1 pkg of 8 ct. markers</li> <li>• 1 pkg of dry erase markers</li> <li>• 4 large glue sticks</li> <li>• <u>Composition</u> notebooks (no spirals please): 2 of each color (red, blue, green, yellow, black)</li> <li>• 5 PLASTIC pocket folders WITH PRONGS- solid colors only (red, yellow, green, blue, purple)</li> <li>• 1 pkg of large pink erasers</li> <li>• 1 ream of copy paper</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information)</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Disinfecting wipes, Ziploc bags (sandwich, snack, gallon), sheet protectors, index cards, post-it notes, snacks, paper towels, antibacterial soap</p>
<b>Second Grade</b>	<b>Third Grade</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pair of scissors</li> <li>• 2 packs of 12 #2 pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of Kleenex</li> <li>• 2 boxes of 24 ct. Crayola crayons</li> <li>• 8 glue sticks</li> <li>• 5 marble composition notebooks (wide ruled)</li> <li>• 4 PLASTIC folders w/2 pockets and 3 brads (red, green, yellow, blue)</li> <li>• 2 pkgs of large pink erasers</li> <li>• 1 pkg of post-it notes</li> <li>• 1 pkg of lined paper</li> <li>• 1 ream of copy paper</li> <li>• 1 binder w/pockets (1 inch)</li> <li>• 1 zipper pencil pouch</li> <li>• 4 pack of low-odor Expo markers</li> <li>• Disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information)</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Ziploc bag (quart, gallon), Crayola Markers, highlighters, colored printer paper, colored construction paper, hand soap, hand sanitizer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 packs of 12 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)-Ticonderoga</li> <li>• 2 pk of colored pencils</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• 5 marble composition notebooks (blue, green, red, black, yellow)</li> <li>• 4 PLASTIC folders w/ prongs &amp; pockets (red, yellow, blue, green)</li> <li>• 2 large pink erasers</li> <li>• 2 packs of 3-hole plastic dividers with pockets for planner and writing binder</li> <li>• 2 pkgs of post-it notes (3x3)</li> <li>• 1 pkg of wide rule notebook paper</li> <li>• 1 binder w/pockets (1/2 inch) with view pockets (writing binder)</li> <li>• 1 highlighter</li> <li>• 1 pkg of Dry Erase Markers</li> <li>• Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)</li> <li>• Personal headphones</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, cardstock (white or colored), paper towels, disinfecting wipes, hand soap, Crayons, copy paper, Band-aids</p>
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>Fifth Grade</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – 3 subject notebook</li> <li>• 2 packs #2 pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of colored pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of crayons</li> <li>• 1 multi-pack of Elmer’s glue sticks</li> <li>• 1 graph paper composition notebook</li> <li>• 1 wide ruled composition notebook</li> <li>• 1 folder w/ pockets &amp; prongs</li> <li>• 1 pkg of 5-tab dividers</li> <li>• 1- 1-inch binders with pockets</li> <li>• 2 packs of wide ruled notebook paper</li> <li>• 3 ring pencil pouch</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones or earbuds for personal use</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, hand soap, hand sanitizer, ream of copy paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 pack of 24 ct #2 pencils - Ticonderoga</li> <li>• 1 box of 12 ct Crayola colored pencils</li> <li>• 2 highlighters</li> <li>• 1 small pkg of colored pens (3 or 4 pens)</li> <li>• 2 glue sticks</li> <li>• 1 pack of Post-It notes (3x3)</li> <li>• 1 composition notebook</li> <li>• 3 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)</li> <li>• 2 pkg of wide ruled notebook paper</li> <li>• 1 three subject spiral notebook with pockets</li> <li>• 4 folders w/ pockets &amp; prongs</li> <li>• 1 pencil bag (fabric)</li> <li>• Scissors – personal to be kept in pencil bag</li> <li>• 2 binders w/ pockets (1 inch) with view pocket</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information)</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, Ziploc bags (gallon), hand sanitizer, 1 ream of copy paper</p>

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<b>ESE Self-Contained –K-2</b>	<b>ESE Self-Contained – 3 – 5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pkg of #2 jumbo pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of 8 ct. jumbo crayons</li> <li>• 1 box of colored markers</li> <li>• 2 large glue sticks</li> <li>• 1 bottle of Elmer’s liquid glue</li> <li>• 3 boxes of Kleenex tissues</li> <li>• 1 ream of copy paper</li> <li>• 1 ream of cardstock (white)</li> <li>• 1 binder w/ pockets (1 inch)</li> <li>• 1 lined writing notebook (primary)</li> <li>• 3 folders with pockets (solid colors)</li> <li>• 1 packs of dry erase markers</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, liquid hand soap, white-out, Velcro, disposable bathroom cups,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 pkg of #2 pencils - sharpened</li> <li>• 1 box of Crayola crayons</li> <li>• 3 glue sticks</li> <li>• 2 large pink erasers</li> <li>• 2 highlighters</li> <li>• 1 box of dry eraser markers</li> <li>• 2 composition notebooks</li> <li>• 1 spiral notebook</li> <li>• 2 PLASTIC folders w/ pockets &amp; prongs (red, blue)</li> <li>• 3 boxes of Kleenex</li> <li>• 2 reams of copy paper</li> <li>• 1 binder w/ pockets (1 inches)</li> <li>• 1 pair of headphones (for individual student use only) (see schoolphones.com for information)</li> </ul> <p>Wish list items: Disinfecting wipes, copy paper. Lysol</p>
<b>VPK/PreK</b>	<b>AGP</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Backpack (large enough for a folder and other supplies)</li> <li>• 1 Red 2 pocket plastic folder with fasteners</li> <li>• 1 Blue 2 pocket plastic folder with fasteners</li> <li>• 2 packs of glue sticks</li> <li>• 2 inch 3 ring binder w/ Clear View Binder Pockets- White</li> <li>• 1 roll of paper towels</li> <li>• 1 bottle of hand sanitizer</li> <li>• 1 bottle of hand soap</li> <li>• 1 box of tissues</li> <li>• 1 bottle of Elmer’s glue</li> <li>• 1 small pack of baby wipes*</li> <li>• 1 nap mat</li> <li>• 1 full change of clothes (shirt, shorts, underwear, socks) labeled</li> <li>• Can of Disinfectant Deodorant</li> <li>• Disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Personal Water Bottle</li> <li>• Personal Headphones</li> </ul> <p>*If your child is not potty trained you will need to send diapers and wipes. No need to send the small pack of wipes listed above.</p> <p>Wish list items: hot glue sticks, disposable bathroom cups, card stock</p>	<p><b>Wish List Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Copy paper</li> <li>• Tissues/Kleenex</li> <li>• #2 Pencils</li> <li>• Spiral Notebook – Student’s choice</li> <li>• 2 pocket folders – Student’s choice</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Wish List Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tissues/Kleenex</li> <li>• Paper Towels</li> <li>• Antibacterial Soap</li> <li>• Clorox Wipes</li> <li>• Baby Wipes</li> </ul>
<b>Art Supplies</b> (To keep our students safe we are adding art supplies that will be used by your child during art class.)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KG – 12 color pencils, 8 count markers, round-tip scissors</li> <li>• 1st – 12 color pencils, round-tip scissors</li> <li>• 2nd – 12 color pencils, 8 count markers, round-tip scissors</li> <li>• 3rd – 2 pkgs of markers and colored pencils, round-tip scissors</li> <li>• 4th - 2 pkgs of markers and colored pencils, round-tip scissors</li> <li>• 5th - 2 pkgs of markers and colored pencils, round-tip scissors</li> </ul>	

Meet the Teacher  
Tuesday, August 9, 2022  
11 am - 1 pm

Enter through KG Gate

11 am - 12 noon - Last names that begin with A-L  
12 noon - 1 pm - Last names that begin with M-Z

PTA Membership Drive - KG Gate  
Spirit Shirt Sale - Cafeteria  
Host - Cafeteria  
READ - Cafeteria

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"BooHoo" Celebration  
Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>



Media Center  
7:40 am



# BALLAST POINT ELEMENTARY PTA

Welcome back Bulldogs!

We are excited to start another school year at Ballast Point Elementary! We have a wonderful group of staff and students again this year, and we are proud to partner with our incredible school.

Here are the top three things to know going into the 2022-2023 school year:

## 1. JOIN!

The PTA is proud to support Ballast Point! In the past, the PTA has helped purchase school supplies, umbrellas, benches, water bottle fillers, 1:1 laptops, and much more! Our volunteers help staff AR parties, manage field day stations, set up spirit nights, and help with various activities throughout the year. Also, we are very proud of our two school fundraisers, the Bulldog Bash and Walk-a-thon. But none of this happens without our members and their support.



Memberships are \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a family (2 adults) and \$5 for staff members.

## 2. VOLUNTEER!

PTA is completely made up of volunteers. There are many opportunities throughout the year to support our school. You could help in the front office or help at a school event like the AR party or walk-a-thon. You could attend a spirit night at a local restaurant or bring food and supplies for a staff potluck. You could help with the silent auction items at the Bulldog Bash. Do you have any special talents, skills, or an idea you would like to share with the PTA? We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to [president@ballastpointpta.org](mailto:president@ballastpointpta.org).

## 3. KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN!



There will be many ways that we communicate information this year. There is the Ballast Point Elementary Facebook page, the monthly PTA newsletter, Ms. Hastings' monthly newsletter, text messages from the school, and PTA informational flyers home in backpacks.