

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

January 11, 2026

Dear Bella Mente Families:

We are so pleased to have our students and staff reunited after winter break. It has been a joy to see our classrooms once again filled with energy, curiosity, and familiar routines as we begin the new year together.

As we settle back into the school rhythm, teachers are reviewing expectations, reconnecting with students, and building momentum for the months ahead. We appreciate your continued partnership in ensuring students arrive to school well-rested, on time, and ready to learn.

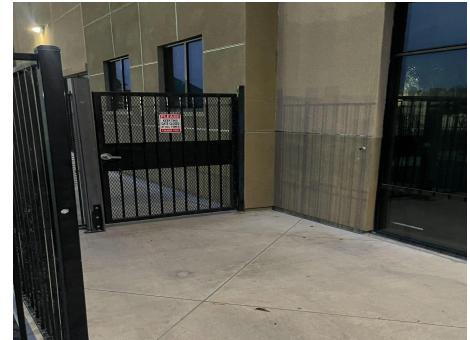
Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to a successful and productive winter season ahead.

Please see reminders below about Drop Off locations:

Drop Off “Kiss/Hug and Go” Location is:

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Also, please:

- Do not drop off students on Huff St. near the exit gate. The Huff St. exit is not a school entry point. With cars exiting, it is not safe for our students to walk in front of moving cars.
- Do not stop your car at the entry gate to campus. Move all the way forward. If you are late or not, when you stop your car, get out, and walk your child to the gate or the Front Office to sign your child in, you are stopping the flow of traffic behind you and making cars go around an empty car, causing unnecessary frustration to other drivers.
- Also, see below for our traffic flow map. The entrances onto school grounds are entrance only, not exits. Traffic must exit onto Huff St.:



Lost and Found is located in the Health Office.



Please check during school office hours 7:30 am-3:45 pm.

We highly recommend that you write your child's name on the clothing tag so we can return the clothing to your child.

Upcoming Virtual Cooking Class with Mr. Wagner!

Do you enjoy cooking? Mr. Wagner will be hosting Virtual Cooking Classes! The cooking dates are below:

- 01/14/26
- 02/11/26

- 03/11/26
- 04/08/26
- 05/16/26

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, 1.13.26	End of Semester 1	
Thursday, 1.15.26	Coffee Mingle at the Gazebo	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, 1.15.26	Elevate Field Trip to the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, San Diego	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, 1.19.26	MLK Day, No School	MLK Day, No School
Tuesday, 1.20.26	Hearing/Vision Screenings for selected students and grade levels	All Day
Wednesday, 1.21.26	Hearing/Vision Screenings for selected students and grade levels	All Day
Thursday, 1.22.26	Grade 5 Rawhide Ranch Field Trip	8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 1.28.26	Minimum Day: Staff Development	Dismissal at: 11:45: Primary 12:10: Grades 1-8
Thursday, 1.29.26	School Spelling Bee	9:45 a.m. in the MPR; families of spellers welcome to attend

Thursday, 1.29.26	Middle School Honor Roll Assembly	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 1.30.26	Spirit Day: Dress Like a Staff Member	All Day

After-School Enrichment Programs

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Beaver, Community Outreach Director at abeaver@bellamentecharter.org or 760-621-8948 EXT. 310 regarding our updated and upcoming amazing after-school activities:

- **Mondays (No class on January 5 and 19; February 16):**
 - **Gymnastics 2:50-3:50 TK-2 MPR:**
 - Students learn foundational skills such as rolls, handstands, bridges, balance basics, flexibility, and coordination—all while celebrating milestones along the way. Whether it's a first cartwheel or mastering new tricks, we build confidence through progress and joy through movement!
 - Lower Elementary YOGA, 3:10-3:50, in Room 221, October-January
 - Good News club, 3:15-4:45, in Room 206
- **Tuesdays:**
 - Karate, 2:50-4:15 in the MPR: Year round
- **Thursdays (No class on February 19; March 12):**
 - **ART Adventures, 2:50-3:50 TK-3rd, in the MPR:**
 - Scholars explore color, texture, layering, and artistic self-expression through imaginative projects. Each student will create their own mini art portfolio, filled with personal masterpieces that showcase growth, creativity, and artistic voice!
- **Fridays (No class on February 20; March 13):**
 - **STEAM Explorers, 2:50-3:50 for K-3rd, in the MPR:**
 - Get ready for bubbling experiments, volcanoes, potions, design challenges, playful explosions, cause-and-effect discovery, and BIG excitement! Lessons build week-to-week so students always feel capable, curious, and proud of what they create! Expect classic after-class comments like... “*Can I have a lab coat for Christmas?*” (A scientifically verified good sign.)

Independent Study

When your child is absent from school, please complete an Independent Study Contract. The Bella team will help you enroll and provide students with the appropriate resources to keep up with class work. Email: IS@bellamentecharter.org to learn more!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Parent Volunteers

Interested in volunteering on campus? Returning volunteers must complete all forms and online training to be an active volunteer during our school year. For more information, please contact Anthony Beaver at abeaver@bellamentecharter.org.

Brighter Bites

Distribution is on Thursday, January 22nd. Please sign up in the Front Office if you are interested in receiving free boxes of vegetables and other food items. You can also sign up on the day of pick-up at the tent in the staff parking lot.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are excited to announce the PTA has partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista to bring you a week of reading fun! Keep an eye on your emails, information on all the excitement will be out soon!

Have a business you'd like to advertise digitally on the read-a-thon platform during the event? Use this link to find out more: <https://www.read-a-thon.com/ads/options/69568>

Warmly,