

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

January 25, 2026

Dear Bella Mente Families:

During National School Choice Week, we celebrate *you*. Thank you for thoughtfully choosing what's best for your child and for being engaged, supportive partners in their education. We're grateful to be part of your family's journey.

Here are the events we have planned for this week:

Bella Mente Academies
This week!

NATIONAL School Choice WEEK

Monday, January 26th
Create Your Why!
Show us how much you love Bella by creating and decorating a fun poster that expresses why you chose Bella Mente!
I Love My School Worksheets will be available in the front office.

Tuesday, January 27th
BMA Picture
In celebration of this year's NSCW
Bella scholars, teachers, and staff will take our annual BMA group picture.

Wednesday, January 28th
Yellow Day!
Wear Yellow in support of NSCW to show that Bella is your School choice!
Win a wristband or sticker.
Show the front office staff your yellow clothing to receive your prize.

Thursday, January 29th
Just Dance for Bella
Bella scholars love music! Come get your groove on during lunch time.
Learn the NSCW Dance here
<https://schoolchoiceweek.com/school-choice-week-dance/>

Friday, January 30th
Spirit Day!
Dress Like a Staff Member
We truly appreciate you for choosing Bella Mente as your school of choice!

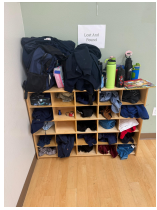
Please see reminders below about Drop Off locations:

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:

- 02/11/26
- 03/11/26
- 04/08/26
- 05/16/26

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
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	Zoovargo Assembly for Primary	TBD
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 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

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. The next Brighter Bites distribution is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Hello Bella Families!

Start your year strong with a donation-based workout at OrangeTheory Fitness. If you'd like to join us Tuesday, February 10th on Marron Road in Carlsbad, [RSVP here](#) and save your spot!

Our school wide Read-A-Thon has kicked off! The main event runs Feb 2 - 6 but readers can create their accounts now and start raising funds! We have fun starter prizes for any scholar that creates an account and shares. It's that easy! Use the [READ-A-THON UP LINK](#) to register now!

With Gratitude,
Your Bella Mente PTA

