



BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

October 26, 2025

Dear Bella Mente Parents and Guardians,

We far exceeded our goal of 200 pairs of socks for Socktober. Mr. Reyes, Social Studies and Community Leadership teacher, says, “I just want to take a moment to say thank you for all your support during Socktober! This was our first time running the event, and it was a huge success thanks to all of you. Our goal was to collect 200 pairs of socks, but we completely smashed it — we ended up collecting over 520 pairs!

A special shout out to our families and the classes at each level that raised the most:

- **In Primary Laura Meza's class raised 59 pairs of socks!**
- **In Lower EI Heidi Metzler's class raised 95 pairs of socks!**
- **In Upper EI Allison Nelson's class raised 42 pairs of socks!**

These were the highest totals at each grade level, but it's worth mentioning that many other classes collected between 40–50 pairs — showing just how much effort everyone put in across campus.

Thank you again for helping make this drive such a success and for encouraging your students to participate. It was amazing to see the campus come together for such a good cause!” The socks will be donated to area homeless shelters.



As another reminder, Parent Conferences are scheduled for November 18th, 19th, and 20th. Students in grades 3-6 should be expected to attend with you, as they will be giving “student-led presentations” on their learning journey so far this year. Middle School Students will be creating their presentations and will share those presentations with parents at home. It is always a proud moment to listen to our students give their account of their accomplishments thus far and the goals they have set for themselves. Please be on the lookout for email communication from your teacher for sign-up slots. If you need a translator, please email Maca Davis, Community Liaison, at mdavis@bellamentecharter.org to submit your request.

Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found is overflowing with items. Now that the weather is a little cooler, we are finding many sweaters and sweatshirts around campus. If your child comes home without the jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt they came to school in, please check the Lost and Found. **PTA will be putting out our items on Wednesday Morning during drop off if you’re unable to come in to the Front Office. Please remember to put your scholar’s name in all clothing to make it easier for us to return the item to your scholar during the school day.**

Fall Break is on Monday, November 24, 2025 - Friday, November 28, 2025.

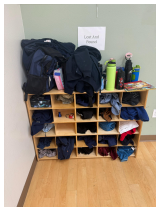
Please see reminders below about Drop Off locations:

Drop Off “Kiss/Hug and Go” Location is:	
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Please click the link below to view our Family Handbook:

[2025-2026 Board-Approved Family Handbook](#)



Lost and Found is located in the Health Office.

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

Items left for more than 2 weeks will be donated.

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 a Monthly Virtual Cooking Class! The cooking dates are below!

- 11/12/25
- 12/10/25
- 01/14/26
- 02/11/26
- 03/11/26
- 04/08/26
- 05/16/26

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
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M, October 27, 2025	RED RIBBON WEEK BEGINS	THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST
T, October 28, 2025	Fall Picture Retakes	All day in the MPR
W, October 29, 2025	Fun Run Fundraiser Begins	
Th, October 30, 2025		
F, October 31, 2025	Halloween Costume Parade Trunk or Treat	8:15-8:45 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Lower Parking Lot
M, November 3, 2025		
T, November 4, 2025		
W, November 5, 2025		
Th, November 6, 2025	FUN RUN	FUN RUN
F, November 7, 2025	Crazy Sock Day for surpassing our Socktober goal (regular dress code compliant day, no jeans).	All Day
M, November 10, 2025	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
T, November 11, 2025	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
W, November 12, 2025		

Th, November 13, 2025	Grade 3: San Diego Fleet Science Center Field Trip	Departure: 9:00 a.m.
F, November 14, 2025	Grade 4: San Juan Capistrano Field Trip	Departure: 9:00 a.m.
M, November 17, 2025		
T, November 18, 2025	Minimum Day Parent Conferences	Dismissal: Primary: 11:45; Grades 1-8: 12:10 Conferences: 1:00-4:00
W, November 19, 2025	Minimum Day Parent Conferences	Dismissal: Primary: 11:45; Grades 1-8: 12:10 Conferences: 1:00-4:00
Th, November 20, 2025	Minimum Day Coffee Mingle Parent Conferences	Dismissal: Primary: 11:45; Grades 1-8: 12:10 8:30-9:30 Conferences: 1:00-4:00
F, November 21, 2025	Spirit Day: Day at the Farm	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**
 - **Gymnastics 2:50-3:50 TK-2 MPR 10/13,10/20, 10/27,11/3**
 - **Lower Elementary YOGA, 3:10-3:50, in Room 221, October-January**
 - **Good News club, 3:15-4:15, in Room 206**
- **Tuesdays**
 - **Karate, 2:50-4:15 in the MPR: Year round**
- **Thursdays:**
 - **ART Adventures, 2:50-3:50 TK-3rd, in the MPR: 10/16,10/23, 10/30,11/6**
- **Fridays**
 - **STEAM Explorers, 2:50-3:50 for K-3rd, in the MPR: 10/17,10/24, 10/31, 11/7**

INDEPENDENT STUDY



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.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our Fall Festival is right around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it a fun and memorable event for our students. There are plenty of ways to get involved—before, during, or after the event—so there's something for everyone's schedule. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

Become a Room Parent 🙌

We're still looking for Room Parents, **especially for our upper elementary and middle school classrooms**. Room Parents play an important role in expanding communications with families and coordinating classroom events. If you're interested in supporting your child's class, let us know by clicking [HERE!](#)

Join our PTA! 🎉

Your one time membership payment goes further than you think! Members receive our monthly PTA newsletter filled with highlights, volunteer opportunities, and community news. Help as little or as much as you'd like, but all members get bragging rights! Click [HERE](#) to Join!

We can't wait to see you all at TRUNK OR TREAT!!! 🎃

With gratitude,
The Bella Mente PTA



Updates to our +Box Program (now called Brighter Bites)

Distribution of Brighter Bites boxes will occur on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Please sign up in the Front Office if you are interested in receiving free boxes of vegetables and other food items.