



# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

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Dear Bella Mente Families:

Welcome Back from Fall Break!

We hope each of you enjoyed a restful and memorable Fall Break with family and friends. As we return to school refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome back to all of our students and families.

This time of year is always an exciting one on campus. With winter break and the holiday season just around the corner, our school is filled with anticipation, creativity, and joyful energy. Over the next several weeks, students will be engaging in meaningful learning, special projects, and seasonal activities that highlight the spirit of our community. Mark your calendars for our schoolwide Winter Spectacular, scheduled for Friday, December 19th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is an event you do not want to miss!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or need anything as we navigate this busy season, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the holiday season!

## **Chromebook Insurance**

Bella Mente is extending the enrollment period to enroll their student's Chromebooks in our insurance program through the end of December to allow additional time for families. Most of the claims we have received are due to carelessness with the Chromebooks, but those that have purchased the insurance are thankful for having done so, as having insurance coverage has prevented a costly charge for replacement. Please see the attached flyers for information on how to enroll and information about the benefits of enrollment.

**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 families 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 and making cars go around an empty car, causing unnecessary frustration to other drivers.



**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!

- 12/10/25
- 01/14/26

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

## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, December 4	Planetarium Field Trip: Grade 5	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 9	Museum of Natural History Field Trip: Elevate	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 11	Coffee Mingle at the Gazebo	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Monday, December 15 - Friday, December 19	Schoolwide Book Fair	All Day
Friday, December 19	Spirit Day: PJ Day	All Day
Friday, December 19	Winter Spectacular	5:00-7:00 p.m.

## After-School Enrichment Programs

*If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Beaver, Community Outreach Director at [abeaver@bellamentecharter.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:abeaver@bellamentecharter.org).

## 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.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

**Join us this Friday, December 5th for our PTA Members Meeting in the MPR from 5:00–6:00**

**PM!** 🍂 We'll celebrate our Fall Festival successes and share updates on upcoming events. Kids are always welcome, and snacks will be available for purchase. Not a member, but curious? Join us and find out more!

At **6:00 PM**, we invite the whole community to stay for a fun holiday craft. 🎨 We'll provide everything you need to create beautiful watercolor greeting cards to take home or send to loved ones.

**Click here --> [Members Meeting](#) --> to learn more and let us know you're coming!**

Warmly,

Bella Mente Academy

**PTA**  
*Leopards*