

# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

December 7, 2025

Dear Bella Mente Families:

As we enter the final two weeks of school before winter break, we want to remind everyone that teaching and learning are still very much in full swing. Our students are engaged in meaningful activities, wrapping up units, and building important skills that will carry them into 2026 with confidence.

We kindly ask for your support in helping students stay focused during this busy season. Regular attendance, completing assignments, and coming to school ready to learn make a big difference. These next two weeks are valuable instructional and diagnostic testing time, and we want every student to benefit from all that our wonderful teachers have planned.

Thank you for your partnership and for encouraging your child to finish the year strong. We appreciate all you do and look forward to a successful and joyful lead-up to the break!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful 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 to sign up. 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. All clothing will be donated on Friday, December 19th, so please come check the Lost and Found in the Front Office if your scholar has misplaced anything before Winter Break begins.

**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
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 (No class on December 22 and 29; 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, 3:15-4:15, in Room 206
- Tuesdays
  - Karate, 2:50-4:15 in the MPR: Year round
- Thursdays (No class on December 25; January 1; 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 December 26; January 2; 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



### 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 next occur on **December 18th**. 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)

Thank you to our whole community for a wonderful first half of the year! The PTA is grateful for the many ways families show up and support us. If you have any suggestions, questions or ideas email us at [bellamentepta@gmail.com](mailto:bellamentepta@gmail.com). Happy Holidays!

Warmly,

