

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

December 14, 2025

Dear Bella Mente Families:

Happy Holidays!

Throughout this holiday season, we want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents and caregivers for your continued partnership, support, and trust. This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the growth, learning, and achievements of our students, and none of it would be possible without you.

We wish you and your family a joyful, restful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and special moments together. May the New Year bring health, happiness, and continued success to our entire school community.

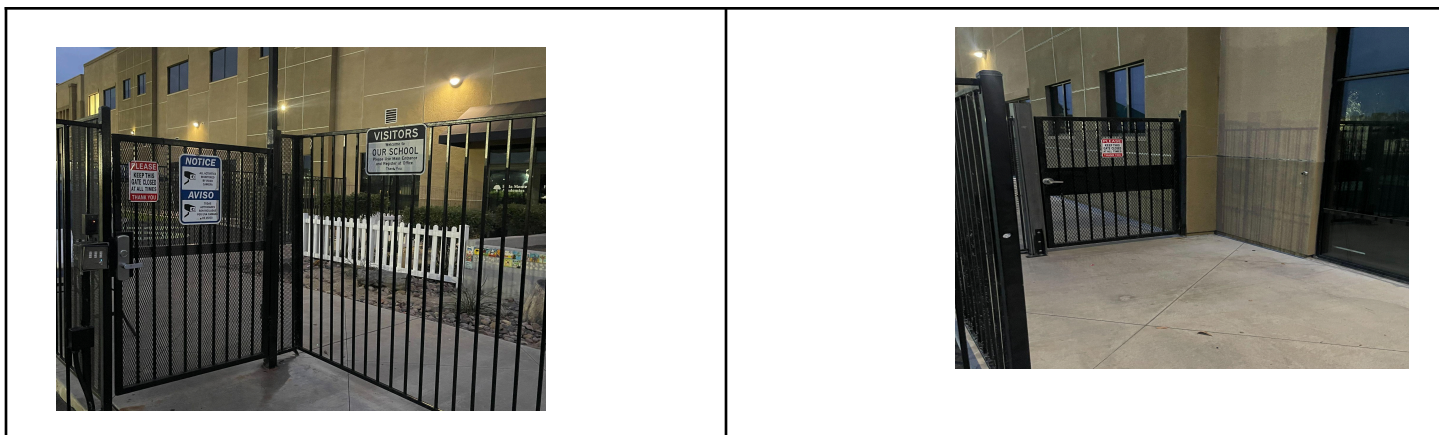
Please come join us this Friday, December 19th for our Winter Spectacular on campus from 5:00-7:00. Our students have been working hard to make this a memorable and joyful event. We hope to see you there!

Chromebook Insurance

Bella Mente is extending the enrollment period to enroll their student's Chromebooks in our insurance program through the end of this month 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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| HERE | NOT HERE |



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 behind you 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.

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 |
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| 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 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, 3:15-4:45, 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 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 of Brighter Bites boxes will next occur this Thursday, **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. Happy Holidays!

Warmly,

Bella Mente Academy
PTA
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