

# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

February 1, 2026

Dear Bella Mente Families:



January just flew by, but we closed with two exciting events: Our school Spelling Bee where students were able to cheer on the fellow classmates virtually in the classroom and where our parents were able to share in the experience in the MPR. A big congratulations to our school winner, Mason from Mr. Elwood's class, who will represent Bella Mente at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 5th in San Diego! Congratulations also to all of our middle school students who were recognized at the Honor Roll and Awards Celebration last Thursday evening!

As we move into February, we appreciate your continued support of our school community. This time of year offers valuable opportunities for learning, growth, and reflection as students remain engaged in their daily routines and classroom experiences.

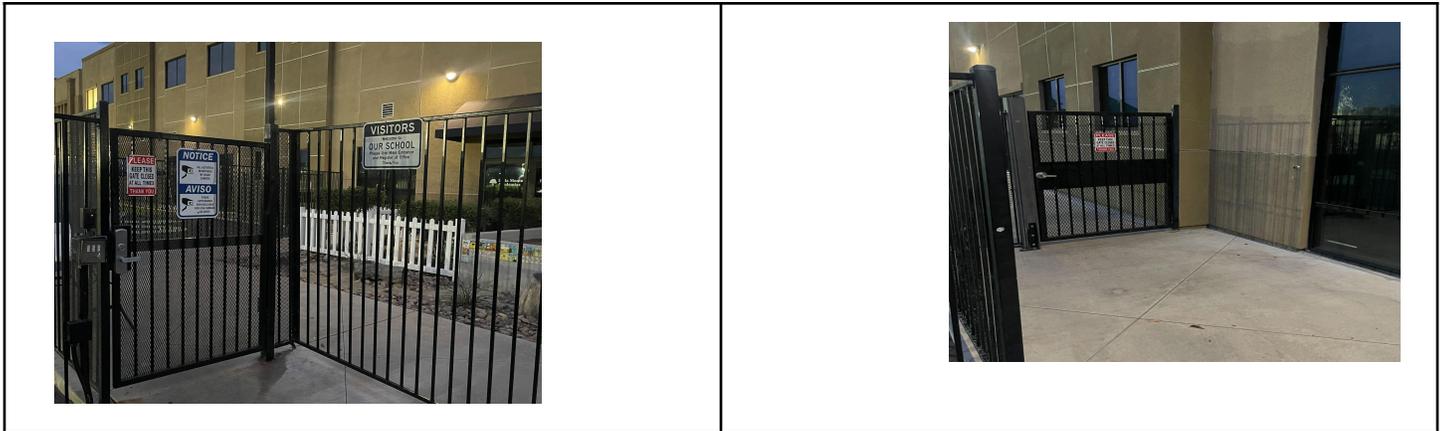
We encourage families to stay connected by reviewing school communications and upcoming dates as they are shared. Your partnership and involvement play an important role in supporting student success. Thank you for being a part of our school community. We look forward to a positive month ahead.

**Please see reminders below about Drop Off locations:**

**Drop Off "Kiss/Hug and Go" Location is:**

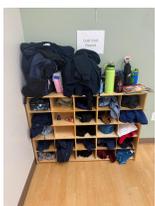
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Also, please:

- 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
Monday, 2.2 - Wednesday, 2.4	MS Field Trip to Pali	8:00 a.m. departure 2.2.26
Wednesday, 2.4	Earthquake Drill	8:45 a.m.
Thursday, 2.5	DELAC Meeting	8:90 -9:30 a.m., Library
Thursday, 2.5	Lower Elementary Reptile Show	9:00 - 11:00 a.m., MPR
Thursday, 2.12	New Family Information Night	6:00 p.m., MPR
Friday, 2.13	Winter Ball/Parent, Child Gala	5:00 - 9:00 p.m., MPR
Monday, 2.16 - Friday, 2.20	President's Week Break, No School	
Wednesday, 2.25	Options-based Drill	
Wednesday, 2.25	Minimum Day: Staff Development	Primary Dismissal: 11:45 Grades 1-8 Dismissal: 12:10

Thursday, 2.26	LE Wax Museum	8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 2.26	PTA Parent Workshop: <i>Why Kids Act The Way They Do</i> , presented by Patrick Broughton	4:00 - 5:30 p.m., MPR
Friday, 2.27	Spirit Day: Career Day	All Day

## 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 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](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

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 this 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

Bella Mente Academy

**PTA**  
*Leopards*