

# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

February 22, 2026



Dear Families,

This is a friendly reminder about our school dress code to help ensure consistency and a positive learning environment for all students.

- **All Jackets/Sweatshirts/Sweaters:** Must be Navy blue
- **Shirts:** Must have a collar and be navy blue or light blue with BMA or BMA logo
- **Pants:** Navy blue or khaki skorts, shorts, jumpers, and pants. (*Leggings worn under skorts or shorts must be plain white, khaki, navy, or black (no graphics or other designs)*)

We appreciate your support in helping students come to school dressed according to these guidelines each day. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

*Reminders:*

- *Parent Conferences are scheduled for March 11-13, 2026. Look for teacher emails coming soon to sign up for your conference.*
- *Spring Break is Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 1, 2026. Students return on Monday, April 4th.*

## PTA News

Hello Bella Families!

It's never too late to join the PTA membership. Your one time payment builds you into our cause. Our monthly newsletter will keep you informed, a place where you can find opportunities to support your school. We welcome all levels of participation, from on-looker to idea-sharer, from event attendee to event volunteer. Click here to join -> <https://jointotem.com/ca/vista/bella-mente-leopards-pta>

Warmly,

Your Bella Mente PTA



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

<b>Drop Off “Kiss/Hug and Go” Location is:</b>	
<b>HERE</b>	<b>NOT HERE</b>
 A photograph of a gated entrance to a school campus. The gate is made of black metal mesh and has several signs attached to it, including one that says "VISITORS OUR SCHOOL". The gate is open, and a paved path leads through it towards a school building.	 A photograph of an open area near a school building. There is a black metal fence or gate structure, but it is not a formal entrance. The area is paved and appears to be a drop-off zone that is not the designated "Kiss/Hug and Go" location.

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:

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

# Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
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	Graduation Pictures for Kindergarten and 8th Graders	8:00 -10:00 a.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:**
  - **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 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 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.