

# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

February 8, 2026



Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for your incredible support of our PTA-sponsored school Read-A-Thon! Your encouragement, your enthusiasm, and your generosity helped make this event a wonderful success and reinforced the joy of reading for our students. We are so grateful for the time and energy you invest in supporting literacy and learning in our school community.

Thank you to the Bella Mente PTA for their amazing organization of this successful event. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our Kiwanis volunteers and our local firefighters who took the

time to visit our classrooms and read to our students. Their presence made the experience extra special, and our students loved sharing stories with them. Their commitment to our school and to fostering a love of reading truly made a lasting impact.

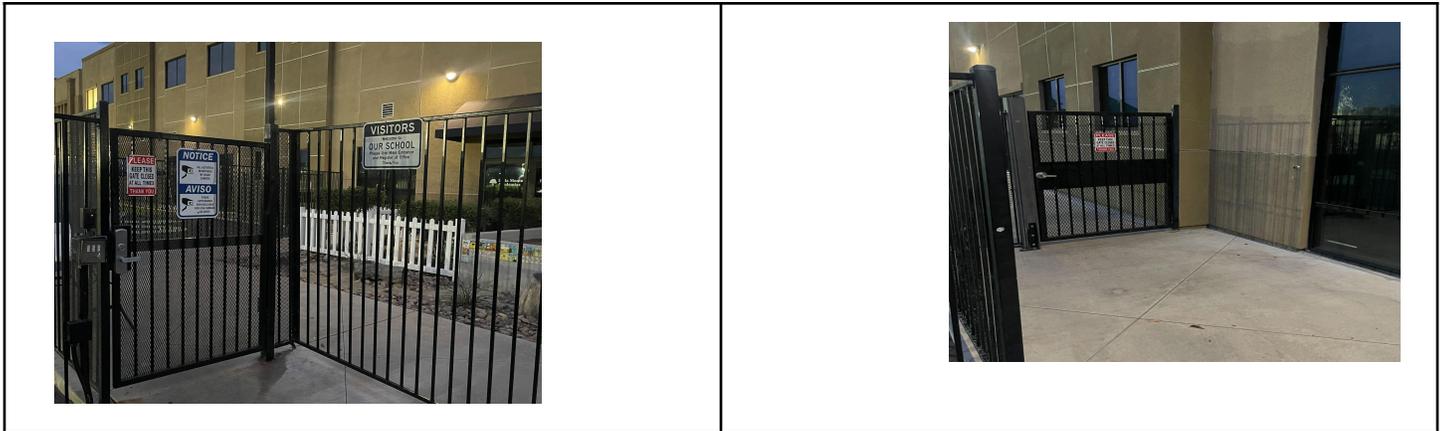
Because of you, this Read-A-Thon was more than just an event—it was a meaningful celebration of community, learning, and connection. Thank you for helping make it such a memorable experience for our students.

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

**Drop Off “Kiss/Hug and Go” Location is:**

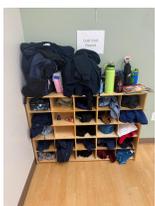
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Also, please:

- 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.** Items will be donated this coming Friday, February 13th.

### 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
Thursday, 2.12	New Family Information Night	6:00 p.m., MPR
Friday, 2.13	8th Grade Field Trip to Trade Tech	Group 1: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; Group 2: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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	All Week
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.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Hello Bella Families!

We have a few spots left for our donation-based workout at OrangeTheory Fitness. If you'd like to join us Tuesday February 10th on Marron Road in Carlsbad [RSVP here](#). Hope to see you there!

Bella Mente Academy  
**PTA**  
*Leopards*