

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

April 12, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of our school community—we truly appreciate your partnership in helping our students succeed.

As we approach state testing, beginning Tuesday, April 14th for grades 3-6 and on Tuesday, April 21st for middle school, we kindly ask that you encourage your child to do their very best each day. A positive mindset, good rest, and punctual attendance make a big difference.

We also encourage you to take a few moments to complete our [LCAP survey](#) if you have not already done so. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps guide important decisions that impact our school. Thank you again for your ongoing support!

As a reminder, our re-enrollment process has begun. Please refer to the attachments for more information regarding the process and deadline to re-enroll your student(s).

PTA News

Hello Bella Families!

We are still looking for individuals eager to make a difference in big or small ways for the next school year. If you are interested, or would like more information, use this [Interest Form](#) to let us know!



Our final members meeting for the year will be Thursday April 30th at 5:00pm following our Montessori Community Outreach Event. We invite you to join us in celebrating a successful year. All are welcome! Please let us know you'll attend using our [Members Meeting RSVP Link here](#).

With gratitude,

Your Bella Mente PTA

Bella Mente Academy
PTA
Leopards

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.:



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We appreciate the support and input some have provided with afternoon pickup. Our goal is safety and we hear your concerns regarding inaccessibility of the staff lot to exit onto Huff St. We are looking for volunteers to support our afternoon dismissal anytime from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in this area to help ensure a safe and smooth pick-up process. We are looking for at least six volunteers to make changes possible. Your presence can make a meaningful difference in maintaining an organized and secure environment.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Pat Broughton, Director of Compliance, at pbroughton@bellamentecharter.org. We truly appreciate your partnership and support in keeping our students safe.

Thank you!

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located in the Front 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:

- 05/16/26

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
4/14	CAASPP State Testing Begins for grades 3-6	8:30 a.m.
4/15	Minimum Day for Staff Development	11:45: Primary Dismissal 12:10: Grades 1-8 Dismissal

4/16	Coffee Mingle	8:30 a.m. at the Gazebo
4/17	Career Day	8:30 - 11:00 in the MPR
4/17	Community Evening: Maker's Market	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4/20	Spring Pictures	8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the MPR
4/24	Beach Cleanup by Builder's Club	Oceanside
4/30	Montessori Night	4:30 p.m. in the MPR
5/4 - 5/8	Teacher Appreciation Week	All Week

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:**
 - **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!
 - **Good News club, 3:15-4:45, in Room 206**
- **Tuesdays:**
 - **Karate, 2:50-4:15 in the MPR: Year round**
- **Thursdays:**
 - **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:**
 - **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 to learn more!



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

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 days are the following:

- April 16
- April 30
- May 14
- May 28