

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

April 5, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable spring break and that your family was able to spend some quality time together. We are excited to have our students back on campus and ready for a strong finish to the school year.

As we return, we want to remind families that state testing for students in grades 3-8 will begin on Tuesday, April 14. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and growth over the year. Our teachers have worked hard to prepare students, and we are confident they are ready to do their best.

You can support your child by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, arrive at school on time, and come ready to focus each day. Encouragement from home goes a long way in helping students feel confident and motivated.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a successful and productive final stretch of the school year!

A reminder to our families regarding cell phone use. Student cell phones must be turned off and out of sight. Additionally, if your scholar is not feeling well, they should come to the Front Office to be assessed. If a call for pick up is necessary, scholars can use the phones in the Front Office to call home. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PTA News

Welcome Back Bella Families!

We have a fun few months planned for the end of the year! The easiest way to stay up to date with our PTA activities, workshops, and fun is to join the membership. There's plenty of time left in the year, and your \$11 annual payment comes right back to us! [Join the Membership Here](#)

We appreciate you all! Please reach out to us anytime for anything at bellamentepta@gmail.com

Please see reminders below about Drop Off locations:

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

- 04/08/26
- 05/16/26

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Time
4/7 - 4/8	A+ Teeth Dental Screening	8:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m. in Lower Lot
4/14	CAASPP State Testing Begins	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



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