

# BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

May 10, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the '25 - '26 school year is coming to a close with only four weeks left for our students. Here are some continuing reminders to keep you informed:

## **Graduation/Promotion Information:**

Please save the date for our upcoming **3rd Grade Promotion (June 3rd, 10:00 a.m.)** and **6th Grade Promotion (June 3rd, 8:45 a.m.)**, as well as our 8th Grade and Primary Graduation ceremonies (times and dates below). Each ceremony will be held in our Multipurpose Room.

Please note that **tickets are only required for Primary Graduation (11:00: Ms. Michelle, Ms. Yufei, Ms. Sierra; 12:45: Ms. Jen, Ms. Laura, and Ms. Eva) and 8th Grade Graduation (June 4th, 9:00 a.m.)**. Due to limited space, each family will receive a set number of tickets to ensure all families have the opportunity to attend comfortably. Tickets are free, and we kindly ask that you stay within your allotted amount.

## **Ticket Allocation:**

- 8th Grade: 8 tickets per scholar
- Primary: 6 tickets per scholar

## **Please note:**

3rd and 6th Grade Promotion ceremonies do **not** require tickets.

## **Ticket Distribution:**

Tickets will be available for pick-up from **now through May 30th**, before and after school in the Front Office.

We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with all of you! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Beaver at [abeaver@bellamentecharter.org](mailto:abeaver@bellamentecharter.org).

## **Kid's Heart Challenge:**

Also, a reminder that our school is partnering with the American Heart Association for this year's Kids Heart Challenge with our schoolwide event held on May 22nd.! Our Middle School Community Leadership classes are organizing the 3rd Kid's Heart Challenge this year, raising funds for the American Heart Association to save lives, and our school can earn new PE equipment in the process!

Don't wait—please sign up TODAY by following the directions below:

1. **Sign Up** at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/BellaMenteMontessori> or download the [AHA Schools app](#)
2. Make a personal gift to kickstart your efforts
3. Complete Finn's Mission, where students learn to be lifesavers!

### Re-enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Our re-enrollment process has begun. Please check your email for communication on how to reenroll your child for the next school year to save your spot.

## PTA News

Wonderful Bella Families:

**Tile Art Pop Up!** During Open House on Thursday, May 14th we will be hosting a Tile Art Painting Stand. [Purchase your tiles here](#) to ensure your student has one to paint during the event, limited quantities available.

**Rock Painting Meet Up!** Join us Saturday, May 16 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at John Landes Park for painting, pizza, and popsicles at no cost! [RSVP here](#) to let us know you will come to help with planning.

**We still have spirit wear shirts left!** Secure yours today and show your school pride on designated Spirit Days. [Click here to purchase now!](#)



**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.:



### Huff St. Exit Concerns:

We've had a few parents reach out regarding their concern that some families walk and/or bike off of the Huff St. car exit and into the parking lot. Please keep in mind that Huff St. is the designated exit

street for our vehicles during drop off and pick up. Please do not walk or bike onto campus through the exit. We want everyone to be safe. Please use the Emerald Street entrance whether you are driving, walking, or biking.

### **Staff Parking Lot:**

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](mailto: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
5/11	Military Appreciation Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the MPR

5/13	Minimum Day	11:45 a.m. dismissal: Primary 12:10 p.m. dismissal: Grades 1-8
5/14	Open House	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
5/25	No School due to Memorial Day	
5/29	LE Business Day	Time: TBD

## 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!
- **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](mailto: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](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 days are the following:

- May 14
- May 28