

BELLA MENTE NEWSLETTER

Updated Weekly

May 17, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the '25 - '26 school year is coming to a close with only three weeks left for our students. Thank you to those who attended last week's Open House. It was great to see everyone and to celebrate your scholar's work! Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 Friday, May 29th**, 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.

Kid's Heart Challenge:

Also, a reminder that our school is partnering with the American Heart Association for this year's Kids Heart Challenge! 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

Hello Bella Families!

It was wonderful seeing many of you at our Tile Art and Rock Painting Events. Keep an eye out at the school for your pieces to make their appearance.

We are kicking off our Field Fundraiser strong this week. If you have a business you think we should reach out to please fill out our [Short Business Leads Survey Here](#). We have advertising opportunities, naming rights and more available!

The top three business/ organization donations by Monday, May 25th will get their company logo banners displayed in time for graduation, plus all of next year! Donate online through our [Field Fundraising Portal](#) or Email us at BellaMentePTA@gmail.com for more information.

Warmly,

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:	
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.

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 Events:

Date	Event	Time
5/22	Movie Night	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
5/25	No School due to Memorial Day	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 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 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 last Brighter Bites distribution for this school year is scheduled for May 28th.