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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back to School!

Students and staff have settled in and our year is off to a great start! Thank you for attending Community Engagement Day and we hope that it helped everyone gain a deeper understanding of arts integration at BelArts! It was inspiring to see so many caregivers learning, dancing and creating alongside the students! The energy was positive and collaborative and I believe that is what contributed to a successful start to the year.

I hope you had time this summer to connect with your loved ones. If we have learned anything over the past few years it is that relationships and human connection are extremely important. The BelArts' teachers place a priority on building welcoming and inclusive classroom communities. Our Acting Right curriculum does just that! I hope you enjoyed this experience on Community Engagement Day!

I encourage you to come to the Acting Right parent information night on August 28th. This will help families better understand the curriculum we use for classroom and behavior management.

Coming soon is our BelArts BOLT on September 13th! This is our biggest fundraiser and we are raising money to support our arts integration programming – this includes field trips, supplies, guest teaching artists, and so much more!

If you have questions about resources, budget, calendar building, etc., I encourage you to attend our SAC meetings, held monthly, right before PTA meetings. The School Accountability Committee advises the school in areas of budget, goal setting, schedules, etc. We'd love to have more voices at the table! The first SAC meeting is August 23rd at 5:00pm in our conference room.

Speaking of PTA...we have the BEST PTA around! BelArts is so fortunate to have a fun group of parents working to support teachers and students. I want to thank our PTA for the back to school events and their hard work throughout the year.

This is going to be a great school year and we are so happy you are part of it!

Warm regards,

Meredith Leighty Belmar Principal

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

MODIFIED CONTACT DAYS

August 21st and August 28th are Modified Contact Days. The City of Lakewood Before and After Care will be open (modified hours!) on those days and students will come for assessments as scheduled. Some students will not need to attend school at all on these days due to the type of assessment and the staffing needs required to support. Food service is not available on the 21st or 28th.

Monday, August 21st:
 4th graders attend 8:30am-11:30am
 5th graders attend 12:00pm-3:00pm
 No students for students in grades K-3, nor SSN

Monday, August 28th:
 3rd graders attend 8:30am-11:30am
 2nd graders attend 12:00pm-3:00pm
 No students for students in grades K-1, 4th and 5th, nor SSN

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Dads' and Kids' Pizza Night!

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Dear Fathers and Father-figures,

You are invited to our **10th Annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night on September 6th** from 6:00pm–7:00pm. Join us in the cafeteria to learn more about our volunteer program designed especially for Fathers and Father-Figures!

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. Our goal is to have you spend at least two days this year at the school to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers . . . this is your chance to have a night out alone with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

In order to participate, you need to do two things:

1. Fill out the bottom portion of this slip and return it with your student (ASAP) saying that you will attend the pizza night so we'll have an accurate head count for the food.
2. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you on September 6th from **6:00pm-7:00pm**

Sincerely,

Meredith Leighty

Principal, Belmar School of Integrated Arts

Complete and Return Bottom Portion to School by ***Friday, September 1st.*** Return one form per family!

Yes!!! We'll be there! (#) of 'Dad' and students attending

Father/Father-figure Name _____ Email _____

Phone(s): Home _____ Mobile _____ Work _____

Student(s) Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

13 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL

Are you tired of hearing the same old response to “How was school today?” It’s easy for kids to just reply – “Fine” or “Good”. When asked “What did you do?” do you hear “Nothing” With a shrug? Here are some fun questions to ask that will hopefully pull out more information and help you engage in a fun conversation about school:

1. What made you feel the happiest today?
2. What games did you play at recess?
3. Who did you sit by at lunch today?
4. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
5. What challenged you today?
6. How would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10?
7. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
8. What did you do that was creative?
9. Was anyone in your class gone today?
10. Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.
11. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
12. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
13. Is there anything I can do to support you today?



Meals are FREE this year! Students may only purchase snacks if there is money in their account or they have cash. Parents may “opt out” of snack purchases, too. Please go to the website below and fill out the form. Milk does cost \$1 if your child brings a lunch packed from home. If your family qualifies for free/reduced lunch, your school fees are also waived so be sure to fill out the form ASAP.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 21st: Modified Contact Day 4th and 5th graders only*
- August 23rd: SAC Mtg @ 5:00pm + PTA Meeting @ 6:00pm
- August 28th: Modified Contact Day 2nd and 3rd graders only*
- September 4th: No School: Labor Day
- September 6th: Watch DOGS Pizza Party @ 6:00pm
- September 15th: International DOT Day!
- September 13th: BelArts Bolt – Fun Run Fundraiser



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CARPOOL REMINDERS

Tis the Season for carpool emails and phone call reminders from Ms. Leighty ☺ Remember that our arrival and dismissal procedures are in place for the safety of our students. Here are some tips:

1. Take time to watch the video on our website and read the Arrival and Dismissal Handbook.
2. Keep your security cards in your car and in a safe place – some parents even laminate them!
3. Follow the rules and give yourself extra time so you are not frustrated.
4. Stay off of the phone while driving through carpool.
5. It is recommended that you enter the afternoon carpool line around 3:10 or 3:15 after the early birds have cleared out. Be mindful that Lakewood PD will ticket you if you are parked on Garrison before 3:05pm.
6. Have patience with ALL OF US the first few weeks. We will get into a tight routine that takes less than 15 minutes – it just takes time to get there.
7. We appreciate everyone taking student safety seriously and making it a priority!

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PTA NEWS

Welcome back to school!

PTA Meeting**Wed Aug 23 @6pm****Library**

Please join us for our kick off PTA meeting! This will be a great chance to learn about what PTA does and how you can be a part of it. It really is a great community and best way to plug into our school. We want families to participate in ways that work for them so no commitments are required! We will have a special guest from WhizKids to share about a new tutoring opportunity at BelArts this year too!

PTA will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except no Dec meeting) for the remainder of the school year.

WatchDOGS Kick Off Meeting**Wed Sept 6 @ 6pm**

Calling all Dad's, Grandpa's, Uncles, or important father figures!
Come hear how you can support BelArts in a unique way and enjoy some pizza.
We love our WatchDOGS!

The Belmar Elementary Parent Teacher Association works together to support our school by fundraising for educational and curriculum needs; advocating on behalf of children and educators, and building a thriving and inclusive school community. We welcome all caregivers to be involved!

Our PTA member dues are \$10/year. To become a member and pay your annual dues, please sign up [here](#).

(Link is: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/membership-fees?utm_source=Belmar+Elementary+PTA&utm_campaign=8be644061d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_30_04_57_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1b7eac0715-8be644061d-)

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PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



What does the PTA do? Here are a few highlights from past years:

- Helps teachers purchase special equipment for classrooms
- Puts together a Fall Festival for staff & families
- Organizes meals for teachers during parent-teacher conference nights
- Pays for field day ribbons & treats
- Pays for field trip bus fees
- Helps fund playground improvements
- Organizes Teacher Appreciation Week meals & treats for staff
- Watch DOGS are part of PTA – be sure to sign up and remember, you can attend PTA meetings too!

We want to grow our membership, but you do not *need* to be a member to help out! Everyone can support our school throughout the year by signing up to help out at events like Fall Fest and bring food for teacher appreciation events, share books in our Little Free Library (facing the tennis courts), and help us raise funds by doing things like purchasing food from local restaurants during “spirit night” fundraisers.

We will host Fall Fest this year around Halloween, which would include a Silent Auction. Please reach out if you have auction donation ideas if you own a business or have a contact that could donate an item or experience! This is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year.

All PTA members are automatically added to our email list where we send out a monthly reminder of meetings and updates. You can contact us at: belmarptainfo@gmail.com.

And please join our group Facebook page at [Belmar Elementary PTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/493693274439701). (LINK is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/493693274439701>)

Monday, August 28, 2023 from 5:30-6:30
Save the Date

Arts Integrated



For a special evening with Sean Layne, Acting Right Teaching Artist

Reflective



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This will be an evening just for the grown-ups! Learn the WHY behind Acting Right and how it supports your student in becoming a calm, focused and balanced person!

Join us to learn about the BelArts' Systemic Behavior Program-Acting Right

