BELMAR SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED



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Message from the Principal

Dear Belmar Families.

September has arrived! Students and teachers are getting into a routine and we appreciate your help! Thank you for reading your emails, reaching out to teachers with questions and staying connected to the school staff. We value your partnership!

Our arrival and dismissal process has leveled out and we are running a safe and efficient carpool system! Thank you for providing suggestions, being patient and ultimately following the rules to keep our students safe!

We look forward to the Dot Day celebrations on September 15th. Check out www.internationaldotday.org for more information on this fun tradition at our school! Celebrating creativity, courage and collaboration is what we do best!

The biggest event in September is the BelArts Bolt! This is a Fun Run fundraiser sponsored by the school. The funds raised support our arts integration programming with special guest artists, student experiences, supplies and more! The money raised is also used for our 8 day dance residency + evening performance with the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company in March! 100% of proceeds will go to BelArts students! Check out the flyer and begin talking to friends and family, encouraging them to support our students at the BelArts Bolt! A lot of information is heading home soon!

Student safety is my #1 priority and we have made adjustments to our routines to ensure that every student is safe throughout the day. Our school doors are always locked and teachers are no longer using their classroom doors throughout the day. It was easy to pop outside for a snack or to take a shortcut to the playground but we cannot risk a small rock or wood chip prohibiting the door from closing correctly without us knowing. Our front door will also be locked 100% of the time which means that it is only open when a BelArts staff member is on duty.

Thank you for helping us kick off an amazing school year!

Warm regards,

Meredith Leighty, Belmar Principal

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WELCOME BACK WATCH DOGS!

Join us for the Kick Off event on September 6th! We will have some fun together and learn more about the Watch DOGS program at BelArts! Dads, uncles, grandpas, and other father figures are all welcome to attend with their student! Hope to see you there!





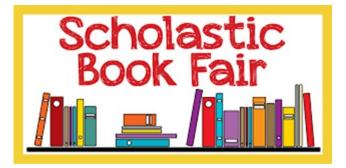
September 22nd: No School – Teacher Work Day Week of September 26th: Scholastic Book Fair September 27th and 28th: Parent/Teacher Conferences October 2nd: Fall Picture Day!

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON!

September 25th-29th!

Drop by before or after your parent/teacher conference!

Say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.



Cash and check will still be accepted at the fair.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/belmarelementary

PTA News

Welcome back to school, and a special hello to our new BelArts families!



We invite you to join the BelArts PTA this year and be engaged in our school community.

We work 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 plan and host school events throughout the year!

Our PTA dues are \$10/year. We want to grow our membership, but you do not need to be a member to help out. Dues are easy to pay through our Cheddar Up link: <u>https://my.cheddarup.com/c/membership-fees</u>.

Members can sign up to work on **PTA committees** if they're interested in helping in a specific way: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4fafaa23aafd0-ptacommittee4

Check out our new PTA Website: <u>https://sites.google.com/view/belarts-pta/home</u> Dads & male caregivers: please join the WatchDOGS email list if you want to volunteer: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3WtA8KSXVnv1v0KTqA8pIA1T-tLp8-S3sj98AuHI-hz3Ajg/viewform</u>



We are planning the BelArts Fall Festival for October 27th! Would you like to help put it together? Let us know if you'd like to be on the committee creating this fun, family carnival! The Fall Fest will include a silent auction, which is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year. Do you own a business or know someone who does? Please consider donating an item or experience to the auction! Please email our board at belmarptainfo@gmail.com if you can help. We will be auctioning off themed "classroom baskets" again this year, so keep your eye out for more information on how to donate items for the baskets.

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

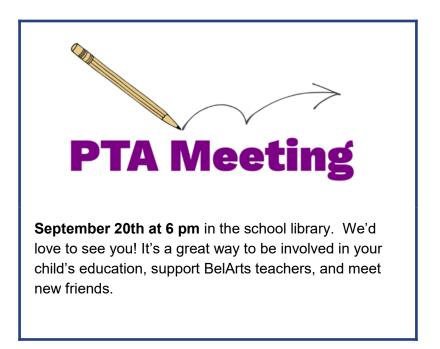
Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school!

Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Rob Mangelson at <u>Rob@tscacolorado.com</u> or (720) 878-4107.



PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



DISMISSAL PROCEDURE REMINDERS

Things have been going well and we are fine tuning our processes from the inside...we need your help outside!

- Carpool ends at 3:20pm. At that time, students will be brought to the office and parents must park, walk in and sign out their children.
- The office closes at 3:30pm. Per the handbook, frequent late pick-ups will result in the student serving lunch detention.
- It is NOT recommended that you arrive early and park in the fire lane you MUST remain in your car in the event of an emergency.
- Pay attention during the carpool process look for pedestrians, move forward when it is your turn, etc.
- Pull up closely to the car in front of you and stay alert.
- Do not get out of your car, your child must enter the vehicle from the passenger side.
- If your child needs extra assistance, park in a spot and utilize the Parent Walk up line.
- For those of you walking up to the Parent Pick Up Line, dogs are not allowed on school property.
- Carpool drivers: Some people are sneaking in the carpool lane from the south side and honking rudely at those that are following the rules. Only enter the carpool lane from the north side – if are coming to the area from the south, drive past and turn around, legally, in the neighborhood or park.



• Be kind.

TIGER INVITATIONAL TRACK MEET

Tiger Invitational Track Meet! October 14th

4th and 5th grade students are invited to join our track team. Practices begin on Monday, September 25th.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:15pm

See info letter and sign permission slip. Be ready to compete on October 14th.







JOIN THE BELARTS TRACK TEAM

Dear Students and Families,

The Lakewood Area Elementary Schools will once again be holding our "Tiger Invitational" Track Meet! All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join the team! We will be participating with three other Lakewood area elementary schools in the 19th annual Tiger Invitational Track Meet at Lakewood High School on October 14th.

Our focus for the track team is getting in shape, having fun, and showing good sportsmanship. Practices will be after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30pm-4:15pm. The first practice will be Monday, September 25th. There is no cost to participate on the Track team.

If you have any questions, please email me at <u>chad.hartinger@jeffco.k12.co.us</u> or call <u>BelArts</u> at 303-982-8220.

Thanks,

Coach Chad Hartinger

Please complete the bottom portion of this notice and return it to school with your child.

I give my child (<u>print)</u>	permission to attend
the <u>BelArts</u> Track Team practices. I underst	and that all sessions will be supervised
by school staff in a safe environment. <u>I will</u>	provide transportation home promptly at
4:15pm. I understand that IF I pick up my child late from practice TWO times, my	
student will not be able to participate in trac	k.

Parent signature:_____

Phone Number:_____

Teacher:

Grade:_____