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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BelArts Families,

When the air turns crisp and leaves start to change, we know October is here. This school year is moving quickly and all of our Vikings are working very hard and achieving great things! Thanks for taking the time to read through this edition of the Viking Newsletter.

We appreciate you for coming to Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is very important for us to maintain a strong school to home connection and conferences are a great way to keep communication flowing between parents and teachers.

We will be honoring the district-wide fall break with **no school for students** on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. Teachers will be participating in professional learning on October 19th.

We were fortunate to bring Melanie Rick, with Focus 5, in for a day to instruct teachers how to "Read Art." Melanie will be back on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> working in classrooms side by side with your children.

Thank you very much for participating in our BelArts BOLT fundraiser this year. Our AMP team did an amazing job creating character building lessons for every class leading up to BOLT. ACTIVE-ask your child if they remember what each letter stands for.

Please remember that I'm available to you if have questions and/or concerns of if you just want to drop by to say hello. I can be reached by email: [mleighty@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:mleighty@jeffco.k12.co.us) or by my office phone @ 303-982-5495.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Leighty

### MASK PARADE!

Join us on Monday, October 31st at 8:30am for a school-wide mask parade. Students take part in a cultural study and create masks with Mrs. McMahon.

If you are able to join us, you can stay outside because the students will parade around the exterior of the building in their cultural masks. It will be a quick event and a fun photo opportunity. Costumes will NOT be worn to school during the academic day.

All students and families are invited to attend the PTA sponsored Fall Festival on Friday, October 27th from 5:30pm-8:00pm and are encouraged to dress in costumes if you wish.



### BELARTS BOLT!

Thank you so much for helping us raise money for our arts integration programming!

**THANK**  
*You*  
**SO VERY**  
**much**




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- BURGERS, WINGS, TACOS, MAC N CHEESE
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# WATCH DOGS

Thank You Belmar Watch DOGS!

Many thanks to the following Watch DOGS that have already volunteered this year:



Doug Tisdale  
Jim Nelson  
Matt Hvidza



We LOVE and appreciate our Watch DOGS. We have many open spots available! Call the office if you have time to volunteer at Belmar!

## HOMework AT BELARTS?

All students 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade have access to reading and math practice through an online platform called IXL. Students should have received their log in information at conferences or by teacher email. IXL targets specific skills that students need to practice and the nightly goal is 20 minutes.



Valid only at Applebee's in Colorado on 10/31/23. Dine-in only. Must order off of the Kids menu. Two free kids meals per adult entrée, must mention this offer. Kids 12 and under.

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 [Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com) or (720) 878-4107.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2nd: Picture Day!

October 11<sup>th</sup>: Choir Starts 3:15-4:00pm

October 14<sup>th</sup>: First Track Meet

October 18<sup>th</sup>: SAC 5:00pm and PTA 6:00pm

October 18<sup>th</sup>: School Spirit Night @Chipotle (Union and Simms)

**October 19<sup>th</sup>: No School – Teacher Work Day**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>: No School – Fall Break**

October 27<sup>th</sup>: Fall Festival 5:30 to 8:00pm

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Mask Parade @ 8:30am

## TRAFFIC SAFETY: LOOK OUT FOR TRAFFIC CONES!

Due to recent incidents involving high speeds near school zones/crosswalks, accidents, and other safety issues occurring near schools, the Lakewood Police Department will be at several Lakewood schools during the month of October. During this operation the team will be focusing on stopping any vehicles which violate pedestrian/crosswalk laws and the traffic team will be working on speed/traffic enforcement. Our BelArts carpool team will wear traffic cone costumes to bring awareness to traffic safety in school parking lots and on streets and crosswalks near schools. Please help us keep our students safe by not using your cell phone during carpool, paying close attention to pedestrians in the parking lot, using only the crosswalk when walking through the parking lot and using very slow speeds.



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### Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.



To sign up, go to [LongmontDairy.com/savecaps](http://LongmontDairy.com/savecaps)  
or click here.



# Milk Caps for MOOOLA



## REMINDERS

Soft start is at 8:00am and students who are having breakfast are welcome to come as early as 7:45am. Students are considered tardy at 8:15am and require a tardy slip by the front office. Please make sure you are leaving early enough to get them here on time. Being on time helps your child learn about routines and commitment. It also gives your child time to greet their friends before class and can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.



School is out at 3:05pm. The office has become incredibly busy with parents coming in early to avoid the pickup lines. We understand there are rare occasions where parents may need to pick up students early for appointments but please be patient and follow our dismissal procedures. Early check outs are considered unexcused without documentation. Your blue student card or an ID is needed is needed for early check out.

Please remember to call your child in sick and a Doctor's note is needed after missing 3 days.

## PTA SPONSORED FALL FESTIVAL

**BelArts Fall Festival**

Silent Auction | Food | Dance Party | Games

**Friday 27 October 2023**  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

- Wear your Halloween costume
- Trick or Treat
- Arts & Crafts
- Cake Walk
- & More!

At BelArts School  
Sponsored by  
BELMAR SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED ARTS PTA

Come enjoy this FREE community event on Friday, October 27th! It is a super fun evening enjoying the fall season with the BelArts community!

**Sponsor This School!**  
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## SILENT AUCTION

Our Fall Festival will include the PTA annual Silent Auction, our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year! It'll include online bidding - so you can take part even if you can't make it to the festival. **Thank you** to our Silent Auction Committee which has been busy rounding up donations from businesses all over the area. Get ready to bid on October 27th!

**\*\* Watch your email, our [PTA website](#), & Friday Folders for the Silent Auction link & details \*\***

# SILENT AUCTION

## ITEMS NEEDED!

PTA is seeking donations for the annual silent auction! Proceeds help purchase classroom materials, support arts integration needs, sponsor field trips and assemblies, fund FREE community events, and more!

### Examples

- Tickets to sporting or arts events that you have season tickets for
- Gift cards to a business you own or work for
- An unused unique item you have access to
- Admission to an event or experience that you have access to
- Weekend getaway at a condo/house you own
- Professional service

### Why Donate?

- Support educational experiences for our kids
- Donations are tax-deductible
- Expose your business or services to over 300 families!



BELMAR SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED Arts PTA

Silent Auction @ Fall Festival | October 27 5:30-8pm

If you have items that you would be willing to donate, please **email Matt at [belmarfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:belmarfundraiser@gmail.com)**

THANK YOU!

Two of our favorite events at Fall Festival are the cake walk and trick or treat street. Cake and candy donations are needed. Sign up here if you can help provide a few items:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FAFAA23AAFD0-44704666-cakes>

## PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Show your creativity and decorate a pumpkin!



### Join the BelArts Elementary School's **PUMPKIN DECORATING** contest!

Show your creativity and decorate a fun pumpkin to share with all! Pumpkins need to be received by Friday, October 27 to be eligible!

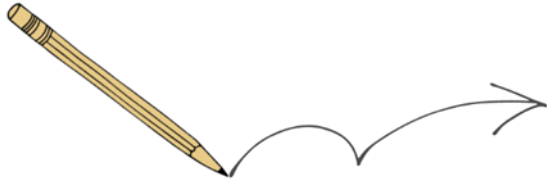


### **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. Only one pumpkin per student will be accepted.
2. Pumpkins must be WHOLE - no carved or scooped out pumpkins will be accepted. No carved pumpkins will be accepted.
3. Pumpkins can be painted and decorated any way you wish!
4. Please write your name and grade on the bottom of your pumpkin using a sharpie pen or permanent marker.
5. Pumpkins should be brought to the table in the front lobby anytime between October 23 and October 27.
6. Pumpkins will be on display and judged at the Fall Festival.  
Top prize \$100 Gift certificate to The Gnarly Toybox,  
a local toy store.... With other prizes!

Hosted by the BelArts Elementary PTA

## PTA NEWS



# PTA Meeting

The PTA AND SAC (School Accountability Committee-) meet on **THIRD Wednesdays** each month at **5PM (SAC)** and **6PM (PTA)** in the school library. All caregivers are invited to attend.

Next SAC meeting is OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> at 5pm.

Next PTA meeting is OCTOBER 18th at 6 pm.

*We will be offering a virtual way to attend these meetings: a GoogleMeet link will be emailed out with the meeting notice and agenda to members and others on our email list each month.*

Our PTA member dues are \$10/year: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/membership-fees>.

Members can sign up to work on **PTA committees** if they're interested in helping in a specific way: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4fafa23aafd0-ptacommittee4>

Contact us at [belmarptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:belmarptainfo@gmail.com).

Please join [our Facebook group](#) for updates.

**PTA Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/belarts-pta/home>

Male caregivers: please join the WatchDOGS email list if you want to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3WtA8KSXVnv1v0KTqA8pIA1T-tLp8-S3sj98AuHI-hz3Ajq/viewform>





## PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



### PTA Restaurant Night - October 18th

Join us at Chipotle (145 S. Union Blvd. #103 Lakewood, 80228– anytime between 4-8pm – tell them you're with Belmar School of Integrated Arts and a percentage of your meal cost comes back to our PTA!

### PTA Fundraising Opportunities

**Help raise funds while you grab dinner or go out and have fun!**

During our "Spirit" events, the BelArts PTA gets a percentage of sales if you mention our fundraiser or use a special code online at checkout (*details sent home in Friday Folders & on our website & FB group*):

**October 18:** Chipotle (Union and Simms) 4 to 8pm

**November 7:** Red Robin (3244 Wads) 4 to 8pm

**December 7:** Noodles & Co in Belmar, 4-8

**Want to make a general donation to the PTA?**

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/general-donation-for-belarts-pta>

### FUNDRAISING at no additional cost to you! Link rewards accounts to the BelArts PTA!

**KING SOOPERS:** Please add "Belmar Elementary PTA" as your organization to support through King Soopers' Community Rewards program: <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION APP:** Scan your grocery receipts & the PTA earns 10 cents per qualifying item.

**MINTED:** [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com) - Online collection of art, stationary, supplies, and more from independent artists. 15% back to PTA when you use code FUNDRAISEBELMAR at checkout.

**American Furniture Warehouse:** Purchases ONLINE, at any store, or over the phone all count! Up to 4% of your purchase ANYTIME supports Belmar School of Integrated Arts! During check-out, mention our school or **ID: BSIA97** [AFW.com](http://AFW.com).





## NEW POSITION: FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON

Hello BelArts Family,

My name is Amy Kraft and I am the new Family Engagement Liaison at Belmar. It is an honor to be joining your school and I can't wait to meet each and every one of you. What is family engagement? Family engagement is a full, equal, and equitable partnership among families, educators, and community partners to promote children's learning and development from birth through college and career. Did you know research shows family engagement in a child's education can improve their academic performance, attendance, social skills, behavior, and how they feel about school?

My role is to partner with families and encourage the home-school connection, be a helping hand connecting you with resources, and overall be a support to you. My desk is currently in the front office so feel free to stop by and say hello. I am also outside during drop off and pickups and would love to meet you.

A little bit about me. I am a Colorado native which is pretty rare these days. I have a 9 ½ year old boy/girl twins that are the light of my life. They keep me on my toes and there is never a dull moment. My daughter loves to sing and performs in recitals. My son loves to play baseball and read anything he can get his hands on. In my free time, you can find me biking, hiking, or basically doing anything active or outside.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email at [amy.kraft@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:amy.kraft@jeffco.k12.co.us) or 720-982-8220 or pop into the office. I look forward to an incredible school year.

Amy Kraft



## CHOIR UPDATES

### Attention Parents, Guardians and Students!

Choir will begin at Belmar School of Integrated Arts on Tuesday October 10 for any interested students in grades K-5.

Our concerts will be:

November 10 at 8:30 AM- BelArts Veterans' Day assembly

December 12 at 6:30 PM- Concert at Lakewood High School with the Lakewood area schools.

If your student joins the choir, it is important for them to be at every rehearsal.

Rehearsals will take place from **3:15-4:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

I understand that some students may have other obligations on some of these days. If your student will be unavailable for one or more of these rehearsals, let me know. They may still be able to participate in choir and sing for the concerts.

**There will be a fee of \$5 for choir.**

Thanks! Eric Peters

Music Teacher, Belmar School of Integrated Arts

I grant my student permission to join the choir and will make every effort to arrive on time for rehearsals, and to attend every rehearsal.

Student name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have attached my \$5 fee in cash \_\_\_\_ or check \_\_\_\_ (made payable to Belmar School of Integrated Arts)

T-Shirt size (circle one): Youth S M L XL

Adult S M L XL

If students want to participate and cannot pay the fee, they can contact Ms. Leighty for a scholarship