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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BelArts Families,

We are nearing the end of 2023 and it is a time of reflection and celebration at Belmar School of Integrated Arts. We have much to celebrate this year!

The learning happening in classrooms is deeper and more robust than it has ever been! Our knowledge building curriculum, paired with arts integration strategies takes the learning to a new level. Melanie Rick, with Focus 5, is working side by side with teachers deeping their understanding of "Reading Art" and I see evidence of her training every day. I am so proud of our students and teachers!

The time invested in professional learning for teachers has a direct impact on student learning. We are also proud to have received the Arts Integration award from the Arts Schools Network this year. You can find the full press release below but here is a quote from the Managing Director of ASN: "BelArts is dedicated to daily arts integration, solid partnerships with arts organizations and outside arts experiences for their students. After 5 full years of implementation of an arts integration model, they are seeing growth in student confidence, growth in academic data, improved attendance rates, increased participation rates in classroom discussions and so much more. Students are taking risks and modeling what it means to be a courageous learner on a daily basis."

While we are in the midst of an amazing school year, it is still time to begin plans for next year. Enroll Jeffco opens this month and if you are a 5th grade parent, you don't want to miss the first window of enrollment!

BelArts is a kind, fun and welcoming community and you have already showed up in amazing ways for our students - be sure to help us cultivate a season of giving by joining our Food Drive for the Jeffco Action Center. We are collecting canned goods, personal hygiene items, socks, gloves and hats from December 11th-19th.

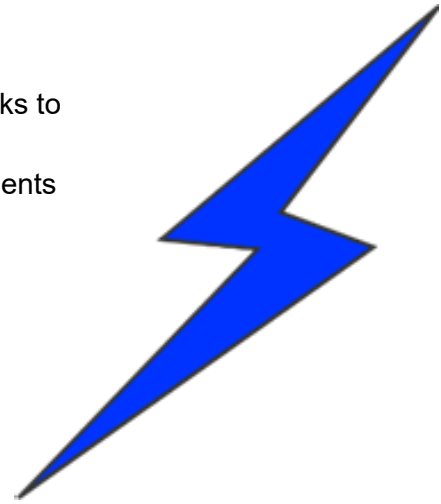
Please remember that I'm available if you have questions and/or concerns or if you just want to drop by to say hello. I can be reached by email:

Meredith.Leighty@jeffco.k12.co.us

Meredith Leighty

BELARTS HAS A NEW MASCOT!!!

The election for the new mascot was between the Stars, Rockets, and the Bolts. Thanks to all our students who created posters advertising their favorite mascot and voted in the election. **We are officially the BelArts Bolts!** It was a fun experience for all and students even got their own "I voted" sticker.



Mascot Selection 2023	
53	Rockets
137	Bolts
107	Stars



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year - what you need to know!

Round 1 Enrollment starts : December 5, 2023 and goes to January 12, 2024.

- **Choice Enrollment opens December 5th!**
- **5th grade parents – Be sure you log into Enroll Jeffco and make a decision for next year – if you are choosing a school outside of your neighborhood boundary, you must apply.**
- All families – it helps us make decisions about budget and staffing if we know which students are returning so please log in and register for next year.
- Share the news! Encourage your friends and neighbors to enroll early! Some families don't realize that the process starts this early so let them know!
- If you love it here, tell people! Share our school info on social media and encourage others to check us out! (If you don't love it here, come see me right away so we can figure things out!)

<https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/enrollment/enrolljeffco>





BELARTS HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAYS 2023

Happy Holidays to every BelArts Family!

During the month of December, we like to celebrate and have a little fun! Students and staff are encouraged to wear festive items throughout the month! Holiday hats, headbands, necklaces, ties, suspenders, and crazy sweaters are all encouraged.

We hope you have a wonderful Winter Break and we will see you back on Monday, January 8th.



<p>12/11: Frosty's Fun Day Wear a hat or scarf</p> 	<p>12/12: Ready to go Christmas Tree Shopping Wear Your Flannel Shirt</p> 	<p>12/13: I'll Have a BLUE Christmas without you Wear BLUE</p> 	<p>12/14: Candy Cane Day Wear Red and White</p> 	<p>12/15: Wear a Santa Hat</p> 
<p>12/18: Jingle Bell Day Show off your holiday bling</p> 	<p>12/19: Twas the Day Before Christmas Break Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</p> 			

BELARTS FOOD DRIVE

BelArts Food Drive for the Jeffco Action Center:

Please join in on our Food Drive for the Jeffco Action Center. We are collecting canned goods, personal hygiene items, socks, gloves and hats from **December 11th-19th**. What a wonderful way to give back to the Action Center that does so much.



LOST & FOUND AT BELARTS

Has your child lost a lunch box? Their jacket or water bottle? These are just a few of the items that have been lost at school this year. Please label your child's belongings; it is the best way to be sure it gets returned quickly. If your child has lost something, please have them check the Lost and Found. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity after **December 19th**.

ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED

DECEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 28 th	School Information Night 5:30pm
December 5 th	Creighton Middle School Showcase Night-for 5 th graders-5pm- flyer attached at end of Newsletter
December 6 th	Mary Poppins Auditions for K-2, 3:15-4:45pm
December 7 th	Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Field Trip 9-1pm
December 7 th	School Spirit Night @ Noodles 4-8pm
December 7 th	Mary Poppins Auditions for 3-5, 3:15-4:45pm
December 12 th	Choir Concert at Lakewood High School@ 6:30pm
December 11 th -19 th	Holiday Spirit Week and Belarts Food Drive
December 19 th	Hip Hop performance at Belmar: 4:15pm
December 20th-January 5th Winter Break	
January 8 th	Students return to school

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SCHOOL WIDE FIELD TRIP

School Wide Field Trip to see **Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum!**

ALL our students and staff will enjoy a dance performance by the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance ensemble at their theatre downtown on Dec. 7th, from 9am to 1pm. This will be a great experience for our students and some of the ensemble dancers will actually be the dance instructors for BelArts students during our dance residency in March!



FALL PERFORMANCES!

Congratulations to our 5th grade students that participated in Band and Orchestra concerts this month!

Thanks to Mr. Larsen and Mr. West for their hard work with beginning band and orchestra students! They all did such a great job and the students sounded great! Did you know that band and orchestra used to be optional in 5th grade? All Lakewood area elementary schools have made this enrichment class a requirement for our 5th grade students.

The BelArts Choir is performing at Lakewood High School on Dec. 12th at 6:30pm. Thanks to Mr. Peters for hosting choir rehearsals after school and for performing for the BelArts Veterans Day celebration on November 10th. Mr. Peters also hosts the entire student body for a Holiday Sing-a-long on December 19th from 2:15 to 2:50pm.

The BelArts Hip Hop Club will perform on December 19th at Belmar at 4:15pm. Thanks to Mrs. Burnett and Ms. Fife for giving their time and leading Hip Hop Club this fall!

SPRING MUSICAL

The Spring Musical will be....drum roll please....
Mary Poppins!

Mary Poppins was directed by Robert Stevenson, produced by Walt Disney, and has songs written and composed by the Sherman Brothers. It was the highest grossing film of 1964 and received 13 Academy Award nominations. BelArts is excited to perform the Broadway Jr version of this classic musical next spring!

The final performance will take place at Lakewood High School on Saturday, April 6th.

Auditions are open to all students in Grades K-5 with the understanding that rehearsals are frequent and can be long as we closer to the final performance. Students must memorize a prepared piece from the musical so look for the audition letter in your email and Friday Folders!

December 6th:

Mary Poppins Auditions for K-2, 3:15 to 4:45pm

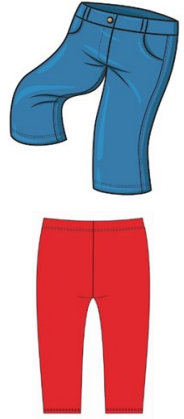
December 7th:

Mary Poppins Auditions for 3-5 3:15 to 4:45pm



WE NEED CLOTHING DONATIONS

Some of our younger students have accidents once in a while...even our oldest students spill lunch on themselves on occasion....all of our students tend to get wet on snowy and soggy days! As you clear through your child's wardrobe and find **pants** that are too small, consider donating them to the school instead of taking a bag to Goodwill! We purchase new underwear and socks and do not ask those to be returned. We lend out pants in hopes of them being washed and returned to school. We are running LOW on both girl and boy PANTS. Shirts **are not** needed at this time. . Any donations would be greatly appreciated! (It's also helpful if you pack one complete change of clothes in your child's backpack for emergencies!)



ART SCHOOLS NETWORK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: R. Scott Allen, Ed.D., Managing Director, 832.266.4241, sallen@artsschoolsnetwork.org

Belmar School of Integrated Arts Wins Arts Integration Award

Houston, Texas – On June 1, 2023, the **Belmar School of Integrated Arts** was recognized with the Arts Schools Network (ASN) 2023 Arts Integration Award. This award is presented to schools that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in bringing arts integration strategies into the curriculum. **Arts Schools Network (ASN)** is the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. ASN will honor the school at the Awards Ceremony during the ASN 2023 Annual Conference, in Birmingham, Alabama from October 24-26, 2023.

The mission of **Belmar School of Integrated Arts (BelArts)** states that the school develops creative, curious, and courageous learners through rigorous and innovative academic instruction and meaningful engagement in the arts. Their core values are celebration, creative problem-solving, integrity, growth mind-set, and perseverance. The school anchors to their mission and core values while operating under the Kennedy Center definition of arts integration, "Arts integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form." BelArts students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.

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Dr. R. Scott Allen, Managing Director for ASN said, "Our organization offers guidance, inspiration, and incentives to arts schools and their leaders who strive for excellence on campuses across the country. When they demonstrate outstanding efforts toward this goal, we recognize and reward their achievements with awards such as this one."

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit association founded in 1981, provides arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions with quality resources, support and networking opportunities.

Visit www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.



PTA NEWS



It has been a wonderful fall!

We are celebrating as we roll into December! Our first trimester community events such as our back to school BBQ, WatchDOGS party, Fall Festival and Silent Auction were such a success and so much fun! This year's silent auction raised over \$8500. That is more than we have ever raised before! Thank you to our phenomenal community for all the donations of classroom basket items, halloween candy, cakes, and volunteer hours planning and facilitating these events. Shout out to Grace Covenant Church, Kiwanis Club, staff, and parents/grandparents that helped facilitate these events.

THANK YOU to everyone for participating in our passive fundraisers - King Soopers Community Rewards, American Furniture School Rewards, Box Tops, Jimmy Suds, and Minted. Additionally, THANK YOU to everyone who came out for spirit nights! This income, paired with the silent auction, has allowed us to keep all of our community events 100% free, increase funding for the staff grant program, support the school's emergency food bank, and bring important arts integration coaching and a school-wide assembly to BelArts!

There is so much more to look forward to in the Spring!

There is **NO DECEMBER PTA Meeting**, but we will be back Jan.17th at 6pm in the library with information on some of our favorite spring events and happenings!



Save the date for:

Chili Cook-Off and BINGO Night - Feb 15 (more information coming later)

STEAM Night - April 11

Join Us for One More Spirit Night in 2023 and a Bonus Holiday Fundraiser!

Noodle & Company Spirit Night
 Dec 7 from 4-8PM
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PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



Christmas Trees that Support BelArts PTA

Get Your Christmas Tree from O’Toole’s

Mention BelArts or bring this flyer (in Friday Folders) and PTA will receive \$10 per tree!



And the Winner is...

There were some incredible entries in the pumpkin decorating contest and a tight race for the prize.

Congratulations to Kyler Kelly, the winner!

We LOVE our community business sponsors!

PTA would like to extend a special thank you to these businesses that support BelArts through donations of goods and services. We value positive partnerships in our community!

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IS IT AN INSIDE DAY OR AN OUTSIDE DAY?

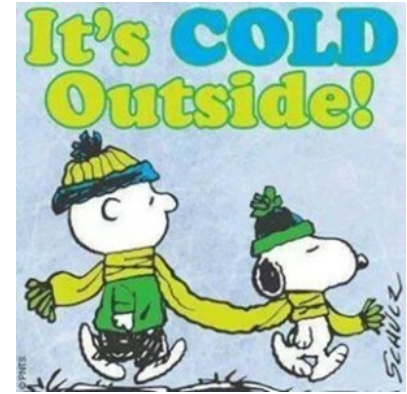
It's that time of year. Many parents are curious as to what conditions lead schools to determine whether or not to keep students inside for recess.

- Typically if precipitation is falling (snow and/or rain) it is an Inside Day.
- If temperatures fall below 22 degrees, it is an Inside Day.

Students have roughly 20 minutes for recess and we believe they need daily periods of fresh air and exercise. We take students outside if:

- The temperature is above 22 degrees.
- It is not raining or snowing heavily.
- If it is snowing lightly, we will send students outside for recess.

All students are sent outside but they cannot walk through the snow unless they have boots on. If students do not have boots, on a snowy day, we will ask them to stay on the shoveled sidewalks and blacktop area. Please send students with coats, hats, gloves and boots on cold winter days.



SHOUT OUT

A special shout out and thank you to Sam Lopez for painting our fire lane!

Thank You

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

BelArts now has an emergency food pantry available to all BelArts families. Thank you to JeffcoEats (<https://jeffcoeats.org/>) for making this possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Family Engagement Liaison-Amy Kraft @ amy.kraft@jeffco.k12.co.us or call 303-982-8220, if you would like to stop by and check out our supplies. We suggest you bring a box or strong bag to carry the items. Most of our items are nonperishable.

Please remember you can reach out to Amy if you are needing resources. Whether it be food, clothes, meal benefit applications, I am here to help. I would also love to partner with you to build and sustain a supportive home-school connection. Parents are one of the most important tools in their children's learning and academic success.





SHOWCASE NIGHT AT CREIGHTON

Interested in learning about Creighton Middle
School?

Please join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 5pm

50 S. Kipling Street

Lakewood, CO 80226

All current 5th grade students and parents
are welcome!



*Hello
Winter*

