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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Belmar Families,

A special THANK YOU goes out to our fabulous PTA for organizing such an exciting Fall Festival. The silent auction raised money for the PTA and everyone had a fantastic night!

As we reflect and offer gratitude for the important things in our lives, this month, I'd like to extend a special THANK YOU to all of our amazing BelArts families, our amazing staff and especially our talented students. Our school community is a welcoming place for all to learn and thrive and I love coming to work every day because of you.

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:

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Meredith Leighty
Proud BelArts principal

VETERANS DAY!

Belmar is hosting our annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 10th. We would like to invite all Veterans and their families to a breakfast in our school library at 7:45am, followed by our whole school assembly that will begin at 8:30am. Thank you for filling out the service member forms and returning them back with a picture. It was nice to see a variety of military units.



TRACK MEET!

The track team had a track meet on Saturday, October 14th. Our runners did so well and had so much fun!!! BelArts students won the Sportsmanship Award. This is voted on by all Lakewood Area Principals. Thanks to everyone for an incredible season!!




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BELARTS MASK PARADE!

Students studied the reason people around the world make masks. Each grade level then focused on the artistic characteristics of one area. The mask parade was inspired by:

Elephants of India- Kindergarten

Kitsune from Japan-1st grade

Dinagyang Festival of the Philippines-2nd grade

Animal Art of the Pacific Northwest-3rd grade

Tribal Masks of the Biombo, Goma, and Ligbi of Africa-4th grade

Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls of Mexico-5th grade



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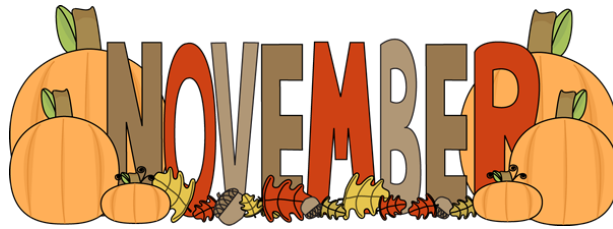


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COLORADO WEATHER

As you already know, the weather in Colorado is a bit funny, especially at this time of year! Please check the weather report and send your child to school in the appropriate clothing. We understand that sometimes the wind changes and we have a new weather pattern on our hands but now is the time of year to send kids to school with coats, hats and gloves and boots if it is wet outside. Thanks for your help with this! PLEASE write your child's name in their coats and other items! Also, the **lost and found** is continuing to grow. Make sure students are checking it, if they have lost something.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd	5th grade program @6:30pm
November 7th	Election Day Red Robin Spirit PTA Night 4 to 8pm (3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd.) 5th grade Orchestra Concert Picture Retakes
November 8th	5th grade band concert
November 10th	Veterans Day Celebration - Choir is performing at assembly 8:30am
November 13th	No school for students, Teacher work day
November 15th	SAC 5:00pm and PTA @ 6:00pm
November 20th to 24th	No School, Thanksgiving Break



SINGING AND DANCING!

- Dec. 12th at 6:30pm-Choir concert at Lakewood High School with the Lakewood area schools.
- Dec. 19th at 4:15pm-Hip Hop Performance at Belmar.

PTA NEWS



What an amazing Fall Festival: fun for families and a successful silent auction!

We are SO GRATEFUL to all the volunteers who made the Fall Festival possible - the members of our Fall Fest Committee, caregivers who donated their time for set-up and clean-up, donated cakes for the Cake Walk, items for classroom baskets and candy for trick-or-treating...the PTA is so impressed with all your support. Thanks to all who attended the Festival!

The PTA Silent Auction was our best yet! We raised over \$8500.

A huge thank you to our Silent Auction Committee which spent many weeks rounding up donations for the event. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year, and makes so much PTA programming possible. If you won an item and still need to pick it up, please contact us at belmarptainfo@gmail.com.

Your donations to our fundraising efforts pay for many things, including TEACHER GRANTS. Twice a year, the PTA approves special one-time grants for items to help students that don't fit into the school's regular budget. In October, the PTA Teacher Grants Committee approved the following teacher grant requests:

Ms. Burnett: 6 picture books focusing on music: \$95

Ms. Stimak: Light/glare covers for the overhead lights in her classroom to add a calming effect: \$86

Ms. Knickelbein: Stickers for her prize bin, graphic novels and picture books that pair with new Wit and Wisdom curriculum: \$100

Ms. Knickelbein and Ms. Allen also requested headphones as part of their grant. PTA will be purchasing 130 higher quality sets of headphones for the school.

Mr. Fisher, Ms. Finholm, and Ms. Lillard will be receiving grant requests through the school funding available for SSN/SPED resources.

PTA loves being able to support our student's classroom experiences!

Arts Integration

BelArts receives coaching from teaching artists through the REACH grant and PTA is able to support these efforts even more with a portion of the Arts Integration budget! This November PTA will contribute toward bringing one of these artists to work with staff and students AND put on a school-wide assembly demonstrating all of the incredible skills attained from this coaching!

Community Support

The PTA budget values our community needs and will be purchasing a cabinet to store non-perishable food items being received from Jeffco Eats, <https://jeffcoeats.org/>. This will become the BelArts emergency food bank and will be available to families that wish to receive food items!



PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Wednesday November 15th at 6 pm. All caregivers are invited to attend and we email out a virtual (Zoom) link to members on our email list if people prefer to attend virtually.

PTA website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/belarts-ptahome>

Make a general donation to the PTA:

<https://general-donation-for-belarts-ptahome.com>

PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



Fall Festival



Red Robin Spirit Night

Enjoy dinner at Red Robin on November 7th from 4 to 8pm!!!!

Location: 3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80227

PTA earns 20% of sales back.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Thanks to our BelArts Students who decorated a pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest. It was great to see all the creativity and hard work put into them. It was also fun to see the students look at them with amazement.





COMMON SENSE MEDIA

It's time, once again, to remind everyone about the website [commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org). This is a great resource for families! The website rates movies, TV shows, books and more so you can feel good about the entertainment choices you make for your children.

The website also has great recommendations you can search by age group. There are cool ways to set boundaries on the Xbox and PlayStation too – I know my own teenager isn't thrilled when I turn off his wifi but sometimes it just has to be done, right?

TikTok is a popular social media site that can be fun and engaging and even informative however the algorithm doesn't always present healthy content to kids. You may have seen news stories about "TikTok Challenges" that are extremely unsafe so be sure to monitor what your children are seeing online.

Definitely take some time to explore [commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org)!

REMINDER: SCHOOL ENROLL SURVEY

You received an email with a link to complete the School Enrollment Survey. If you haven't already completed this please take 10-15 minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JEFFCOSCHOOLENROLLMENT?lang=en>

Share with us what matters most to you when choosing a school for your student. Your feedback will help us improve the school enrollment process and provide programming to meet your family's educational needs. **The survey is open through Friday, November 17th.**

