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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BelArts Families,

February is the shortest month of the year and if the past has shown us anything it is also the month that just flies right on by! We have a lot of exciting things happening in the coming months and we are excited you are on this journey with us!

"Not a Box Day" became a tradition at our school a few years ago and we look forward to it every year! It takes place on February 14th! If you are unfamiliar with this special holiday, you are not alone – we made it up! You will find more information about Not a Box Day in this newsletter. This is a great day for us all to celebrate creativity and remember that we are all artists. Students will tour the "Not A Box" Showcase throughout the day and they will be displayed for families on Feb. 15th, the evening of the Bingo Chili Cook off. (Mark your calendar for this awesome PTA sponsored event!)

This month, BelArts will host the 41st Annual Jump Off on Thursday, February 29th. We purposely picked this date because it is a "leap year" and the 29th is "leap day." Students compete in class and the top 6 for (kindergarten) and top 8 jumpers for grades 1st to 5th are invited to attend the evening event! More info in the newsletter.

Just a reminder that the front office will be closed daily from 2:45pm to 3:20pm. If you need to pick your student up early, come before 2:45pm. Otherwise, you can pick your student up at parent walk up on the south side of the building at 3:05pm. Thank you for prioritizing student safety through our safe dismissal process. We appreciate your patience and grace.

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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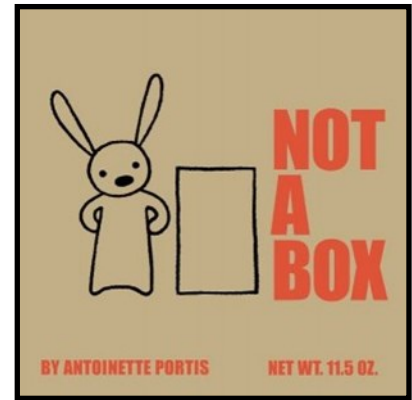
NOT A BOX DAY

Not a Box Day February 14th

BelArts Families, “Not a Box” Day is a day to celebrate creativity, imagination, and fun! There is a book titled “Not a Box” by Antoinette Portis that we are using for inspiration. You can watch the video at home, too. Simply google the book title and author.

Students will be going through an artistic process to reach their end product. By the end, they will have a creation of some kind and it will most definitely NOT BE A BOX! The creation process will happen at home! We need your help with this!

“Not a Box” Day is taking the energy and time we may have previously put into Valentine’s Day and now we get to celebrate our LOVE of CREATIVITY!



Artistic Process	Information	Dates
Inspiration Phase and Development Phase At School	Students will brainstorm all of the possibilities for their box with their teacher’s guidance. Students will draft a drawing and plan for their box. They can choose a box from home or we have options to choose from at school.	Days leading up to Feb. 2nd
Creation Phase AT HOME	Students create their box. After school on February 9th, there will be a couple of tables set up out front with art and craft supplies. These are available for families who might need some extra supplies to get them started.	Feb. 2nd-Feb 12th
Reflection Phase At School	Students will write an artist statement about their whole creation process. Return Boxes to school on February 12th	Jan. 27 th -Feb. 13th
Display Phase At School	Boxes will be displayed in the library and a few other locations. They can be viewed during the Bingo and Chili night on February 15th!	Feb. 14 th -Feb. 15th
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Littleton - Lilley Gulch Park
Lakewood - Addenbrooke Park

Register by February 16

February

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 8th-1st grade program 6:30pm

Feb. 13th-Reading art with Melanie Rick at 6pm-Parents Only

February 14th: Not a Box Day!

February 15th: Bingo Chili Cook Off

February 16th: No School for Students, Teacher Work Day

February 19th No School, Presidents Day

February 21st: SAC @5:00pm and PTA @ 6:00pm

February 22nd- 2nd grade music program 6:30-7:00pm

Feb. 26th to March 1st-Book Fair

February 27th- Spring and Class Photos

February 29th: 41st Annual Jump Off



THE 41ST ANNUAL JUMP OFF COMPETITION

The 41st Annual Jump Off is coming! This year our jump off will be held on 2/29 at 6pm in the gymnasium. Students who qualify will receive a letter to bring home 2/16 with more details. For those who are new to our community, the jump off is a school wide competition where the top 6 jumpers from kindergarten and 8 jumpers 1st-5th, will compete to be able to do the most jumps in 30 seconds for their grade level. Every year the students look forward to this event and we are excited for another year of jumping!

**We would love to have some Watch DOGS volunteer to be part of the judging team!

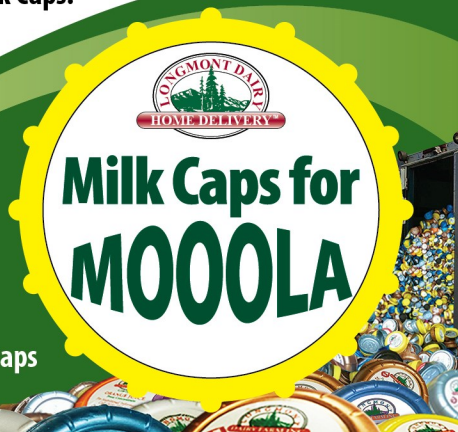
*** Dress comfortably in case you decide to join in on the fun and jump!

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 or click here.



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Rob Mangelson at
Rob@tscacolorado.com or
(720) 878-4107.

RAPIDS ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Don't forget about the Rapids Attendance Program requirements:

Students who achieve no more than 2 missed days, 2 tardies, and 0 early checks (that are unexcused), will receive a complimentary ticket to a Colorado Rapids match.

Dates are from Wed. Jan. 16th to March 8th. (36 school days)

The complimentary ticket will be good for the match on March 30th vs LAFC or April 20th vs FC Dallas.

The tickets are for students only and tickets for family members will be offered at a discounted rate through the Colorado Rapids.

For any questions, please reach out to Amy Kraft-Family Engagement Liaison @ amy.kraft@jeffco.k12.co.us

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- 20 absences, excused or not, equal ONE full month of missed school. Tardies and early checkouts add up too!

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit early, so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.



 A circular logo for Westrail Tap & Grill. The logo has a red border with the words "WESTRAIL" at the top and "TAP & GRILL" at the bottom in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the center of the circle is a black and white illustration of a steam locomotive.

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THERAPY DOG

Meet the BelArts Therapy Dog: Nala Jane!

Nala is fully certified and licensed as a therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs

- She took 24 weeks of classes
- Passed her Canine Good Citizen test through the American Kennel Club
- Passed all 3 assessments through ATD
- Different than a service dog, Nala LOVES to be petted, receive love, attention and snuggles. She is here to bring your stress level down. 😊



ENROLL JEFFCO

Round 2 enrollment started on January 18th and goes until August 30th, 2024.

If you haven't already enrolled your student please go to the online system for choice enrollment.

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



Enrolling helps us make decisions about budget and staffing.

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SUPERINTENDENT ARTICLE

Our Community. Our Legacy. A Conversation with Jeffco Superintendent Tracy Dorland

Superintendent Tracy Dorland will be engaging in conversations with communities throughout Jeffco discussing districtwide topics and those specific to each articulation area. These community conversations are focused on family and community feedback and provide community members the opportunity to discuss important and current initiatives impacting Jeffco. The superintendent will be joined by a co-host at each event. Below is the information for the **Alameda and Lakewood areas**:

Location: Alameda Junior/High School

Date: Monday February 12, 2024, from 5:30-7:00pm

Families and community members from all schools (including charter and option schools) within the boundary areas are encouraged to attend the conversation. Conversations are open to the public and staff are also welcome to attend! Interpretation will be provided.



COFFEE TALK

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for Coffee Talk with the Principal in January. Coffee and breakfast items were provided. We had a great conversation about different items as well as some new ideas to help our wonderful community. Stay tuned for the next Coffee Talk.

PIKMYKID

Here are videos for help with PikMyKid:

<https://vimeo.com/743556391/99e5ffaec>

<https://vimeo.com/743556481/37d3d1fab0>

<https://vimeo.com/740110627/106bb0c61b>

Don't forget, the PikMyKid Support Team is always available to help you when you have a question. They are quick with their responses. You can contact them at support@pikmykid.com.

Thank you for your patience during this transition. We are all still getting used to this new way of dismissal and it will get easier every day.

Please:

- Stay calm - keep your cool - have grace for the process and your fellow drivers
- Be kind - do not shout profanity at others (kids can hear you)
- Drive slowly and with intention - stay off your phone
- Respect the bus lane and the busses -
- Parent Walk Up - park in the gravel lot or on Hoyt street - do not use our main lot
- Arrive early in the morning - plan ahead, when you are rushing, you are speeding
- Plan for the afternoon car line to take time - it is a realistic expectation for the car line to take between 10-15 minutes.
- Please remember we are all models for our children - be kind, courteous and bring concerns to the office.

FOCUS 5 TEACHING ARTIST

An evening with Melanie Rick-Feb. 13th at 6:00pm

Learn the importance of READING ART from our favorite teaching artists.

Parents ONLY!

A night you won't want to miss!



PTA NEWS



February holds some awesome events and programs! We are so excited to host the chili cook-off and BINGO night, award more staff grants, and have more fun spirit nights!

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night

One of our favorite FREE community events is coming back Feb 15th. Be thinking about your best chili recipes (red or green) and enter the cook-off for some exciting prizes. Sign up coming soon! We'll be playing Bingo for more fun prizes and enjoying time together as a BelArts community.



Spring Staff Grants Open

Successful passive fundraising and silent auction has allowed us to increase the staff grant fund to \$1500 for the spring! This is one of our favorite ways to be able to directly support our classrooms. The staff grant committee will review requests and share awards at the Feb 12 PTA meeting.



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PTA NEWS, CONTINUED...



PTA Meeting

Our general PTA meeting will be Wednesday, Feb 21 at 6pm in the library. Very important information will be shared about the remainder of the 23/24 school year events, staff grant awards will be announced, and we will start the search for people interested in filling PTA board positions for next school year! The board consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Fundraising Chair.

Spirit Nights

We are excited to have an activity spirit night AND a dinner spirit night this month! Please join us for a fun night hanging out with BelArts friends at Roller City Feb 2 from 4-10 and again for dinner at Five Guys on Feb 29 from 4-8. See more details below.



Friday, Feb 2 from 4-10pm
6803 W Alameda Ave
Lakewood, CO 80226

\$15 admission, \$5 skate rental
PTA gets \$5 per guest back!



Thursday, Feb 29 from 4-8pm
98 Wadsworth Blvd
Lakewood, CO 80226

20% is donated back to PTA!

More Good PTA Stuff Coming

Please save the date for these other events and join us at the regular meetings to learn more about how our PTA is supporting BelArts.

March 6 - Avalanche vs. Red Wings Spirit Night
March 27 at 6pm - General PTA Meeting
March 28 - African Bar and Grill Spirit Night

April 11 from 5-7pm - STEAM Night
April 17 at 6pm - General PTA Meeting

Get Involved

If you are interested in holding a PTA board position for next year, please join us for a PTA meeting or email belmarptainfo@gmail.com.

You can become a PTA member at any time! [Join here!](#)

Want to volunteer? Join a committee to help with spring events and programs. [Sign up here.](#)

Join Us on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00

For a special evening with
Melanie Rick, Focus 5 Teaching
Artist

Arts Integrated

Melanie Rick brings over 20 years of teaching expertise to us! She focuses on implementing arts integrated lessons through reading art and provides high quality professional learning to teachers.

Engagement



Systemic Strategies

This will be an evening just for the grown-ups! Learn the WHY and HOW of Reading Art. This is one of our core arts integrated strategies!

Come and find out all of
the benefits of **READING
ART!**