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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Spring!

Dear BelArts Families,

It certainly feels like spring already! It is so nice to have those high 50, low 60 degree days, in between the cold and snow. The changes in Colorado weather require us all to follow the weather reports so we know how to properly dress each day!

We are looking forward to hosting our duck family once again once they arrive in the courtyard!

There are so many amazing things happening at BelArts this spring! Spring break is early this year from March 18th to the 22nd. There is no school on Monday the 25th for a teacher work day.

This month, we are thrilled to invite back the dance instructors from the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company for a week long residency for all students! For the first time, all students will perform on March 13th at 6:00pm at Jefferson High School. We are very excited about this event, so mark your calendars.

In other exciting news, BelArts is celebrating Eat the Rainbow Week by having a spirit week March 4th through the 8th. Join us in celebrating the delicious and nutritious spectrum of fruits and vegetables. By encouraging our students to Eat the Rainbow, we empower them to make healthier choices which can last a lifetime.

Our state testing window opens on April 8th and students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will take CMAS. The schedule is included below **so mark your calendar** and avoid scheduling routine appointments during the testing window – students perform so much better when they are with their peers!

If your student is missing a coat, sweatshirt, water bottle, etc. please stop by the lost and found and check. It is also a good habit to write their names on all articles.

As always, we are thankful you are part of our community! We appreciate each family.

Warm regards,

Meredith Leighty,

BelArts principal

March

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1st Read Across America Day
- March 4th-13th Cleo Parker Dance Residency
- March 4th to the 8th Eat the Rainbow spirit week
- March 13th Whole School Dance Recital @Jefferson HS 6:00pm

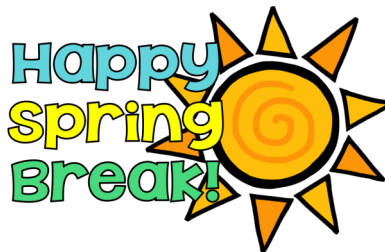
Week of the 18th to the 22nd: SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 25th No School for Students, Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, March 26th School starts

March 27th SAC 5:00pm, PTA 6:00pm meeting

Thursday, March 28th African Bar and Grill Spirit night
 Location: 955 S Kipling Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80226





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CLEO PARKER ROBINSON DANCE COMPANY

We are very fortunate to host the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company from March 4th-13th. The company dancers will be teaching dance class to ALL of our students during their specials classes. CPRD earned the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Arts and Culture 2019 Impact Award. Please see flyer below and more information about this organization can be found at <https://cleoparkerdance.org/who-we-are/>



BELMAR SCHOOL
OF INTEGRATED
Arts

**Belmar School of Integrated Arts
invites you to:**

**Our K-5 Cleo Parker
Robinson Dance
Showcase**

EVERY student in our entire school will be performing
with their class, so please plan on attending!

**Where: Jefferson High School Auditorium
When: Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 PM**

Students will be working everyday (for 8 days prior to the showcase)
with Cleo Dancers to learn choreography for the performance!

Cleo
PARKER
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DANCE

PTA BOARD ELECTIONS

The time has come for new leaders to fill the PTA Board positions for next year. PTA is an excellent way to support students and staff in addition to building community and having fun! It really takes a team and everyone is welcome! Training and coaching will be provided and our current board has done a lot of work to make sure you will be successful. Please see a description of available board positions and indicate your interest level for each role in [this survey](#). We will personally follow up with everyone who is interested or has questions. Thanks for considering!

The election will happen at the next PTA meeting, March 27 at 6pm in the library.

EAT THE RAINBOW SPIRIT WEEK

Different colored fruits and vegetables provide a variety of vitamins and nutrients.

Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) to learn more.

Please join us in celebrating Eat the Rainbow spirit week by wearing the colors listed below each day:

Eat the Rainbow Week
 JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS | HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Join Jeffco Healthy Schools in celebrating the delicious and nutritious spectrum of fruits and vegetables. From watermelons to blueberries, each color represents a unique set of **nutrients essential for our health and well-being**. We are encouraging students to bring attention to this week by **wearing the colors of the rainbow** each day and **eating the different colors** during lunch and at snack.

Monday
 Eat and wear **RED**

Tuesday
 Eat and wear **ORANGE**

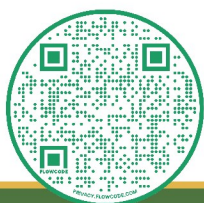
Wednesday
 Eat and wear **YELLOW**

Thursday
 Eat and wear **GREEN**

Friday
 Eat and wear **BLUE or PURPLE**

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.



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CHILI COOK OFF AND BINGO NIGHT

What an incredible evening for all!!!

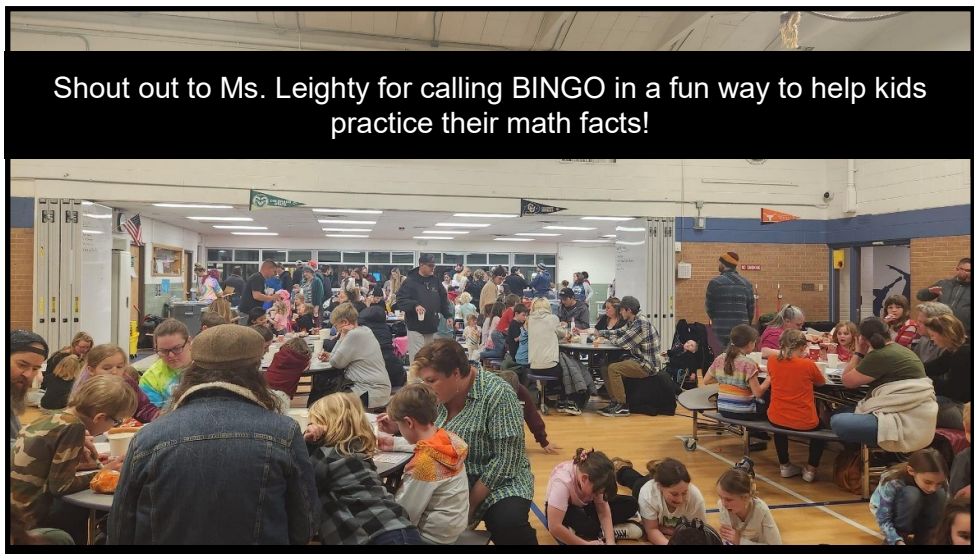
Thank you to everyone who cooked and tasted chili at the Chili Cook-Off and BINGO Night! It was so much fun and it was a tight race for the chili winners. Congrats to our winners:

1st place - Dan Garcia

2nd place - Amber Garza

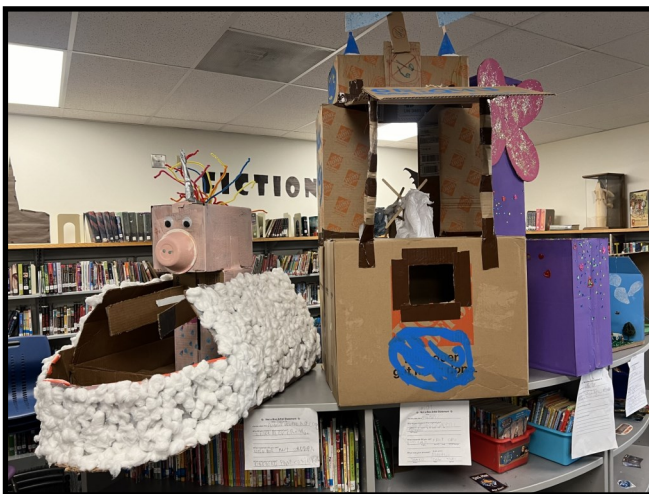
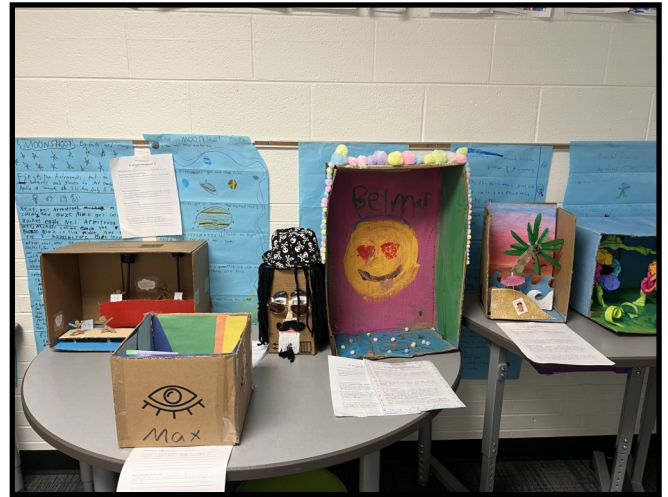
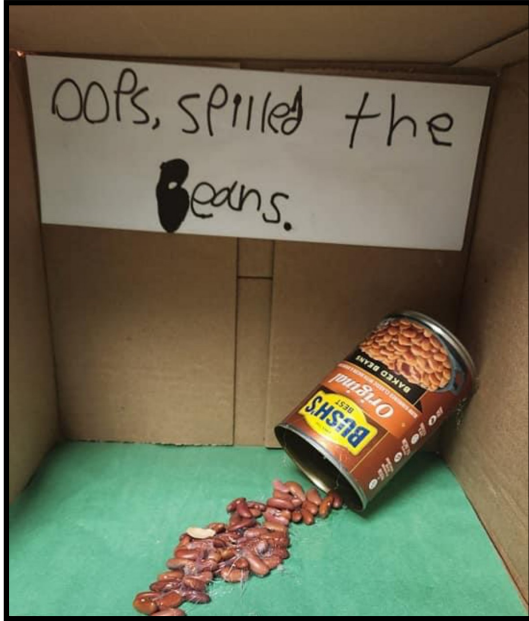
3rd place - Laura Garcia

Kids' choice award - Bekky Harkins



NOT A BOX

Thank you for all the creativity and collaboration with the Not A Box activity. It was so incredible to see all the different ideas and the final art products. We are so proud of our BelArts students. We hope you had fun with this as well.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWS

Questions to ponder:

- Do you overall feel connected to the school?
- Do you know how your child learns?
- Do you know what your children should be learning?
- Do you feel empowered to take action at home?
- Do you know how your child is performing?



Family engagement has the GREATEST IMPACT on student achievement when families take action at home that reinforces where their child is learning in the classroom.

Please reach out to the Family Engagement Liaison, Amy Kraft, at amy.kraft@jeffco.k12.co.us, if you want to learn more or want to feel more connected with your child's learning or the school.

Reminders: If you are in need of services such as food (food pantry at the school), housing referrals, or other items, please reach out, I would love to help.

Resources if needed:

Grace Covenant Church has a food bank every 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. They have fresh fruit/vegetables and meat along with canned goods.
Location: 10101 W Mississippi Ave, Lakewood, CO 80226 (303)-988-7505

Belmar Church has a drive through food bank every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00pm. A box with a protein, canned food, produce (if available) and cereal is included.
460 S Kipling St, Lakewood, CO 80226 (303) 986-5500

The Jeffco Action Center has a clothing bank located at 1565 Wadsworth Blvd. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. No appointment is necessary.

Did you know that hugs help kids grow? A 20 second hug can help your child grow smarter, healthier, more resilient and closer to you. Article below:

<https://www.parentingforbrain.com/children-hugging/>



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PTA NEWS



Spring Staff Grants Have Been Awarded

The grant committee voted to approve all 6 grant requests that were received!

Mr Fisher: Composition notebooks, plastic folders with pockets, spiral graph paper notebooks and lastly treasure box items to motivate struggling learners.

Mrs. Knickelbein: Math mysteries for 5th grade—highly engaging ways to review math units and previous learning. Each mystery is differentiated and builds on learning so that students also build confidence about all of the skills and allow teachers to target their need by the progression.

Mrs. McMahon: To run crochet club again (woohoo!): crochet hooks (sizes K,L, M,N) with bigger polymer clay handles, two sets of 12 skeins of Red Heart Super Saver Soft Acrylic Yarn medium weight

Mrs. Bustamante: Board games for her classroom, and a multiplication game that we could play in math centers including: Splat Multiplication, Brain games kids, Connect 4, Spot It, Battleship, and Monopoly Deal

Mrs. Christensen: Art books for her classroom library including: How to Draw Cool Stuff Light, Shade & Shadow Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Pastels for the Absolute Beginner, Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner, Acrylics for the Absolute Beginner, Daily Drawing Prompts The Beginner, Art Book for Kids, How to Draw Comics, How to Draw Cartoons, Watercolour Lessons, 1007 Drawings in 5 minutes, Drawing Nature for the Absolute Beginner, 30 Minute Portrait Drawings for Beginners, 30 Minute Drawings for Beginners, Portrait Drawing for Kids, and How to draw Anything.

Mrs. Lillard: Art supplies, barbies, Velcro, Musical instruments, playdough cars and trucks with a track for SSN students to be able to show what they know.

Upcoming Spirit Nights

Five Guys Burgers and Fries - Feb 29

African Bar and Grill - March 28

O'Tooles - April 19

Magills - April (date TBD)

Holiday Lanes - May 12

Chuck E Cheese - May (date TBD)

STEAM NIGHT

STEAM Night is coming April 11th

Please join us for a free community night where you can see the connection between science, technology, engineering, art, and science (STEAM). Interactive stations will be set up Thursday, April 11th from 5:30-7:30 and refreshments will be provided.



Join us for this year's STEAM night at BelArts!

Thursday, April 11th
5:30-7:30pm

Enjoy this free community evening where we will creatively connect science, technology, engineering, art, and math using engaging and exciting activities and displays.



A few things to look forward to include:

- ★ Elephant toothpaste
- ★ Bridge and structure building
- ★ 3D printing
- ★ Touch tables
- ★ Inspiring figures in math and science
- ★ Complete your own STEAM passport
- ★ Refreshments



Questions? Email BelmarPTAinfo@gmail.com

CMAS

BelArts CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success)

ELA (English Language Arts) , Math, Science, 2024 Schedule

3rd grade: Dates and Times

April 8th ELA1 8:30 to 10:30am

April 10th ELA2 8:30-10:30am

April 12th ELA3 8:30am to 10:30am

April 15th-Math1 1:00-2:30pm

April 17th Math2 1:00-2:30pm

April 19th Math3 1:00-2:30pm



4th grade: Dates and Times

April 9th ELA1 8:30am-10:30am

April 11th ELA2 8:30-10:30am

April 15th ELA1 8:30-10:30am

April 17th Math1 8:30-10:00am

April 19th Math2 8:30-10:00am

April 23rd-Math3 8:30-10:00am

5th grade: Dates and Times

April 8th ELA1 12:30 to 2:30pm

April 10th ELA2 12:30-2:30pm,

April 12th ELA3 12:30-2:30pm

April 16th Math1 8:30am-10:00am Science1 12:45-2:30pm

April 18th Math2 8:30-10:00am Science1 12:45-2:30pm

April 22nd Math3 8:30-10:00 Science1 12:45-2:30pm

April 24th and 25th-Make Up days

FROM CAPS TO CURRENCY: JOIN THE MILK CAPS FOR MOOLA PROGRAM!

As we find ourselves well into the heart of the school year, it's the perfect time to reignite our enthusiasm for Longmont Dairy's Milk Caps for Moola program. This is not only about recycling; it's about supporting our school and unlocking potential funds that directly benefit our students.

How It Works:

Enjoy your favorite Longmont Dairy products, from milk to cold brew and more, and save the caps! When you're ready, drop off your collected caps at the designated collection box in school, and we take care of the rest. It's a simple way to contribute to our school's success.

Benefits for Your School:

Participating in Milk Caps for Moola means enhancing our students' educational experience. The program offers a unique fundraising opportunity, and the more caps we collect, the more we can achieve together. It's a win-win for your school community!

Million Cap Markers:

We'll be celebrating our Million Cap Markers! The school that pushes us over each million mark will receive special recognition in our Moo News and an extra bonus check. We have recently reached 14 million caps collected and given over \$700,000 back to local schools – so now is your time to get those caps in!

Help Us Reach Our Goal:

Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to join in the fun! Together, we can exceed expectations and maximize our school's benefit from the Milk Caps for Moola program.

For any questions or to learn more about the program, please contact milkcaps@longmontdairy.com. Join us on this exciting journey of turning caps into cash for your school!

