



# Belleair Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Hello Belleair Families,

Spring has arrived! As we welcome March, we are getting closer to our final quarter for the 19/20 school year. Spring break is just around the corner and school will be closed from March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>. School will reopen on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The testing cycle for the 19/20 school year will begin March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our third graders will show what they know on the Florida Standards Assessment Test in Reading. Students will test for two days. Our fourth and fifth graders will take the Florida Standards Writing Assessment for 1 day. We will send more information as we get closer to this testing period.

Due to safety concerns, we will now require a parent or guardian to walk their child into the office and sign him/her in if they are arriving at school after 8:45 a.m. Thank you for ensuring your child's safety by following this new policy.

Just as the flowers are growing this spring, so have your students. Please consider donating uniforms your child has outgrown. We do require uniforms at Belleair. See below for

Once again, we want to thank all of you for sharing your children with us at Belleair Elementary School.

Educationally yours,  
Kelly Austin  
Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 9th-13th**

Book Fair

**March 12th**

Field Day Prek-5th

**March 16th-21st**

No School /Spring Break

**March 23rd**

No School

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Belleair Elementary School Uniform Attire

Tops:		
*Full Uniform	Light Blue/Navy:	Yellow/White:
Bottoms (Navy/Khaki):		
*Pants/Shorts:	Skirts/Skortis:	Jumper Dress:



## Report a Safety Concern



Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. Say Something allows you to submit secure & anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals BEFORE they hurt themselves or others. Tips made to the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System are passed along to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Visit the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#)

Additionally, the district utilizes FortifyFL, a school-related suspicious activity reporting tool that allows Florida students and the community the ability to instantly relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

Visit the [FortifyFL website](#)

## Late Student Process:

If a student is late their parent/guardian must park their car and come into the front office to sign their child in. Any late students that bring their breakfast with them will need to finish eating it in the office. They will be given **5 minutes** before being sent to class. Bringing breakfast to class does cause a disruption of learning.

## Multicultural News



Our Black History celebration was another huge success! We had over 70 families that attended. We enjoyed a great dinner catered by Chick-fil-A and were entertained by our Multicultural Committee members sharing their research on African Americans that have helped our country in various ways. We also learned a cultural dance performed by Natacha Zamor from Tampa Bay Afrofit. She was so talented! Thank you everyone that attended and for continuing to support your children!



## News from the Art Room



Belleair Elementary now has an online student art gallery on [artsonia.com](http://artsonia.com) that features over 400 works of art from students in grades 2-5. Artsonia manages student art portfolios in a safe and educational manner. You can also order items in the gift shop with your child's art on it with 20% of purchase supporting the art program at our school. You can visit [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) and type in the school name for more information.

Congratulations to students whose artwork was recently featured in local art shows including the "Creative Start" Art Exhibit at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and the "Word and Image" Exhibit at the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg.

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**PTA News**



Hello Belleair families!

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is looking for officers for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact me at the email address below. The PTA helps plan activities like Goodies with Grandparents, Fall Festival, and Pastries with Parents. We also support a variety of programs at the school, such as, teacher appreciation, mints during testing, and much more. Please join us at our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 3:30.

## Upcoming event info

Field Day March 12<sup>th</sup> Prek - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Rainy Day makeup is Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Swimming is May 11 – 22  
The funds being collected for swimming will also be used for field day and PE supplies for all of our students.





# Volunteer News

## Mentors of the Month



I want to thank our wonderful partnership with Lawyers for Literacy and the impact they are doing with our 3rd grade students. Lawyers For Literacy is a non-profit organization of volunteer attorneys and judges with one goal in mind: helping at-risk third grade students pass the FSA. We currently have these 4 amazing lawyers that have donated their time in helping our students on a weekly basis : Judy Storey, Melissa Zepeda, Nancy Biesinger, and Sue McDowell. Thank you so much for your time and effort!

## Thank you, Belleair Rotary Club!

Belleair Rotary Club delivered 11 bicycles to outstanding students last month. This is an annual gesture by the club to encourage the students to study and excel in their work. The club meets each Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Belleview Inn in Belleair. Guests are welcome.



## Thank you Bookworks!!

We would like to say a special thank you to Bookworks, especially Haydee Castro, for donating 540 books to our Belleair students! We are excited for the opportunity to have every student come pick out a book to keep and add it to their own tiny library. This importance of spreading the joy of reading and to appreciate the art is what we go after and we can't thank you enough for your help and support.



# Media Center News

Be sure to congratulate our Battle of the Books team, “Los Tigres” for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the **North County BOB Battle #2**.

**We beat the following schools: Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, Pinellas Central, and Mildred Helms (But Brooker Creek caught us in the end)!**

The team members are Kaylee Agustin (5), Christian Baltazar-Lopez (5), Jesus Baltazar-Lopez (5) and Ulises Mejay-Hernandez (4)

Good job Team Belleair, way to represent!!!



## Boys Read Book Battle March 11, 2020

Best of luck to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade “Boys Read” Book Battle team, **Karim Ayapantecatl, Matthew Candelario, Mateo Cortes, and Jonathan Hernandez**, as they compete at the District Boys Read Book Battle on March 11, 2020. These scholars spent 4 months reading books, having book discussions and doing book-related activities to become the BEST readers that they could be!

They will be competing at the Largo Administration Building against other elementary schools (like Belcher, Garrison Jones and Sandy Lane)!!! Go get ‘em team “Belleair Bookworms”!

## Book Fair dates: March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>



### **Dear Parents and Families:**

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child’s emotional growth. But perhaps the best benefit is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them. **Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together!**



**NEW In-School and Online Shopping Options!** With Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free!

And if you’re not able to attend the Fair, try our new **online shopping option**. We’ve partnered with The Scholastic Store™ to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to your home (with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to access eWallet or shop online.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/belleairtigers>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

## Homework Hotline Information



Pinellas County Schools Homework Helpline, (727)547-7223, offers free homework help for students in grades 1-12. The Homework Helpline is staffed by teachers certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.