



Belleair Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13th
Great American
Teach-in
November 21st
PTA Meeting 3:30
Nov. 25th-29th
School closed
Thanksgiving break
December 2nd
School open

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Hello Belleair Families,
November is a wonderful month to reflect on what we are grateful for in life. Belleair Elementary has much to be grateful for this year. We have wonderful families who support their children and their education. Our staff is one in a million! They work together and go above and beyond each day to meet the needs of each and every scholar. Together, we all work together for one common goal: scholar success! Thank you for all you do to support Belleair!

I would like to take a moment to thank our fabulous PTA! While small in number, they are mighty in their support for our school. They have worked tirelessly through our big fundraiser so we can have a successful Fall Festival to celebrate our families and children. Thank you PTA for all that you give and thank you to the families who helped support our fundraiser.

Just a reminder that our school hours are 8:45 – 2:55 each day. If your child is not in class by the 8:45 bell, they are being marked tardy. Please ensure your child is getting to school on time each day. Learning begins right away and we want all of our scholars to have every opportunity to start their day off right.

Educationally yours,
Kelly Austin



Dear Families,

As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:



Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.

Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning

Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Monday, November 25, 2019 and reopens Monday, December 2, 2019.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Kelly Austin
Principal





Multicultural News



The Multicultural Committee is discussed the devastation to the Bahamas from Hurricane Dorian. The students made cards for the children there and want to hold a collection to help them out. We will begin collecting donations of food, cloths and toilet-ries at the end of November. Look for more information coming in the near future!



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](#)



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.



Kindergarten through fifth grade students at Belleair elementary school are eligible to check out a laptop for home use. These laptops are offered to you at no cost by the PCS Title 1 department to provide equal access to technology, promote student success, and to extend learning outside of the classroom.

Students can access online educational resources through **CLEVER** that help improve skills in reading, math, science, and social studies, such as iStation, DreamBox, myON, i-Ready, Sora, and so much more!

Process:

Parent/Guardian must complete C4S **paperwork**

Paperwork can be found on our school website or obtained from Ms. Crosley, Library Media Specialist

Parent/Guardian must provide a **government ID** (driver's license, state ID, military ID, or passport) to be **copied** when they turn-in completed paperwork

Student will be called down to get their computer by Ms. Crosley and she will make sure that they can log-in and connect to WIFI.

NOTE: WIFI is not provided by PCS. You can connect to your home WIFI or use the FREE WIFI provided at most restaurants, and public places.

Student **MUST return the laptop when requested** (in January, and May) **for updates and servicing**. The laptop will be returned to the student to bring back home within 1 week (provided that there are no major issues)

Students can keep their laptops over the summer, as well, provided they return them for their May servicing

For more information about Connect for Success, please contact Jennifer Crosley, Library Media Specialist at crosleyj@pcsb.org

Spectrum Internet™ Assist

Low-income families and seniors can get unlimited high-speed internet for just \$14.99 per month

Through the Spectrum Internet Assist program, qualified households can receive:

- High-speed 30 Mbps Internet with no data caps
- Internet modem included
- No contracts required

Add in-home WiFi for \$5 more per month

Offer not valid for current Spectrum Internet subscribers or had a Spectrum Internet subscription within the last 6 months.

NOTE: The \$14.99 offer gives wired service and offers a wi-fi router for \$5 per month. You can purchase your own wi-fi router either from Amazon.com or RadioShack or any other electronics retailer. They are easy to set up and it will save you \$5 per month.

To qualify for Spectrum Internet Assist, a member of the household must be a recipient of one of the following programs:

- The National School Lunch Program (NSLP); free or reduced cost lunch
- Seniors 65 and older who receive Supplemental Security Income

Programs that do not qualify for Spectrum Internet Assist: Social Security Disability (SSD), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and Social Security Retirement and Survivor Benefits are different from Supplemental Security Income and do NOT meet eligibility requirements.

Important: Spectrum Internet Assist program is not for String, Smart TV.

CALL 1-844-449-9859 or visit the website at: charter.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist

Hi Belleair families!

Thank you to all those who participated in the fall fundraiser! It was a huge success! The items you sold can be picked up after school on November 11. Please be sure to help your student get their items picked up and delivered to their customers.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 21 at 3:30 in the Media Center. Please join us if you are available. A Spanish translator should be in attendance. Your children are welcome. We will be discussing the spring activities.

All the best,
Kristy Ferrell



School Uniform Reminder

Our staff and parents voted on school uniforms. Please make sure your student is wearing the approved uniform every day. The approved colors are...

4 different color collared shirts

* Yellow * Navy Blue * Light Blue * White

2 different color pants/shorts/skirts

* Navy Blue * Khaki



Belleair T-shirts can be worn Fridays for Spirit days! Belleair T-shirts can be purchased at school for \$10.00.

Jeans can be worn on Fridays provided that they are **BLUE OR BLACK ONLY** and they cannot have any holes or tears. Jeggings are **NOT** allowed and are not considered school appropriate but can be worn under skirts

We Need YOU

Uniform Donation Request



Calling all Belleair Tiger families! We are in need of uniform donations. Do you have a scholar that has gone on to Middle School or has outgrown their uniforms? Please consider donating new or gently used uniforms to our front office for a child in need.

Volunteer News

Volunteer Recognition

I want to recognize the Volunteers of the Month:



Mary Rayburn



Intern Jennifer Todd

A Special thanks to our Mentor Mary Rayburn for her support as a LunchPal and helping with our community donations! I also want to give a special thanks to our Intern Jennifer Todd for going the extra mile in Kindergarten! Thank you so very much!



The Florida Aquarium
701 Channelside Dr. Tampa, FL

Sea Stars Student Achievement Program

Students (K-12) who receive As and/or Bs; Es and/or Ss; or perfect attendance can receive a free child's admission to the Aquarium with a paid adult admission (adult admission for this program is 50% off per person; maximum of two adults at this rate). *For Florida residents only and not valid with group entrance.*



Community Business Partner of the Month:



Popeyes

Missouri Avenue Location

On October 9th we hosted a Spirit Night at Popeyes where 10% of the sales were donated to Belleair. We received \$250.00! I want to thank parents and staff who came out and supported our school. Thank you so much for your continuous support!



Thank you, Lakeview Grill Restaurant, for sponsoring Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Belleair Elementary your dedication and community involvement is appreciated.

Thank You, Sponsors!

Thank you to the following Business Partners for your generous support!
We appreciate you!

Mrs. Kelly Austin
Mrs. Renee Kelly
Dr. Michael Miller-First
Mrs. Jennifer Crosley
Mrs. Rebecca Merkle
Mrs. Lissette Guzman from Latinos Energizing Diversity
First United Methodist Church- Pack a Sack
Popeyes
Church of Ascension- Donation of Books in memory of (Judy Sauers)
Order of the Easter Star Goodloe Chapter #42- (This is in honor of our sister, Sister Miller whom was a former teacher of Belleair Elementary School.)
Astro Skate & Fun Center

Ms. Annette Pantalleresco
Ms. Myrta Vega
Ms. Felicia Shores
Mrs. Joan Holm
Mrs. Dee Perusse
Mrs. Johanna Cox



Belleair PTA Membership Form

PTA implements and supports programs and activities for our students including:
Open House* Walk to School * Fall Festival * FSA Snacks * Black History and
Multicultural Celebrations * Spring Fling * Belleair Community Flea Market * In
Memory Of Plaques * School walkway paint lines/paws * Publix Cakes for Moth-
er's Day * Carnations * School Sprit Wear* Staff Appreciation * End of Year Events
* and much more!

Membership is \$7.00 per person \$ _____ Enclosed
Thank you for your support!

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Belleair PTA Shirt Order Form



T-Shirts \$10.00

Youth Sizes: X-Small, Small, Medium, Large Adult Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL

Student's Name:

Size:

Teacher:

Parents may purchase shirts as well. Thank you for supporting our school!
Shirts will be delivered to the student's classroom.