



Belleair Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26th

No School for students

October 26th

Virtual SAC meeting

3:30

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Hello Belleair Families,

It's hard to believe we are entering October already! Thanks to a wonderful staff, dedicated families, and hard-working students, we are off to a good start both in our face-to-face classes and our online classes. It takes all of us working together to ensure 100% student success for all.

The last few weeks we have completed baseline testing to see where each and every scholar is in reading, writing, math, and science. Our goal is that all students make one year or more of learning gains in all subject areas. **Your child's teacher should be contacting you soon to schedule a parent/teacher conference. Please make every effort to attend these important meetings to learn where your child is in their academic progress and what our plans are to help him/her achieve success.**

Here are a few important safety reminders. Scholars may not be on Belleair's campus until 8:15 a.m. There is no supervision before this time. School lets out at 2:55 and all scholars should be picked up at this time. Our office closes at 3:15 and there is no adult supervision after this time. Thank you for helping us with these safety concerns.

Finally, I encourage you to foster a love of reading at home. Just like swimming and riding a bicycle, we get better by practicing. Reading works the same way. Scholars should be reading nightly with you. You can read to them, they can read to you, or you can take turns. Having a stuffed animal to read to is another fun way to enjoy books! If you are in need of books your child can read on their own, please contact his/her teacher to check out just right books.

We thank you for sharing your child with us each day!



Educationally yours,
Kelly Austin
Principal



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](#)

What to Do When Your Child is Ill?

Please follow one of the three options:

1 A written diagnosis from a doctor that states illness is not Covid related. Student should be free of symptoms from the diagnosis written by doctor. Bring in the documentation to the school nurse.

2 Student tested negative on a PCR Covid Test. Bring in the documentation to the school nurse.

3 If no doctor diagnosis or Covid test is administered, the student can return to school after 10 days have gone by since the symptoms began, AND student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medicine, AND the student's symptoms have improved.

Should you have further questions, please call the office and ask to speak to Nurse Deanna. Her hours are 8:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Please remember that students and parents are required to wear a mask when on campus. No visitors are allowed on campus at this time.



Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

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.

Counselor's Corner



The Save Promise Club members have been selected and we will have our first meeting this Friday, September 25 from 2:15-2:45. This club will participate in the Save Promise Club Meetings, activities, and events throughout the course of the school year. We will take the Sandy Hook Promise *Start with Hello* and *Say Something* pledges to help create a safer, healthier school. September 28-October 2 we will practice schoolwide "Say Hello" week. We encourage that when we someone alone we reach out and help by starting off saying "Hello."



School Advisory Council News

The School Advisory Council or SAC is a team of people that represent the school, community, and those people that are closest to the students. This team shares responsibility for guiding the school towards continuous improvement. Please consider being a part of this very important team. SAC meetings are held once a month throughout the school year. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 26th at 3:30 pm virtually. The link will be available on our Belleair website at: www.pcsb.org/belleair-es



Media Center News

Media Center News has gone virtual! Get the latest updates on upcoming events like The Scholastic Book Fair, Battle of the Books information, online reading information and more! Check out our new Belleair Media Center News site at:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/fzRpccYfMuQRC/>



Thank you to our Business Partners

Duke Energy (Clorox wipes, umbrellas for picnic tables and back packs)

United Methodist Church (Pack-a-Sack for students)

Town of Belleair (back packs with supplies)

Church of Ascension (donating food for teachers)

European Motors (Art Supplies)

Ann Schroderheim (books)

The Backpack Lady Project (back packs)

Jimmy Johns (treating our staff to lunch)

Wendy's (treated our staff to breakfast)



We appreciate ALL you do!



Belleair PTA Shirt Order Form \$10.00



Student's Name:

Shirt Size

Teacher:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Shirts Sizes: Youth Small, Medium, Large & XL Adult Small, Medium, Large, & Extra Large

Parents may buy shirts as well!! Thank you for supporting our school!

Shirts will be delivered to the student's classroom!!