

## PTA Committees for 2019/2020 School Year

### Events

#### **Book Fair**

We hold a Scholastic Book Fair twice a year, once in fall around Columbus Day/Open House and one in the spring. Students make a wish list during school hours and can then bring money to school to purchase books and materials during the days of the Book Fair. We also offer night hours so that parents can shop with their children. In the spring, the promotion is Buy One, Get One Free. A portion of all sales go directly in "scholastic bucks" to our Media Center to purchase materials for our students. Teachers also make wish lists so that families can purchase a book for classroom libraries. Volunteers are needed both with set up and take down of the Book Fair, as well as day hours to run the registers.

**Chairs:** Meredith Provencher ([mereprovencher@gmail.com](mailto:mereprovencher@gmail.com)) & Beth Kaufman ([spectrumband@verizon.net](mailto:spectrumband@verizon.net))

**In Need of Co-Chair to shadow this year for take over 2020-2021 school year**

#### **International Night**

International Night is a free, family fun event held in October, coinciding with the evening hours of the Book Fair. It is a night to celebrate family, diversity and culture. Families are encouraged to represent a country that is meaningful to them and host a table with information about this country. Ethnic dishes are brought from families and small performances are done on the APR stage.

**Chair:** Kaitlyn Jain ([katie5m@hotmail.com](mailto:katie5m@hotmail.com))

#### **Basket Night**

A family fun fundraising event held on a Friday in November (Nov. 15, 2019). This event includes a silent auction where parents are given a unique number and can bid on community goodies such as discounted camps and birthday parties, memorabilia, vacations, restaurants and personal care type items. Additionally, each class at Belmont is given a theme and students are asked to bring in a small donation towards that theme. Volunteers on this committee then make a variety of themed, beautiful baskets for our community to win through a ticket system. Many volunteers are needed for this event to run smoothly, both before and night of.

**Chairs:** Stephanie Carrier ([spcarrier@gmail.com](mailto:spcarrier@gmail.com)), Christine Pykosh ([cpykosh@gmail.com](mailto:cpykosh@gmail.com)) & Michelle Scango ([michellescango@hotmail.com](mailto:michellescango@hotmail.com))

**In Need of volunteers to shadow/help this year to take over this event for 2020-2021**

### **MLK Evening of Service**

This free, family event is held around MLK Day in January. It is a night of service where our Belmont community comes together and donates items to local charities. Typically, boy scout and girl scout troops also offer their support in some way to this event & the MLK speech is shown. Additional support is welcome!

**Chair:** Belive Risher ([belive@verizon.net](mailto:belive@verizon.net))

### **Spelling Bee**

The spelling bee is a free event for families held in January. Spelling tests are administered to all students in grades 3-5, during the school day. Tests are then scored by the committee chair and the top 10 students from each grade (grades 3-5) are selected and notified of their acceptance to the spelling bee. Students selected can decline acceptance and their spot will be given to the next student on the list. At the evening event, the selected students compete against one another for one spelling bee champion with our parent judge, who uses a program called Scripps. This event is open to all families but only select 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited as participants.

#### **Chair Needed**

**Judge:** Joel Cundick ([j\\_cundick@yahoo.com](mailto:j_cundick@yahoo.com))

### **Bingo Night**

Bingo Night is a free winter family fun event, usually held in February. This event is held at Rosa Parks for more space. Several rounds of BINGO are played with fun stampers that students can take home after the event. Prizes are awarded for all BINGO winners and a food and drink table has items for purchase. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, food and prize table.

**Chairs:** Julia Street ([juliastreet10@gmail.com](mailto:juliastreet10@gmail.com)) & Stephanie Andreano ([steph20832@yahoo.com](mailto:steph20832@yahoo.com))

### **Science Fair**

The science fair is an academic event open to all students in grades K-5, with a nominal cost for those participating. Students are given requirements to work on a science topic of their choice and display their data and findings. This event is done completely at home but showcased one night in March. All participants receive medals. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and guest judges.

**Chair:** Laura Sherman ([laurajsherman@gmail.com](mailto:laurajsherman@gmail.com))

**Co-Chair:** Amrita Gosh ([amritagirl@gmail.com](mailto:amritagirl@gmail.com))

### **Belmont's Got Talent Variety Show**

Our super fun family event, that also continues to raise money for the PTA, is the Belmont's Got Talent Show. This fun event is held in April or May at Sherwood HS on a Saturday afternoon. Students form groups, or act individually, to showcase a talent of their choice. Students have shown their creativity and talent in the form of dance, piano, guitar, singing, skits and karate! This is a BIG production that needs many volunteers for all to run smoothly. Traditionally, 5<sup>th</sup> graders have MC'd the event and perform at the end to culminate their year and time at Belmont in a great way! Many volunteers are needed on this committee.

**Chairs:** Elizabeth Warfield ([warfielidelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:warfielidelizabeth@gmail.com)), Tommie Corleto ([vtommies@gmail.com](mailto:vtommies@gmail.com)), Cassie Simons ([simonsfamily11@gmail.com](mailto:simonsfamily11@gmail.com))

**More co-chair committee members needed**

### **Belmont Bolt Color Run**

This past spring, we had our first color run, voted by students in Town Hall to be named the Belmont Bolt! This was a family fun, fundraiser that raised almost \$9,000 for our PTA and was lots of fun! This event will be held on a Sunday in April or May and requires a large committee, much like Basket Night, to gather community donations, monitor the online donations, incentivize the students and run the event on the day of. This past year, many of our Board Members helped organize and run this event since it was our first year, and although they can still help in some ways, we are looking for a Chair and a strong committee for our highly anticipated 2020 Belmont Bolt!

**In need of chair**

**In need of multiple co-chairs**

### **Movie Night**

Movie Night is a free family event, typically held in the spring, but this year we will hold it in the fall due to a busy spring and rainy weather. An appropriate movie is selected and played on the big screen, outside weather permitting. Families can bring chairs and blankets to watch the movie and popcorn, snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. Our fabulous BAR-T has hosted this event in the past few years.

**Chair:** Tim France Bar-T ([tfrance@bar-t.com](mailto:tfrance@bar-t.com))

**Co Chair Needed**

## Non-Event Committees

### Directory/Membership

In the fall we run our PTA Membership where we hope to have 100% participation. There is a cost to join the PTA but our Belmont PTA makes little profit from this money, as the local and state PTA have dues we pay. Our PTA Membership Chair gathers information and collects money from our families and encourages participation in our PTA, mainly at Back to School Nights in the fall. This year we are excited to use an online platform for membership and directory, saving us time and money and enabling us to communicate better in various ways! We are looking for a co-chair this year who could possibly take over this position for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Chair:** Cathy Marzen ([marzen0819@gmail.com](mailto:marzen0819@gmail.com))

**In need of Co-Chair to help/shadow to take over next year 2020-2021**

### Green Team

The green team is a committee that hosts several events for our students during the year to both educate our children and support earth friendly initiatives. Some example are: magic marker recycling program, mindful herb planting, conscious landscaping, and a new Waste Conscious Program to name a few.

**Chair:** Jennifer Rusiecki ([jen.rusiecki@gmail.com](mailto:jen.rusiecki@gmail.com)) & Amrita Ghosh ([amritagirl@gmail.com](mailto:amritagirl@gmail.com))

### Box Tops

The Box Top program is a program designed to make money for our school through everyday purchases. ***This year, Box Tops is transitioning from clipping coupons to digital only! Families will be able to scan box tops at home as opposed to clipping and sending them in, in an effort to keep up with our busy lifestyles!***

We are in need of a chair who can facilitate this program for Belmont this school year, which will involve still collected cut coupons from school, monitoring online, digital submissions, sending out a flyer twice a year (fall and spring) to remind families of submission dates and work with Mr. Pinkowitz & the board members to offer a cost effective incentive to the top earning class.

**Chair Needed**

### **Hospitality**

Our hospitality committee celebrates our Belmont teachers and staff each month in some way, whether by providing a breakfast, lunch or just coffee and snacks. It is the PTA's way to demonstrate our deep appreciation to the hard work that our Belmont staff puts in with our children every day. Each grade level is asked to "host" a month throughout the year, and donations are encouraged but not mandatory. In May, we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week with a week of goodies for our staff, including a raffle of donated items from our community. Volunteers are always welcome to set up, purchase, donate and take down the luncheons in the staff lounge.

**Chairs:** Stephanie Carrier ([spcarrier@gmail.com](mailto:spcarrier@gmail.com)), Jenny Hoshaw ([jennylamoreux@msn.com](mailto:jennylamoreux@msn.com)), Julia Mutter ([championvegetable@hotmail.com](mailto:championvegetable@hotmail.com))

### **Restaurant Nights**

This committee schedules, manages and markets dine-out nights at local restaurants to encourage Belmont families to dine together while earning a percentage of all proceeds for our PTA.

**Chairs:** Wendy Borrison ([berrisons@gmail.com](mailto:berrisons@gmail.com)) & Amrita Gosh ([amritagirl@gmail.com](mailto:amritagirl@gmail.com))

### **Spirit Wear**

The PTA offers spirit wear to purchase through a vendor. A variety of items are available to purchase from t-shirts to pajama pants, with different Belmont designs. We don't offer spirit wear as a fundraiser for our PTA even though in the past we have profited from the sales. Instead, we like to offer the link a few times during the year so that families can purchase Belmont gear for their children in order to promote school spirit!

**Chair:** Katie Gallagher ([katiegalla@gmail.com](mailto:katiegalla@gmail.com))

### **Spring Flower Sale**

We offer a spring flower sale from a local nursery around Mother's Day. This is a smaller fundraiser that our Belmont community has expressed interest in. Flowers are delivered to school for pick up from those who pre-ordered flowers.

**Chair:** Elizabeth Bolan ([eabolan@hotmail.com](mailto:eabolan@hotmail.com))

### **Yearbook**

Our yearbook committee works to gather pictures and design a yearbook for our students with Lifetouch. Yearbooks are for purchase at the end of the school year.

**Chairs:** Amanda Arata ([aratafamily5@gmail.com](mailto:aratafamily5@gmail.com)) Tricia Russo ([tricia.rasa@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.rasa@gmail.com))

### **Cultural Arts/Assemblies**

Our PTA budgets for assemblies throughout the school year. Our chair works with Mr. Pinkowitz and the PTA Board to select a variety of media for our students to enjoy ranging from science to the arts. Students benefit from at least three assemblies each year, plus two author visits from local authors.

**Chair:** Jessica Brunk ([thebrunkfam@gmail.com](mailto:thebrunkfam@gmail.com))

### **Walking Club**

This committee is new in 2018 after a teacher approached the PTA to help “bring back Walking Club.” The chair sets up the dates and monitors volunteers through a sign-up genius form while working with Ms. Farrell, Belmont Teacher, to run the program during recess. This is an optional activity to offer our Belmont students a more structured and heart-healthy activity during recess for those who chose to participate. Students can walk, run or jog as many laps as they would like at any time during their recess and parent volunteers keep track of laps by punching individual cards. Students also receive feet tokens for certain miles walked. Many volunteers are needed for this committee.

**Chair:** Beth Butch ([ebutch@gmail.com](mailto:ebutch@gmail.com))

### **MCCPTA Delegate**

The MCCPTA delegate is a role that acts as a representative and advocate for Belmont at the local PTA level. This delegate attends monthly MCCPTA meetings to stay up to date at the local PTA level, advocate for Belmont if needed and offer insight to new changes and learnings that may affect our students and school at Belmont.

**Chair:** Christine Pykosh ([cpykosh@gmail.com](mailto:cpykosh@gmail.com))

### **GT Liaison**

The Gifted and Talented Liaison (GT) is a new position that MCPS requested each school have as a member of the PTA as of 2018. This liaison attends MCPS meetings and reports back to the PTA Board and/or Mr. Pinkowitz with any new learnings that may affect our students and programs at Belmont.

**Chair:** Shannon Ingram ([skondrad@gmail.com](mailto:skondrad@gmail.com))

### **NAACP Representative**

The NAACP representative is a role selected by the principal and comprised of representatives from each school in Montgomery County. These parent representatives work together within the county's schools for the purpose of training other parents to be advocates for their children, sharing information, and resolving problems that impact the education of their children. The Representative attends the monthly meetings of the Parents' Council as well as data meetings at Belmont with Mr. Pinkowitz and the PTA President.

**Chair:** Belive Risher ([belive@verizon.net](mailto:belive@verizon.net))