



# BELMONT ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER



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Dear Belmont Families,

November is here! Last month, we had a great speaker at our PTA meeting, Bingo with special guest Mr. Weingard, and a successful (\$250!) and tasty Restaurant Night at California Tortilla.

This month, we have much to be thankful for, especially for our great teachers and staff. We are asking you to send your home room teacher, class assistants, secondary and specials teachers, and all the wonderful staff you can think of a note of THANKS :) GIVE THANKS in any way you want - video message, email, upload artwork, or any such electronic gift you choose.

## Scholastic Book Fair, Nov 2-15!

Our Book Fair is online! Thanks to Maya Fitts, Meredith Provencher, Kelly Gregory!  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/belmontelementaryschool17>



## SAVE THE DATE

Scholastic Book Fair – going on now!

Thankful for our Staff – 11/2-11/25

November 23-25: International/  
Multicultural Week (Sign up by 11/11)

Olney Help Food Drive – until 11/25

December 1, 7:00 pm. PTA meeting  
Join us for Q&A with Mr. Pinkowitz  
and an overview of our new math  
curriculum

## Join the PTA!



If you haven't yet, please sign up to join the PTA.

Membership offers fun, free student events, helps our school, and gives teachers supplies. Register: <http://atozconnect.com/cls/login.php>

**Spelling Bee** – we are registered but need a chair! The event will most likely be virtual but we will follow recommended guidelines.

**Green Committee** invites parents and teachers to participate. Please email [GreenCommitteeBelmont@gmail.com](mailto:GreenCommitteeBelmont@gmail.com) to join or sign up: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ADA82DA1FE3-ptacommittee](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ADA82DA1FE3-ptacommittee).

## Green Committee November Challenge

We strive to raise awareness of environmental issues impacting our school and community. This month, we encourage our students to compost their Halloween jack-o-lantern. 1. Clean out any candle wax and put pumpkin into a rain-resistant container (plastic or recycling bin) with "dry materials" like grass or leaves. Keep outside in the rain-resistant container. 2. Take a picture every week as it decomposes. 3. During class, students can share what happened.

## Olney Help

The COVID-10 crisis has led to a drop in food donations to Olney Help. The Sherwood Cluster organized a food drive to help. Belmont has been asked to collect hearty soups/canned chili. Please drop off donations at Belmont during school hours. Or, you can leave any time at the Jains' (3708 Mt Olney). We appreciate your generosity.

## International/Multicultural week – November 23-25

**Sign up by 11/11.** This event is for everyone! Regions/cultures of the U.S. or any other culture are welcome too!

**1. In-class slideshow:** Create a simple PowerPoint slide with fun and colorful information about your country/culture.

**2. In-class presentation:** Your child does "show and tell" during class. This includes wearing their national/ cultural clothing, showing a flag, or bringing an object to share.

**3. Video/audio links** of a folktale, bedtime story, or lullaby. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAF2FA75-internationalmult>. Thanks to Jennifer Rusiecki, Laurice Wong, Amrita Ghosh, and Belue Risher.

## Spirit Wear and Belmont Bulldog Masks

Masks are here!

Look stylish while staying safe. Our green Belmont Bulldog face masks are washable and comfortable. Youth and adult sizes. \$10 or 3/\$25.



<https://form.jotform.com/202515201463139>

**Spirit Wear coming this month.** Watch for the flyer coming soon. Get your gear for future spirit days! It's great for gifts!

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