



BELMONT ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER



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Dear Belmont Families,

Goodbye 2020 and welcome 2021! We hope you enjoyed some needed time off and will join us for our fun upcoming activities. Join us Tuesday, January 5, for our first restaurant night of 2021 and our monthly Zoom meeting. Enjoy Chick-fil-A and learn more about our new math program, Eureka. Then, we have MLK Week of Service, the Spelling Bee, Trivia Night, and the rest of our Spring events. We hope to see you soon!

Have you visited www.belmontespta.org lately? Katie Fullenkamp is doing an amazing job promoting the latest calendar, links for Spirit Wear, and Mr. Pinkowitz's Twitter feed. Check it out! (Link updated from last month.)

We want to meet your needs!

Send us any suggestions, needs, and feedback so we know what's most important to you and how we can best serve you:

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Annual Spelling Bee will be held via Zoom. The January 27 event is a free PTA event for our Belmont families and an honor for many 3-5 grade students. Students were selected (and parents are being notified) based on an earlier assessment. Thanks to Liz Scheideman!

Green Committee invites parents and teachers to participate. Email GreenCommitteeBelmont@gmail.com to join.

If you haven't yet, please join the PTA! Register:

<http://atozconnect.com/cls/login.php>



SAVE THE DATE



January 5, Chick-fil-A

Restaurant Night

January 5, 7:00 pm. PTA meeting

Join us for an overview of our new math curriculum with Mrs. Broer

January MLK Week of Service

January 27, 7:00 pm, Spelling Bee

February 2, PTA meeting with Ms.

Jazzy

February 26, Trivia Night

Media Center Book Check Out

Belmont offers contactless book checkout from the school media center on Wednesdays. Thank you to Mrs. Samuels and Ms. Mead. To reserve/pick up books:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFgvxAZi0lvA47tJJJ57q_nC333pem0Qg9l3dnMFUrBLthw/viiewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7757

MLK Week – this month!

Watch for more details coming from the committee and an update at the January PTA meeting. This year, rather than a Night of Service, it will be a Week of Service. We will still be collecting donations, including:

- Coat Drive
- Olney Help Food Donation
- Diaper Drive

Start collecting and thank you to Belue Risher for leading the event!

Green Committee January Challenge

Spotlight on Plastic Pollution and Microplastics

Since mass production of plastic began 60 years ago, only 9% has been recycled, another 12% incinerated. The remaining 79% has accumulated in landfills or the environment. Plastic waste is a BIG problem. It doesn't biodegrade but breaks into small pieces called *microplastics* (<5 mm). Our oceans are filling with plastic and even smaller particles (*nanoplastics*) have been found in the air.

Challenge: Reduce consumption of plastic in your daily life:

[10 tips to reduce your plastic use from National Geographic.](#)

Thanks to Jennifer Rusiecki and Amrita Ghosh

Ongoing Fundraisers

Amazon Smile. Belmont Elementary can earn funds when you shop. Check it out and register here: <https://smile.amazon.com>

Spirit Wear: www.belmontspiritwear.com

Green Belmont Bulldog face masks. Youth and adult sizes. \$10 or 3/\$25.

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