



# BELMONT ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER



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Dear Belmont Families,

Welcome to March and a return to Belmont for some kids and staff! Join us Tuesday, March 2, at our monthly Zoom meeting where Mr. Pinkowitz will provide an update on the school reopening. In addition, we will be discussing and voting on our position in keeping SROs in Montgomery County Public School. Don't miss it!

The Belmont Bolt is coming soon, and we plan to host a few more (virtual) events. We hope you continue to stay healthy and safe!

### Yearbook Update

We're continuing to gather photos of this fun year. Coming soon, you will see a request for specific activity pictures. Please be sure when uploading that you are not logged into a MCPS account or have a saved MCPS log-in on Chrome.

### Welcome Back

To welcome the staff back to Belmont, the PTA Hospitality crew will be providing several grab and snack days to shower our staff with support. We are also excited to provide them with a donated breakfast from Chick-fil-a in April once all grades return!

### Belmont Bolt Coming in April

The popular Belmont Bolt is coming back in a unique and safe way. Although this event will look much different than in the past, we assure you that it will be a fun community builder to show your school spirit. No fundraising, minimal cost. Just pure Belmont fun. More details to come.

### SAVE THE DATE



**March 2, 7:00 pm. PTA meeting** including an update on reopening with Mr. Pinkowitz

**March 8. No School**

**March 15. Return to in-person K-3**

**March 29-April 5. Spring Break**

**April 6, 7:00 pm. PTA meeting**

### Green Committee March Message:

As the weather becomes warmer, we would like to encourage our community to reflect on local air quality and pollution factors. Here's a National Geographic video: <https://youtu.be/e6rglsLy1Ys>  
*Challenge:* Find some way to decrease your reliance on vehicles that pollute. This could be riding your bike to your friend's house instead of taking a car, walking to the corner store, or even decreasing car idling. We will share what we have done during classroom ESL time! Thanks to Amrita Ghosh and Jennifer Rusiecki.

### Olney Help

The Sherwood Cluster is organizing another food drive to support Olney Help. You can drop off donations at Belmont during school hours or leave at the Jains' (3708 Mt Olney). We appreciate your generosity.

### MCPS School Resource Officers

MCPS is engaging in a county discussion on the role of SROs in our community. At our March PTA meeting, we plan to discuss our position and how any active PTA members want Belmont to vote at the broader MCPS PTA meeting. To learn more, visit: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCjSFU9CNz2JAtdfg\\_EW0gfn6fw1Ab3B7](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCjSFU9CNz2JAtdfg_EW0gfn6fw1Ab3B7)

### Spelling Bee / Trivia Night

Congrats to all Spelling Bee participants, and thank you to Liz Scheideman for organizing!  
  
Thank you to Maya Fitts and Christine Nadeau for organizing an entertaining Trivia Night. Thanks to all of the great Belmont staff who joined as special guests!

### Ongoing Fundraisers

**Amazon Smile.** Belmont Elementary can earn funds when you shop. Register at: <https://smile.amazon.com>

**Spirit Wear:** [www.belmontspiritwear.com](http://www.belmontspiritwear.com)

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



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