



Bellevue Buzz



READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK IS HERE!

Read Across America Week is happening now through Friday, March 8th.

This Week's Activities:

Mon, 3/4: Bookmark Crafts & Book swap*

Tue, 3/5: Read-A-Long Scavenger Hunt & Crafts

Thu, 3/7: Stuffy sleepover

Fri, 3/8: Book cover Crafts

And be sure to send in your reading logs to add your reading time to our School Reading Thermometer!

Check out Page 3 of this month's Buzz for all the details!

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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HI EVERYONE, I HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ARE ALL HEALTHY AND DOING WELL!

Can you believe it that we only have just a little over three months left of the school year?

Time has been flying for sure and if you're like most people, I'm sure that you cannot wait to get to the Summer where the weather is perfect, family vacations occur, and there are lots of time spent at the beach. Even if I close my eyes right now for long enough, I can completely visualize the Summer being here already!

But as much as I would love to focus on the Summer right now, we still have some things we need to take care of this school year to finish up the year strong. Each one of our committee chairs are consistently busy with their responsibilities to help enrich our school experience and there are some really cool & fun things coming down in the pipeline for our school community over the next few months such as more socials, more restaurant nights, the variety show, and the school carnival.

Each one of these activities is only possible because of the dedicated volunteer staff that we have at our school. And with that said, I do want to give a special shout out to **Elaine Elmore** who has recently stepped up to become the new VAPA Committee Chair!

This is a position that has been vacant for months and I'm glad that she has stepped up to help do this because the Variety Show was one of the events that we feared was not going to occur this year without a committee chair and we all know how much the kids love participating in this show....so, thank you Elaine and we can't wait to see the amazing job that you do in your new position!

In fact, thank you to all of you that are involved in the PTO. You all have done amazing this year and I appreciate all of the time & energy that you dedicate to our school.

Speaking of volunteers, for this next school year of 2024-2025 **we are currently looking for someone that would like to Chair the Annual Fundraiser Committee**. If you're interested in this role or have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to contact us at PTO@BSFCS.ORG.

In addition, please also remember that if you are unable to commit a PTO Position but you would still like to learn of other ways that you can get more involved at Bellevue, please reach out to any of us on the PTO, to Julie Turk, or to any of the teachers to learn of other volunteer opportunities that you can take advantage of. I hope to see you more around campus soon :)

Well, that is it from me for now but please do remember to follow us on our BulldogPTO social media channels (Facebook & Instagram) and please don't forget to visit our website (bulldogpto.com) on a regular basis to stay in the know about what we're doing this year. Thank you for reading the PTO Buzz and create an amazing March!



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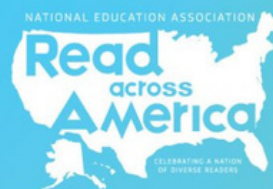
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CELEBRATE THE JOY OF READING: Read Across America Week Comes to BSFCs!



Read Across America Week has begun at Bellevue! From March 1st to March 8th, our school will be transformed into a literary wonderland, brimming with exciting activities and opportunities for our young readers to explore the joy of reading. Get ready to embark on a week-long adventure to ignite imaginations and foster a lifelong love for books!

Throughout the week, the Bulldog PTO has planned a series of events that will engage and inspire our students. We invite you to join us in encouraging your children to participate in these activities and make the most of this literary extravaganza.

Here's a peak at what this week's events include. See the attached flyer for more details!

Monday, March 4th: Bookmark Crafts & Book Swap Bring any used books you wish to swap or part with to the swap table by the school library; any remaining books will be left out to share/swap during the week. All remaining books will be donated to the library or the local used book store at the end of Read Across America Week.

Tuesday, March 5th: Read-Along Scavenger Hunt & Crafts Embark on a thrilling scavenger hunt through the world of literature! Students will follow clues and explore the library, discovering hidden treasures along the way. Craft activities will also be available, allowing our young readers to express their creativity and bring their favorite stories to life.

Thursday, March 7th: Stuffy Sleepover It's time for our students' beloved stuffed animals to have





their own adventure! On Thursday, 3/7, students may bring one stuffed animal "stuffy" to the library and check them into the stuffy sleepover for an overnight stay there. Stuffedies will be returned to students on Friday morning or at lunch with fun photos and memories to share.

Friday, March 8th: Book Cover Crafts Students will get the chance to unleash their artistic talents as they design their own book covers. This activity encourages creativity and allows students to showcase their unique perspectives on their favorite stories.

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR READING LOGS!

Students will be encouraged (not required) to log their reading and share daily with the school library volunteers. Their total minutes/hours will count towards the school's total hours read over the week. Please encourage your children to read a little bit each day and reading out loud as a family counts!

Let's work together to reach new heights and watch our thermometer rise as we celebrate the collective reading achievements of our school!

Read Across America Week Activities

Monday, March 4

Bookmark Crafts & Book Swap

Tuesday, March 5

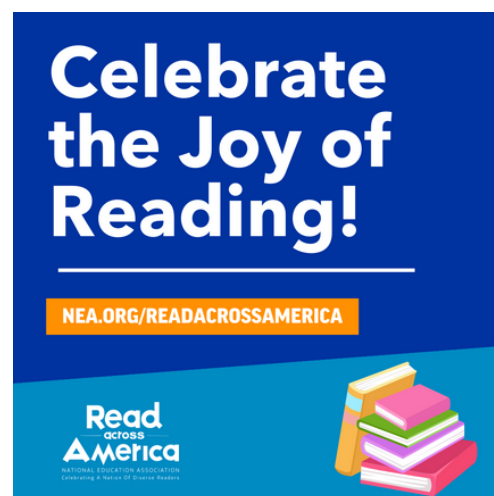
Read-a-Long Scavenger Hunt & Crafts

Thursday, March 7

Stuffy Sleepover

Friday, March 8

Book Cover Crafts





COMMITTEE NEWS

ONGOING FUNDRAISING

The second annual BSFCS Rummage Sale is set to take place on Saturday, April 20th, in celebration of Earth Week!

This event is not only a fantastic opportunity to support our beloved school, but also a fun way promote sustainability through the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.



Last year's rummage sale was a great success, and this year, we are aiming even higher! With your help, we hope to exceed our earnings from last year, all while fostering a sense of community and environmental responsibility.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our event, and we are calling for parent volunteers to lend a hand in planning and organizing this exciting day. Our first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, at 10am at Woodstone's Marketplace, (located down the street inside Avila Village). This will be an opportunity to brainstorm ideas, assign tasks, and kick-start our preparations for the big day.

We welcome any and all ideas and suggestions to make this year's rummage sale the best one yet! Your creativity and enthusiasm are what make our community truly special.

[Click here to RSVP](#) for the planning meeting. Your participation and support are invaluable to the success of our event.

**2nd Annual Rummage Sale
PLANNING MEETING**
Tuesday, March 12th @ 10 a.m.
Woodstone's Marketplace
6675 Bay Laurel Place, Avila Beach
[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

The image shows a background of a rummage sale with various items on tables and a person in the foreground. A large white graphic with a torn-edge effect contains the text for the planning meeting.

ONGOING FUNDRAISING

Join us for March Restaurant Day/Nights!

Get ready for delicious food and fun times at our March Restaurant Day/Night at Raku Ramen! Treat your family to an array of flavorful rice dishes, savory noodles, and steaming bowls of authentic ramen.

Use the code **BFCS24** when ordering at the kiosk or online, and Bulldog PTO will receive a generous **20% back in sales**.

Mark your calendars and join us!



YEARBOOK



We're gathering photos for the yearbook! If you have any you'd like to share, please send them over to **Rosa Clark** at rosaclark365@gmail.com or **text them to 714-501-8704**.

Photos should feature only Bellevue students and/or staff and be taken either at school or during school-related activities. Be sure to include a brief description of the picture when you send it, like "This is yellow forum visiting the pumpkin patch."

STAFF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have stepped up to deliver monthly lunches for our deserving Staff. The Staff Appreciation PTO lunches are delivered on one Wednesday a month and the staff enjoys them during their work afternoon.

Thank you to **Vicki Cheatwood** who delivered delicious sandwiches to the staff in February along with a sweet treat from **High Street Deli** and to **Michael Morris** who will be delivering sandwiches from **Lincoln Market and Deli** to the staff Wednesday March 13th.

This is a great way to show our hard working staff how much we appreciate all they do and support local businesses at the same time.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Join us for a Parent Wine Mixer at 15 Degrees C!

Join us for a Bellevue Parent Wine Mixer at 15 degrees C on March 7 at 6 p.m. This is a purely social, non-ticketed, no-fundraising event. Come relax, enjoy some good wine and good fun with other BSFCS parents!

Please be sure to RSVP so we can make sure the venue can accommodate our needs.

See you there!



Let's Hit the Trail for Our Next Social Hike!



Get ready to lace up those hiking boots and soak in the sunshine!

Our next social hike is scheduled for Sunday, March 10th at 1pm, and we're heading to the picturesque Johnson Ranch Loop Trail in SLO.

Let's make the most of the extra hour of sunlight and come together for an afternoon of adventure and fun.

See you on the trail!

Bulldog PTO Needs Your Help!

Parent volunteerism is vital to many of the programs that make Bellevue so special. Some of the programs that define our school are currently on pause due to a shortage of volunteers. We urge you to consider taking on a role in one of these important initiatives.

**Interested? Please reach out to PTO@bsfcs.org
OR [complete this form.](#)**

Annual Fundraiser Chair(s) 2024/25

This includes leading a committee team in planning and organizing the event, gathering donations, helping set up/break down, choosing a theme, and hiring vendors. This truly is the gift of giving. Our shared successes allow us to bridge the gap with funding and support extras for our kiddos at our school. It directly impacts our beloved programs such as Artist-In-Residence, electives, Garden, SciTech, science supplies, and many other school programs.

Planning usually starts in January. We are in need of one or more parent volunteers to take the lead as soon as possible!



Library Volunteers

We need volunteers to open and manage the library before school and during lunch. On days when we have no volunteers, we are unable to open the library to our students. Please also consider checking in with your classroom teacher(s) to see if you can help facilitate weekly or project-specific classroom visits.

Sign up to help out before school or during lunch by adding your name to the calendar by [clicking here](#).



Landscape Committee Volunteers

The Landscape and Beautification Committee needs 1-2 additional volunteers for the Special Projects team. This team is dedicated to various campus landscaping tasks such as playground weed control and parking area upkeep, as well as pruning, planting, and more. Joining the team not only improves the campus aesthetic but also offers a sense of community and contribution.

This team operates on an as-needed basis, without fixed monthly hours.

SciTech Volunteers

SciTech requires 3 volunteers every Monday and Friday for 1 hour from 12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. on days when school is in session and a full day. The volunteers do not need any special science knowledge, and no one is required to handle the reptiles.

The SciTech cannot open on days that we do not have 3 volunteers. To view openings and sign up [click here](#).





EVENTS CALENDAR

Parents' Wine Mixer at 15 degrees C

Thursday, March 7th

6:00 p.m.

3590 Broad Street,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Join us for a Bellevue Parent Mixer at 15 degrees C! It's an opportunity to unwind, socialize, and connect with fellow Bellevue parents in a relaxed setting.

No tickets to buy as this is a social event, but [please RSVP](#) here so we can make sure the venue can accommodate our needs. Let's raise a glass to friendship and community spirit!

Bellevue Social Hike

Sunday, March 10th

1:00 p.m.

Johnson Ranch Loop

Our next social hike is set for Sunday, March 10 at 1pm at Johnson Ranch Loop Trail.

Embrace the beauty of our home as we explore a scenic trail together and make the most of that extra hour of sunshine!

Rummage Sale Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

10:00 a.m.

Woodstone's Marketplace
6675 Bay Laurel Place,
Avila Beach, CA 93424

Our first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th. This will be an opportunity to brainstorm ideas, assign tasks, and kick-start our preparations for the big day.

[Click here to RSVP](#) for the planning meeting. Your participation and support are invaluable to the success of our event.

PTO Meeting

Monday, March 18th

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Our March PTO Meeting will take place on Monday, March 18th at 7pm. The meeting will take place via Zoom.

PTO Meetings are held every other month, usually on the third Monday of the month. All parents and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Zoom link will be posted as we get closer to the meeting date.

Restaurant Day/Night at Raku Ramen

Tuesday, March 19th

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

799 Foothill Blvd,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Indulge in savory delights at Raku Ramen on March 19th for Restaurant Day/Night!

Use the code BFCS24 when ordering at the kiosk or online, and Bulldog PTO will receive 20% of sales!



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About Bulldog PTO

ABOUT US

The Bulldog PTO is a non-profit 501c3 responsible for raising funds for the benefit of the Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School. Every parent and teacher is a member of the Parent Teacher Organization. We rely on parent volunteers to accomplish these goals through our PTO committees, special events, and fundraisers. For more information, visit bulldogpto.org.

PTO MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to allow the Teachers and Administrators to focus their energies on the academic opportunities and achievements of our students, while providing a platform for parents and community members to lend support and be involved. Our purpose is to enhance and support the educational experience of our students by:

- Developing and promoting a sense of school spirit and community
- Providing volunteer opportunities
- Providing financial assistance through various fundraising opportunities

PTO COMMITTEES

The Bulldog PTO includes four Board members and 12 committee chairs who, along with our wonderful parent volunteers, are all united by a shared passion for enhancing our school community.

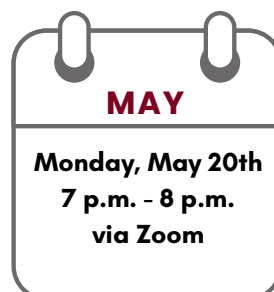
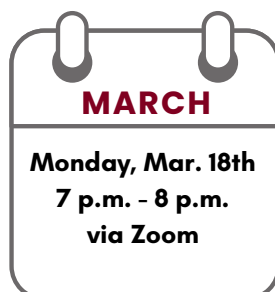
All of our committees are in need of volunteers. Our committees include:

- Annual Fundraiser
- Campus Beautification
- Garden
- Library
- Marketing
- Ongoing Fundraising
- SciTech
- Social
- Staff Appreciation
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Yearbook

To learn more about how you can get involved with a committee please go to bulldogpto.org/get-involved

PTO MEETING DATES

PTO Meetings are held every other month usually on the third Monday. All parents and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend! Please mark your calendars for these meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year.



PTO DIRECTORY

PTO Board Members

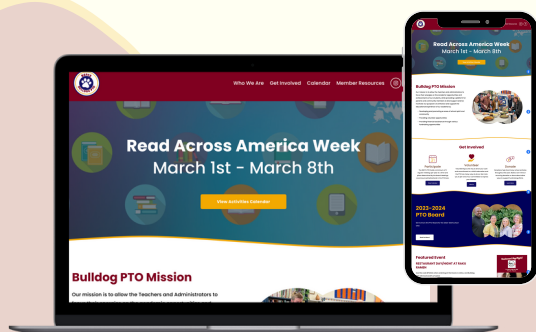
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Ongoing Fundraising & Social Committee	Amber Idell	araecill@gmail.com
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