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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK BULLDOGS!

Hi Bulldog Families,

For those of you whom I have not met yet, my name is Mike Z. Robinson and I'm your Bulldog PTO President. I look forward to meeting and interacting with every one of you soon here on campus, at events, and, at our PTO meetings.

The buzz at the beginning of the school year has been incredible with our amazing returning families and our awesome new families. I believe that everyone who has been involved at Bellevue over the years understands that most of what makes our school community so special is how much time parents volunteer on campus in various capacities. Teamwork definitely makes the dream work, and ultimately, we achieve more as a school when we have more volunteers to help out.

For this 2023 - 2024 school year, we still have various PTO volunteer opportunities and would love for you to get involved. So I encourage you to please take a look at the list below to find a Committee of interest to you and then contact any of us for more information. Thank you, and we look forward to collaborating with you soon!

Mike Z. Robinson, Bulldog PTO President
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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

Visit Our New PTO Website!

www.bulldogpto.com



- Get to know PTO members
- Learn about initiatives
- Find ways to get involved
- Latest PTO news
- Events calendar
- Member resources
- And more!





2023-2024 PTO Board & Committee Chairs



From left to right: Mike Z. Robinson, President; Genie Kim, Vice President, Amanda Hughes-Martinez, Secretary; Shena Hinds, Treasurer



PTO Board

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ILLUMINATING MINDS, FOSTERING CREATIVITY: YOUR PTO FUNDS AT WORK!


As we embark on another exciting school year, we want to recognize the incredible impact your generous donations and fundraising efforts through the PTO have on our students' educational journey. The synergy between your support and the school's goals is truly awe-inspiring.


Last year, your contributions brought a world of transformation and enrichment to Bellevue. We've witnessed the power of unity in action, and we'd like to share how your funds were put to use:


 **Teacher Grants:** With your assistance, teachers can buy much-needed supplies and special items for their classrooms such as new cubbies, rugs, gym equipment, books, etc.


 **Undesignated Funds:** We provide the school with a large grant they can use throughout the year. These resources provide essential flexibility, ensuring every corner of the school thrives.

 **Artists in Residence:** Through your support, the magic of arts comes alive within our school walls. From dance to drums, our kids learn about the arts and find a new passion.

 **Bee Hives:** A buzz-worthy addition to our curriculum students can delve into the fascinating world of bees, learning about their intricate ecosystems and fostering an appreciation for nature.

 **Earth Week:** An entire week of learning and exploring our earth through assemblies with special guests, scavenger hunts, crafts, and many other fun things

 **Carnival:** An amazing end-of-the-year get-together for all our families to celebrate all that we learned

 **Staff Appreciation:** Our teachers are amazing and work incredibly hard. We have been able to provide them with monthly lunches together for much-needed relaxation and team bonding.

With every dollar donated and every effort made, our community has showcased the true essence of collaboration. Thank you for being the driving force behind Bellevue's success!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us at F. McClintock's last month.

The Bulldog PTO Received **\$1,500** from the event!

GET INVOLVED

All of our 12 committees are currently in need of volunteers. To see all open volunteer opportunities, go to bulldogpto.org/getinvolved

VAPA Committee

The VAPA committee is responsible for bringing Visual and Performing Arts opportunities to BSFCS, exposing our kids to the rich variety of art in our community. Join us! Please reach out to Sarah Rijnen if you:

- Know of a performer who would share their talent at assembly
- Want to help out with our Spring Variety Show
- Want to help organize
- Have other ideas or want to help brainstorm

Contact: Sarah.Rijnen@gmail.com or 805-709-0761

Campus Beautification

The Campus Beautification Committee is responsible for flower bed weed abatement, plant trimming, planting of new plants/flowers if needed, and checking for issues with the drip irrigation. We are looking for more volunteers to ensure our campus remains vibrant and orderly. [Click here for more details about what we do.](#)

Time requirement is about a couple of hours per month, at your own speed, whenever convenient. There are no set days or times, just when able.

If you are interested, please reach out. We would LOVE to have you be a part of the family!

Contact: Brad and Wendy Kreller at kreller2124@aol.com or 916.216.2723.

Lunch Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for help for lunch duty on Thursdays or Fridays, from 12:10-1. It could be each week OR every other week. If you have younger kids who are not yet in school, they would be able to come to recess with you if you'd be able to keep them close to you.

If you are willing to help out in this way please text Jenny Crooks at (805) 264-6193.

Annual Fundraiser

Join the Gather & Give annual fundraiser. Get together and create a memorable night to raise funds for your children's school. This includes planning and organizing the event, gathering donations, helping set up/break down, choosing a theme, & hiring vendors. This truly is the gift of giving.

The successes we share allow us to bridge the gap with funding and support extras for our kiddos at this charter school. It directly impacts our beloved programs such as Artist-In-Residence, Electives, garden & SciTech, Science supplies, and many other areas.

Contact: Angie White & Heather Andrews at bsfcsPTOauction@gmail.com

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee promotes school events, fundraisers, and activities to parents, teachers, and the community. We create designs and messaging for promotional assets, maintain the PTO website, produce the monthly PTO Buzz newsletter, oversee school branding, and curate merchandise to drive active participation and a strong school identity. We are currently in need of volunteers to help with:

- Graphic design
- Monthly newsletter coordination/production
- Website updates (no coding required)
- Merchandise ordering/fulfillment

Commitment is on a project basis and flexible.

Contact: Dee Anna Paredes at bsfcsmarketing@gmail.com



BELLEVUE SANTA-FE CHARTER SCHOOL

WE CAN MAKE THE LIBRARY A GREAT PLACE TOGETHER



HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME?

Our library always appreciates time and love from our volunteer families, community members and 6th grade docents.



OPEN THE LIBRARY

8-8:30am & 12-1:30 pm daily shifts

ORGANIZE

Shelve books, process new items, tidy up, dust - help weekly, monthly or during periodic work parties.

FACILITATE CLASS VISITS

Work with classroom teachers, accompany students to library, help with check in/out.

DONATE FUNDS

We accept financial donations to be used toward staff and student - requested library quality books.

DONATE BOOKS

We gratefully accept new or gently used books and supplies

FUNDRAISE AND SOLICIT DONATIONS

Seek donations from near or far. Maybe try a special event, special sale, or seek a grant.



WANT TO HELP US GROW OUR COLLECTION?

Help our library modernize and broaden its collection.

We strive to maintain a current collection of compelling fiction and engaging, relevant, current, reading-level appropriate non-fiction so every kid can find an book for function or fun.

BE CREATIVE AND ENJOY!

There are so many ways to participate in making our library great: storytime, book fairs, decorate for a day, week or month, sponsor events, bulletin board displays, feature books and more!



ATTEND OUR 1ST MEETING

Join us in the library on Wednesday, September 6 @ 11am. Bring calendars & ideas.



Thursday, November 9th
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Château Noland

Check back here soon for tickets
and the latest information.



Live music
by:

Steppin'
Out

We Need Your Help! Donations & Sponsors Needed!

We would love every single Bellevue family to please consider donating an item, gift card or experience or to reach out to a business or vendor to donate. We need as many generous contributions as possible to help make this fundraiser successful.

No item is too small or too big. All donations are tax-deductible as we are a non-profit 501c3 organization! [Please click here](#) to donate your item.

We have past examples of popular items but are also open to new ideas. Have a vacation rental? A special skill or hobby that you could teach? Are you a hair stylist, facialist, or masseuse, or have a favorite local one you'd love to support with a gift card for services? Love to host a home dinner party? Wine tasting? Are you an artist who could contribute a painting? Favorite restaurant or shop gift card? Awesome lessons that your kids love? Event tickets and experiences are also always a hit! Thank you for each and every contribution.

We are also calling all businesses and corporate sponsors! Do you own a business or know someone that would consider a corporate sponsorship? Email bscfsPTOauction@gmail.com or [click here](#) to get more info.



Fundraising
Committee
Meeting

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, September 6th, 2023,
5:30 pm

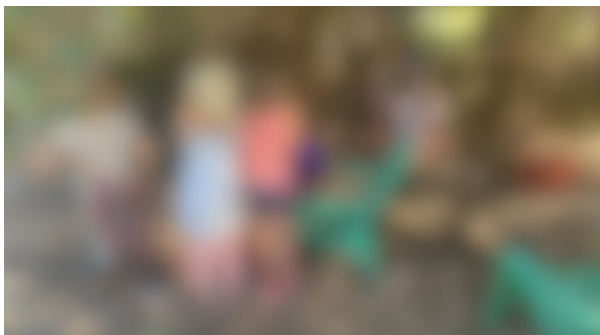
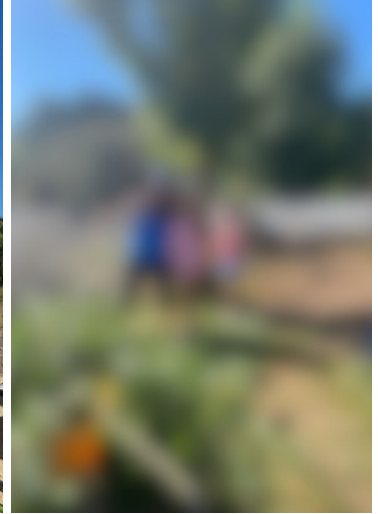
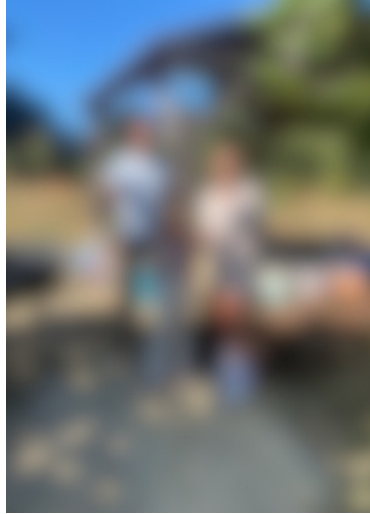
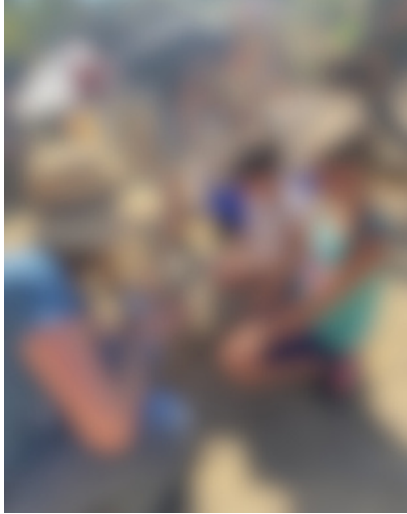
at SLO Public Market

We will be discussing more event
details as well as brainstorming
auction and sponsorships.





GARDEN UPDATES



GARDEN WORK PARTY FUN!

What an exciting kick-off to the new school year with our 1st Garden Work Party. We had everyone from new Kinder families to returning alumni with their families. Team Work truly makes the Dream Work! We painted the color on the new Garden Shed, installed new tool racks inside the Garden Shed, mulched rough areas, cleared taken-over beds, trimmed up multiple trees and weeded our Gazebo meeting area. Our Bulldog community got so much accomplished in a short amount of time.

THANK YOU!




*Garden Work
Party!*

We will host our next Garden Work Party on **Friday, October 6th** after school until 5pm.

Please make sure all children are supervised by an adult.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SHED & KITCHEN!

Also, if you haven't got a chance to peek out in the School Garden (behind Blue & White forums, through the cement pathway) to see the newly constructed Shed & Kitchen, please do!

This was a PTO funded project that was started pre-COVID and has also been funded by our Paint-a-Picket Fundraiser. Thank you to Aaron & Hillary Bergantz (Hawk & Lily's parents) for the contractor/construction work! It is AWESOME! Thank you also to the following companies for their support through donations & discounts

- Bergantz Construction
- Central Coast Landscape Products
- CalPortland concrete
- Home Depot
- Hayward Lumber
- Gulf Eagle Roofing Supply



SCARECROW CREATION & PICKET PARTY

Finally, we will continue the tradition of decorating the garden with festive Scarecrows at our Scarecrow Creation & Picket Painting Party on Sunday, October 8th and maybe Sunday, October 15th, if needed. This event is funded by the Bulldog PTO and brings so much festivity to the school garden...the children LOVE showing their family and friends their creations!

For those families that would like to add a permanent artistic picket to the fence and support the final projects on the shed, countertops with sinks, kitchen storage countertops & shelves and a workbench area in the shed, please Venmo the PTO with \$50 per picket. We supply the picket, paint, brushes, etc...just show up and create. Or you can also take home and create in your own time. We will be sealing another batch at the end of October and hopefully getting them up on the fence. In the note on the PTO Venmo please state Picket - (Family Name). We look forward to seeing everyone there!





EVENTS CALENDAR

Movie Night in the Park

Friday, September 15th

7:00 p.m.

Dinosaur Caves Park, Pismo Beach

Join us for Movie Night in the Park!

The City of Pismo Beach is hosting a Movie Night in the Park on September 15, 2023 at Dinosaur Caves Park. The feature movie is Trolls and starts @ 7:00pm! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this fun family event. Food will be available for sale.

BSFCS Volunteer Opportunity

We are seeking volunteers to help sell fresh popcorn and drinks during the movie. The City of Pismo Beach will provide the popcorn machine and drinks.

50% of the sales will go back to Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School Bulldog PTO.

Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BACAE2CA7F94-movie>

For questions email Genie Kim, mrs.geniejkim@gmail.com

Restaurant DAY at Cape Cod Eatery

Wednesday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cape Cod Eatery - Shell Beach

1127 Shell Beach Road,

Pismo Beach, CA, 93449

September's Restaurant DAY is on Wednesday, September 20 at Cape Cod Eatery in Shell Beach. Swing by after pick up for lunch or get a group together in the evening for dinner.

Mention Bellevue and our PTO will receive 15% of sales!

Bellevue Dad's Campout

Saturday, September 30th

4:00 pm - 10am October 1st

Bellevue Santa-Fe Charter School

Come out to meet and join other Bellevue Dads and their kids for an overnight Dad's Campout experience right here on our beautiful campus!

Cost is \$5 per attendee. Pay via Vemno to @mikeZrobinson (don't forget to include the Z). Please sign up by 9/15/23.

No family will be left behind. If your child would like to attend the campout but their dad is unavailable that evening and/or if you need financial assistance to be able to attend, please contact Mike Z. Robinson at mikeZrobinson@yahoo.com

For more details on what to expect and what to bring [click here](#).

Gather & Give 2023

Thursday, November 9th

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Château Noland

6445 Monte Road

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

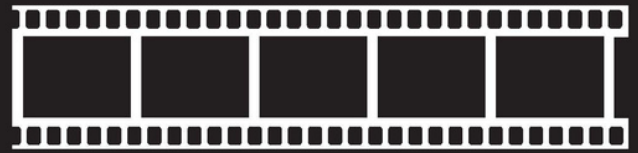
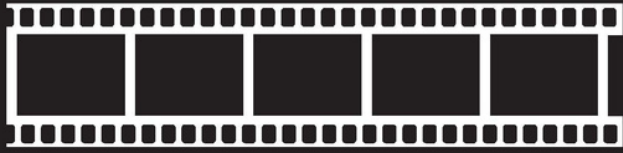
Get ready to rock for Bellevue at the Gather & Give 2023!

Rock N' Roll is the theme! Break out those band tees, cowboy boots, leather, sparkles, or whatever makes you feel most comfortable!

Join us for food, music, dancing, costume contest, raffle prizes, live & silent auction, and more!

Live music by Steppin' Out!

Tickets will be available soon at bulldogpto.org/gatherandgive



MOVIE *in the* PARK



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

7:15 PM Movie Start at Dinosaur Caves Park

Bring your blankets or lawn chairs



Food available for purchase at 6 pm



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