



Bellevue Buzz



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A SEASON OF CELEBRATIONS!

It was a memorable month for our community, from welcoming a new teacher to inaugurating the playground. With special assemblies and the lively Halloween dance party, including Meatball's official name unveiling, it was a month of celebrations at Bellevue!



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HI BULLDOG FAMILIES, HAPPY NOVEMBER!

The Fall is here, the weather is changing, and the holiday season is upon us...it's amazing how time flies, isn't it?!

In addition to the above, what this time of year also represents is our annual PTO fundraiser that is coming up on Nov 9th. **Angie White & Heather Andrews** have been working REALLY hard on this special event for our Bellevue Community, and I cannot wait for you all to experience the hard work they put into it. Their dedication has been incredible for this event, and I'm positive that you will not want to miss out on this evening, as it will be a great time for all of those in attendance. THANK YOU, Angie & Heather!

While I'm giving out appreciation notices on behalf of the PTO, I also wanted to take a moment to say **THANK YOU** to **Julie Turk** for stepping up and filling in for Green Forum this school year and pulling double duty as Principal and Teacher because although I'm sure that it was not easy to do both jobs, you did an amazing job for our kiddos and our Bellevue community. Speaking of Green Forum, I also want to say **THANK YOU** and officially WELCOME ABOARD to **Sarah Rijnen** as the new Green Forum teacher...WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU BOTH!

Lastly, I wanted to send out a quick reminder to our Bellevue families that one of the things that make our school so unique and remarkable is the amount of time that families volunteer at our school, whether that be via a board or committee position, volunteering in the classrooms, providing supervision at lunch, helping out in the library, helping out in sci-tech, or providing assistance in one of the several additional capacities.

Many volunteer opportunities exist where the PTO and/or the school would love your assistance. So, if you have any availability, please reach out to any of us on the PTO, Julie Turk, or to any of your child's teachers to get familiar with the volunteer opportunities that exist at our school. Please remember that volunteer opportunities do not need to be regular, and many have no set time limits, so please volunteer whenever is convenient for you. And although volunteering is not mandatory, it does help benefit our school in so many ways because Together, Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M) - I hope to see you 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) regularly to stay in the know about what we're doing this year. Thank you for reading the PTO Buzz and create an amazing day!

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THE BUZZ



ZOO TO BELLEVUE: A Wild Adventure at Our School!

Last month, our school had a blast with an exciting and educational event as the Bulldog PTO brought "Zoo to You" to the morning assembly. This lively event brought exotic animals to our school, giving our students a close-up look at some of nature's extraordinary creatures, including an alligator, armadillo, and an adorable baby kangaroo known as a "Joey."

The Zoo to You hosts didn't just introduce us to these incredible animals; they made it an adventure! They shared amazing facts and stories that made us appreciate these animals even more and brought the animals around the room, giving every student a front-row seat to the show. And the excitement was infectious!

The highlight for many was the bouncy Joey, who stole the spotlight with its hilarious hops and endless energy. The laughter and joy it brought as it hopped freely around the room was priceless, leaving us with an experience we will not soon forget!

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Elaine Elmore** for making this happen and bringing this unforgettable experience to our students. The "Zoo to You" assembly wasn't just an event; it was an adventure that got us excited about wildlife, sparked our curiosity, and showed us how amazing our world can be. Let's keep that spirit of exploration alive as we look forward to more fantastic adventures in the future.



A THRILLING ADDITION: Bellevue Celebrates the Grand Opening of its New Playground!



A wave of excitement swept through Bellevue earlier this month as the long-awaited new playground officially opened to the excitement of our eager students. This beautiful upgrade was paid for by Measure C funds and features a vibrant play area with many new attractions to be enjoyed by our students.

A ceremonious grand opening was held to mark the occasion with a ribbon cutting by Meatball the Bulldog. The ceremony was a true celebration of the spirit of our school community, emphasizing the importance of play, growth, and shared experiences in our students' holistic development. As anticipated, the students have wholeheartedly embraced the new playground, and it is sure to bring much joy to Bellevue students for years to come.





COMMITTEE NEWS

STAFF APPRECIATION

In a world of teachers and principals, Julie Turk became the ultimate superhero, pulling double duty to save the day for Green Forum while we continued the search for a new permanent teacher! Her heroic efforts lit up our Bellevue community, and we can't thank her enough.

And while the kids thoroughly enjoyed their time with her, we're thrilled to say WELCOME ABOARD to Sarah Rijnen, who's ready to embark on this exciting adventure as the new Green Forum teacher! Sarah has been a part of the Bellevue community for years, and we're all so grateful to her for stepping up for our kiddos.

To show our gratitude, the Staff Appreciation committee gifted them both with this special drinkware. Cheers to Julie and Sarah for their big hearts shaping little minds! Bellevue appreciates you! ❤️



TEACHER	
Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size: 1 Awesome Teacher*	
Amount per serving	
1 Full Classroom	
	% Daily Value**
Hard Working	1000%
Determination	150%
Passion	500%
Enthusiasm	400%
Dedication	350%
Caring	300%
Regret	0%
Caffeine	110%
Love of Teaching	600%

* Not a significant source of love.
** The % Daily Value is based on your daily diet.

ONGOING FUNDRAISING

A huge thanks to all who joined us for Restaurant Day/Night at Pizza Republic! We're thrilled that we raised \$880! Special thanks to Pizza Republic for hosting this fundraiser - your support means the world to us! 🍕



OUR NEXT RESTAURANT NIGHT IS NOVEMBER 15TH AT MILESTONE TAVERN

Join us for November's restaurant night at Milestone Tavern in San Luis Obispo.

Mention Bellevue when ordering, and our Bulldog PTO will receive 20% back of sales!

The manager has asked that we make reservations if possible, as it will help them staff appropriately. Milestone Tavern has a great menu for both adults and kids. This should be a great one! Check out their menu if you've never been at www.milestonetavern.com.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Online Auction Now Open!

Check out some of the awesome prizes up for grabs now!

(Click on any item to view details)



[Austin Hope Tasting & Charcuterie for 6 \(\\$185 Value\)](#)



[Vespera Resort 1 Night Stay In An Ocean View Room \(\\$800 Value\)](#)



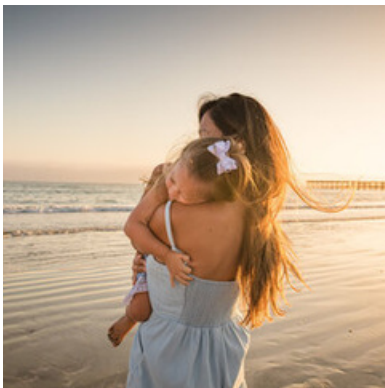
[SLO Provisions Gift Card \(\\$50 Value\)](#)



[Astrocamp Scholarship Bundle with Space Books \(\\$2,400 Value\)](#)



[Oak Hill Blooms 1 Year Flower Subscription \(\\$600 Value\)](#)



[Rosa Clark Family Photography Session \(\\$600 Value\)](#)



[Skydive Santa Barbara Gift Certificate \(\\$100 Value\)](#)



[One Custom Cake from Oh Boy Bakery! \(\\$150 Value\)](#)

See 100+ other awesome items up for grabs and place your bids now at:
AUCTRIA.EVENTS/GATHERANDGIVE

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: VAPA Cultivates Creativity and Talent in Bellevue Students



The Visual Arts and Performing Arts (VAPA) Committee has an urgent need for a new committee chair as Sarah Rijnen officially transitions to the permanent Green Forum teacher. Read on to learn more about what VAPA does and why you might want to get involved with the arts at Bellevue!

The VAPA Committee plays an integral role in nurturing the creative spirit of our students, ensuring they have a well-rounded education that embraces the arts. From the Artist-In-Residence program that imparts visual and performing arts education during the school day to the special assemblies featuring local artists, musicians, dancers, and more, VAPA is dedicated to fostering a diverse and enriching cultural experience for our students.



BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR STUDENTS' ARTISTIC JOURNEY

If you love the arts and care deeply about nurturing our students' exposure to a wide array of creative experiences, volunteering with our VAPA Committee could be an incredibly fulfilling endeavor for you. As the head of VAPA, the possibilities for our committee's direction are wide open. We welcome you to bring forth your innovative ideas and passions and lead the next chapter of our VAPA journey. Witnessing the children discover their unique artistic talents and interests is an incredibly rewarding experience. Our VAPA committee members revel in sharing their own passions with the students and witnessing their growth.

ROLES OF THE VAPA COMMITTEE

The options for what to do with the committee are wide open. In the last few years, the committee has worked together to bring 15-minute performing arts experiences to assemblies. We've also had two years of the fun tradition of putting on a variety show in the spring. Kids started planning their acts already last year! The Variety Show requires organizing the set up of the show, approving actions, and supporting student emcees. In the past, we've also had volunteers come to school a few days for the kids to practice their acts at lunch.

Interested in being the next VAPA Committee Chair? Please get in touch with PTO@bsfcs.org

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY: A Colorful Showcase of Scarecrows in the Garden



The creativity in the Garden on display with the SCARECROWS is amazing! Thank you to everyone who came out to put your creations together. We have a shark, BoBo Fett, "the Swift," various sports players, and some peeking pumpkins.

Thank you also for the support towards finishing the shed with your Painted Pickets! They are looking stellar! We will be painting the lacquer finish on towards the end of the month, if you're creating at home please return them by the middle of the month to the shed or to Mr. C.



*Garden Work
Party!*

**Friday, December 1st
after school until 5pm.**

SNACKS will be provided.

Please make sure all
children are supervised
by an adult.

**We look forward to
seeing you there!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us fill the urgent vacancies below. To see all open volunteer opportunities, go to bulldogpto.org/getinvolved

VAPA Committee

The VAPA committee is in urgent need of a new Committee Chair. VAPA is responsible for bringing Visual and Performing Arts opportunities to BSFCS, exposing our kids to the rich variety of art in our community.

The options for what to do with the committee are wide open. Traditionally the committee:

- Coordinates local artist and acts for assembly
- Organizes the Spring Variety Show & Mock Rock
- Brings other performance art opportunities to the school

Note: VAPA Committee does not manage the annual school play but, there are lots of opportunities for parents who would like to be involved to support the play as well.

Contact: PTO@BSFCS.org

Annual Fundraiser

The Annual Fundraiser Committee has a need for one or two parent volunteers to plan next year's fundraiser for the 24/25 school year.

Planning starts in January!

This includes leading a committee team in planning and organizing the event, gathering donations, helping set up/break down, choosing a theme, & 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 this charter school. It directly impacts our beloved programs such as Artist-In-Residence, electives, garden & SciTech, Science supplies, and many other school programs.

Contact: PTO@BSFCS.org

Social Media

The Bulldog PTO is in urgent need of a new Social Media Manager. Capture and share school moments, promote events, and engage our vibrant community. This is a great opportunity to get involved while embracing your creativity and help shape our online presence!

The social media manager:

- Captures and shares school events (ie., special assemblies)
- Posts information and marketing materials for school happens as provided by other committee chairs or staff (no design required)

Contact: PTO@BSFCS.org

Campus Beautification

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

Current projects we need help with include:

- Pruning the reachable branches of the tree outside Orange Forum
- Planting native species around the campus

Joining the team not only improves the campus aesthetic but also offers a sense of community and contribution.

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



EVENTS CALENDAR

Gather & Give 2023 Annual Fundraiser

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!

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

Live music by Steppin' Out!

For tickets & info: bulldogpto.org/gatherandgive

Restaurant Night at Milestone Tavern

Wednesday, November 15th

972 Foothill Blvd, San Luis Obispo,
CA 93405

Join us for November's restaurant night at Milestone Tavern in San Luis Obispo.

Mention Bellevue when ordering and our Bulldog PTO will receive 20% back of sales!

The manager has asked that we make reservations if possible, as it will help them staff appropriately. Milestone Tavern has a great menu for both adults and kids. This should be a great one! Check out their menu if you've never been at www.milestonetavern.com.

Garden Work Party

Friday, December 1st

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

School Garden

Our next Garden Work Party will be Friday, December 1st from 3–5pm.

SNACKS will be provided. Please make sure all children are under the supervision of an adult! We look forward to seeing you there.

PTO Meeting

Monday, December 18th

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

Our December PTO Meeting will take place on Monday, December 18th at 7pm. The meeting will take place in person.

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. Location details will be posted as we get closer to the meeting date.



NOVEMBER'S RESTAURANT NIGHT

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 15 AT:



972 FOOTHILL BLVD IN SLO

P: (805) 439-4316 ~ RESERVATIONS
APPRECIATED

MENTION BELLEVUE WHEN ORDERING &
BULLDOG PTO WILL RECIEVE 20% BACK!



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.

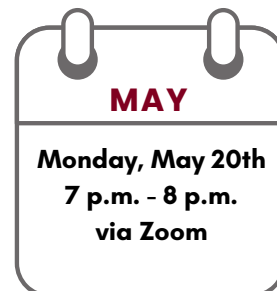
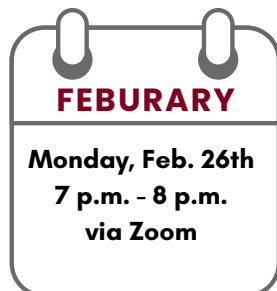
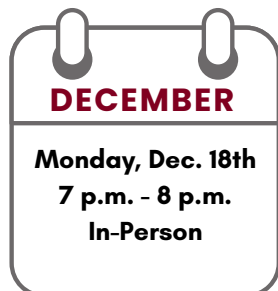
All of our committees are in need of volunteers. Our committees include:

- 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

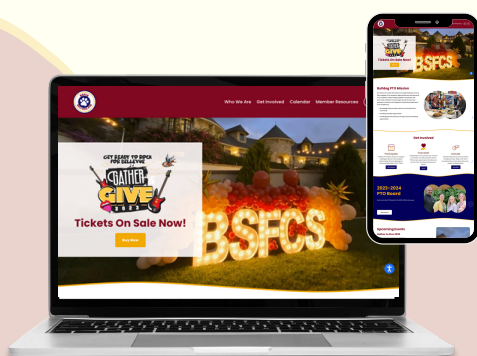
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