



BelleVue Buzz



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

'TIS THE SEASON TO GET INVOLVED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW MORE THAN EVER!

Bulldog PTO has FOUR crucial committee openings, and your participation is essential to the success of these initiatives.

Some of our school's beloved programs and critical fundraising initiatives are at risk of being canceled if we don't have parent volunteers to help drive them.

Parent volunteerism is a critical lifeblood of our school, powering the programs that set us apart. The Bulldog PTO has an urgent need to fill the following roles:

- **Social Committee Chair**
- **Visual Arts & Performance Arts (VAPA) Chair**
- **Annual Fundraiser Committee Chair**
- **Social Media Manager**

Learn more about these roles [on Page 12](#) of this month's Buzz or reach out to PTO@bsfcs.org.

Together, we all can make a positive impact on our beloved school community.

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HI BULLDOG FAMILIES, HAPPY DECEMBER!

We're wrapping up 2023 here in just a few short weeks, and I don't know about you, but this is my favorite time of year as we are now headed into the Christmas season full of fun, love, and family!

We are also rapidly approaching the halfway point of the school year, and I am so proud of the work that the PTO has been doing behind the scenes here at Bellevue week in and week out. I'm constantly impressed with everyone's collaborative approaches within their committees and the strong work ethics that are constantly on display. I could not ask for a better team as we continue to move throughout this school year of hitting goals and finding more ways to bring more awesomeness to our campus.

Furthermore, I must address the annual PTO fundraiser from a few weeks ago because I was simply blown away by the event. Heather Andrews and Angie White did an excellent job of putting on an amazing event and it looks like a great time was had by all. As for our financial goal of \$75k, we achieved that goal by **more than \$91k...ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!**

In addition to having the super duo of **Heather Andrews** and **Angie White** chairing the Annual Fundraiser Committee, it was also a HUGE success because of the "all hands on deck" teamwork mentality that went into it. As we all know, one of the things that make our school so unique and remarkable is the amount of time that families volunteer at our school and give back in various ways. So, as usual, I would like to remind you that there are several volunteer opportunities that still exist where the PTO would love your assistance, including current committee chair openings such as the Social Committee Chair, Visual Arts & Performing Arts (VAPA) Committee Chair, Annual Fundraiser 24/25, and the Social Media Manager.

If you're interested in any of these roles or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at **PTO@BSFCS.ORG**

Also, if none of the above roles work for you, 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 your child's 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 holiday season!

Mike Z. Robinson

Bulldog PTO President

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Bellevue's Annual Fundraiser Rocks the House, Surpassing Goals!



The BSFCS community came together on Thursday, November 9th, for an unforgettable night of fun, fundraising, and fantastic memories at our annual fundraiser event. Held at Chateau Noland, this year's fundraiser exceeded all expectations, becoming a monumental success. Our initial goal was to raise \$75,000 for our school. Little did we know that our parents and community's generosity and enthusiasm would propel us far beyond that mark. With a combination of event tickets, drinks, games, live auction, silent auction, and online auction, we soared to a remarkable total of **\$91,793!** This outstanding achievement is a testament to our community's incredible support and dedication.

The theme for the evening was "Rock and Roll," and Chateau Noland was transformed into a musical haven adorned with beautiful decorations that perfectly captured the spirit of the theme. The enthusiasm for the theme was incredible, with everyone donning costumes that spanned from metal rock to hip hop and everything in between.





The live performance by the band "Steppin' Out" kept the dancefloor alive and kicking throughout the event. The live auction was a true spectacle, marked by energetic bidding and incredible prizes. The enthusiastic participation of our community ensured that every bid contributed to the overall success of the fundraiser.

The funds raised will go a long way in enhancing the educational experience for our students.

Huge **THANK YOU** to **Angie White** and **Heather Andrews**, who led the charge in organizing this year's event. Their tireless efforts and commitment resulted in an evening that surpassed all expectations. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who donated, sponsored, bid, collected donations, or volunteered their time to make the event happen. Your collective efforts, amounting to hundreds of hours, have impacted our school community.

The funds raised through our annual Gather & Give 2023 fundraiser play a vital role in fortifying the educational landscape at BSFCS. These funds serve as a crucial bridge, spanning the funding gap and nurturing the unique programs and experiences for our students that make Bellevue special. The direct impact of these contributions includes supporting programs such as the Artist-In-Residence, elective courses, the school garden, SciTech, and various science supplies. Funds are also used for teacher grants, ensuring our educators have the resources to cultivate innovative and engaging learning experiences.

Thank You to Our Rockin' Sponsors!



THE PURDY FAMILY

THE TANG FAMILY

THE SUPINA FAMILY

THE FOW FAMILY

EDUCATION EMPOWERED: HOW PTO FUNDS ARE USED

As we approach the holiday break, we are delighted to celebrate the remarkable success of our fundraising efforts so far this year. Your support has propelled us to new heights, and as we reflect on these achievements, we want to share how the funds raised are actively contributing to our school's excellence.

VAPA & SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Funding for artists to visit our school to explore their talents with our students, exposing them to a world of creativity –from dance to drums. The PTO also coordinates and funds several special assemblies such as the recent 'Zoo to You' and other special guests that captivate and inspire.

CURRENT SCHOOL NEEDS:

Your continued support is vital in meeting our school's evolving needs. Items we're raising funds for include:

- **125 iPads** for students and teachers (Cost: \$45,250)
- **2 - 10 x 10 Shade Structures** to be installed in the lunch area (Cost: \$37,627)
- **8 new Picnic Tables** to be installed in the lunch area (Cost: \$26,000)
- **7 Smart TVs** for 6 Classrooms and Multi-Purpose Room (Cost: \$3,850)
- **New Math Curriculum** aligned with the new CA Math Framework (Est. Cost: \$20,000)
- **18 Horizontal Sliding Dry Erase Boards** - 2 per classroom (Cost: \$40,500)

TEACHER GRANTS & UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Funds provided to teachers and staff to enhance their classrooms with much-needed supplies and special items. From new cubbies and rugs to gym equipment and a diverse collection of books, your support directly enriches the learning environment for our students.

We also provide the school with a large undesignated grant the administration can use throughout the year. These resources provide essential flexibility, ensuring every corner of the school thrives.

SCHOOL GARDEN & BEE HIVES

Maintenance and improvements of the school garden and bee hives, where students learn about the ecosystem of bees, how to grow food, and try fresh fruits and vegetables.



EARTH WEEK

Special guests, crafts, and other activities to create an exciting week of learning and exploring our planet, instilling a sense of environmental stewardship in our students.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Our dedicated teachers work incredibly hard, and your support allows us to show our gratitude. Monthly catered lunches and a week of gifts and surprises during Teacher Appreciation Month in May are tokens of our appreciation for their tireless efforts.

LIBRARY & SCITECH

Upkeep and enhancement of the school Library and SciTech, our on-campus science museum where students explore science in an interactive setting.





COMMITTEE NEWS



STAFF APPRECIATION

Lido Restaurant at Dolphin Bay recently started a program called "Lunch on Lido." It is their heartfelt initiative to give back to the community that has embraced them over the years. The program is their way of saying thank you to the community which has made them a go-to destination. They're excited to share their delicious food with us and express their appreciation.



Thank you to **Lido** and **Amber Idell** for entering our school and staff into the contest! We are honored to be a part of this program. As this month's winning recipients, our Bellevue staff will receive #LunchonLido on December 8th.

As a community, we should reciprocate the love and head on over to Lido for dinner or a nice brunch this month.

GARDEN




The beauty of our school garden is that it really follows the seasons intimately. As the weather cools, so do the vegetables we plant and harvest. All of our students have seeded winter vegetables like carrots and lettuce. They're learning how root vegetables grow and how to harvest their own spinach, chard, and a variety of greens. We have lettuce, spinach, chard and apples being harvested now for winter salads. Mr. Christian really inspires all of the students to at least try one bite with his 'special recipe' salad dressing... could be an 'apple salad'. They broaden their culinary experience in Garden Class...**Thank you, Mr. C!** We also made homemade apple juice in the beginning of November as well.

This Friday from 3-5pm will be our last Garden Work Party for 2023! We plan to make a party of it with PIZZA as our snack...please RSVP with a text to Elaine Elmore at 805-801-1185 if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough for everyone.

We will be organizing the new shed with our needed replacement tools, building a workbench for inside the shed, weeding our winter vegetable garden beds, mulching and cleaning up in preparation for our winter rains, and building a couple of replacement wheelbarrows. PLEASE make sure all students are under the supervision of an adult to attend! We would LOVE to see you there!

Our next Garden Work Party will be Friday, January 19th as we have no school on the 12th. We look forward to starting to get the garden ready for spring in the next few months.



Garden Work Party!

**THIS Friday, Dec 8th
after school until 5pm.**

Pizza will be served!
Please RSVP with a text to
Elaine Elmore at
805-801-1185 so we can
make sure we have
enough for everyone!

ONGOING FUNDRAISING

In addition to the massive success of the annual fundraiser, we've been doing pretty well on the ongoing fundraising front. Here's a recap of what we've done so far:

AMBIANCE SHOPPING FUNDRAISER: **\$875**

MILESTONE TAVERN RESTURANT NIGHT: **\$250**

PIZZA REPUBLIC RESTAURANT NIGHT: **\$880**

CAPE COD EATERY RESTURANT NIGHT: **\$310**

BTS RESTURANT DAY MCLINTOCKS: **\$1500**



TOTAL SO FAR:

\$3,815!

*Great job,
Bellevue Families!!*

ARE YOU EARNING FOR BELLEVUE AT RALPH'S?



This is in addition to whatever we are raising by shopping at Ralph's through their community rewards program. [Please see the flyer attached](#) for more information on how to sign up.

JOIN US FOR A PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER PARTY!

Another exciting fundraiser just in time for the holidays is through Pampered Chef. Grab some cute kitchen gear for gifts or for yourself, and all sales used via the link below will benefit our PTO. We will receive 25% back in sales!

Shop online now through December 15th at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/bulldogptofundraiser>

Also, we will have an **in-person party in the MPR Room at Bellevue on December 7 at 6 pm**. We will have a demonstration of products and light appetizers. Please [use this link to RSVP](#) or contact Amber Idell if you have any questions at 415-599-5442.

JOIN US FOR RESTURANT NIGHT...AND A SPECIAL SURPRISE GUEST! 🍝 🐾

Lastly, our final restaurant night for 2023 is at Mama's Meatball.

Nicola has generously offered to **give back 50% of sales** for Bellevue families! Make sure to mention Bellevue when ordering.

This should be a fun night so please try to make it if you can.

It's on December 6, from 5-9 pm.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

THIS Wednesday, Dec. 6th
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mention Bellevue when ordering,
and Bulldog PTO will receive
50% of sales!



MAMA'S MEATBALL

570 Higuera Street, Suite 130
Inside the Creamery Marketplace

Do you shop
at Ralph's?



**DONATE TO
BULLDOG PTO
EVERY TIME YOU
SHOP
at no cost to you!**



- ✓ Visit www.Ralphs.com
- ✓ Login & click on your name
(upper right corner)
- ✓ Click on "MyAccount"
- ✓ Scroll to "Community
Rewards" and enroll using code:
MM346

Text Amber with
any questions

415-599-5442

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: Annual Fundraiser Committee's Impact and the Journey Ahead



Last month, our school community came together for the Annual Fundraiser event, which not only brings our community together for a night of fun but also serves as a critical source of support for our school's various programs and needs. This year's fundraiser, Gather & Give, resonated with the spirit of rock n' roll, infusing the evening with vibrant energy and enthusiasm. The event's culmination was nothing short of incredible, as several fabulous prizes were won, and **\$91,793** was raised for our school.

The success of this event was only possible with the efforts of our dedicated Annual Fundraiser Committee. Leading the charge this year were Committee Co-Chairs Angie White and Heather Andrews, whose commitment and vision brought this event to life. Their hard work and dedication was invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for their contributions to our school community.

With the new year fast approaching, the time has come for the baton to be passed to someone new to carry on this cherished tradition. Planning for the 2024-2025 event begins in January, and we are currently seeking one or more parent volunteers to step into the role of the next Annual Fundraiser Event Chair or Co-Chairs.

We asked Angie and Heather to share more about their experience and why they believe the role of the Fundraiser Event Chair is a fulfilling and rewarding one.



Heather Andrews & Angie White,
2023 Annual Fundraiser Committee Chairs

Q: What motivated you to take on the role of the Annual Fundraiser Committee Co-Chairs?

We thought it would be fun to plan that type of event.

Q: What was the most fun or rewarding part of being the Annual Fundraiser Committee Chair?

Raising \$92k for Bellevue!

Q: What advice would you give to parents considering taking over the reins for the next year's event?

We have all the tools ready for the next chair/s to take over. Auctria has records of everything from expenses to donations. Chateau Noland may even be willing to donate the venue again. We have an extensive Google Drive with all the forms, letters, and spreadsheets you could ever want!



Join us for

December's Restaurant Night at:



MAMA'S MEATBALL



December 6
5-9pm

**Mention Bellevue & our Bulldog
PTO will receive 50% of sales!**

Thank you San Nicola 🇮🇹

570 Higuera Street.

Suite 130

805-544-0861





HELP WANTED: Now Is the Time to Volunteer Your Talents to the Bulldog PTO



The Bulldog PTO currently has four committee vacancies we are eager to fill. These roles are vital to our students' school experience. We invite you to consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

VISUAL ARTS & PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA) COMMITTEE CHAIR:

The possibilities for the committee are wide open, but typically VAPA coordinates local artists and acts for assemblies, organizes the Spring Variety Show & Mock Rock, and brings other performance art opportunities to the school. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with a passion for the arts and a desire to expose our kids to our community's rich variety of art. **All VAPA programs are on pause until this position is filled.**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR:

The Social Committee Chair organizes small social events for teachers and families to strengthen relationships. The Chair also plans and leads the annual school carnival at the end of the school year. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys bringing the community together and building connections.

The annual carnival is a beloved tradition and an important fundraiser for our school. If we do not have a volunteer to begin planning by January, we will have to cancel this year's event.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

The Social Media Manager captures and shares school events, including special assemblies, promotes events and engages our community online. No design skills are required; you will share information and marketing materials from other committee chairs or staff. This is a fun way to get involved while embracing your creativity and helping shape our online presence.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE CHAIR(S) 2023/24

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, 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.

If you are interested in any of these roles or have questions, please contact PTO@BSFCS.org.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Restaurant Night at Mama's Meatballs

Wednesday, December 6th

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
570 Higuera St #130,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(Inside Creamery Marketplace)

Join us for the final restaurant night of 2023 at Mama's Meatball on December 6th from 5-9 PM!

Be sure to mention "Bellevue" when you place your order and Bulldog PTO will receive a generous 50% of sales! Let's come together for a night of delicious food and Bellevue fun! 🍷🐾

Garden Work Party

Friday, December 8th

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
School Garden

This Friday from 3-5pm will be our last Garden Work Party for 2023! We plan to make a party of it with PIZZA as our snack...**please RSVP with a text to Elaine Elmore at 805-801-1185 if you plan to attend** so we can make sure we have enough for everyone.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser Event

Thursday, December 7th

6:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room

Just in time for the holidays, grab some cute kitchen gear for gifts or for yourself from Pampered Chef using the link below all Bulldog PTO will receive 25% back in sales!

We will have an in-person party in the MPR Room at Bellevue on December 7 at 6pm. We will have a demonstration of products and light appetizers. Please [use this link to RSVP](#) to the event.

Shop the fundraiser online now through December 15th at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/bulldogptofundraiser>

PTO Meeting

Monday, December 18th

7:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room

Our December PTO Meeting will take place on Monday, December 18th at 7 p.m. in-person in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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.

Restaurant Day and Night at Todo Bueno

Thursday, January 25th

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
3845 S Higuera St,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(Inside SLO Public Market)

Mark your calendar for our first Restaurant Night of the new year at Todo Bueno.

Bulldog PTO will receive 10% of all sales that day, so let's kick off the new year with some delicious food and fun at Todo Bueno!



BSFCS BULLDOG PTO PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER EVENT



HOW IT WORKS?

- Look through a Pampered Chef catalog, or on the Pampered Chef website.
<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/bulldogptofundraiser>
- Attend the in-person party Dec 7th @ 6pm in BSFCS Multipurpose room
- Place an order through the link before December 15th
- A percentage of the sales will be donated to Bulldog PTO
- Please share with Friends & Family, orders ship directly to customer

**25% OF SALES GO DIRECTLY
TO BULLDOG PTO**



SCAN HERE to ORDER

Rebecca Barks 805-896-2674 chefbeckybarks@gmail.com



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.

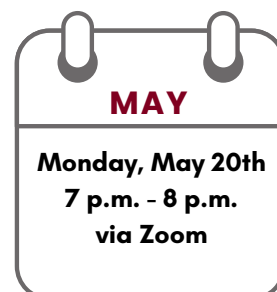
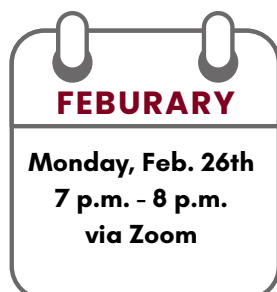
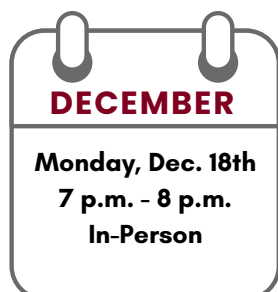
All of our committees are in need of volunteers. Our committees include:

- 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

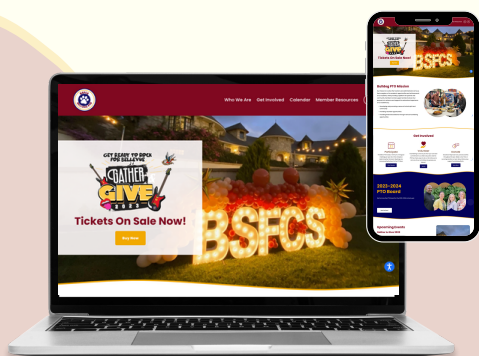
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Garden	Elaine Elmore	elmorehome2010@gmail.com
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Ongoing Fundraising	Amber Idell	araecill@gmail.com
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Visual & Performing Arts	Chair Position Open - Contact PTO@BSFCS.org if interested	
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