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PRINCIPAL PRIDE

with
Ms. Dodd



HAPPY
New Year
2024

Happy New Year Belmont School Families,

Welcome to 2024! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and an enjoyable winter break with your family and friends! School resumes on Monday, January 8th. It will be fun and exciting to be back together as our school and classroom families as the new year starts!

Semester 1 is over, and report cards will be available later this month. Please take some time to review your child's report card with your child. Here are some questions that may help guide your conversation at home:

- How do you think your year has been going so far?
- What are you proud of?
- What do you think your greatest strength as a learner is? Why do you think so?
- What do you think is the most challenging part of your school day? Why?
- Is there anything you want to change or improve in the second semester? How do you think you'll do it?

There are two ways of thinking about problems, using a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. In a fixed mindset, the belief is that this is the way that things are and there is not much that you can do about it. In a growth mindset, the belief is that setbacks or challenges are learning opportunities and you can grow from them. Talk to your child about having a growth mindset and give an example where you used a growth mindset when faced with a challenge.

Make sure to celebrate your child's efforts. We are proud of all of our Belmont learners. Each day, learners are growing in their social/emotional and academic learning. We look forward to another semester of learning and growing together.

Sincerely,
Candice Dodd

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LET'S TALK...ELL

with Ms. Lopez



Scholastic's StoryWorks and Let's Find Out are here! With our Title 3 funds we have been able to secure a year's subscription to this great Reading resource for our English language learners. This is an exciting resource that will make our students home to school connection even stronger! If your child is part of the ESOL program he/she is now receiving their level magazine once a week for Kindergarten and once a month for grades 1st through 5th (this is an issue with multiple stories versus the Kindergarten magazine which is much shorter and therefore sent weekly). The print magazine is just the beginning. Parents and students can also visit scholastic.com/storyworks1 to find many online resources to deepen their reading comprehension and writing skills.

If you have any questions on how to use these resources, please contact Mrs. Lopez by email at liz.lopez@hcps.net.

UNDERSTANDING RTI *with Ms. Mikell*

I am Tiffaney Mikell the RTI Resource Teacher. Response to Intervention (RTI) is a framework that is used in schools that uses data-based problem-solving to integrate academic and behavioral instruction and intervention. Instruction and intervention are provided to students at varying levels of intensity based on student needs. The goal is to prevent academic and behavior problems and intervene early so that students can be successful.

All students are placed in a Tier 1, 2, or 3 based on data.

- Tier 1 – refers to the instruction that is provided to ALL students in the general education classroom.
- Tier 2 – refers to the interventions that are provided to small groups of students who need more support than they are receiving in Tier 1
- Tier 3 – refers to the interventions that are provided to individual students, in addition to Tier 1 and Tier 2.



Families play a critical role in supporting what their children are learning in school. The more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student achievement. Talk with your child's teacher and ask questions to learn more about RTI for your child.

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Ms. Travis **READING CORNER**

Dear Families,

The Student Literacy and Media Showcase is coming soon! What is S.L.A.M. ? The S.L.A.M. Showcase is an opportunity for your child to create a project based on a S.S.Y.R.A. nominated book. If you have a student in K-2, they have been enjoying these books as part of their library lessons when they visit with their classes. Sunshine State Young Reader Award Nominated books are available for checkout in the Media Center, your local library, and for purchase from various places. Please let me know if you would like a copy of these lists!

For our S.L.A.M. Showcase your child can create anything they can dream of as long as it is inspired by this year's S.S.Y.R.A. booklist. Your student can create a drawing, a diorama, or even a one-minute video! The sky is the limit! The goal is for your child to create a piece of art based on a book they enjoyed from this list. We will honor their hard work by displaying their art for you and our entire community at a schoolwide showcase in February. Please be on the lookout for more details about our schoolwide showcase. Students who receive the most votes in their category will go on to the District Wide showcase held in March. I am so excited for this year's Showcase and look forward to seeing what your students create.

Thank you,
Ms. Travis



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ms. Alicia

Ms. Alicia has been a custodian for 31 years. She has been at Belmont since it opened in 2020. She loves her job because she likes having a clean school for the little ones... and big ones. She loves to help anyone who needs it. She grew up in Texas where she lived with her godparents and 3 siblings. Her favorite food is seafood and her favorite dish to cook is chicken and rice. Ms. Alicia's favorite type of movies are based on true stories.

We are certainly going to miss Ms. Alicia and wish her the best in her retirement.

Happy Retirement



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STAFF MEMBER STOPTLIGHT

WHITNEY GALVIN

DATA PROCESSOR



I have been a data processor at Belmont Elementary for almost a year and previous to this I was a paraprofessional here. Before that I lived in Texas where I was a para for 17 years and also coached middle school and high school volleyball and softball.

My favorite things to do when I have free time is go to the beach! It is 100% my happy place. I also love to go to Adventure Island, Busch Gardens and watching baseball!

I come from a military family and lived in Germany for five years. We were able to travel all over Europe and see so many amazing things. I have a beautiful family with my husband, my four kids and two step kids.

Some of my favorites are: Mexican food, morning, noon and night! I love to cook fried okra using my great grandmother's recipe! One thing I am proud of is that I was in the Who's Who book all four years of high school for my community involvement and extra-curricular activities such as soccer, cheerleading, and track.



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TIGER TRACKS



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

2

3

4

5

NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK

8

STUDENTS RETURN!

9

5TH GRADE IREADY-
READING TESTING

10

KG-5TH
IREADY-READY TESTING

HOUSE COLOR DAY!!

11

KG- 4TH GRADE IREADY
READING TESTING

12

TERRIFIC KIDS 8 AM

5TH GRADE OMT2-
SCIENCE TEST

15

MLK DAY
NO SCHOOL

16

KG-5TH GRADE IREADY-
MATH TESTING

17

KG-5TH GRADE IREADY-
MATH TESTING

HOUSE COLOR DAY!!

18

5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP-
JA BIZTOWN

19

4TH & 5TH GRADE
WRITING MID-YEAR

22

FAST MAKE UPS

23

5TH GRADE SCIENCE
MID-YEAR TEST

24

5TH GRADE SCIENCE MID-
YEAR TEST
REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE
PTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
6 PM BINGO
HOUSE COLOR DAY!!

25

FAST MAKE UPS

26

GOALS & GROW
DANCE PARTY

29

30

31

HOUSE COLOR DAY!!