



BVE PTA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022

COVID-RELATED UPDATES

Shortly before the planned return to school, the district announced winter break would be extended by one week to ensure that all students could be provided a rapid test and show a negative result before returning to the classroom. Students returned on January 18th. Thank you to all BVE teachers and staff who provided a friendly greeting and patiently helped students make a safe return.

- **TESTING.** Covid testing takes place weekly on Thursdays at BVE. Families who are still interested in signing up their children can email Mrs. Martinez at martinez_jennifer@montebello.k12.ca.us.
- **VACCINES.** The last Covid-19 Pfizer vaccination clinic, sponsored by MUSD and Prescription Shop Pharmacy, will be held at the BVE parking lot this Saturday, January 29th from 1pm-4pm.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Spirit Wear Locker Closes (Jan.30):** Last chance to purchase BVE t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts for this academic year.
- **Spirit Day (Feb.4):** Wear your BVE spirit gear! Also, students who completed all their homework in January will receive a prize.
- **Catalog Fundraiser Ends (Feb.7):** Students can sell through the catalog sent home or through the online site that has additional items. The funds raised will go toward the Dragon Juniors STEAM program and the monthly Star Student signs.
- **Kick-off to Kids Heart Challenge (Feb.14):** BVE students will learn about the heart and can participate in activities that help keep it healthy.
- **Chick-fil-A Fundraiser (Feb.17):** Stop by the Monterey Park location between 4pm-8pm for dine in or take out. BVE will receive 20% of all orders.
- **SSC/ELAC Meeting (Feb.22):** Learn how academic goals are set and how resources are allocated. Hear the latest updates about BVE from Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Tom.



**Don't forget about
our weekly
College Wednesdays
and BVE Spirit Fridays!**

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WHAT ARE PTA FUNDS USED FOR?

PTA sponsors many programs and supplies throughout the year. Here we spotlight a few recent ones.

REWARDING STAR STUDENTS: Every year the PTA purchases gifts for the students selected as the Star Students of the Month. This year we are continuing to gift lawn/window signs to our hard-working dragons. The stakes to hold up the signs are available at the front office upon request. Congratulations to all!



PROVIDING HOMEWORK INCENTIVES: Every first Friday of the month is Spirit Day! Students who complete all their homework in the previous month get to pick a prize from the spirit day cart that visits their classrooms. Thank you to Ms. Krissy and Mr. Matthew for helping to deliver the December prizes!

INCREASING ACCESS TO WATER: Due to Covid, the regular water fountains for students have been closed all year. While there are water dispensers throughout the campus, PTA is purchasing water bottle pumps so that each classroom can have easier access. Five-gallon bottles are provided by MUSD.



HOLIDAY GRAMS: A TEAM EFFORT

A big THANK YOU to all of the community members who volunteered to help sell holiday grams before and after school during the first week of December, and to everyone who helped assemble them (700+!): Zita and Grandma Lefort, Susie Chavez, Cindy Ung Yeoh, Celia Morales, Lyin Aoki, Erika Cabrera Moriyama, Marlene Ramirez, Adriana Alvarado, Diana Martinez. This was a team effort! Holiday grams were delivered to classrooms on the last day of school before winter break.



FUNDRAISING FOR S.T.E.A.M

On January 24th, students were given a catalog to take home. Our catalog fundraiser will support the Dragon Juniors after school Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) program. In its initial year in 2021, we offered three virtual programs: Junior Artists, Junior Scientists, and Junior Architects. Registration was open to all students and those who participated were provided supplies for 4-week's worth of projects that were created in workshops led by volunteer facilitators. This year we hope to continue the program in person!



- Fundraiser dates: 1/24 to 2/7
- Sale can also be accessed online and items can be shipped directly to home (school code is 7448760)
- Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery to BVE. PTA will reach out with information about how to pick up products
- Boxes are placed at each entry/exit gate for students to submit their "coupons" as they sell items - these are available in the parent newsletter that went home with the catalog
- Prizes for those who submit "coupons" will be sent to classrooms weekly

YEAR-ROUND WAYS TO HELP

We have a lot of activities planned for spring and need your support to help make them happen. This month we are completing the catalog fundraiser and hosting a spirit night at Chick-fil-A. We also have the following ongoing opportunities to support BVE. Every little bit helps!

- **Amazon Smile:** Select Bella Vista Elementary Parent-Teach as your charity and we receive .5% whenever you shop (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6203911>). **Ongoing.**
- **BoxTops:** Download the BoxTops App, select our school, and scan your receipt when you purchase participating products (e.g., Lysol, Cheerios). **Ongoing.**
- **GotSneakers?:** Donate your unwanted sneakers to help the environment. Sneakers are recirculated or repurposed and BVE raises some funds! A collection bin is located the front gate. **Ongoing.**
- **Office Depot/Office Max Give Back to Schools:** Simply provide our school code (70011066) at check-out and BVE will receive 5% back in credit for school supplies. **Ongoing.**



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Merry Elfmas - Dec. 17, 2021

Thank you to all who donated supplies or volunteered at the event:

Adriana Alvarado, Alejandro Lefort, Celia Morales, Cindy Ung-Yeoh, Crystal Gonzalez, Diana Martinez, Erika Cabrera Moriyama, Graciela Rodriguez, Josefina Islas, Krissy Smsaryan, Lucia Hernandez, Marina Apodaca, Marinell Carlin, Marlene Ramirez, Matthew De la Torre, Monica Miranda, Nadaley Ojeda, Nelly Barajas, Roxana Pimentel, Sabino Ramirez, Sara Lam, Sonia Jimenez & daughter, Susie Chavez, Syndell Romero, Viviana Pelcastre, Zita Lefort, Schurr High School AVID.

And thank you to everyone who participated in the event!
We hope you had fun!

