

# **BVE PTA NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2022** 

## SPECIAL GUESTS PAY A VISIT

On the Wednesday and Thursday before spring break, the Spring Bunny paid a visit to Bella Vista, handing out lollipops and taking pictures with students after school. And on Friday, May 6, our Dragon mascot visited classrooms to announce Dragon Dollars, which classes can earn for good behavior and redeem for prizes.



# SAVE THE DATE - MAY EVENTS

- Dragon Juniors (May 6, May 13, May 20, June 3): Junior artists, scientists, and architects will engage in fun projects after school.
- **Spirit Day (May 6):** Wear your BVE spirit gear! Also, students who completed all their homework in April received a prize.
- Parent Workshop 21st Century Skills that Students Need to be Successful (May 10): Virtual workshop presented at 6pm
- Parent Cafe (May 13): Join us in Room 40 for free coffee/pastries from 7:45-8:30am and meet other parents, guardians, community members.

- Scholastic Book Fair (May 16-20): Held in the library, it will be open daily at lunch for students to visit and it will also stay open on Thursday after school from 2:15-3:00pm
- Parent Workshop (Spanish) Habilidades del siglo 21 que estudiantes necesitan (May 17): Virtual workshop presented at 6pm
- Classified Employee Appreciation Week (May 16-20): Show your appreciation to all our wonderful classified employees.
- Open House (May 26): Join the virtual open house at 6pm to hear from your child's teacher



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

In April, PTA recognized the winners of the Honorary Service Awards at its PTA Association Meeting. Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination, and congratulations to the recipients!

- Very Special Person Award: Krissy Smsaryan, Yard Supervisor and PTA Board Member
- Honorary Service Award: Angela Kim, School Psychologist
- Continuing Service Award: Kelly McDowell Yorba, School Secretary
- Outstanding Teacher Award: Renee Agajanian and Rachel Hwang, 3rd Grade Teachers
- Outstanding Administrator Award: Bonnie Tom, Teacher on Special Assignment
- Golden Oak Service Award: Marlene Ramirez, PTA Board Member

#### 2022 Honorary Service Award Recipients



















- President: Sonia Jimenez
- 1st VP Membership: Krissy Smsaryan
- 2nd VP Welfare & Safety: Elizabeth Tong
- 3rd VP HSA/Founder's Day: Diana Montano
- 4th VP Hospitality: Judy Noriega
- 5th VP Publicity: Marlene Ramirez

- 6th VP Fundraising: Nancy Rojas
- **Secretary:** Adriana Alvarado
- Treasurer: Jenny Kwan Damasco
- Auditor: Marisol Foranda
- **Historian:** Cindy Ung Yeoh
- Advisor: Jennifer Martinez



### PIVOTAL PRACTICE - DRAGON JUNIORS

Bella Vista was one of two schools in the district recently awarded the California Pivotal Practice Award for the virtual Dragon Juniors program that took place in spring 2021. "The award program is being utilized by California in 2022 in place of the California Distinguished Schools (DS) Program. It celebrates schools and districts that implemented an innovative practice during the 2020–21 school year, when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic." We are excited to sponsor Junior Artists, Scientists, and Architects in person on campus this year!





#### Special thank you to all our volunteer facilitators!

- Junior Artists (TK/K): Nancy Rojas, Viviana Pelcastre, Adriana Alvarado
- Junior Artists (1st grade): Summer Viets, Diana Montano, Connie Hernandez
- Junior Scientists (2nd/3rd grade): AJ Patterson, Cindy Ung Yeoh
- Junior Theater Artists (4th/5th grade): Matthew De La Torre
- Junior Architects (4th/5th grade): Marlene Ramirez, Lucia Hernandez, Angela Robles

### YEAR-ROUND WAYS TO HELP

In addition to all of our one-time fundraisers (e.g. holiday grams, catalog sales, restaurant nights) that occur throughout the year, we also have several ongoing opportunities to support PTA programming.

Every 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 checkout and BVE will receive 5% back in credit for school supplies. Ongoing.









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### THAT AND THE STREET

#### Teacher Appreciation @ Dodger Stadium

On May 1st, the Bella Vista community celebrated its teachers at Dodger Stadium's Teacher Appreciation Day. Our very own, Mrs. Jimenez was invited to get recognized on the field right before the game and everyone who attended received a t-shirt.



We also want to give a shout-out to our principal, nurses, and classified staff who each have their own special day/week in May.

We greatly appreciate you all!





