

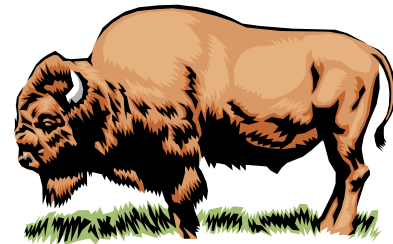
SEASON'S GREETINGS

Trish Champion
Jodi J. Karen Markham
Linda Van Peltus *Maureen Monte* *Danielle Pascher*
Sara M. Crow *Pat Kaplan* *Wendy Dixon*
Janice Barnd *Marlene Brubaker* *Belea Pankatis*
Carol Carson *C. P. De* *Taryn Wilson*
Jan Dymyleni *Connie G* *Renée Jones*
Michelle Ward *Rob Meenan* *Reve Fraser*
Stephanie Wolff *Janette Smith* *Leigh Kent* *Molly McKenna* *Amanda Waliski*
Melanie Badesch *Michael Max* *Phonda Griffin* *Erica*
Donna Fair *Sharon Egg* *Ramon Ezzangun* *Tad Fall*
Janellen McKens *Peter Eschhof* *Albie Smith* *Megan Schmitt*
Gene Anderson *Pauline Nelson* *Morgan Rhodes* *Mrs. Allee*

FROM THE BELLEVIEW STAFF

Judy Querrey *Suey Jaffe* *Leanne Todd*

BELLEVUE BULLETIN



December 7th, 2011

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Message from the Principal

Dear Bellevue Families,

Community spirit, philanthropic support, and home-school partnerships are thriving at Bellevue Elementary. There is evidence of wonderful forms of volunteerism on behalf of students, staff, and parents, and for this, we are grateful.

Thank you to our PTCO Philanthropy leaders-Zhonette Brown and Kristy Petrocco for your leadership in dedication to honoring our veterans and organizing holiday meals for families in our community and at another school within our district. Our Veteran's Day honor wall, the candy and card drive for the troops, and supporting families in need, are all great examples of making a positive difference in the lives of others. Student council leaders- Edie Widoff and Debbie Smith- thank you for your leadership in working with our student leaders around reviewing the multitude of Veteran's Day writing and your philanthropic support for a local organization in support of veterans (Freedom Service Dogs). We sent over 200 pounds of sweet treats to troops overseas and provided meals for over 25 families in Cherry Creek. Many Bellevue students gave a helping hand in preparing these items. We are grateful to everyone for your generosity.

Our Book Fair and Special Persons' Days were huge successes. It was a joy to see our community coming together for a meal in honor of the special people in the lives of our students. With more than 626 guests attending, our school was filled with conversation and celebration of special individuals. Thank you to our PTCO leader- Susan Barker and Joann Cantor, Kathy Egan, Liza Felman, Connie Plumleigh, and Janny Tan for helping organize these fantastic events. We honor our community for the value they place in literacy as evidenced by book fair purchases and nightly reading support.

As you know, we value parent volunteers in our school and classrooms. It is a joy to see parents engaged with students in learning opportunities in small groups helping teachers and students in their classrooms, assisting with various tasks in the library, and planning and/or attending in support of school events. A special thanks to our parking lot support persons during conference week- Donna Bucholtz, Joann Cantor, Melissa McDowell, Jeff McDowell, Lisa Nash, Connie Plumleigh, Jennifer Schmit, and Nancy Schwartz, to name a few. Our school remains successful because of our distinguished staff and parent community working together for our students.

The following quote speaks to making a difference: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"- Winston Churchill. Thank you Bellevue parents, staff, and students for all you do each day to "inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care." Bellevue Elementary is an incredible place to be. We look forward to continuing our partnership together in 2012. Enjoy your loved ones this holiday season. May it be fun -filled, memorable, safe, and joyous. May you have much health and happiness in the New Year.

Together in Education,

Amanda Waleski

Principal

Calendar of Events

December

8th - PTCO Holiday Gathering - Donna Bucholtz's home - 6:30pm

8th - PTCO Holiday Luncheon for the Staff - Teacher's lounge - 10:30am

9th - School store is open!

12th - Student Council - Media - 7:50am

15th - Band, Choir, and Chime Choir Winter Concert - Gym - 9:30am (School Show) & 6:30pm (Community show)

16th - 4th grade field trip - Bowling - 11:50am - 1:30pm

16th - 5th grade field trip - Denver Museum of Natural History - 9:15am - 2:00pm

December 17th - January 2nd - WINTER BREAK! NO SCHOOL!

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Looking ahead.....

January

4th - PTCO Executive Board meeting - Café - 9:05am

9th - Student Council - Media - 7:45am

12th - Vision & Hearing Screening for 3rd - 5th grade

12th - BAAC - Media - 6:30pm Guests are welcome to attend!

13th - Kindergarten Field Trip - Stock Show & Rodeo - 9:15am - 1:00pm

16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL!

20th - Boys Night Out! - Café & Gym - Time to be determined!

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM BELLEVIEW!

On Saturday, December 3, **Team Belleview** competed in the *11th Annual Math Competition at the Challenge School*.

What an awesome job they did! Here are the students who participated in this year's district math challenge:

5th grade Team: **Julia D., Paul P., Simon L.**

4th grade Team: **Zach G., Alex S., Jordan S.**

3rd grade Team: **Haley H., Michael F., Thomas G.**

The following trophies were achieved and awarded to individual students and grade level teams from Belleview:

- **Top 3rd Grade Student in the District** - - Thomas G., 2nd Place
- **Top 4th Grade Student in the District** - - Zach G., 3rd Place
- **Top 3rd Grade Team in the District** - - Thomas G., Haley H., Michael F., 2nd Place
- **Top 4th Grade Team in the District** - - Zach G., Alex S., Jordan S., 1st Place

Top Student in Belleview: **Jordan S.**

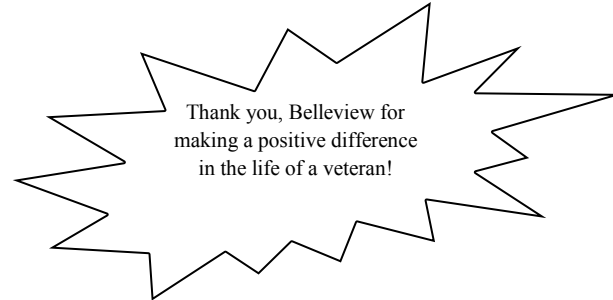
What an amazing achievement for some very bright and dedicated students! Way to go **Team Belleview!**

Thank you from CCHS....

To the students, staff, and community.

I just want to "Thank You" and the art classes that designed and drew the Veterans Day posters that are hanging on the wall outside our library here at Cherry Creek HS. I took time this morning and read every one of those posters. Being a retired 23 year veteran, the posters made me feel very proud because of what those students produced. So please pass along my "Thank You" .

Mike Oscepinski
Cherry Creek HS
Technology Support



TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL BOOK FAIR AND OTHER "GOOD NEWS" FROM THE LIBRARY!

Words aren't enough to express how the hard work, organization, and dedication of Liza Felman, Connie Plumleigh, Kathy Egan, and Janny Tan made Belleview's Book Fair such a huge success. Once again, the fair generated income that will greatly benefit Belleview's library. Additionally, the TEACHER WISH BAGS were a huge success, as classrooms received your generous donations to their own libraries. But without, you, the Belleview community, none of this could have been possible. Once again, your financial support and encouragement of reading made this event truly wonderful. Many, many thanks to you, too!

As the two-week winter break approaches, I wanted to remind you of a terrific site that your children have already investigated in their classes with me:

<http://kidsite.arapahoelibraries.org/go2.cfm?pid=303&aldredirect>

From here, your child can practice the "Listening to Reading" strategy found in TumbleBooks, review and prepare for Science Fair or do social studies research in the World Book for Kids link, or investigate "just right, good-fit" books in the reading section. I strongly encourage investigating this site that offers many, many databases to help your children as readers and as students. Should you enter a site requiring a password, just refer to the information on your library card.

Happy reading; happy learning! ---- Dory McFail, Teacher/Librarian

REMEMBER THAT WINTER BREAK IS A GREAT TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE LIBRARY'S READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM goal of 1,200 pages read! Have you seen the library door's "Wall of Fame"? Join it, and help your child's class reach the goal of 100% participation. ANY book counts, either read-to or listened-to. The goal includes at least 500 pages of nonfiction. If you've lost your yellow reading log, just use lined paper to record the reading. Place a "star" beside the nonfiction pages. Happy reading!



Dear Cherry Creek Community,

Cherry Creek Community Connections is a partnership between Parents Council and school-level leadership to bring together schools, clubs, PTCO's, parents, and community with the goal of community service for schools with children who need books, food, school supplies, coats, holiday support, etc.

Monetary donations can also be made through the 501(c)3 of the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation and designated for a specific program. Please contact Linda Peotter directly for more information.

Below is a list of needs from multiple schools that have been received thus far. School names are kept confidential to respect the wishes of those schools.

Coats, hats and mittens- boys and girls ages 11-13 Middle Schools--**Over 200 needed**

Non perishable lunch items for food pantry, cup of noodles, soups , chili, etc. things kids can heat up for lunch if no money for lunch 10 per week throughout year

School supplies, such as paper, markers, crayons, glue, etc.

Personal hygiene items- shampoo, deodorant, etc. Middle School

\$25 King Soopers or Walmart Gift cards

High School calculators

High school funds for AP and IB, testing

Monies for Photography fees for high school art class. (\$50 per student) 60 students

12 back packs(middle school)

Holiday Gift Baskets

If you as individuals or groups would like to help in this effort, please contact me.

Linda Peotter

Cherry Creek Community Connections

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Belleview Parents
Please join us for an
Evening of
Merriment and Refreshments!

December 8th at 6:30pm

Donna Bucholtz's home

5390 Autumn Dr.

Hosted by Belleview PTO's

Executive Committee

Please refer questions to

Veronica Hansen or Donna Bucholtz

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H.A.P.P.Y Through Teamwork



In the season of thanks and giving, we are honored and proud to be a part of the Belleview community. We have so many people that have made the school year, to date, an amazing success. From all of you that have helped out in the classroom or typed a flyer, to those of you that have put on amazing events for our community to partake in, we are thankful for all of your giving. Our children have benefited greatly from all that you do. We look forward to the remainder of the year, because we know that Belleview Families and Staff will always step up to the challenge.

We would like to give a special shout out to the wonderful ladies who not only coordinated but selflessly volunteered their time and energy to Red Ribbon, Square One Art, Special Person's and Book Fair, all the events were amazing! Thank you to Eileen Hoffmann, Amy Schiff, Jill Spiegleman, Janet Flesh, Kristy Petrocco, Cathy Zimmerman, Susan Barker, Joann Cantor, Kathy Egan, Liza Felman, Connie Plumleigh and Janny Tan.

Thanks to you all and Happy Holidays!

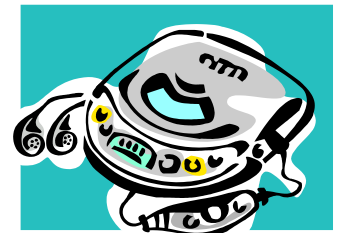
Veronica Hansen and Donna Bucholtz

PTCO Co-Presidents

It's the season of giving and the Belleview Technology Department would love your help...

Please consider donating any new or gently used CD players and/or headphones for the CD players (we are hoping to receive 9 of each)

There will be a drop off box by the front office.



If you have any questions, please contact Joann Cantor

joanncantor@me.com or 720-320-6006



King Soopers Cards

168 King Soopers cards are in Belleview wallets

70 were reloaded last month, raising \$1,190 for our classrooms

If we could convince 150 families to reload their cards, we could raise \$2550 a month for your children's classrooms.

ARE YOU RELOADING????

It is so easy to do! You have to eat! You have to fill that car with gas! It does not cost you anything!

WHY NOT GET SOME OF THAT BACK FOR YOUR KIDS?

RELOAD! RE-USE! REPEAT!

Don't have a card? Ask Sharon at the front desk for yours today

Questions?

Jane Colwell 303-947-8280, Debbie Ford 303-210-8016

*** From the Philanthropy Committee***

Thank you Belleview students, parents, staff and other community members!! We are very pleased to thank you all for your wonderful contributions to the recent Philanthropy Committee projects.

As a result of the incredible generosity of the Belleview community, we sent over 200 pounds of candy to troops serving our country overseas!

We also assembled wonderfully decorated boxes of food with supplies for more than 25 families to have wonderful Thanksgiving day and weekend meals. A special thanks to the office staff who helped with our collection efforts and who confidentially managed the distribution of the Thanksgiving food boxes. Also thank you to the Camp Belleview kids, Cub Scout Pack 345, and all the other selfless students and parents who donated to, helped decorate, or assembled the food boxes.

We look forward to working with all of you in 2012 as we continue efforts to serve and improve our community.

Square 1 Art Raises over \$3,500

Thanks to all of the orders for Square 1 Art items, Belleview raised over \$3,500 to go directly back to the classrooms, primarily the art program. This is a strong increase over last year with 50% of students ordering at least one item. Mr. Daubert's 4th grade class had the highest percentage of orders and so will receive a special prize in the next few weeks. A very special thank you to Mrs. Jones, the art teacher, and to all of the parents who ordered items to make this year's Square 1 Art fundraiser a success!

Book Fair

A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and also parents, grandparents, etc. who helped the book fair be a huge success!!!

Special Person's Days were a huge success!!!

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our volunteers: Kathy Kummetz, Melissa McDowell, Donna Bucholtz, Joni Fish, Amber Pleiss, Deirdre Haney, Delphine Garcia, Nadia Saindon, Orly Veta, Kate Smith, Chris McEntee, Amber Hays, Lisa Nash, Suzanne Marchiol, Deana Riopelle, Courtney Will, Tammy Clark, Veronica Hansen, Anida Wheatley

We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Belleview!

Joann and Susan

Belleview PTCO Afterschool Clubs

Come one and all to join one or more of Belleview's amazing afterschool clubs!

Chinese Classes: New session beginning **Monday, December 5th**

Stay tuned for the following classes beginning new sessions after Winter Break:

Yoga: Tuesdays, starting January 3rd

Spanish: Tuesdays, starting January 3rd

Golf Classes: Wednesdays starting January 11th

Artful Journey: Mondays starting February 6th

Taekwondo: Fridays starting February 10th

Chess will begin a new session after Break.

Young Rembrandts will be offered on Thursdays starting after break as well!

See the Belleview PTCO website for each club's flyer with complete information about the club's activities and details of dates and cost. <http://www.belleviewptco.org/clubs.html> Flyers are also available in the front lobby of the school. For further information on any program feel free to contact Cindy Finigan at 720-287-4490.



Box Top and Soup Labels:

A big thank you to all families who clipped and brought in over 4,000 box tops and soup labels in our last collection! A couple of tips on clipping:

1. For Box Tops, please cut out the box top along the rectangle. It will help us tremendously in processing and sending them in.
2. For Soup Labels, please cut along the dotted line including the **entire UPC code** of the product.

Please continue to clip and send them in to school. Our goal is to earn \$1,000 for Belleview this school year through box tops and soup labels. Two box tops per family per month will allow us to do this. We ask every family to participate and help us reach our goal! Our next collection date will be Friday December 16th, 2011. As of the last collection, Mrs. Ward's class is in the lead for the amount of box tops collected. Mrs. Puent's class is a very close second. Way to go Mrs. Ward's class!!

Crossing Guards Rock!!

A Big THANK YOU to Donna Bucholtz, Joann Cantor, Lisa Nash, Connie Plumleigh, Jennifer Schmit, and Nancy Schwartz for your expert crossing guard skills over conference week! The teachers and staff were extremely grateful and you all did your duty with style and grace, keeping our students safe! :-) Thank you for taking the time to help out!

If you are interested in helping for the next conference week (February 27-29, 2012), please let me know and I can get you on the list – the email will go out in February asking for volunteers. I know, everyone wants a chance to hold the all-powerful stop sign!! :-)

Thanks! Melissa McDowell melissa@peaksview.net

TO ALL LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO MAKING THIS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER YEAR IN THE LIBRARY TO DATE! YOUR TIME HAS GIVEN THE STAFF GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR KIDS AND PROJECTS LONG NEGLECTED ARE FINALLY GETTING DONE! HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY WINTER BREAK AND WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN IN JANUARY! PLEASE LOOK FOR SIGN UP SHEETS FOR JANUARY THRU MAY IN THE LIBRARY NEXT WEEK. AGAIN, THANK YOU!!!!

Jane Colwell

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