



BELL Academy

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Dear BELL Families,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and well. As we begin the second half of the school year, I would like to share some information regarding upcoming dates.

Marking Period 2 Report Cards

Report cards for the second marking period will be available on **Wednesday, February 3rd**. You may access your child's report card by logging into your My Student account at <https://mystudent.nyc/>. Please note that 8th grade families will have their report cards emailed to them via Jupiter Ed. As per NYC Department of Education recent guidance on the grading policy, middle school students will receive numerical grades (65-100) each marking period. Students will receive a grade of NX in place of failing grades (below 65). Families will have an opportunity to update any of their child's **final passing** grades to a 'P.' Grades of 'P' are not included in students' final Grade Point Averages (GPA). More information regarding parental requests for grade changes will be forthcoming at a later date.

You are strongly encouraged to maintain ongoing communication with your child's teachers. This will ensure that you are able to monitor their assignments and are aware of any missing work. While teachers maintain Jupiter Records on an ongoing basis, they are also available to discuss your child's progress during teacher official office hours, which are Monday – Friday from 1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. If you require translation services, or need assistance with contacting your child's teacher(s) please contact Ms. Lori at LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com.

Fun Fridays!

Beginning **Friday, February 5th**, all students will participate in "Fun Friday!" activities with their regularly scheduled teachers. Please note that your child is to follow his/her regular Friday schedule. These classes will consist of enrichment activities and will provide your child an opportunity to engage with their teachers and classmates in a highly interactive learning environment. Some of the exciting courses include Creative Coding, History Through Movies, Learning To Design, Scientific Exploration, A Study Of Regional Cuisine, and lots more! Attendance will be taken, as usual, and all students are expected to have their cameras on during their classes. Your child's participation will be reflected in their grades.

Respect for All Week

February 8th – February 11th is the official NYC DoE Respect for All Week. While BELL Academy promotes a safe and inclusive learning environment each day, this week includes some fun activities and events to promote tolerance and anti-bullying messages. We've been recognized by the Anti-Defamation League as being a No Place for Hate School, and we are proud to have earned Gold Star status over the past few years. Ms. Milazzo and our Student Government have been working hard to plan the events for the week. Information will be forthcoming.

Other Upcoming Dates

February 3rd: Report cards will be available at <https://mystudent.nyc/>. 8th Grade report cards will be emailed via Jupiter Ed.

February 5th: Fun Fridays! begins for all students in all classes.

February 12th: Lunar New Year- Gong Xi Fa Cai- 新年快樂 –**No School**

February 15th – February 19th: Midwinter Recess- **No School**

Sincerely,

David Abbott, Principal