

# BELL Academy

*Bayside Enrichment & Long-Distance Learning Academy – MS 294*

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Dear BELL Families,

As we welcome the month of November, during which we celebrate Thanksgiving, I would like to share expressions of gratitude and thankfulness to the members of the BELL Family. I am grateful for the support of the BELL families, I am grateful for the talented and hard-working BELL staff members, and I am especially grateful for the opportunity to work with your amazing children. Through strong community and connections, we continue to have a safe and successful school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some information regarding upcoming dates and events.

## **School Uniforms**

We understand that Lands' End is starting to catch up on their deliveries of school uniforms. Please be reminded that students are expected to wear their school uniform each day. If you are still awaiting your delivery, you can inform our Dean of Students, Mr. Williams, or our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Belcastro. If you still have not received your uniform, you are encouraged to wear a navy top and beige/khaki pants.

## **Grading Policy**

During our September Family Night, teachers shared information about their department's Grading Policy. You can access the schoolwide policy by clicking on the following link: [Grading Policy- 2021-2022](#).

## **October 25<sup>th</sup>- Progress Reports and iReady Reports**

Your child received a copy of their progress report for you to review. Please know that this reflects your child's current performance level, and is aligned to their grades in Jupiter Ed. The marking period ends on November 10<sup>th</sup>, so there is still time to make up any missing assignments and to prepare for any upcoming assessments. Any questions regarding your child's progress report should be shared directly with your child's teacher. iReady reports were shared, as well. These reports include information on your child's benchmark assessment in ELA and mathematics. Please note that these assessments are NOT graded and are used by our teachers to best support your child during instructional time.

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## **November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Election Day**

Although the building will be closed, November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a full day of remote asynchronous instruction. Students are expected to complete all assignments, which will be posted in their teachers' Google Classrooms. Students should refer to their Tuesday schedule of classes. Please note that attendance will be officially tracked and determined by your child's completion of work.

## **November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day- No School**

Schools are officially closed and there will be no classes. However, as always, you are encouraged to read. 😊

## **November 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences- Fully Remote**

Our afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences will both be held on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. **All students will be dismissed at 11:10 a.m.** All conferences will be held remotely between 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You will receive surveys from your child's teachers to request appointment times, as well as to indicate your meeting preference (email, phone call, video conference). Please remember that you can always request additional meetings with your child's teacher(s) during parent engagement time, which is held on Tuesdays, from 2:10 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. Translation services will be available. Please contact Ms. Lori at [LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com](mailto:LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com) for translation arrangements.

For information on making an appointment for Parent Teacher Conferences:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** [Please Click Here](#)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** [Please Click Here](#)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** [Please Click Here](#)

**School Counselor, Ms. Johnson,** [EJohnson@thebellacademy.com](mailto:EJohnson@thebellacademy.com): [Please Click Here](#)

**School Social Worker, Ms. Lavino,** [DLavino@thebellacademy.com](mailto:DLavino@thebellacademy.com): [Please Click Here](#)

**Dean of Students, Mr. Williams,** [JWilliams@thebellacademy.com](mailto:JWilliams@thebellacademy.com): [Please Click Here](#)

**Speech Therapist, Ms. Morrison:** [Please Click Here](#)

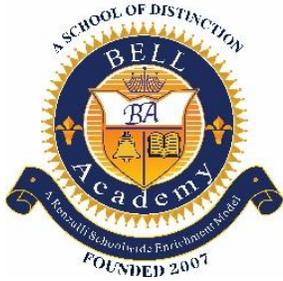
**ENL Teacher, Ms. Sun:** [Please Click Here](#)

**Parent Coordinator, Ms. Belcastro:** [LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com](mailto:LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com)

## **November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving- No School**

Schools are officially closed, and there will be no classes. Students will NOT have homework over the four day recess. However, this may be a good opportunity to catch up on missing assignments.

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As always, the BELL Family is here to support you. As I mentioned earlier, Thanksgiving time is a time for us to reflect and give thanks. I am grateful to be part of the BELL Family and for working together through this challenging time. **Together, we are BELL Strong!**

Sincerely,

David Abbott,  
Principal