

# Bell Intermediate School Pride Newsletter

2018 – 2019

## Calendar of Events October 2018

Check Website Calendar for  
School Activities by clicking on:

<https://bell.ggusd.us/>

10/01/18	Kick Off Anti-Bullying Campaign: "Be a Buddy, not a Bully!"
10/03/18	Early Release @ 1:14pm Every Wednesday is College Wear Day!!
10/04/18	Wear PINK every Thursday for Cancer Awareness Month
10/04/18	FIRE DRILL
10/09/18	Schoolwide Advisement Lesson #2- "Empathy"
10/10/18	Music Program Pasta Dinner @ 6pm- MPR
10/11/18	PTA Meeting @ 4pm LCR
10/12/18	Bell Movie Night: <i>Wonder</i> @ 6pm in MPR
10/15/18	Progress Reports delivered this week
10/16/18	Schoolwide Advisement Lesson: Anti-Bullying
10/18/18	ASB Bowling Activity @ Westminster Lanes 3-4:30pm
10/18/18	Great American Shake Out
10/19/18	Schoolwide Assembly: Guest Speaker Gabe Salazar: Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!
10/23/18	Schoolwide Advisement Lesson: Anti Bullying
10/31/18	Halloween Celebrations!
10/31/18	Bell band to Enders @ 8:30am

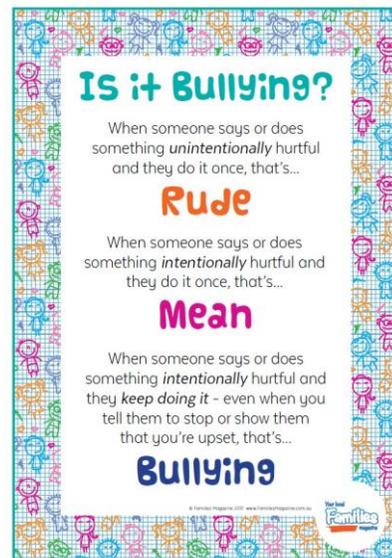
## Bell Intermediate Newsletter Welcome to October!

Fall is in the air, and many exciting things are happening at Bell Intermediate! Now that September has come and gone, our Roadrunners have settled in to the new school year.

In addition to our academic programs, this month we will focus on our Anti-Bullying Campaign- "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!"

In September's Advisement Lesson we focused on "respect." Staff and students examined what "respect" looks and feels like on our campus in a variety of settings.

We will use the "respect" lesson as a foundation for our "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!" focus in October. During Advisement Lessons our students will be able to identify actions that can be described as rude, mean, or bullying. The sign below is posted in every classroom, in various areas throughout our campus, and in each student's planner.



In addition to being able to identify bullying, our students will learn how to be sure they are NOT a bully, to be sure to SPEAK UP when they are bullied or when they see bullying, and to be able to report any concerning behaviors through our WeTip confidential reporting line. Inside each student's planner we have provided the WeTip number and we will remind them that it is available 24/7.

Report bullying, cyberbullying and other crimes to WeTip @ 1-855-86 BULLY (28559)

We appreciate your partnership as we work together to teach young people how to respect each other and to treat others with kindness.

## 2018 SCHOOLS TO WATCH - TAKING CENTER STAGE

In March of 2018, Bell Intermediate students and staff were recognized as one of **California's 2018 Schools to Watch - Taking Center Stage** model intermediate schools. Last March, administration traveled with Trustee Teri Rocco to Sacramento to be recognized at the state level, and in June Principal Patterson traveled to Washington DC to also be recognized as a **National School to Watch**. The review process for this award identifies signature practices that support students' socio-emotional and academic needs. The Bell staff collaborated on and developed school wide practices that foster a rich and supportive learning culture on campus. Some of these practices include an Anti-Bullying Campaign, a growth mindset approach to learning, and an Annotation Guide. 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology skills are embedded in activities throughout the school day, and after school tutors, athletic programs, and S.T.E.A.M classes are provided for students.



Receiving the Schools To Watch Award in March, 2018



Meeting with House of Representatives Senator Lowenthal in Washington DC on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He recognized the hard work and dedication that takes place daily on our campus.

## BELL INTERMEDIATE WAS HONORED BY THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE SCHOOL'S TO WATCH – TAKING CENTER STAGE

Assistant Principal Mrs. Balius and Principal Mrs. Patterson were proud to be recognized by the city of Garden Grove on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 during the City Council Meeting.



From left to right:  
Mayor Steve Jones, M'Liss Patterson, Scott Stiles, Angie Balius

Mayor Steve Jones, City Manager Scott Stiles, and the entire Garden Grove City Council honored Bell Intermediate School students and staff for their dedication to a rigorous academic program as well as a focus on students' socio-emotional needs and their future success!

We appreciate their ongoing support!





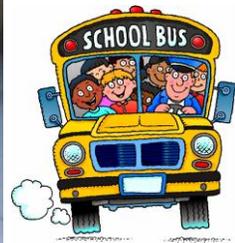
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On Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, all students participated in a mandatory bus evacuation drill. GGUSD bus drivers taught students how to safely board and exit buses and how to exit in case of an emergency.

All students in grades K-8 are required to participate in the drill.

We appreciate our GGUSD bus drivers. They work hard to provide safe travels for our students to and from school, on field trips, and athletic to activities in grades 9-12.

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## WELCOME BACK DANCE!

On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> over 250 students participated in the Welcome Back Dance!

Students enjoyed dancing in the MPR, playing outdoor games in the small quad—ping pong, ring toss, Bag Go. ASB sold pizza, water, and other snacks to help students keep up their energy!



Thank you to all of our teachers and parents who helped chaperone this fun filled afternoon!

# Walkability Fair – September 21, 2018

On 9/21, Orange County Department of Education, GGUSD K-12 Services, GGUSD Council PTA, the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove, GGPD, and The City of Garden Grove joined together to present an afternoon filled with information to help students navigate safe pathways to and from local schools.

In August, a group of parents and student gathered at Bell Intermediate to walk several of the most frequently used pathways to and from Bell Intermediate, Pacifica High School, Enders Elementary, Barker Elementary, Garden Park Elementary, and Patton Elementary. Information gathered during that audit was summarized and presented to all the agencies listed above and it was also available to all who attended the Walkability Fair on 9/21/18.

## SPECIAL GUESTS SUPPORTED OUR WALKABILITY FAIR!

The Cockrill Family and a representative from OCDE enjoyed spending time with some of our special Star Wars guests.

Guests at the fair were able to win prizes, have their bicycles check and tunes, be fit for a free helmet from GGPD, and more.

We will continue to partner with our community to provide safe

pathways for all of our students. Please talk to your children about the importance of being alert on their way to school. They should always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard. When crossing streets they should always look both ways making sure they start crossing when the light begins to flash with the number of seconds they have to complete crossing safely.



Students enjoyed many activities before school and during lunch the week of 9/24-9/28



**GGUSD Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco joined students in a game of "Start With Hello Bingo."**



Students enjoyed getting to meet new people and discover some things they had in common!



## START WITH HELLO WEEK

Over 15,000 schools chose to participate in this exciting week. The focus is to empower young people to "Start With Hello" and to foster safe, welcoming communities.

The activities are aimed at reducing social isolation and bullying.

The mission of this week: reducing social isolation, building community and preventing violence before it happens.

# Join Us For Movie Night!

The Bell Book Club proudly presents:



Friday, October 12, 2018

6:00 PM in the MPR

Bring your family & a chair and enjoy the  
“Bell Movie Theater” experience!

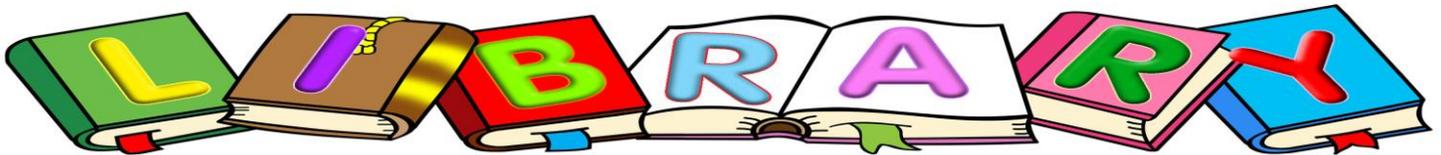


### **Halloween Guidelines:**

Students are welcome to come to school on Wednesday, 10/31, in their costumes. Please remember that costumes need to be modest/age-appropriate costumes that meet our dress code policy. No racer back tops, spaghetti straps, or short costumes will be allowed. Masks, make-up that covers the whole face, look alike weapons, clown costumes, and costumes that symbolize hate or are considered offensive WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Students who come to school with a costume that does not follow our dress code or the Halloween costume restrictions will be given a consequence for violating the school policy.

We thank you for paying close attention to these details in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable day for all members of our school community.

### **PLEASE JOIN THE BELL PTA and purchase Bell Spirit Wear!**



THE BELL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL FROM 2:02 – 3:00 PM  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY!  
(PLEASE SEE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR OCCASIONAL CLOSURES DUE TO SCHOOL MEETINGS)



Parents, we have many opportunities for you to get involved! Please email or call me if you are interested in: Parent Academy, School Site Council, ELAC, or PTA!

I hope you enjoyed our newsletter.

**We will be back in November!**