



2021-22 Parent Information

Dear Families,

On behalf of the BMDL-PTSA, we would like to welcome everyone back to school! The Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language Parent Teacher Student Association is an organization of families and staff throughout the Bellevue School District Mandarin Dual Language program. We promote student success, support school staff, organize fun events, coordinate volunteers and fundraise for our school.

In this packet, you will find contact information for our leadership team, information about ParentSquare, and ways you can become involved. As we connect with more wonderful volunteers, we will begin adding events to our calendar. If you have more questions that aren't answered in this packet, you can always email us at president@bmdl-ptsa or visit our website at <http://www.bmdl-ptsa.org>.

We look forward to an excellent academic year building community with you and our school staff.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Hagadorn

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How You Can Help

Join the PTSA

Joining the PTSA helps us achieve our goals of supporting students, staff, and our school families! We can't do it without your voice. Please consider joining today. [You can join online here](#), or email membership@bmdl-ptsa for more information.

Come to meetings

We try to schedule our general membership meetings close to other school events. Those meetings are where you can learn more about what we're doing and also vote on important decisions about our work.

Volunteer

The BMDL PTSA is 100% run by volunteers and there are many opportunities to volunteer at so many different levels. The PTSA will put requests for volunteers up on ParentSquare and you may also see requests from other parents and teachers. If you are interested in volunteering, email president@bmdl-ptsa or [fill out our online form](#) to get started. Someone from our Board of Directors will be in contact with you soon to find a perfect fit for your time and talents.

Make a Donation

All of the funds we raise go to programs and events that serve our students. During the first weeks of school we will give out information about how to donate and help us meet our Jing Mei Annual Giving (JAG) goals. You can also make a donation anytime at bmdl-ptsa.org.



Jing Mei Elementary School/Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language PTSA Passive Fundraising

(Raising funds at no cost to you!)

Employer Matching – Many local employers match non-profit donations given by their employees. Please check with your HR department to find out if your company offers this benefit. The PTSA is already on some local employer lists of non-profits under the name of *Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language PTSA (BMDL-PTSA)*. Some employers also match volunteer hours with a monetary donation – please check with your HR department and submit your hours if so!

Amazon.com –



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language PTSA 2 3 170" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language PTSA 2 3 170" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Bartell Drugs – Register your "B Caring" card at eScrip.com to earn the BMDL-PTSA 4%! Group ID: 500046303. Get a free B Caring card at your local Bartell Drugs and be sure to scan it every time you shop. Register your card at www.eScrip.com/BCaringCard.

**You'll need to mention the B Caring card at checkout – they won't ask you for it!

Box Tops for Education – Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. From playground equipment to technology to library books, your school can use this money to help teachers and students get the supplies they need.

Jing Mei's zip code is 98006 and school ID is 9675283.

Find out more at <https://www.boxtops4education.com>

eScrip mall – Go to <https://shopping.escrip.com/> and earn money (up to 16%) for the BMDL-PTSA when you shop through the site.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards – Link (you might have to re-enroll annually) your Rewards Card to earn the “Bellevue Mandarin Dual Language PTSA” money! Organization # HP122. Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> and log into your account.

Office Depot Give Back to Schools – Mention Jing Mei’s school ID (70232665) at checkout to earn the school 5%! They can look up Jing Mei Elementary School in their system, or TIP: you can put the number in your phone’s address book to always have it handy.

**You’ll need to mention the school ID at checkout – they won’t ask you for it!

SCRIP – purchase gift cards (to give away or use yourself) and a % rebate goes to the BMDL-PTSA. If offered, there will be two periods (late November in time for the holidays, and in the Spring) to order your cards.

Create an account at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> Jing Mei’s Enrollment code is LL4B89BF38567.

ParentSquare



We are excited to let you know that this year we'll be using ParentSquare to communicate with you at the school, and in your classrooms and groups. ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect.

With ParentSquare you'll be able to:

- Receive school and classroom communication via email, text or app
- View and download photos
- View the school and classroom calendar and RSVP for events
- Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items

Activate your Account

At the beginning of the school year, new families will receive an invitation email or text to join ParentSquare. Please click the link to activate your account and choose your notification delivery settings. It takes less than a minute.

You can use ParentSquare on any device. You can download the free mobile app for Android or iOS and you can also use it from a computer at www.parentsquare.com.

Our goal is for every family to join ParentSquare. Please feel free to send an email to communications@bmdl-pts.org if you have any questions or if you have not received an invitation.



ParentSquare Tips for Parents

1 Activate Account

Click the link in your invitation email/text or sign up on ParentSquare.com or via the ParentSquare app.

2 Download App

It's easy to stay in the loop with the ParentSquare app. Download it now from the App store or Google Play.

3 Set Preferences

Click your name in the top right to visit your account page and set your notification and language preferences.

4 Get Photos & Files

Click 'Photos & Files' in sidebar to easily access pictures, forms and documents that have been shared with you.

5 Appreciate Posts

Click 'Appreciate' in your email/ app or website to thank a teacher or staff for a post. Teachers love the appreciation.

6 Comment or Reply

Click 'Comment' in app or website to privately ask a question about the post that your teacher or school sent.

7 Participate

Click 'Sign Ups & RSVPs' in the sidebar to see available opportunities. Click bell on top to check your commitments.

8 Join a Group

Click 'Groups' in the sidebar to join a group or committee at your school to participate or to stay up-to-date.

9 Find People

Click 'Directory' in the sidebar to find contact information for teachers and parents (not available at all schools).

10 Get in Touch

Click 'Messages' in the sidebar to privately get in touch with staff, teachers and parent leaders.