

The Voice

Bellflower Teachers Association



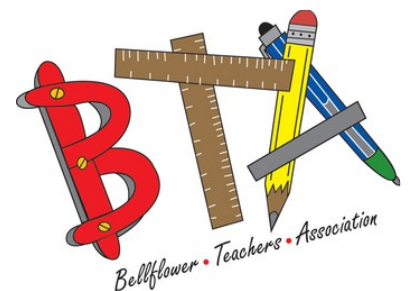
From the President

Hello Members,

One quarter of the year has passed us by and the holidays will be here soon. This month my message to all of you is to be kind to each other and work together to solve the problems you can, reach out for help when you need it, and just breathe.

Board Meeting Highlights: The board meeting on Oct. 26 covered a BTA presentation (see below), a review of the districts ESSER III Plan, a discussion on the Superintendents authorized expenditure limits, a Maintenance and Facilities update (including projects promised by the bond but wasn't completed), starting a BUSD Foundation, and finally an updated organization chart (see below).

BTA executive board members have been out visiting sites. I hope that you will all get a chance to meet with us and share your concerns and of course grab a snack. We will be compiling your feedback and getting it to the right ears.



BTA wants your pictures! Please send pictures of your teachers on campus. I use them in the newsletter and now the board presentation. School Spirit wear, Dress Up days, Special events. Teachers only please. Email them or text them voiceofBTA@gmail.com or (562)525-4557. The next BTA board presentation is December 14.

BTA has a new phone number (562) 525-4557. Please use this number if you need to reach me. The voiceofBTA@gmail.com will stay the same. If you no longer work for Bellflower, please let me know so I can update the email lists.

Stronger Together,
Kari M.
BTA President

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2024-2025 Calendar Survey

Please fill out our calendar survey!

<https://forms.gle/5MqqJzv8Q2Eo1MXX8>

School Board Meetings - Send your teachers!

In the past we have assigned Board Meetings to attend to sites, so the site can decide who to send. Here are the meetings for the rest of 2023 and the sites assigned to each one.

Nov 16– Jefferson and Washington

Dec 14–LF, Mayfair and Bellflower

CTA Teacher Resources

Classroom Resources

Inspiring our students and leading our profession. If you're looking for classroom resources for educators by educators, you came to the right place!

<https://www.cta.org/for-educators/classroom-resources>

CTA Contest - Appreciation Alert! Enter to Win Our Thank You Giveaway!

We're Celebrating You and Your Awesomeness!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we wanted to show our appreciation and admiration for all you do with a special giveaway – because frankly, we think you're swell!

How to Enter

- You must be signed up for CTA Access to Savings.
- Visit your [CTA Access to Savings](#) website November 1–15 and make sure you're signed in.
- That's it! You are now entered to win!
- [Click Here!](#)

CTA Conferences 2023-2024

Here are the upcoming CTA conferences. If you are interested in attending, click the link to register. BTA will reimburse you for your registration and parking. If the conference is out of town, please contact me for more information.

Issues Conference

January 12-14, 2024

Planet Hollywood LAs Vegas

<https://web.cvent.com/event/4fc70f53-7096-44d8-a375-d8c983f31e25/regPage:d4e29386-6c99-4a23-a66b-30a95d915e7d?RefId=CTA.org>

New Educator Weekend

February 23-25, 2024

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa

<https://web.cvent.com/event/19289e2a-0e58-44a0-b302-749ea65291fa/regPage:d4e29386-6c99-4a23-a66b-30a95d915e7d?RefId=CTA.org>

Good Teaching Conference

March 22-24, 2024

Hyatt Regency OC

<https://web.cvent.com/event/25e3e96f-e0be-474d-8b26-7969e5ff66f6/regPage:d4e29386-6c99-4a23-a66b-30a95d915e7d>

CTA Scholarships

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Member Benefits

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Thinking About Retirement?

CTA Retirement Workshops

- It's always nice to find out how the system is working and to plan for our futures. Click on the link below to make an appointment and attend a retirement workshop.



Meet virtually with Cisco Webex. Anytime, anywhere, on any device.

Simple, modern video meetings for everyone on the world's most popular and trusted collaboration platform.

cta.webex.com

Below is the PDF explaining retirement benefits. Please note: for the insurance cash out option you must be enrolled in the district medical plan for at least your last year of teaching. If you are on the opt out plan you will continue to get what you are eligible for, but there is no cash out option.

23 BGB Retirement Guide Certificated Revised 05.09.23 (busd) (1) (1).pdf

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Things to Note

2023-2024 BTA Dues Schedule

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Pay Scales

You can find the new pay scales on the Business Plus site and also on our website bellflowerteachers.com.

Know Your Executive Board

BTA Executive Board 2023-2024.pdf

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Know Your Teacher Rights

CTA members have the legal right to a safe and healthy workplace. A mini-guide to teacher's rights was placed in your teacher mailbox for your reference and review, but if you missed it or didn't get one, the link is below for you to visit and bookmark.

<https://www.cta.org/for-educators/your-rights>

Know Your Ed Code

When can you suspend a student? What are your rights as a teacher? Check out this PDF!

<https://casetext.com/statute/california-codes/california-education-code/title-2-elementary-and-secondary-education/division-4-instruction-and-services/part-27-pupils/chapter-6-pupil-rights-and-responsibilities/article-1-suspension-or-expulsion/section-48910-suspension-of-pupil-from-class-by-teacher>

Know Your Contract

www.bellflowerteachers.com has the most updated contract PDFs for your reference.

<https://bellflowerteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2020-2022-BTA-Contract-FINAL-for-printing.pdf>

Have you joined PTA?

Did you know that you can still join PTA and support your school? PTA does a lot of great things for our kids, and teachers too, so if you haven't joined, please do!



www.bellflowercouncilpta.org/p/join-our-ptas.html

Get the Calm App for Free with CTA!

Free subscription to CTA members. To access your free subscription, you will need to log into the CTA Member Benefits site, <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/en/Life-Events/Calm>. This link will take you to our Calm site and you will follow the instructions on the page to create your Calm account. You will need your CTA member ID, if you do not know your member ID, you can call Member Benefits at (650) 552-5200. They can also help create your Calm account. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Email your Board Members

Whew! The election is over, and now the work begins. Please reach out to the board members and let them know your concerns, invite them to your classrooms, share the exciting things going on at your site.

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Event Information

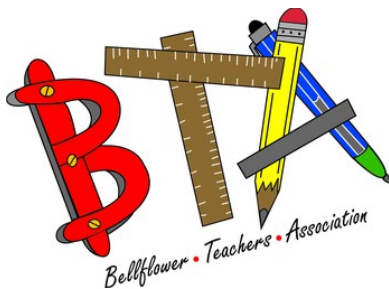
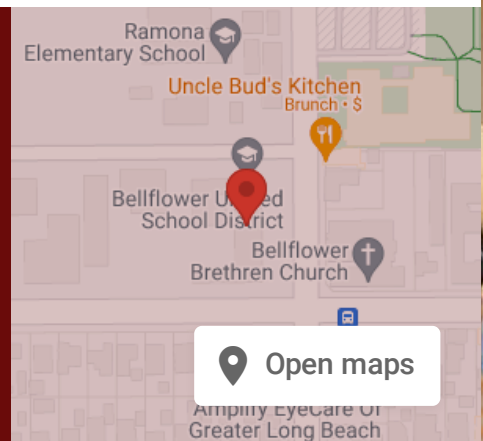
School Board Meeting

When?

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023, 06:00 PM

Where?

Bellflower Unified School District, Clark Avenue, Bellflower, CA, USA



Bellflower Teachers Association

Email: voiceofBTA@gmail.com

Website: www.bellflowerteachers.com

Location: [17434 Studebaker Road, Cerritos, CA, USA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/17434+Studebaker+Road,+Cerritos,+CA,+USA)

Phone: (562) 525-4557

Facebook: [Facebook.com/bellflowerteachers](https://www.facebook.com/bellflowerteachers)