Welcome Back! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning!
Belmont is very proud to announce that our 8th grade student, Yovani Ortega, has been selected as a HFS Scholar! The HFS Chicago Scholars helps Chicago high school students flourish in and out of the classroom by providing educational enrichment through lifelong mentoring, college readiness and academic excellence programs, as well as providing financial assistance to attend top Chicago-area schools.

To learn more about The HFS Chicago Scholars program [Click Here](#).

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**REC Foundation Aerial Drones Competition**

The HSA Belmont Robotics Club, led by our PLTW teacher Mr. Tufan, attended the Virtual REC Foundation Aerial Drones competition this month and advanced to the VRAD Championship Finals!

VRAD is a competition in which students program drones using Python programming language; then complete tasks by driving drones. During the competition, the Belmont team had four matches and won 3!
The 2021 CONSEF Awards Ceremony was held this past weekend. A huge shoutout to all our students who took the time to submit demonstrations; compete in Math Olympics; and Robotics Participants.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized during the ceremony!

**Math Demonstrations**
- **7th Grade**: Joanna Almeida
- **7th Grade**: Zoe Preveau
- **8th Grade**: Nathaniel Wilson

**Technology Demonstrations**
- **7th Grade**: Deja Kirk
- **7th Grade**: Dominic Werner

**Math Olympics**
- **7th Grade**: Bronz Medal: Camille Oshodi

**Robocon – Intermediate Division**
- 2nd place Winners: Team of Dominic Werner and Deja Kirk
Concept Spoken Word

Congratulations to our middle school students, Tahniya Davis, Mykeia Chillis, Deja Kirk, Imani Roberts, Camille Grant-Prince, and Zoe Preveau who under the guidance of our 7th grade ELA teacher, Ms. Jaques, participated in Concept's Spoken Word event. For this year's spoken word event, students wrote poems about their own experience with the pandemic.
Every Wednesday, at 9:00am the Zakat Foundation will be outside Belmont at door #8 on Mango St. distributing food boxes. The distribution is open to parents, neighbors, and community members. The boxes are distributed on a first come first serve basis.

To learn more about the Zakat Foundation, Click HERE.
I grew up traveling a lot and have lived in many states, as well as overseas in Sitges, Spain. I went to college in River Forest, at Dominican University.

An interesting fact about me is that I met the wife of a famous New York painter, Norman Lewis. She showed me some of his works that went on to be housed at the art institute currently.

I started teaching while still in college and my 2nd grade teacher Ms. Thompson inspired me to become a teacher. She was always so kind and would listen to anything I had to say. My favorite things to do outside of the classroom is paint!
HSA Belmont & McKinley Park’s parent book club, “Chapter Chat” is moving on with their third book!

If you are interested in joining chapter chat there is still time to join before we start a new book next month. Please email Ms. Armouti at armouti@hsamckinley.org or Ms. Culkowski at culkowski@hsabelmont.org

Gourmet Gorilla’s student meal distribution at Belmont continues. Please come and pick up student meal boxes on Wednesday from 9:00am - 1:00PM at door #8 on Mango St.
Belmont is now enrolling students K-8 for the 2021-2022 school year. **HSA Belmont is free and open to all students**, offers full day kindergarten, and offers a Science, Engineering, and Math (STEM) emphasis. New students may enroll here: Horizon Science Academy Belmont - Enrollment

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### Learn How to Use Concept SIS Student and Parent Portal

ConceptSIS has become the central hub of our teachers, parents, and students. It is the go-to point for all information, from grades, attendance, and community announcements. Now Concept has created a short video tutorial to show all of the tools and features ConceptSIS has to offer to our students and parents.

See the video tutorial [HERE](#).

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### Frequently Asked Questions - P-EBT

**What should a family do if they haven’t received their P-EBT card in the mail?**

- There is a known delivery lag due to a delay with the P-EBT card manufacturer. The last batch of P-EBT cards were scheduled to be printed and mailed on March 14th. Due to the manufacturing delay, there is a delay.

**Where would my card have been mailed?**

- The card will be mailed to the student’s primary address.

**By what date should I have received my card? Will this be the only card I receive?**

- There is a known delay in P-EBT card delivery. Families will receive one card per qualifying student. Once a family receives their P-EBT card, this will be the only card they will need to receive their P-EBT benefits. All future deposits for the P-EBT benefit will be made to the same card.

**By what date will my card be loaded with funds? How frequently should funds be loaded on to my card?**
Benefits will load on to the card monthly. By April, the card will be loaded with a distribution from September 2020 to December 2020. In April, the card will be loaded with a distribution for January 2021 through March 2021. Beginning in May, the card will be loaded monthly with the benefit for the remainder of the school year.

This information along with other frequently asked questions concerning the P-EBT card can be found [HERE](#).
At Horizon Science Academy Belmont our top priority is the health and safety of our families. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to a member of our leadership team.

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Mevla Sarancic, Assistant Principal of Academics
Stay Connected

Don't forget there are plenty of ways to stay connected with what's going at HSA - Belmont!

- Follow us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) for our latest news!
- Did you know Belmont has an app? Download the app for our database and ConceptSIS.
  - For Android users, [use this link](#)
  - For Apple users (including IPhones and IPads), [use this link](#)

![ConceptSIS Student & Parent Portal](image)

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