

# BELLE MEADE



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## Music

The Belle Meade School music program, taught by Manabu Nagase, has integrated the students into several all-school songs. The students have been learning blues transitions and pentatonic scales. Students have also been working in groups on individual songs with the guidance of Manabu. Belle Meade's music program allows each student to approach the material presented in front of them with the help of more experienced music students and the instructor.  
- Noah



## Get ready to dance: Snow Ball

The Belle Meade student council is planning The Belle Meade Snow Ball. On February 12th at 7pm we will hold a fun dance along with delicious refreshments and a DJ. Please invite family and friends of all ages and come as you are, formal attire is not required. We will also be hosting a Belle Meade version of The Newlywed Game. It is going to be a fun night and we hope to see you there.  
- McKayla

## Spring Comedy Show "Skitastrope Extravaganza"

With March 11th fast approaching, we need to buckle down and get to work on finishing all of our skits. I'm really excited after seeing a few of the skits and realizing that they are actually very funny. Seeing Noah and Jasper in Monty Python's "Cheese Shop" is fantastic and Sara and Elliott in "Spartan Cheerleaders" is hilarious. I haven't yet watched every skit we're going to do, but after reading them, I can tell they are great; I'm really looking forward to this show. During our performance, we plan to have mild audience participation, but nothing to fret over! I'm anticipating a lot of hard work, but much reward in the end.  
- Leif



## Guatemala Trip

We are so excited with every step closer we get to this amazing trip! We have so much planned for our ten-day adventure. Staying with host families and exploring the beautiful area around Lago Atitlan. We will be volunteering in the local schools and teaching simple English. We will also be taking back strap weaving classes and attending a traditional Mayan ceremony. With only two months left, the excitement is present and the planning is coming together.  
- Elliott



**Skiing with Belle Meade**

Belle Meade has been participating in a number of skiing trips every Thursday. These trips began on January 7 and will end on February 11 in a total of six trips. From 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM, the students ski at their own levels with lessons taking place that range from levels I-III appropriately. Before and after lessons, the students are allowed free ski or rest in the lounge with something to eat. - Jasper



**MLK**

MLK was an honorable man. We all know that. That spirit of leadership, love, faith, loyalty and justice: we all have it but don't always use it. Martin Luther King didn't do what he did for money, and he didn't do it for the politics. He said what he believed and did it for the people; he did it for us and for the future. Martin Luther King didn't look at labels; he didn't look at people as if they were odd if they were different or had a disability. He looked past all that, and I recommend we do the same. We can make a difference. Additionally, MLK had leadership but not the type most people have. Leadership is not about telling people what is right or wrong or controlling everything and one; it's not about judging and thinking we are better than they. Leadership, my friends, is about putting yourself in other people's shoes and talking to them face-to-face. - James

**Riding in the Snow**

With the recent snowfall, riding went on a short break while we attempted to dig out the barn and horses. Just this week we got back to riding and yesterday finally cleared out the riding ring with the horses. The snow made for interesting trotting. We have really enjoyed seeing how the horses figured out how to pick up their feet and look like dressage horses. Thankfully the snow has started to melt and we'll be able to get back on our feet with riding...well, back into our stirrups. - Ava



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