

# BELLE MEADE



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My name is Flora Trumpetto. I am from Linden, VA (and still living there) and was born on the 24th of May, 2004. I have been in a Montessori School called Mountain Laurel Montessori School for most of my life, making me a hands-on person. My way of learning is by doing. That's why I look forward to this year, where I can do things that I love most (like horseback riding and art). This year I have transferred to a new school, have been seeing new faces, experiencing new experiences, and making lifelong memories.  
Flora



My name is Lucas. I live in Warrenton. I have three younger siblings. I love riding horses. I love swimming and drawing. I also love science and science experiments. I love being at Belle Meade Montessori School because I get a lot more independence.  
Lucas.

## Welcome Back To School! Meet our new students:

**Belle Meade Montessori** - We have revealed our secret; no, we're not part of the illuminati. We are a Montessori School! After many years of denying it, we have finally realized our true identity. How rude of me. Let me introduce myself: my name is Charlotte, I'm 11, and I ate a star fruit today. Here at Belle Meade, we take an annual canoe trip where we run the rapids, swim through the rapids, and find selfie-sticks in the rapids.

Let's get down to the serious stuff...just kidding. We have tons of other fun stuff to do here at Belle Meade: horseback riding, swimming in the pond, and skiing. But it's not all free play, we have chores (I feed and clean horses in the morning and clean egg's in the afternoon.) and classes. There is a diversity of students. It's always fun here. We all have a different way of learning: one person might be a paper and pen kind of person while someone else might be more of a 3D type of person. No matter what kind of learner you are, the teachers are always willing to help. Well, I guess what I'm trying to say is that Belle Meade is a great school!  
Charlotte

### A POEM

Stressed, depressed and Hamilton obsessed  
At best, I'm a petulant mess with no zest  
A guest who's hard-pressed to leave house arrest  
Impressed? Oh you jest, no talent I possess  
Suppressed within, I confess I'm not blessed  
Request you digest what I just expressed  
Unless you wanna best me, go ahead, take the test  
My name is Lilie and it's time for me go rest  
because I'm exhausted bye.

-Lilie

My name is Will Wessel. I am 14 years old, and am in the 8 ½ grade because I am in 2 high school classes. I went to Warrenton middle school, and now I go here. I live in Warrenton. My interest are metalworking, cycling, horseback riding, and jujitsu. I am the youngest of 3 siblings with a dog somewhere in there. My dad is an engineer, and my mom is a flight attendant.

Will

My name is Omar Silas, and I am from Cambridge, Massachusetts. I am attending Belle Meade for just the first semester so I can return to Massachusetts to play baseball at my high school Cambridge Rindge and Latin. I grew up in Boston until I was 12 years old and then moved to Cambridge where I've lived there ever since. I like to play different sports, write poetry and music, and also listen to music. For now, I live with John and I am very thankful to be here and excited for what lies ahead.

Omar

### Welcome New Teacher Alice Catlin

Alice is a gentle, nurturing soul who is organized, and earnest. She is a compassionate teacher who helps students set and meet their expectations. Alice holds a BA in French from the University of Virginia, an MEd in Education from Loyola University, and an MEd in Special Education from Bridgewater University. She has worked in Montessori schools since 1995 as an elementary teacher, adolescent teacher, and administrator. She completed elementary teacher certification through Association Montessori International (AMI) and the Orientation to Adolescent Studies through the North American Montessori Teachers' Association (NAMTA). She has been a national consultant for AMI since 2009.

### Canoe Camping Trip

This year we went on our annual canoe trip during the last week in August. The Downriver Canoe Company was kind enough to rent us canoes so we could spend three days on the Shenandoah River. It was a great bonding experience that allowed students to get to know old and new faces better. The food was amazing, the weather couldn't have been more perfect, and everyone returned safely.

Avi & Alex



### Farm Tour

The farm tour is fun. It is coming up this weekend on the 23rd. There are pony rides, hay rides of the farm, bee-keeping demonstrations, a hay bale maze to run and jump around on, a chef cook-off, food, silent auction, and bathrooms. A lot of farms participate the Rappahannock Farm Tour. We have been doing the farm tour for a while. Bring your friends and family for a day of fun!

Sofie

### Join us for open house!

Grab your friends and come spend the day at Belle Meade for our open house October 15th! There will be tours of the school and farm, and presentation of current projects. Meet the staff and students of this fun school community and send us a new student.  
Alyssa



### Community Work Day

Here at Belle Meade, helping out on the farm is an everyday habit. Every morning after our group circle and every afternoon before our group circle, we all have a different “chore” to take care of. For example, some people deal with the pigs by feeding them and filling up their trough with fresh water. On Thursdays, we do this same thing but just for an extended period of time after school ends. This is known as “Community Work Day” and kids take part in different activities needed to be done around the farm. We do this to not only help out the farm, but also to come closer and bond as a school. This helps us collaborate in the class easier because we become more comfortable with each other after work day. - Omar



### Classes

Here at Belle Meade we have many great classes. One of my personal favorites is science because of all of the fun experiments such as microwaving grapes to learn about plasma, and breaking down water into hydrogen and oxygen to study decomposition reactions. We are learning about valence energy and how to balance chemical equations.  
Wesley



### Music Class

If I had to choose a word for the music class, it would be inspiring, mainly because the people with lots or little experience come together and create music. This class isn't like a typical music class, we learn by combining our skills to transform the song into our own. Music class is where I hear laughter with the song we play to, share thoughts on the fun we had, and gaining friends during the process. Not just learning comes out of this class but fun, laughter, friends, and something that I never expected.  
Flora

### PE and Riding

Hi I'm back! I haven't eaten another star fruit, but I have had two mangos and a pineapple. :) I'm here to tell you about PE class and horses. We have a number of different things that we do. One day I'll be getting drenched in a water gun war, and then the next I'll be getting thrown in the pond during canoeing and swimming (by the teacher most likely). We have a plan for students that ride horses for PE on a every other week basis. I ride every other Friday. I haven't fallen off (yet). Both PE class and riding are fun. Well th th th that's all for now folks ! (You will not understand that joke if you don't watch warner brothers cartoons.)  
Charlotte

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