



Bellalago Charter Academy

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families:

Welcome to the School District of Osceola County community! As you get ready to enroll your child in kindergarten, please consider the School District of Osceola County your top choice to keep them thriving throughout their educational journey. Our school district offers every child an enriching learning experience while also providing a nurturing environment for your children to grow to their fullest potential. All elementary schools in our county offer unique extracurricular programming that aligns to the mission of each school. Additionally, our district offers an outstanding after and before school program at each of our schools.

Every school in the district is an AVID school. AVID Elementary is designed to be embedded into the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer high-level questions that accelerate learning. In addition, Bellalago offer an optional Dual Language program beginning in kindergarten. You will need to apply for this program at the time of registration at our school.

Bellalago will host “Kick Off to Kindergarten” on March 25, 2024, 5:30-7:00. We hope you and your child (ren) will be able to meet with us on March 25th to sign up for kindergarten. While you learn about our school, your child will have the opportunity to live the kindergarten experience. You can also register your child online. Our data-entry clerk can be reached at 407-933-1690 you have any questions regarding registration.

As you consider kindergarten options for your child, look below for what is special about Bellalago Charter Academy:

Bellalago opened in 2004 and will be celebrating 20 years of success during the 2024-2025 school year. We have maintained longevity for many of our staff and faculty members. Last year we were one of only a few schools districtwide that raised our school grade from a C to a B. We are striving and on track to be an A school soon!

Last year we began a nationally recognized Dual Language program for our Kindergarten students. This program will expand one year at a time until our 2023-2024 kindergarten students enter eighth grade in 2031 making us a K-8 Dual Language school!

During the day our students enjoy art, music, character education, and physical education on a rotating basis throughout the school year. In addition, our school hosts family evening events at least once per quarter including student performances and participation. Highlights on our campus include our annual mother/son and father/daughter dances, music, and band concerts, fall and spring festivals, fall and spring family 5Ks, Veteran's Day celebration during the school day with families and veterans invited to participate, cookies with a cop, doughnuts with a Grinch and other fun and academic activities. We have a large and active Parent Teacher Organization and offer ample opportunities for volunteering on our campus.

Visit our school website, <http://www.osceolaschools.net/bela>, for additional information and check it often to look for updates. We are excited for your children to begin their kindergarten journey with us, and we look forward to meeting you soon!

Respectfully,

Dr. Melanie Cleveland
Principal, Bellalago Charter Academy