

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: [February 22, 2016](#)

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1. A note from the Principal

Welcome back from a break that started very cold and ended very warm. I hope your time off was spent doing more than shoveling your roof, playing that board game for seventh time that day, or waiting in the airport for your flight to come through. If your week was anything like mine, you also spent time battling the crowds at the children's museum, pulling your children out of the snow after their mitten fell off again, and braving PG-13 previews at a Rated G movie. These are things that we may find frustrating in the moment, but in the end we are providing our children meaningful life experiences beyond the classroom. If we can link these experiences to the curriculum in the classrooms, we will ensure a rich educational experience for our children to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. So the next time you're in the movie theater preview trying to explain a PG-13 joke to a four year old after a whole bag of twizzlers, think of how important your role is in helping your child understand the world around them.

Sincerely,

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2. Beal Family Dinner

Please join the Beal community for a night of dinner, socializing, FABULOUS class raffle baskets and raffles...all to benefit Beal School.

Date: Thursday, March 24th, 2016

Time: (Two seatings) 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. OR 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street

Dinner includes 2 slices of cheese pizza, salad, and beverage (milk or water). Additional slices of pizza are \$1 and may be ordered with ticket purchase. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 15 tickets. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the dinner for a limited time. To Purchase Dinner and Raffle Tickets please visit: www.bealpto.org

3. March tuition

It's incredible to think that March is almost upon us, and with it comes full-day kindergarten tuition. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools and can be dropped off at the Beal office or mailed to: Beal Early Childhood Center, 1 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Please do not send checks to school in your child's back pack.

4. Early Release Day on Tuesday, March 1st

There are five early release days built into the 2015-2016 school calendar. These days allow for professional development opportunities for staff to grow in their profession and the district to provide training towards our District and School Improvement Plan Goals. The next early release day is next **Tuesday, March 1st**. Information about the early release schedule is listed below:

-Tuesday, December 8th- Early release

-Tuesday, February 2nd- Early release

-Tuesday, March 1st- Early release

-Tuesday, April 5th-Early release

-Tuesday, May 3rd- Early Release

Early Release days at Beal affect the following programs:

-Full day Kindergarten and Grade 1- 12:30 p.m. dismissal (There will be a three hour difference in transportation times. Please allow extra time for differences in midday traffic patterns.) No lunches are served on early release days.

-1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten- no change in dismissal

-1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten- no school

-Beal Extended Day- open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m. **Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the After School program.

5. After School Activities at Beal There are two after school offerings coming soon at Beal. Please click the link below from Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning.

[Beal After School Programs for March 2016](#)

6. February PTO Meeting

There is a PTO Meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd in the Beal gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a fun-filled agenda including planning for the Beal Family Dinner in March.

7. News from the nurse

Prior to February vacation, we shared with you our intention to spend March focusing on healthy eating, in conjunction with National Nutrition Month. As I research information, I am impressed by the large volume of useful material that is available. I have included one I particularly like as an attachment. It is from the website: www.choosemyplate.gov. One of the many things I like about working with Grade 1 and Kindergarten students is that they are somewhat of a captive audience and benefit so well from adult role models, the first being Mom and Dad. The enclosed fact sheet gives many tips for you to use in influencing your children's attitude towards new food adventures and increasing physical activity by example. Stay tuned!

[Be a healthy role model](#)

8. Upcoming dates and events

Tuesday, March 1st- [Early release day](#)

Thursday, March 24th- **Beal Family Dinner at Shrewsbury High School**

Thursday, March 31st- Parent Forum for incoming Kindergarten families- 6:30

p.m. in the Beal gym

Tuesday, April 5th- [Early release day](#)

Monday, April 18th- Friday, April 22nd- **No School**- Patriots' Day and April
Vacation

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Have a
great week!