

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: January 25, 2016

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1. A note from the Principal

Thank you to families and staff members for their submissions to nominate faculty and staff at Beal Early Childhood Center for the John P. Collins Awards of Excellence. It was evident from all the submissions that Shrewsbury is a district of hard working, dedicated, caring, conscientious, and supportive community members. Congratulations to Mrs. Michele Villani, Mrs. Deborah O'Donnell, and Mr. Ken (driver of Bus 9) for receiving submissions for the award. We are proud of the work that all our faculty and staff members do on a daily basis to support the academic, emotional, and social growth of our students, and these nominations are a testament to all the hard work that happens at Beal each day. The Shrewsbury Education Foundation recognized award recipients and SEF grant winners at a dinner this past Saturday evening at Cyprian Keyes. It was a wonderfully attended event, even in the snow, that displayed the pride in being a member of the Shrewsbury educational community. We are grateful to SEF for their consistent support and dedication to enriching learning experiences for all students in our school and district. For more information, please visit <http://www.sefgrants.org>.

Wednesday, February 10th is our 100th day of school. Each year, Beal celebrates this day with a fundraiser to donate canned food to the Worcester County Food Bank (please see information below), which is one of our annual community service projects. This year Beal will be celebrating "Spirit Week" during the week of February 8th-12th in conjunction with the 100th day of school. More information on Spirit Week will be provided as we approach the week.

Sincerely,

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2. Letter to Families of Incoming Kindergarten Students

If you have a child enrolling in kindergarten this fall, please read the attached letter from Noelle Freeman, Director of Nursing for the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

[Kindergarten Immunization 2016-2017](#)

3. After School Activities Program

The After School Activities Program is seeking your feedback on what types of enrichment opportunities you would like to see offered after school at Beal. Help us continue to expand our offerings by taking this brief survey. We appreciate your input! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BealASAP>

4. This Sunday - Shrewsbury Public Schools to Host a Family Event - Winter Magic!

The SHS Class of 2019 is hosting its third annual Winter Magic, an afternoon of fun and magic for the whole family. On January 31st, Shrewsbury High School will be open for magic, games, and fun. This event lasts from 2-4pm and features a magic show by Mr. Magic (starting promptly at 2pm) followed by activities for children of all ages. The students of the Class of 2019 will volunteer to paint faces, and lead the children in crafts and games. The cost is \$7 per person. Please note that the cost is the same for adults and children. The funds raised at Winter Magic will go to support the Class of 2019 towards future class events. Entrance to the event will be at the Main Entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 1:30 pm. Please contact ggray@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us with any questions.

5. Early Release Day on Tuesday, February 2nd

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 **Tuesday, February 2nd**. 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.

6. 100th day of school canned food drive

Beal classrooms are supporting the Worcester County Food Bank by conducting a canned food drive. You can help our neighbors in need this winter by making a donation of one or more of the following non-perishable food items: canned tuna, chicken, salmon, soup, stews, chili, beans, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and grocery store gift certificates. No glass please! The goal is for each class to raise 100 can of food by Wednesday, February 10th, which is the 100th day of school (barring any snow days!!!)

7. Parenting Strategies Course

Please see the attached flier for more information about a Parenting Strategies course being run this spring.

[Parenting Strategies- Spring 2016 brochure](#)

8. Upcoming dates and events

Tuesday, February 2nd- [Early release day](#)

Wednesday, February 10th- 100th day of school (barring snow days!)

Monday, February 15th-

Friday, February 19th- **No School**- Presidents' Day and February Break

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!

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