

## Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

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#### 1. A note from the Principal

I held my weekly communication back a day to share a wonderful event that occurred last evening. Shrewsbury Public Schools, with the support of each school's PTO, hosted its annual Professional Status Reception. Professional Status is achieved in our schools when educators have consistently and effectively demonstrated that they have met and exceeded their professional goals and responsibilities within their first three years of teaching. These educators are also required to meet licensure and other mandated requirements at the local, state, and federal level. The educator evaluation process is rigorous and lengthy, and requires teachers to exhibit proficiency in several areas. While many of our educators are successful in obtaining professional status, others do not meet the high standards, making professional status a great achievement. Please join me in congratulating Emily Chaves, Lynn Pinto, Lisa McKiernan, and Melissa Barrett. Each of these educators do amazing work every day and deserve a round of applause.

Sincerely,

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## 2. Pajama Movie Night

Our first Pajama movie night was a success ! Thanks to all the families that joined us and supported the Beal PTO's fundraiser event ! Thanks also to all the Volunteers for their help ! Please join us for our Beal PTO Fundraiser pajama movie night! We will be showing *Zootopia* again on October 28th. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring blankets or sleeping bags! Minimum donation of \$5/family will be gratefully collected at the door (Cash only, Sorry No credit cards) Popcorn, Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase for a nominal price to help the PTO raise funds to be used for our Beal student activities! Date: **Friday, October 28th** Time: Doors open at 6:00pm (Movie starts at 6:20pm) Place: **Beal gymnasium** The registration deadline is **October 26th**. Please note this is not a drop-off-your-child event, children must be accompanied by an adult. **NO SNACKS/ DRINKS FROM HOME PLEASE.** Please click on the following link to sign up for Friday's Pajama Movie Night:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44ada72aabfc1-pajama>

## 3. Parent conferences

Most parent conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 4th, which is a "No School" day for students. Childcare will be available in the cafeteria for school-aged children, for the duration of your conference(s) from 8:45am and 3:30pm. We're looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you as well as continuing to foster a partnership with home/school to support your child's academic, emotional, and social growth. If you haven't done so already, please be in touch with your child's teacher to schedule a conference.

## 4. Holiday celebrations at Beal- Halloween

Beal appreciates all holidays and understands their significance in building culture within our community. Please note that we do not celebrate Halloween during the school day. Please do not send your children to school in costumes or make-up, and please do not send candy and treats to be shared at school. Beal PTO will do a candy drive following Halloween to support our veterans.

## 5. News From the Nurse

I notice many of my friends who come to visit in the morning with a stomachache will state they did not eat before coming to school, often saying they were "running late" and didn't have time. I stress with them that they need to eat something, that breakfast is their "fuel" to be good learners at school. We all have crazy mornings and I suggest on those days, even a breakfast bar, in the car, on the way to drop off or while waiting at the bus stop, will help. Of course, because of the risk of exposure to children with life threatening food allergies, **EATING ON THE BUS IS NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** \*This is a reminder for those of you whose children will be celebrating Halloween this week.

Please do not allow your child to bring in candy to be eaten as a snack. We encourage only healthy snacks year round. Also, in classrooms where there are children with serious food allergies, a candy bar would pose a threat to their well-being and safety.

~Jill Wensky,

Beal Nurse

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#### 6. Important dates

Tuesday, November 8th- **No school**- Parent Conferences/ Election Day

Friday, November 11th- Veteran's Day- **No school**

Tuesday, November 15th- Beal PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal Gymnasium (child care provided)

Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25- Thanksgiving Break- **No school**

Tuesday, December 6th- Early Release Day for staff professional development

Monday, December 26th-Monday, January 2nd- December Vacation- **No school**