

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: [November 21, 2016](#)

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1. A note from the Principal

I want to take a moment to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a well-deserved break. The work that has been going on at Beal among students, staff, and families to create meaningful and friendly learning environments has been tremendous. Classrooms have been learning about community and citizenship in preparation for the holiday, and it will be nice to put these concepts into practice and see how much our children have grown over the past few months. Safe travels to those of you heading out of town. Enjoy your time off! We will take a break from the Beal News next week due to the holiday weekend. The next Beal News will be sent during the week of December 5th.

Sincerely,

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2. Early Release Day on Tuesday, December 6th

There are five early release days built into the 2016-2017 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 first early release day is **Tuesday, December 6th**. Information about the early release schedule is listed below:-

Tuesday, December 6th- Early release-

Tuesday, February 7th- Early release-

Tuesday, March 7th- Early release-

Tuesday, April 4th-Early release-

Tuesday, May 2nd- 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.) There are no lunches provided 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.

3. Warming Up Winter

The Beal Community is “Warming Up Winter” by collecting new gloves, mittens, hats and socks for infants, children, teens and adults. Now that the cold weather is approaching, the need for these items has greatly increased. All items will be donated to local charities and school children in need. Please send donations to school with your child by this **Friday, December 16th**. Thanks in advance for your donations and continued support!

4. Meal Magic ProgramThe Food Service Department across the district will be implementing a new, computerized point-of-sale system in our cafeterias. This *Meal Magic* program will become active at Beal on **Tuesday, November 29th**. Information about the program is attached below.

[Meal Magic parent information](#)

5. Beal Building Tours

Please join members of the Beal Building Committee on **Tuesday November 29th from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** for our second tour of the Beal Facilities. This tour, open to the public, will provide an inside look at the 1922 facility and how it is currently used to serve our community. Members of the Beal Building Committee will be present to discuss the Beal Building Project. On December 5, there will be a Special Town Meeting to determine whether to provide \$1.2 million in funding for the feasibility study phase for the project, in order to move to the next step of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) required process. Slightly more than 50% of this cost would be reimbursed by the MSBA. A second cable television show regarding the Beal building project was recorded in late October and can be viewed online [here](#).

6. PTO update

Thank you to all who attended our PTO Meeting last Tuesday evening. We are excited to name our two new co-presidents, Katie Treiber and Heather Randazza. We want to thank our former PTO President Jen Strangie for all of her hard work and all the best with her upcoming move. Below are a couple of great fundraising opportunities for those out and about and looking for a little nourishment...

-Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser

All friends, family and supporters of Beal PTO are invited to participate in their fundraising event on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings in Shrewsbury (476 Boston Turnpike) for lunch, dinner, or a snack. On this day, 20% of purchases* accompanied by the certificate below will be donated to the Beal PTO. [Buffalo Wild Wing information](#)

-Anthony's Cold Fired Pizza fundraiser

Please Join us at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in the Northborough Shops on Tuesday November 22nd and 29th. Just mention you're there to support Beal and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Beal PTO (lunch, dinner, or take-out)!

-Holiday Cookie Extravaganza-

Beal PTO will be holding a Cookie Extravaganza for Beal staff on Tuesday, December 20th. Please consider donating baked goods, including your recipe, as the PTO will be creating a recipe book of all cookies and pastries!

7. December tuition

Tuition for the month of December is due next week. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools with your child's name in the memo section 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.

8. Kindergarten 2017-2018

If you have a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2017 (must be 5 years old by August 31, 2017), please send an email to Diane Abbott, our Registrar with your child's information so she can check that your child is on the incoming kindergarten database. Her email address is dabbott@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Information required:

Student First Name

Student Last Name

Date of Birth

Gender

Address

Phone Number

Parent's Name

Parent's Email

Address

Name of preschool child is attending (if applicable)

For more information, please visit our website: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov>. Click on Student Registration/ Click on Kindergarten Information 2017-2018.

9. News From the Nurse

Just a couple of reminders as we settle in for the fast moving weeks between fall and winter holidays. My supply of spare children's clothing is depleting rapidly. It is important that your child has a zip lock bag in the bottom of their backpack with a change of clothing, in the unlikely event that they need it. Also, with the weather

changing it is a good time to remove the fall clothing and replace it with more seasonable attire. Without spare clothing I will need to call you to bring in dry clothes for them, which I know can be a great inconvenience. Having their own clothing available not only saves you the trip, but more importantly, reduces their anxiety over an unexpected accident. Our Lost and Found bucket is overflowing with unclaimed and unlabelled clothing items, mostly sweaters and sweatshirts, along with a couple of jackets. If your child has mislaid an item, have them check our box in the front lobby. We may have it. ~

Jill Wensky,

Beal Nurse

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10. Important dates

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

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

Monday, December 19th- Trimester 1 report cards sent home

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