

## Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

### News on the Beal Front: 11/23/15

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#### 1. A note from the Principal

Dear Beal Families,

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. 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 7th.

Sincerely,

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#### 2. Early Release Day on Tuesday, December 8th

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 first early release day is **Tuesday, December 8th**. 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.)

-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. Beal Art news

Please see the attached PDF from Mrs. Buono updating Beal's Art program for Fall 2015.

[Beal Art NewsFall Edition.pdf](#)

4. 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 here, 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 **Wednesday, December 9th**. Thanks in advance for your donations and continued support!

5. News from the nurse

Just a couple of reminders as we settle in for the fast moving three 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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#### 6. 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.

#### 7. Upcoming dates and events

Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27- Thanksgiving Break- **No School**

Tuesday, December 8th- Early Release Day for staff professional development

Tuesday, December 15th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium

Monday, December 21st- Trimester 1 report cards issued

Thursday, December 24th-Friday, January 1st- December Vacation- **No School**

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Have a great week!