

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: December 14, 2015

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1. A note from the Principal

Winter is coming however the weather is not quite projecting for a white holiday season. Regardless, the weather is transforming our learning environments inside and outside of the classrooms allowing us to educate our children about the season. Teachers are creating learning experiences that make winter meaningful and students are producing high quality work that brings our winter environment to life. Outside of the classroom, we will continue to take students outside for recess and learning experiences as long as weather isn't severe, which takes into account the temperature, wind chill, and precipitation. It is important that students continue to get exercise and have an opportunity to play. We also use this time to teach them to be respectful, responsible, and safe in the winter elements and train them to be independent with getting themselves dressed for the weather. We ask that you continue to send students in each day with hats, gloves/mittens, warm coats, snow pants, and boots.

Sincerely,

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2. Report cards Trimester 1 report cards will be coming home with your child next Monday. This information will provide you detailed feedback regarding the specific learning standards in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics,

Science, Social Studies, Habit of Mind, and Motor Development. This information, along with verbal feedback from parent conferences and ongoing communication with your teacher, will assist you in understanding your child's strengths, challenges, and interests. The goal of the Kindergarten and Grade 1 learning standards and reporting system is to use this information to individualize your child's learning and prepare them for the academic, social, emotional, and physical expectations of Grade 1 and 2.

Coming home with the report card is an Acknowledgement Form. Please sign the half sheet of paper to acknowledge receipt of the report card and return it to school with your child on Tuesday. The report card is yours to keep.

3. Beal Media Center news

The Beal Media Center is asking for donations of used craft supplies, manipulatives, and other various materials to contribute to an upcoming project. If you would like to donate, please follow the link to access the suggested supply list attached below. [Beal Makerspace donations](#)

4. News from the nurse

The level of excitement for the approaching holiday break can be felt and heard around the hallways here. Add to that the arrival of some beautiful weather and my Beal School friends couldn't be happier! I hope those of you who are tending to sick children will see a return to good health as we get a chance for some fresh air. *All lost and found items that remain with us going into December Break will be brought to the thrift shop at St. Anne's Church. Please feel free to come search the bin if you feel your child has lost items at school.* If your child is in need of receiving any prescription medication during school hours, please ask their healthcare provider to write an order for a second bottle of medication that can be left at school for the midday dose. The pharmacist will provide you with a second pharmacy labeled bottle for me to keep. That would apply to eye drops or ointment as well. Please remember that you must hand deliver any medication to school and not send it on the bus with your child.

Jill Wensky,

Beal Nurse

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5. PTO meeting tomorrow

There is a PTO Meeting tomorrow 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. Also, School Committee members Sandy Fryc and John Samia

will be joining us at our PTO Meeting on January 19th. Please save the date!

6. Upcoming dates and events

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!

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