

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front:

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1. A note from the Principal

Last Wednesday and Thursday our Grade 1 students, teachers, and a host of brave chaperones attended the Boston Children's Museum for their annual field trip. The museum provided a wonderful opportunity to apply our classroom learning into real world situations and explore the scientific method with specifics on the physical science of position and motion of objects. Our students did a wonderful job of applying their knowledge and appreciating the great opportunities that the museum offers. Thank you so much to the Beal PTO for supporting the trip by paying for transportation costs.

Sincerely,

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2. Beal Family Dinner We're looking forward to seeing many of you

next Thursday at the Beal Family Dinner! Please note that we are not sending dinner or raffle tickets home in your child's backpack. When you get the High School there will be a check-in area. Your name will be on a list and that is how you will gain admission to the dinner. If you paid for raffle tickets, they will be waiting for you in an envelope. Also of special note: if you want to purchase more raffle tickets, they will be available for purchase for most of the evening. As a reminder, the first seating will run from 5:15 to 6:15 pm, and the second seating will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The High School is located at 64 Holden Street in Shrewsbury. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

3. Showing of *Most Likely to Succeed*

Just before February vacation, Dr. Sawyer sent an invitation to our school community to attend a screening of the film, *Most Likely To Succeed*. This film is being shown at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 16 at Shrewsbury High School. We encourage you to attend this screening and be part of an important discussion about what Shrewsbury might need to do differently to help our students adapt to what the world will demand of them in the future. The film chronicles an alternative vision of American education implemented at High Tech High in San Diego. There, student work is largely project-based and collaborative, much like today's workplaces, with students focused on solving real life problems by experimenting, failing and trying again. After the screening, there will be a discussion between the audience and a panel of experts representing business, higher education and our own school district. Again, we encourage you to come to the screening and be part of this important discussion. For more information about this event, please go to

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/future/index.cfm>

4. Beal PTO Meeting March 15th

The March PTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gym. This will be a working session to prepare classroom baskets and organize for the Beal Family Dinner.

5. News from the nurse

One of the most confusing illnesses of childhood is Fifth Disease. It is caused by a virus in the nose and throat and can be passed from

person to person, much like a cold. It is most common in the late winter or early spring. Although adults can contract Fifth Disease as well, it is estimated that at least 50 % of adults had it as a child and are likely immune. Generally fifth disease has three stages. The first may include headache, body ache, sore throat, low-grade fever and chills. Often this lasts for 2-3 days. The second stage lasts about a week but has no symptoms. These first two stages are considered to be the contagious period. The third stage, in children, consists of a bright red rash, mainly on the cheeks, which give the “slapped cheek” appearance and possibly a lacy rash on the trunk and extremities. This rash may come and go for 3-4 weeks. By the time the rash appears, it is no longer contagious. The disease is generally mild and both adults and children recover without a problem. Adults with Fifth Disease will seldom have the rash, but rather noticeable joint pain, mainly in the hands and feet. If you are pregnant and know that you have been exposed to Fifth Disease, please inform your doctor. There is a laboratory test that can be done to check for immunity. For more information go to: www.cdc.gov/paravovirusB19.

~Jill Wensky, Beal Nurse

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6. Transition to Kindergarten Night

On Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. we will be holding an informational session for all Shrewsbury families transitioning a child into Kindergarten for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We welcome new families as well as families who have experienced this process before.

7. Upcoming dates and events

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

Wednesday, March 16th- Showing of *Most Likely to Succeed*

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

Tuesday, May 3rd- [Early release day](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.
Have a great week!

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