

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: **March 28, 2016**

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1. A note from the Principal

One strength that we have here at Beal is the diversity in which your children carry with them through the door each day, and this is something we continually celebrate. However, there are a few times throughout the year in which our similarities overlap to form one array. I first noticed this back in the fall when we marched in the Spirit of Shrewsbury Parade. I notice it each Thursday as we come together for Sing Along. I most recently noticed the Beal array this past Thursday night when we came together at the Family Dinner. It was a remarkable evening of food, fun, prizes, pie, chips and salsa. Thank you to all who participated in the event. One final piece on the Beal Family Dinner- This dinner was made possible by many dedicated hands helping out, many of whom were recognized in my email on Friday. We will recap the events at our next PTO Meeting in April. Please join us on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gym. Finally, our lucky raffle winners will be contacted this week for information on collecting prizes.

Sincerely, Chris Girardi

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2. Trimester 2 report cards

Trimester 2 report cards are coming home in student backpacks next Monday. Your child's report card is yours to keep. Please sign the bottom portion of the letter and return it to your child's teacher. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the information on the report card.

3. April tuition

Full-day kindergarten tuition for the month of April is quickly approaching. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools 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.

4. Beal Scholastic Book Fair

Beal's Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of May 9th-13th. Purchasing times will be offered throughout the week and will culminate in an Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 13th. More information from PTO will follow.

5. Early Release Day on Tuesday, April 5th

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. The fourth early release day is **Tuesday, April 5th**.

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.) No lunches are served on early release days.

-1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten- no change in dismissal

-1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten- no school

-After School Care- open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m.
**Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the After School program

6. Beal Field Days

Field Days will occur on the days posted below. Please be on the watch for information from your classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer. Please note that all volunteers must have an up-to-date CORI with Shrewsbury Public Schools.

Kindergarten- Tuesday, May 31st Kindergarten rain date-
Wednesday, June 1st

Grade 1- Tuesday, June 7th Grade 1 rain date- Wednesday, June 8th

7. 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.

8. Upcoming dates and events 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!

