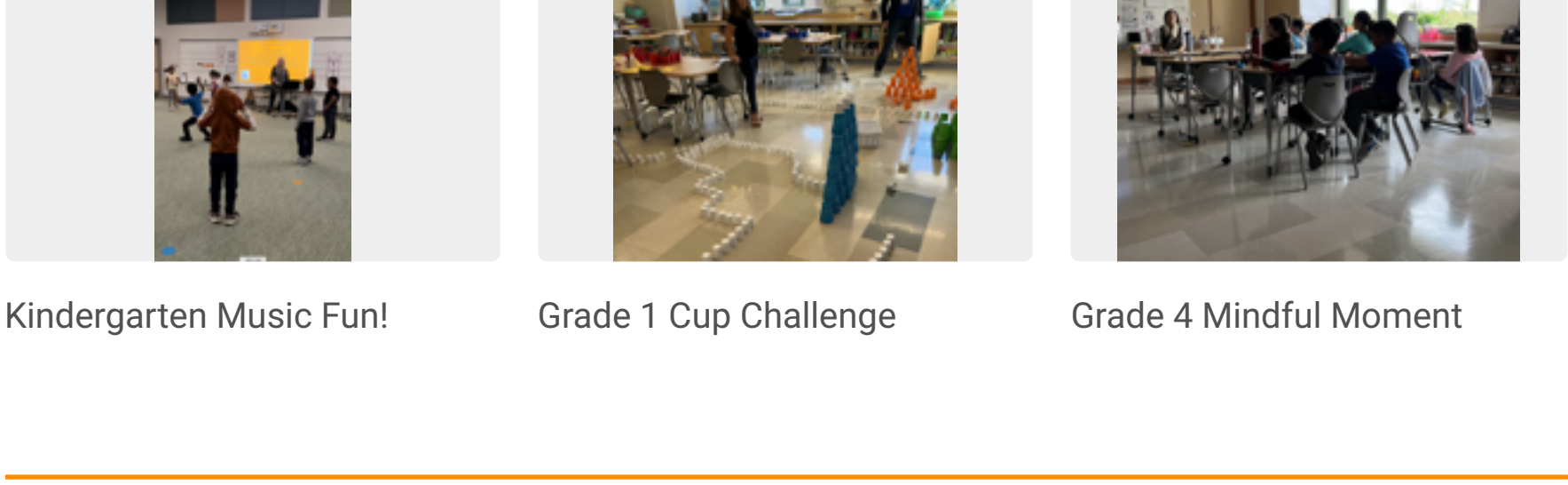


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THE BEAL BULLETIN

October 15, 2023

Beal Highlights



Kindergarten Music Fun! Grade 1 Cup Challenge Grade 4 Mindful Moment

A Message from the Principals

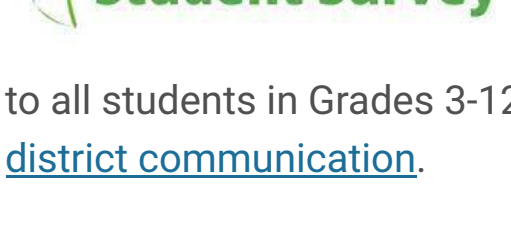
Dear Beal Families,
The next few weeks will be very busy with PTO sponsored events. Our Book Fair begins on Monday and culminates with a Weeding and Reading party on Saturday, October 21st. We will then go right into the annual Beal fundraiser beginning on Wednesday, October 25th, ending with the Beal Bop Dance-a-thon on Friday, November 3rd.

During the month of October, our students will continue to practice whole body listening, identifying what is an expected behavior versus an unexpected behavior, as well as self-awareness and social awareness skills. In helping our students to be self-aware, we will ask students to identify where they are on their thermometer. If they are feeling angry or frustrated, we may ask if they need to take space or offer a strategy they can use. We may say, it looks like you are having a big emotion right now, how can I help? It is important to help put words to emotions so our students understand how they are feeling and identify strategies to help them work through their emotions.

Please continue reading the Beal Bulletin for some important information. If you need assistance during at any point during the school year, please call our main office at (508) 841-8860.

Sincerely,
Kristen Gasper and Shelley Hoey

Panorama Surveys



Our district uses surveys from [Panorama](#), an education and technology company, to get feedback from students about topics related to Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and Belonging. We will administer this survey to all students in Grades 3-12 beginning October 23rd. For further information, please read [this district communication](#).

We want to get feedback from as many students as possible. However, if you don't want your child(ren) to participate, you may opt your child out of the survey. Students whose families opt them out will not participate in the survey. To opt your student(s) out of the Panorama survey, please send an email to surveyoptout@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Opt out emails must be received no later than Monday, October 16th.

Fire Safety



We are excited to have Shrewsbury Fire Department visit us on Monday, October 16th to discuss fire safety with our students.

2022-2023 MCAS Reports



Parents/Caregivers of current 4th grade students will receive a printed MCAS report that provides information about your child's performance on the Grade 3 MCAS last spring. These reports will be sent home in your child's backpack on **Monday, October 16th**.

As a reminder, MCAS information provides teams and schools with information that helps us identify areas of strength and needed improvement in our curriculum and core instruction. It also helps teachers and parents identify areas of strength and instructional focus for individual students. The MCAS is one of many data points that teams use to gauge our students' learning progress. The MCAS does not factor into promotion to the next grade level.

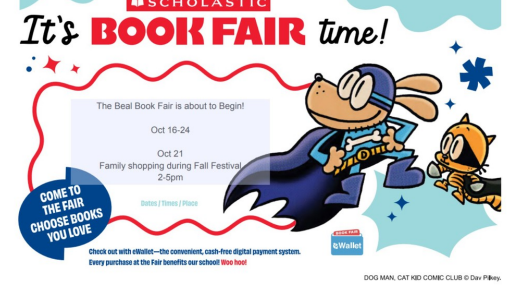
Important Dates



- Please mark your calendars with these important dates.
- Monday, October 16, 2023- MCAS reports go home with grade 4 students
 - Monday, October 16, 2023- Fire Safety Presentation, SFD
 - Monday, October 16- Friday, October 20, 2023- PTO Book Fair
 - Saturday, October 21, 2023- Beal Fall Festival, 2:00pm- 5:00pm
 - Wednesday, October 25- Friday, November 3, 2023- Beal PTO Fundraiser
 - Friday, October 27, 2023- All School Meeting
 - Friday, November 3, 2023- PTO Beal Bop Dance-a-thon
 - Thursday, November 9, 2023- Parent Conference Day, No School for Students
 - Friday, November 10, 2023- No School- Veteran's Day
 - Wednesday, November 22- Friday, November 24, 2023- No School- Thanksgiving Break
 - Friday, December 1, 2023- All School Meeting

[Shrewsbury Public Schools Calendar 2023-2024](#)

Notes from the Beal PTO



The Scholastic Book Fair is here!!
The fair will be open from **Monday, October 16th to Tuesday, October 24th** and will include a family shopping afternoon on **Saturday, October 21st**. Your child will visit the book fair during their media class, where they will make a wish list (and can purchase right away). They can then return to the fair with their completed wish list to make their purchases until October 24th.

Payments can be made with cash (envelope/baggie), check (made out to Beal PTO), or with an eWallet. Remember to add 6.25% tax to your order; if you'd like to set up an eWallet for your student, [click here](#).



Beal Fall Festival
Join us for a "Weeding and Reading" party on **Saturday, October 21st from 2:00-5:00pm** at Beal. Along with the book fair, we will have outdoor games, an ice cream truck, donuts, crafts and more!

Take a trip around the school for a scavenger hunt and weed our gardens as you go! No experience necessary. [Sign up](#) or just stop by! All students who participate in garden care will receive a free bag of popcorn!



Annual Fundraiser - Beal Bop
Our 3rd annual Beal fundraiser, the Beal Bop, kicks off Wednesday, October 25th! Beal School will team up with the Beal PTO to raise money to support our school community. As a large school community, we are in need of financial support to allow us to provide enrichment programs for our students that fall outside of the regular school operating budget.

Some of the things we would like to continue to offer students by meeting our fundraising goals:

- Discounted field trips
- Author & illustrator visits
- Recess materials
- Field day supplies
- Additional classroom supplies

Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved and support Beal School!



Supply Drive for Staff
Save the Date! On Parent/Teacher Conference Day, **Thursday, November 9, 2023**, the PTO will be collecting donations of needed supplies for staff to use with the students in their classrooms (paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc). More details to come!



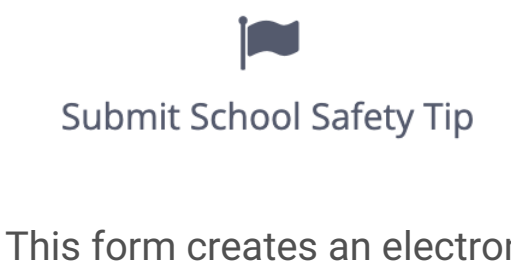
Cafeteria Volunteers
Our students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade continue to need a little extra support to set up their lunches. Help from families would be greatly appreciated! Please see the following link for details: [2023 Fall Cafeteria Volunteers](#) and don't forget to get your CORI check in order before coming in.

Child Safe Procedures



If your child is going to be absent or late to school, we require that you telephone us either the night before or first thing in the morning on the day of the absence at (508) 841-8860. The answering machine for our child-safe procedure is on 24 hours a day. If we have not received a call to report an absence, the school will be in contact with the parent or emergency contact to confirm the child's safety. Please help our busy office staff by always calling us when your child will be absent or tardy.

Safety Tip Line



This anonymous form can be used to submit information that may be helpful in ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and property of the Shrewsbury Public Schools in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

This form creates an electronic email alert to several staff members of the Shrewsbury Public Schools. It does not go to the Shrewsbury Police Department.

Staff email alerts are generally monitored Monday through Friday during business hours of 8am to 4:30pm.

If the information you have is TIME SENSITIVE, please call 911 for assistance.

If you wish to speak to a representative from the Shrewsbury Police Department and your concern is not urgent you can reach them 24/7 by calling 508-841-8577.

Lunch Menu



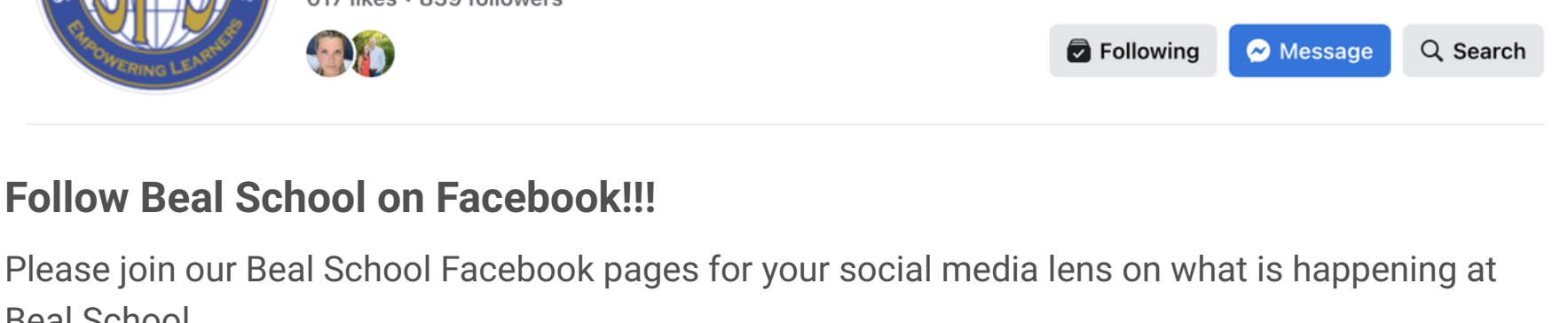
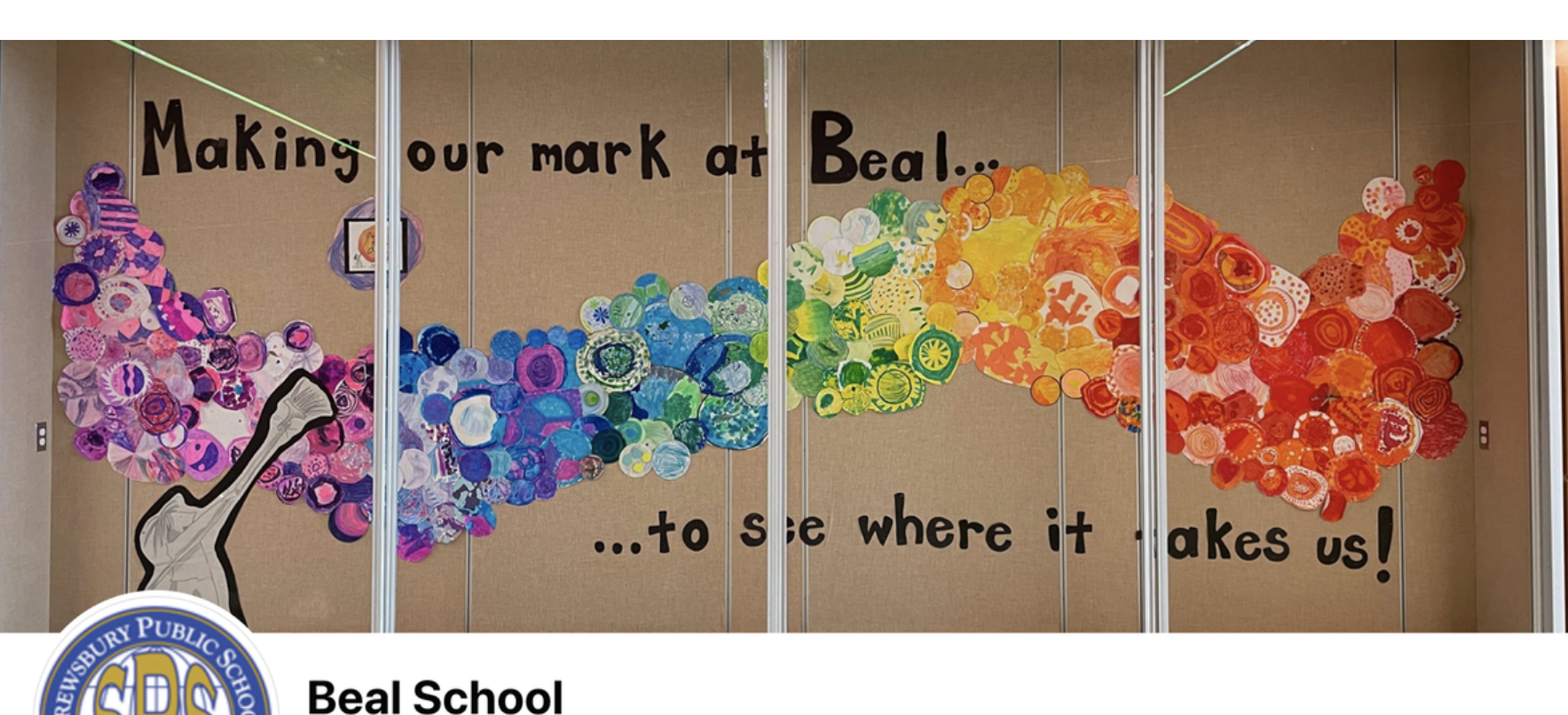
Frequently Used Numbers



- Main Office- (508) 841-8860
- School Fax- (508) 841-8862
- School Nurses- (508) 841-8870
- Nurses Fax- (508) 841-1535
- Extended Day- (508) 841-8861

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Follow Beal School on Facebook!!!
Please join our Beal School Facebook pages for your social media lens on what is happening at Beal School.

[Beal School Facebook page](#)

Our wonderful PTO also has a Facebook page geared towards supporting families and community. Please find their information here:

[Beal school PTO Facebook page](#)

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