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THE BEAL BULLETIN

October 22, 2023

Beal Highlights

Beal School- the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! Friends! Gym fun at the Beal Fall Festival
 ELE Curriculum Night K Center Time PTO Book Fair
 Friends helping each other Grade 4 Morning Meeting Book Fair
 Shrewsbury Fire Department Presentation This is what a firefighter looks and sounds like with the gear on. Thank you SFD!
 Classes visit the book fair during Media. Campbell's sharing why it is important to know how you feel. Use the activity spinner- how many lunges will you do?

A Message from the Principals

Dear Beal Families,

It was a busy week at Beal Elementary School. We started the week with a presentation from the Shrewsbury Fire Department. Students learned about all the ways firefighters help our community. They also saw how firefighters suit up, what they look and sound like in a smoke filled home, and what they should do in the case of a fire. On Friday, the Department of Education along with representatives from Lawrence Public Schools visited a few of our classrooms to see how our students use their augmentative and alternative communication devices to participate. We are very proud of our Beal students and staff!

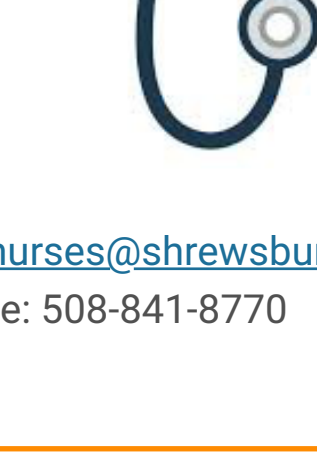
Thank you to the PTO for coordinating the Scholastic Book Fair and our Beal Fall Festival. And, a huge thank you to all of the families who came to support Beal school. We had a great turn out! Families visited the book fair, did some crafts in the cafeteria, played games in the gym, and enjoyed popcorn, apple cider, donuts, and apples. Despite the rain and the cancelled weeding party, we had lots of fun!

This week we will start the week with the kick off the PTO Fundraiser and end the week with an All School Meeting. Students will lead us through the morning announcements and a mindful moment, sing the birthday song, remind us about the behavior expectations in the cafeteria, and introduce the November character trait of gratitude.

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

A Note from the Nurse's Office



Dear Beal Families,

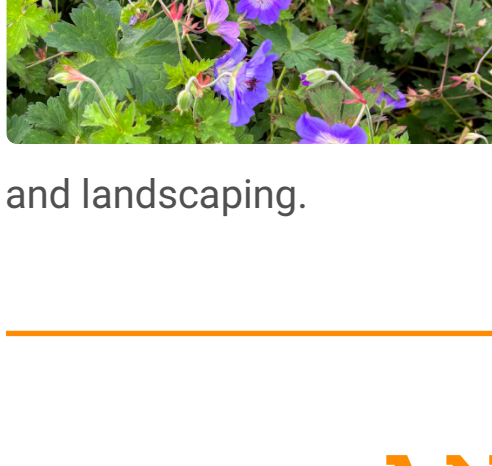
We will be completing vision and hearing screenings in the nurses' office for all students soon. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school. You will receive a referral notice from the nurse if your child does not pass either of the screenings.

Thank you, and please contact us if you have any questions!

Kristin Franger, RN and Ann Lambert, RN

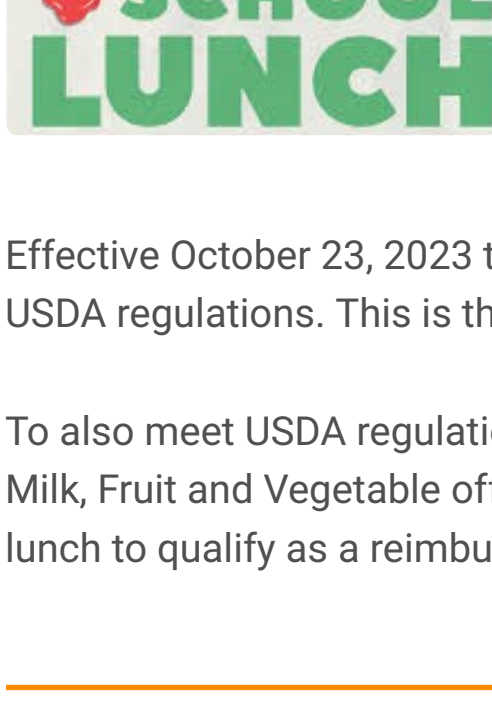
Bealnurses@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us
 Phone: 508-841-8770

Beal Garden Club



Do you like to garden? Are you interested in helping us maintain Beal's gardens and landscaping? If you answered yes to these questions, consider volunteering for the Beal Garden Club by completing this short [Google Form!](#) You may not know this but Beal has one custodian who maintains the Beal grounds. She does a great job but would appreciate our help! Thank you for volunteering some of your time to help us maintain the gardens and landscaping.

A Note from Food Services



We are pleased to announce that Massachusetts has adopted the universal free school meals program, ensuring that every student has access to school meals at no cost, regardless of their economic background.

It is important to note that the free meals program includes one free breakfast and one free lunch per student each day. Students choosing to have another lunch or additional a-la-carte items must purchase these items at the rate of the meal or a-la-carte item.

Effective October 23, 2023 the price of school lunch will be raised to \$4.50 for all levels to align with USDA regulations. This is the cost for the purchase of a second full meal.

To also meet USDA regulations, students must take 3 out of the 5 meal components: Protein, Grain, Milk, Fruit and Vegetable offered at lunch, and one component must be a Fruit or Vegetable for the lunch to qualify as a reimbursable universal free meal.

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

- 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

Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping to run the Scholastic Book Fair!

There are still two more days to shop! Please be sure to send in your student's wishlist and method of payment by **Tuesday**. You can send cash in an envelope, a check made payable to Beal PTO or use an [eWallet](#). Don't forget to add an extra 6.25% to account for the tax!

While our physical fair closes on the 24th, our school's online store is still open until Oct 29th: [Book Fair Homepage \(scholastic.com\)](#).

Thank you for supporting the book fair!

Annual Fundraiser - Beal Bop

Our 3rd annual Beal fundraiser, the Beal Bop, Launches **Wednesday, October 25!** Our goal is to raise \$22,000 to support our school with field trips, special guest visits, classroom project supplies, recess materials, field day supplies and more!

Please support our school by registering your student on our partner website, 99Pledges to make your student's fundraising page. Then share it with friends and families to raise funds for our school. If you already entered your information through the Classroom Directory, your student's fundraising page will be mailed to you - if not, please sign up at <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/beal2023/ardm>.

We have some really great prizes in store to reward students for their participation and fundraising efforts. Every day, winning classes/grades will win fun activities like extra recess, games with the Parks and Recs department, Bollywood dancing lessons and a visit from the famous DJ Sheeler at recess! Students will learn fun dance moves at lunch time and then put them together to boogie their hearts away at the Beal Bop on Friday November 3rd!

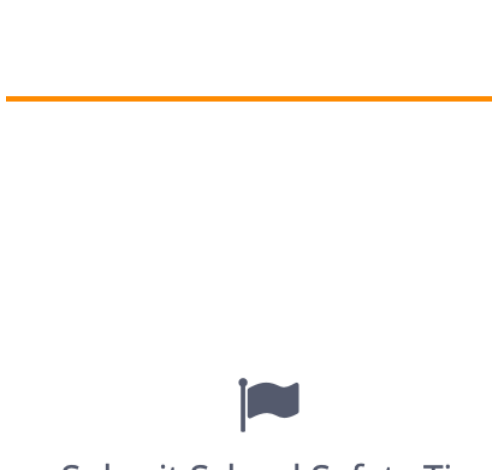
Supply Drive for Staff

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

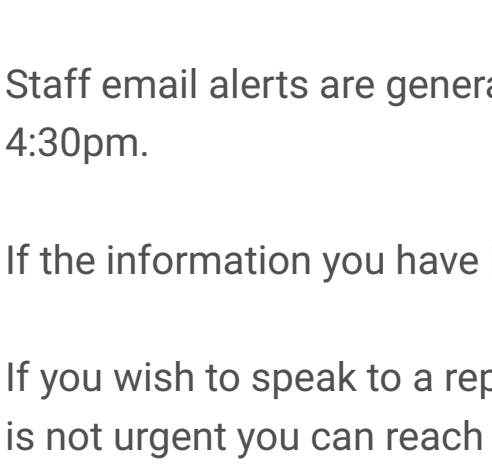
Our students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade continue to need a little extra support to set up their lunches. Help from families would be greatly appreciated! Please see the following link for details: [2023 Fall Cafeteria Volunteers](#) and don't forget to get your CORI check in order before coming in.

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.

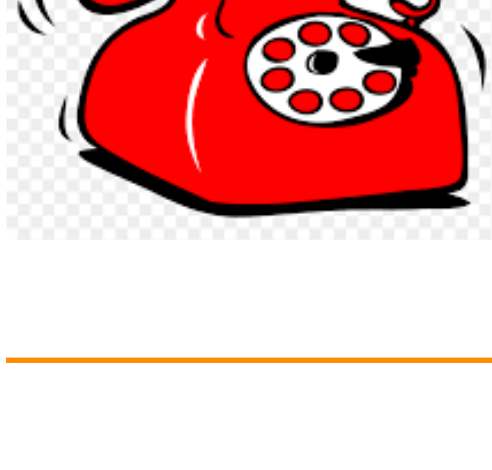
If you urgent to speak to a representative from the Shrewsbury Police Department and your concern is not urgent you can reach them 24/7 by calling 508-841-8577.

Lunch Menu

[October Lunch Menu](#)

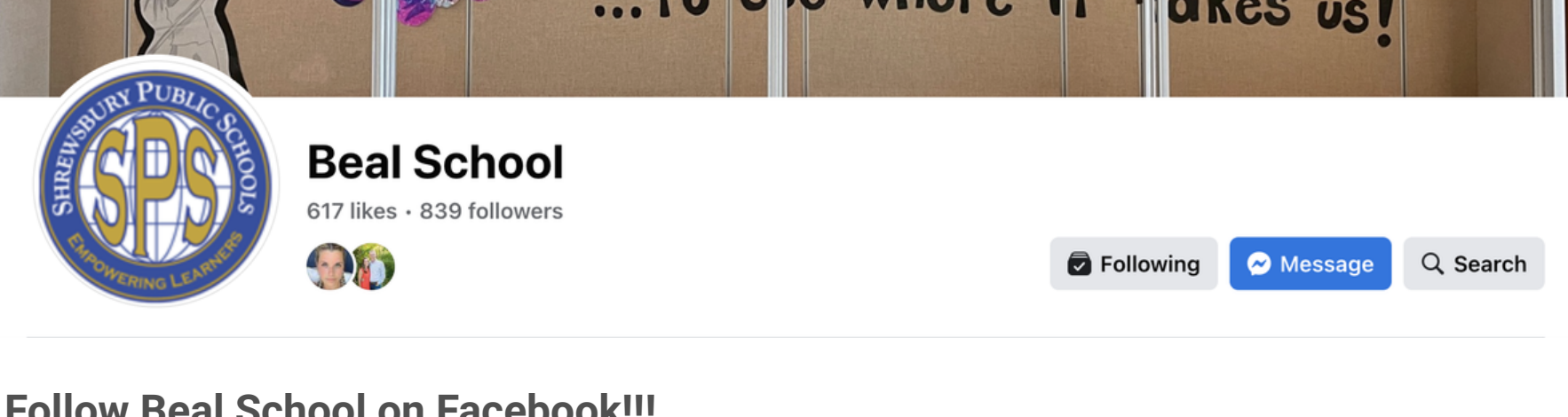
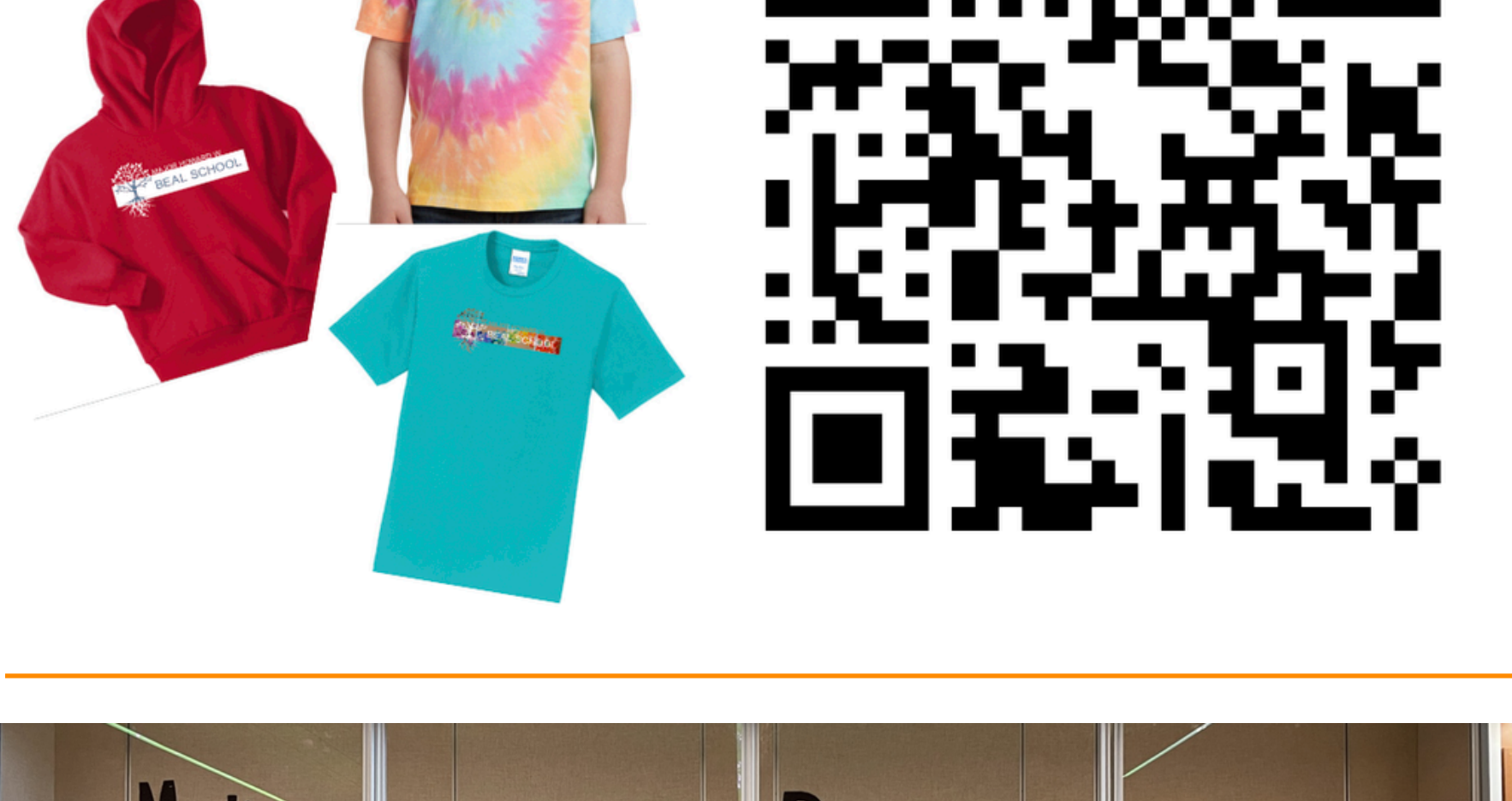
[November Lunch Menu](#)

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

Beal School Swag



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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