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# THE BEAL BULLETIN November 5, 2023

### **Beal Highlights**

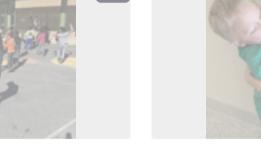
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DJ Scheeler at grade 1 recess

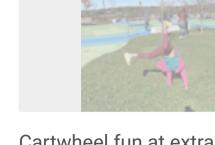
in soccer at extra recess with

the Principals

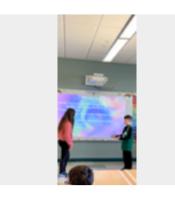


Mrs. Hoey is a great teammate Autumn Princess

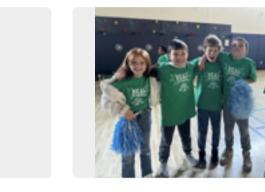
Brother and sister meet in the hall at Beal



Cartwheel fun at extra recess with the Principals



American Sign Language dialogue in the Hollyer morning meeting



Friends at the Beal Bop

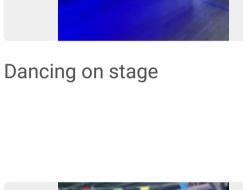


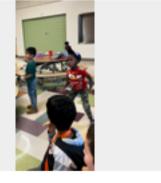
Under the Beal Bop Rainbow





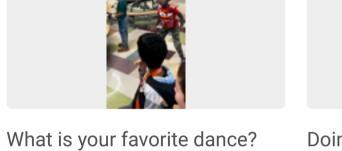
Beal Bop hair





Learning a new dance for the Beal Bop

Beal is grateful



Doing the conga at the Beal Bop

### **A Message from the Principals**

#### Dear Beal Families,

November's character trait is gratitude. We are grateful for our Beal staff, students, and families. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our families. We raised more than \$23,000 with our PTO fundraiser that culminated with the Beal Bop on Friday. The funds will be used to offset the cost of field trips and enrichment activities. Thank you to our PTO for organizing a week of dance lessons at lunch, great incentives for participation in the fundraiser, and coordinating the Beal Bop that is inclusive for all of our students. Last week our students enjoyed an extra recess with the Principals, music at recess with DJ Scheeler, Bollywood dance lessons, backwards day, and obstacle course fun with Parks and Rec. This week the top fundraising grade level with have a visit from Raptor Tales and all of Beal will have a PJ and stuffy day on Wednesday!

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

#### Caregiver Workshop: Six Smart Things You Can Do to Support Your Child's Success

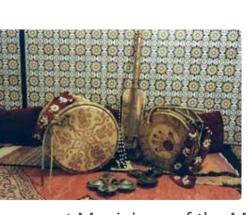
We are excited to announce that Debra Cushman, Parker Road school psychologist, will be offering a workshop for caregivers on Wednesday, November 8 that will focus on "Six Smart Things You Can Do to Support Your Child's Success in School." This workshop will be held at Beal and is open to parents and caregivers of children in preschool and kindergarten. The workshop will last 1 hour.

Workshops will be offered at both 9:00 am and 12:50 pm (to align with preschool drop-off). Both the morning session and afternoon session will cover the same material, so feel free to join whichever fits your schedule.

Space is limited, so you must sign-up to attend. Please use the links below to sign-up. Please contact Mrs. Cushman at <u>dcushman@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u> with any questions.

Six Smart Things 11/8 9:00 am Sign-Up

### **ANote from the Music Department**



Beal Musicians have been learning about a Musician of the Month; a popular artist from around the world who highlights a culture or musical genre. In September, we studied the disco music tradition with <u>Donna Summer, the Queen of Disco!</u> October was filled with music from Morocco as we listened to Gnawa music from Maalem Hamid El Kasri. If your child would like to listen to some songs from past Musicians of the Month, you can click the words in blue to access a Spotify playlist.

Please note that you will need to create a free Spotify account to play these songs.

In November, we will be learning about the Indigenous Musician **Buffy Sainte-Marie**. Born as Beverly Sainte-Marie on the Piapot Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada, she was adopted and raised in Massachusetts and Maine. Buffy highlighted musical traditions of Indigenous People in the United States and Canada, as well as used her fame to be an activist for Indigenous culture and anti-war efforts in the 1960's and 1970's. In her music, you will often hear the Native American mouth-bow, finger-picking on guitar, and thoughtful lyrics addressing the need for peace, love and justice. You can access a playlist of kid-friendly songs by Buffy Sainte-Marie at this Spotify link. We hope you will enjoy listening to her music at home!

Thank you! The Music Team

#### **Parent Conferences**



Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your teacher, please look for their classroom communication and reach out to them.

\*Childcare will be available for school-age children between the hours of 8:45-3:45 in our cafeteria.

#### It Takes A Village



One wonderful thing about Shrewsbury is the support that we give each other when times are difficult. If you are having difficulty obtaining warm winter clothes, food for the holidays, or any need that your family may have, please reach out to our School Adjustment Counselor, Carly Kadlik by email at ckadlik@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or by telephone at (508) 841-8478. The information you share is completely confidential.

### **ANote from Food Services**



Free and Reduced Price Meal Application—Why Apply? Although meals are free for all students regardless of income, we encourage families who

would otherwise qualify for free or reduced price meals [based upon household

income/economic need] to complete the Free/Reduced Price Meal Application so as to potentially be eligible for free or reduced fees for busing, Extended School Care, or athletics. Click here to access that form

https://shrewsbury.familyportal.cloud

#### **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 <u>Google Form</u>! 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.

### **Destination Imagination**



Welcome to a new season of **Destination Imagination** at Shrewsbury Public Schools! We officially begin the new season with our virtual informational meeting on November 9th from 7:00

pm to 8:00pm when we will provide an overview of what is to be expected for the upcoming season including tournament plans, training, challenge overview, deadlines and lots more. Come to just listen or ask questions! All Shrewsbury Public School students in grades K-12 are eligible to join at team.

To sign up for the meeting, click on the "Shrewsbury Destination Imagination Learn More" Google form.

The cost is \$100 per student (\$75 for students whose parents help manage or appraise the team). Checks can be dropped off on the day of the meeting or at another time. We do not want the fee to be a barrier to participation; if your child wants to participate but you are in financial need, please contact Central Office Administrative Assistant Blake Stewart at <u>bstewart@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u> (all inquiries will be confidential).

We will be answering questions at the end of the meeting. Registration for students and teams are open till Dec 1st 2023.

We hope you can join us to kick off the 2023-24 Destination Imagination Season!

**Destination Imagination Virtual Info meet link** Meeting ID: 569 856 9800

Passcode: 426681

If you have any questions about the program, contact Rajani Vijayakumar rvijayakumar@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

### Kids Night Out at SHS



### **Important Dates**



• Wednesday, November 8, 2023- Pajama and stuffy day • Thursday, November 9, 2023- Parent Conference Day, No School for Students • Friday, November 10, 2023- No School- Veteran's Day Tuesday, November 14, 2023- PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm- Beal Library Wednesday, November 22- Friday, November 24, 2023- No School-

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Thanksgiving Break • Friday, December 1, 2023- All School Meeting

Shrewsbury Public Schools Calendar 2023-2024

### Notes from the Beal PTO









We did it!!!! The Beal Bop has raised \$23,489 as of Friday Night! **Beal Bop Fundraiser** 

Thank you so much Beal Community! Our students had so much fun dancing with JiJi and all their favorite Beal staff members. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents on the days leading up to the Bop and Friday during the celebration

dance! The Beal PTO is excited to continue supporting enriching events and learning opportunities for all students at our school this academic year. For your planning: the donation website closes tonight, Sunday, November 5th, so there is still time to get donations logged. As a reward for reaching the fundraising goal, students have earned a PJ & Bring Your Stuffed Animal To School day this Wednesday, November 8th!



**Supply Drive for Staff** 

On Thursday, November 9, 2023 teachers will be having parent/teacher conferences. On that day the PTO will be collecting donations of needed supplies for the staff. Most wanted would be: tissues, paper towels, sanitizer, baby wipes, and Clorox wipes. As you arrive at school for your conference, you can drop your donations in the boxes provided in the lobby. Kindergarten

teachers have a special request for play-doh and kinetic sand. Boxes for those items will be located in the Kindergarten wing.





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 Submit School Safety Tip 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

#### **November Lunch Menu**

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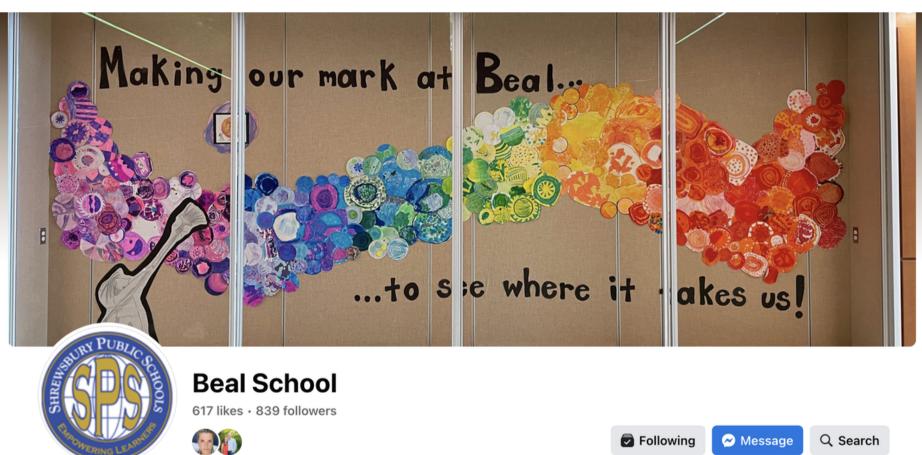


Main Office- (508) 841-8860 School Fax- (508) 841-8862 School Nurses- (508) 841-8870 Nurses Fax- (508) 841-1535 Extended Day- (508) 841-8861

#### **Beal School Swag**







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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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