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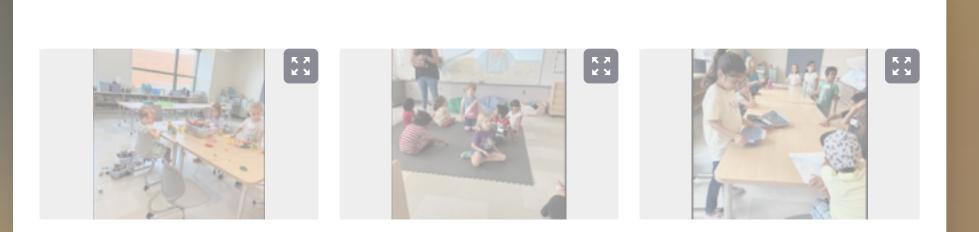
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THE BEAL BULLETIN Summer Edition- August 20, 2023

Beal Highlights



A Message from the Principals

Dear Beal Families,

We hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer. We are getting ready for students to walk through our doors in a week. This week will be a busy one! Teachers are working on getting their rooms student- ready, Mrs. Hoey and I are busy placing newly registered students into classes, hosting Pops with the Principals, a New Family Orientation, and Open House. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Beal!

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

Sincerely, Kristen Gasper and Shelley Hoey

Important Dates



Please mark your calendars with these important dates. More information about each of these events can be found in the newsletter and/or future newsletters.

• Wednesday, August 23rd - Pops with the Principals on the North Playground (Kindergarten students) 4:00- 5:00 pm Thursday, August 24th - Kindergarten Bus Ride (9:00- 9:30 am A-L & 9:30-10:00 am M-Z)

- Thursday, August 24th Parent Orientation from 10:00- 11:00 am (New Families)
- Thursday, August 24th Beal Open House from 5:00 to 6:00 pm • Tuesday, August 29th - First Day of School (1st-4th Grade)
- Tuesday, August 29th Kindergarten Visit Day (10:00-10:30 am A-L & 11:00-11:30 am M-Z)
- Wednesday, August 30th First Day of School (K)
- Friday, September 1st No School (Professional Development for Educators)
- Monday, September 4th No School (Labor Day) • Wednesday, September 13th - Curriculum Night for Grades K-2
- Thursday, September 14th Curriculum Night for Grades 3-4

Shrewsbury Public Schools Calendar 2023-2024

A Message from the Nurses

All students must have complete immunization records on file prior to the start of the school year. We are in the process of reaching out to those families that have incomplete records so please be on the lookout. Records can be emailed at the address below or faxed to us at 508-841-1535.

If your child takes a daily medication, has a life-threatening food allergy or if you have any specific concerns about your child, please reach out to us as soon as possible at bealnurses@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

PowerSchool Parent Portal



The Parent Portal opened Thursday, August 10th. Before viewing the teacher assignment, families need to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal to update their child's emergency contact information and sign off on their child's school handbook.

To complete these steps, please log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal at https://ps.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us, click on the "Contact Information Update" entry in the left-hand menu, and follow the instructions on the page. If you are having difficulty accessing the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please email powerschoolaccounts@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us for assistance.

AMessage from Your Teacher



Each year our teachers reach out to their students either by linking their welcome letter in the Beal Bulletin or by sending a message through SeeSaw, US Mail, or email. If your child's teacher has a digital letter, it is linked below. Please click on the link and read the message to your child. If your child's teacher does not have a digital letter, you can expect to receive a message through SeeSaw,

US Mail, or email.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Aulenback, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Biadasz, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. St. Pierre, Mrs. Roxo, Mrs. Sullivan Grade 1

Ms. Chaves, Mrs. McKiernan/ Mrs. Junkins, Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Molina, Mrs. Neddo, Mrs. Rubin, Mrs. Zakar Grade 2

Mrs. Nolli, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Poppalardo/Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Levasseur/Miss Eagle, Mrs. McInerny Grade 3

Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Badry, Mrs. Berthiaume, Mrs. Moore, Ms. El Saddik, Mrs. Weagle/ Mrs. Bazydlo Grade 4

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hinds, Mrs. Hollyer/ Mrs. Lanciani, Ms. Sauro, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs.

Spangenberg

Pops with the Principals



Our Kindergarten friends and families are invited to the North Playground on Wednesday, August 23rd from 4:00-5:00 pm to play, say hello to Mrs. Gasper and Mrs. Hoey, and have an ice pop. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. We hope you can join us on August 23rd!

Back to School Open House at Beal



Please join us on Thursday, August 24th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for an open viewing of Beal school. Indoor and outdoor spaces will be open. You are invited to walk around the building to see the common spaces. Please note, some classrooms will be closed as many teachers have not accessed their rooms due to the summer cleaning.

You are also welcome to drop off your school supplies during your visit. Please find your child's classroom and leave your supplies clearly labeled with your child's first and last name on the table outside of the classroom if the classroom door is locked. If the classroom door is not locked, please leave your supplies clearly labeled with your child's first and last name in the room. Please note, teachers will not be present during this Open House as they are hopefully getting some rest to welcome your students on the first day. You will be able to meet your child's teacher at Curriculum Night.

Kindergarten Bus Ride



Entering Kindergarten and plan on riding the school bus? Please join us for a practice bus ride where you and your child can experience the bus before boarding on the first day.

Please save the date on Thursday, August 24th at the times below to join us for a brief ride around the neighborhood. New families are welcome to visit the building following your bus ride.

> 9:00-9:30 AM- Student last name begins with A-L 9:30-10:00- Student last name begins with M-Z

Kindergarten Visit Day



Each year, Shrewsbury Elementary Schools schedule a brief classroom visit for you and your kindergarten child to meet your child's teacher and classroom assistant, as well as other children in your child's class. The class is split up according to last name to allow the teacher time to spend getting to know each child. This year, you are invited to visit your kindergarten classroom on Tuesday, August 29th at the times below.

Last names beginning with:

A-L= visit your class from 10:00-10:30 am M-Z= visit your class from 11:00-11:30 am

Important things to note:

- Please no siblings during class visit time.
- Please adhere to the thirty minute visit as we will need to clear the parking lot between sessions so that we will have adequate parking spaces for all. If you are unable to attend at
- your assigned time you may come to the opposite session of your child's assigned time. • Please know that school is in session for Grades 1-4 and the building will be busy on the first
- day for them. • This classroom visit is optional. We realize that your work schedule may not allow you to attend. Please feel free to have a friend or relative bring your child if you are unable to attend
- yourself. • This is an excellent time to bring your child's school supplies to school. If you choose to do so, please clearly label your child's full name on the supplies bag.

New Start and End Times



School time changes for the 2023-2024 school year are below. Doors will open for parent drop off and walkers at 8:45 am and dismissal will begin at 3:30 pm.



Shrewsbury Public Schools K-12 School Start & End Times 2023-2024 School Year

School	Start Time of Student School Day	End Time of Student School Day
Shrewsbury High School	7:55am	2:20pm
Sherwood & Oak Middle Schools	8:35am	3:00pm
Beal School Coolidge School Floral Street School Paton School Spring Street School	9:15am	3:30pm

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Click here to listen to a video of arrival & dismissal routines

Student Drop Off & Pick Up



back of the building to the blacktop playground area. Students will remain in the car while a staff member directs the car to the drop off spot. Students will exit the car and enter the building using the downstairs doors. Cars will exit the drive by going back around the building and out the first entrance on Lake Street.

Student Bus Route



Student Walker Route

At the end of the day, students will exit the doors of our front lobby. A staff member will walk students to the sidewalk on Lake Street.

Busses will use the second entrance on Lake Street. Students will

exit and enter the buses by the doors of our front lobby.

Cars will use the first entrance on Lake Street and drive along the

2023-2024 School Supply Lists

Please click on the links below to see the grade level supply lists for Beal School.

Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3



Grade 4

School Lunch and Breakfast Program



Shrewsbury Public Schools Offers Meals at No Cost for Students

Shrewsbury Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Shrewsbury Public Schools will offer healthy meals every school day. The

Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during the school year 2023-2024, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot. For more information about this program, please click here.

Beal Curriculum Nights



Beal will be holding our Curriculum Nights on:

Wednesday, September 13th: Curriculum Night for Grades K-2-6:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, September 14th: Curriculum Night for Grades 3-4- 6:00-7:00 PM

These Curriculum Nights offer an opportunity to meet with school leadership and your teacher to learn more about your child's school day and learning experiences.

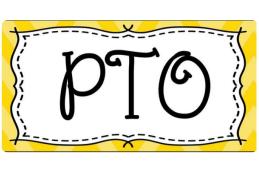
Please join us!

Girls on the Run



Attention all girls in grades 3 and 4... Are you looking for an after school activity where you can make friends, have fun, and increase your physical activity all while learning important life skills? Then the Girls on the Run program is for you! Please click here for more information about the program and how you can register.

Notes from the Beal PTO



The Beal PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is an organization that aims to enrich the experience of Beal students as well as the Beal school community. We organize activities to support students, staff and families throughout the year, and we have a lot of fun while doing so! If you would like to be involved or are just curious to see what we are all about, please join one of our meetings! We are kicking off the year

with a meeting on **Tuesday September 5th** to introduce the PTO and elect volunteers into <u>coordinator positions</u>. We will follow up with our typical monthly meeting on **Tuesday September 19th** to continue to plan for the year. All meetings will be held in the media center and on Zoom at 6:30pm.

What are we up to? So far we are already busy organizing 1st Day School Supplies deliveries, connecting classroom families, coordinating cafeteria volunteers and hoping to prevent the Lost and Found mountain! See below!



Label Everything!

Getting ready for back to school? Don't forget labeling your student's clothing and accessories so they don't end up in the Lost and Found! You can buy labels and stamps with your child's name and support the PTO at the same time. Labels are safe for both the dishwasher and washing machine. Search for Beal School Shrewsbury in the search bar and the company will donate a percentage of your order back to the school. https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/.



2023- 2024 Beal School Classroom Directory Want to connect with other families in your child's class? Sign up for the Beal School Classroom directory! Your information will only be shared with the families in your class.

Volunteers at Beal

Volunteering in school is a great way to be connected to your child's school experience and help the school at the same time. In



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order for this to be possible, all volunteers are required to complete a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information)

verification with Shrewsbury Public Schools. Please visit Beal's front office or the Shrewsbury School Department at Town Hall with your identification to submit the required paperwork (passport, drivers license, state issued ID card or permanent residency card). Please allow at least 2 weeks for processing. These verifications are valid for 3 years.

Cafeteria Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer at school? Our students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade often need a little extra support at the beginning of the school year 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.





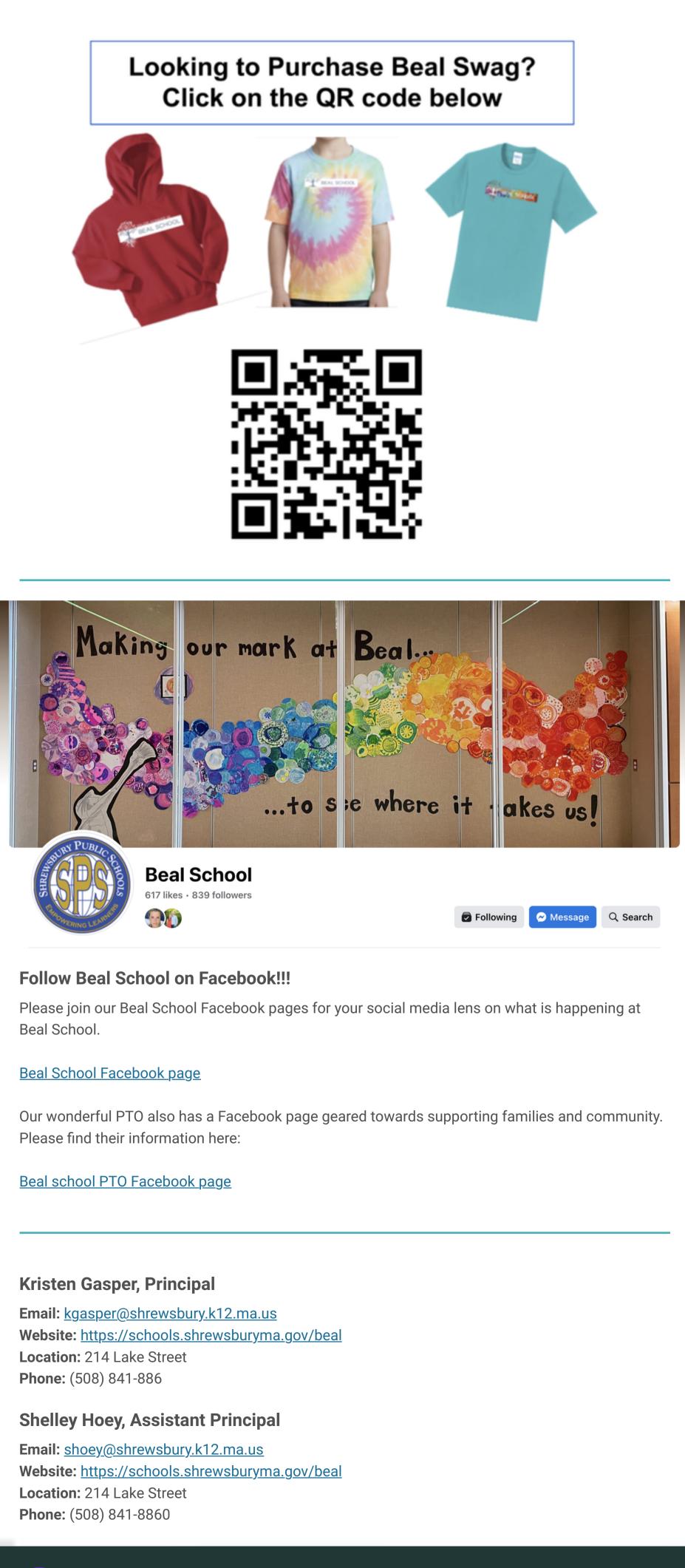




Moving? Please notify the main office at (508) 841-8860 if you are moving this summer. This will be helpful information as we are assigning students to classrooms.

Please let us know! Beal Elementary School Main Office (508) 841-8860

On Vacation? Please notify the main office at (508) 841-8860 if you will be on vacation or you know that your child will be absent when school starts on August 29th (30th for Kindergarten).



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