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# THE BEAL BULLETIN

September 4, 2023

## Beal Highlights



## A Message from the Principals

Dear Beal Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend. On Friday the staff at Beal engaged in professional development facilitated by Kristin Osborne and our instructional coaches, Lisa Papazian and Becky Dumphy. Our staff participated in discussions focused on early literacy, the Science of Reading, phonological awareness, and decoding.

This week at Beal our students will continue to build connections with each other and the staff in the building while continuing to learn routines and expectations. In addition to classroom routines and expectations, we will review and practice how to exit the building safely during a fire drill.

Please continue reading the Beal Bulletin for some important information. If you need assistance during 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.
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023- PTO Meeting, 7:30 pm, Beal Library & Zoom
  - Tuesday, September 12th- Picture Day
  - Wednesday, September 13th - Curriculum Night for Grades K-2
  - Thursday, September 14th - Curriculum Night for Grades 3-4
  - Thursday, September 14, 2023- PTO Meeting, 7:30 pm, Beal Library & Zoom
  - Friday, October 6, 2023- No School- Professional Development Day
  - Monday, October 9, 2023- No School- Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day

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

## Picture Day- September 12th!

**PICTURE DAY IS ALMOST HERE!**  
**CASSON-FOSTER PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE AT:**  
**BEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

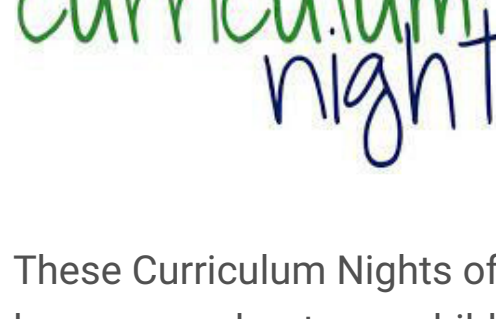
ALL STUDENTS WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED USING GREEN SCREEN TECHNOLOGY ALLOWING YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR BACKGROUND AFTER VIEWING THE PROOF. PROOF'S WITH PACKAGE OFFERINGS WILL BE SENT HOME IN A FEW DAYS! TO VIEW A COMPLETE SET OF PACKAGES, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CASSONFOSTER.COM

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: TO GET THE BEST RESULTS FROM THIS TECHNOLOGY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM WEARING GREEN CLOTHING OR ACCESSORIES\*\***

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## 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

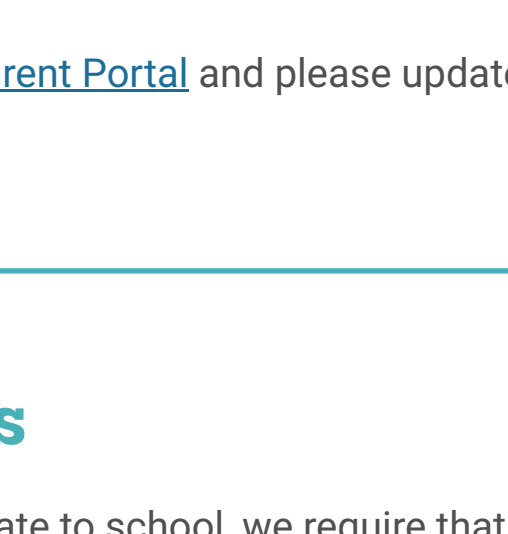
These Curriculum Nights offer an opportunity to meet with school leadership and your teacher to learn more about your child's school day and learning experiences.

Please join us!

## PowerSchool Parent Portal Update

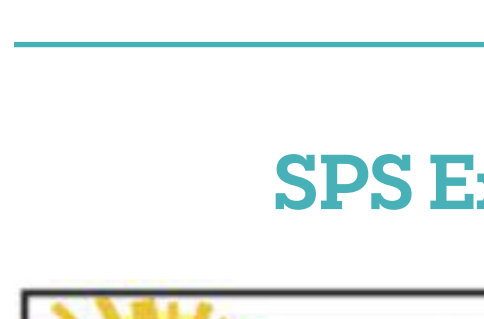
Please update your child's emergency contact information TODAY!

Updated emergency contact information is extremely important for the school to maintain healthy lines of communication with our families, especially when immediate parents are not available.



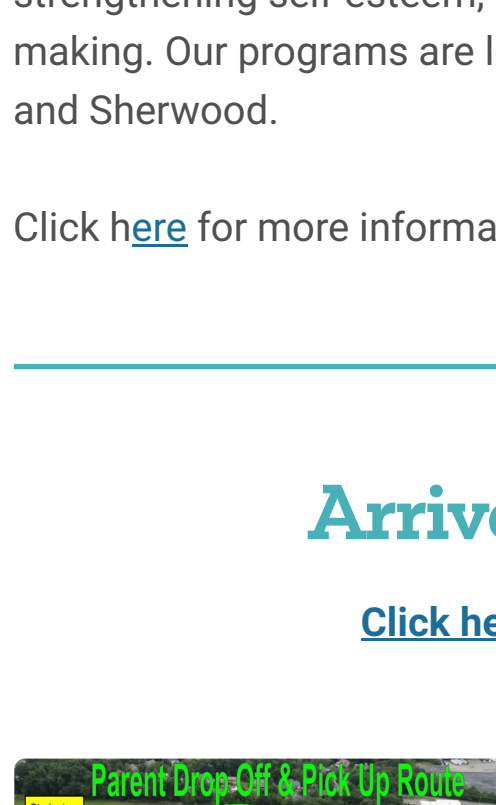
We ask that you check your emergency contact information in your [Parent Portal](#) and please update it or add contacts if you do not have them.

## 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.

## SPS Extended School Care Program



Extended School Care (ESC) provides quality before and after school care for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Operated by the Shrewsbury Public Schools, the program is fully funded through parent fees. Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where students can engage in enriching activities, participate in recreational programming and socialize with their peers. Time is also set aside each day for students to work on their homework. Our experienced and caring staff members create fun and innovative programming for students of all ages, interests and abilities. We focus on building positive relationships, developing social skills, strengthening self-esteem, and encouraging independence, responsibility and good decision-making. Our programs are located within the school building at Beal, Coolidge, Floral, Paton, Spring and Sherwood.

Click [here](#) for more information about the program and how to register.

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Click [here](#) to listen to a video of arrival & dismissal routines

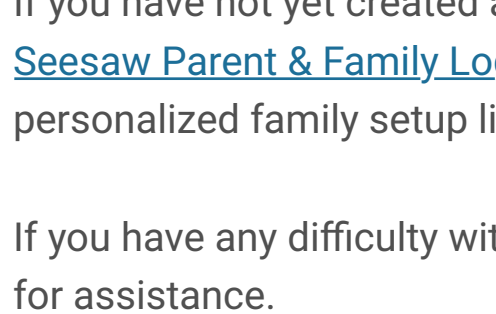


**Student Drop Off 8:45- 9:15 am & Pick Up 3:30- 3:45 pm**  
 Cars will use the first entrance on Lake Street and drive along the back of the building to the blacktop playground area. Students will remain in the car while a staff member directs the car to the drop off spot. Students will exit the car 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.

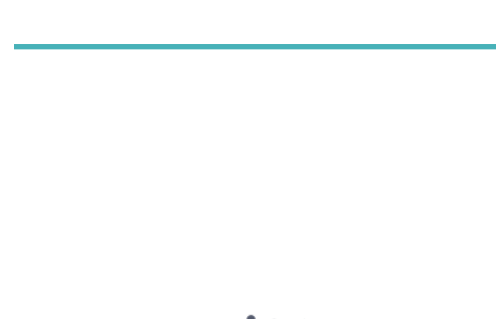
**IMPORTANT PARENT DROP OFF INFORMATION:**  
 The gate will close in the morning at 9:13 to insure that all students are in the building by 9:15. If you arrive after the gate is closed, please drive to the front of the building and walk your child into the office to be signed in.

**IMPORTANT PARENT PICK UP INFORMATION:**  
 Parent pick up runs from 3:30-3:45 pm. Gates to the parent pick up line will open around 3:15 pm. You will follow the same pattern as drop off, using the north entrance, and loop around the school to the lower lobby doors. Please have your child's name displayed on your windshield and be ready to show proof of identification (driver's license) so we know that we are releasing your child to an approved adult. If you arrive after 3:45, please drive to the front of the building and come to the main office to pick up your child.

**\*Please note:** We want to avoid cars backing up onto Lake Street, so please do not arrive and park on campus prior to 3:00 pm.

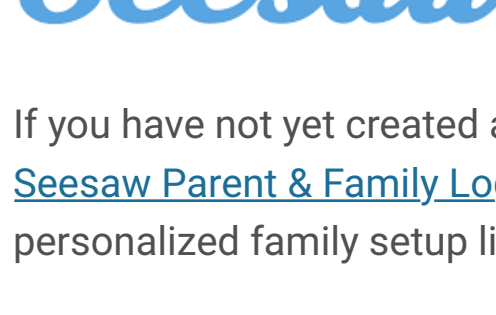


**Student Bus Route**  
 Busses will use the second entrance on Lake Street. Students will exit and enter the buses by the doors of our front lobby.



**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.

## Seesaw



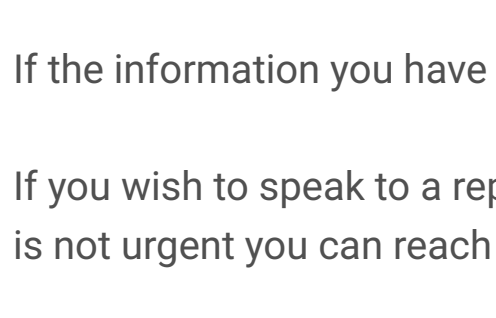
Seesaw is an app that is used at the elementary level for student assignments, student portfolios, and family communication.

Families may create an account to access their child's schoolwork, portfolio, and communication sent by their child's teacher.

If you have not yet created a family account and connected your child's account to it, please see our [Seesaw Parent & Family Login Instructions page](#) for information on how to obtain your personalized family setup link(s) to do so.

If you have any difficulty with this process, please email [parenttechsupport@shrewsburyk12.ma.us](mailto:parenttechsupport@shrewsburyk12.ma.us) for assistance.

## 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 and Snack at Beal

The calendar for school lunch for this week is below. Students may choose a free lunch from the cafeteria or bring their own from home. Please connect with your classroom teacher if you have questions about your child's lunch. Also, please send a snack in with your child each day. Teachers will build a short snack time into their daily schedule depending on what time their lunch block is.

Breakfast is now available each day and will be served from 8:45-9:15 in the cafeteria. Students may choose a free breakfast upon arrival.

4 No School Labor Day	5 Mashed Beans or Beef Toppings (Cheese, Salsa, Lettuces, Sour Cream) Branched Beans Corn Apples	6 Pizza Bites/Marinara Sauce Toasted Ham and Cheese on a Croissant /Pretzels Branched Beans Green Beans Mashed Fruits	7 Cheeseburger or Gardenburger Brunch Bag Baked Fries Steamed Carrots Garden Salad Orange Wedges	8 Mozzarella Sticks/Marinara Sauce Chicken Pottery/ Chips Mixed Vegetables Toasted Salad Raisins Peaches
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## Notes from the Beal PTO



**Meetings**  
 We are kicking off the year with our first meeting on **Tuesday September 5th** to introduce the Parent Teacher Organization and elect volunteers into coordinator positions. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend to see what the Beal PTO is all about! The meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the media center and on Zoom. Unfortunately, childcare will not be available. Please see our **Recruitment Handout** to see the coordinator positions we are looking to fill. Many hands make light (and fun!) work!

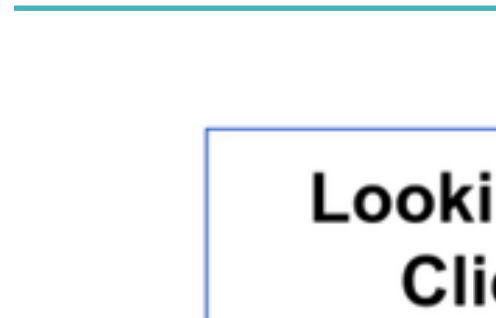
If you will be joining us by Zoom, keep the handout at the ready and follow this [link](#).

We will follow up with our typical monthly meeting on **Tuesday September 19th** to continue to plan for the year.

Please join us at a meeting, follow our Facebook page, and email us at [Bealschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:Bealschoolpto@gmail.com). We look forward to growing our community together!



**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**  
**CORIS**  
 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 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 information in order before coming in.

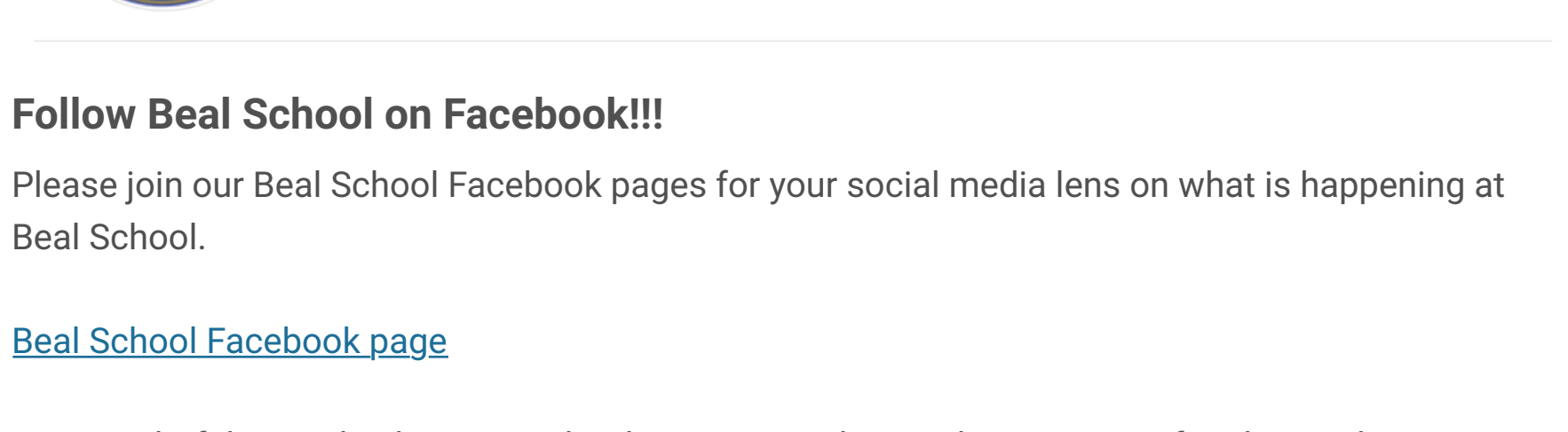


## Frequently Used Numbers



- 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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 Click on the QR code below



**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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