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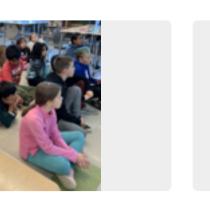
The Beal Bulletin December 3, 2023

Beal Highlights













AMessage from the Principals

Dear Beal Families,

It was a great week that ended with a fun filled All School Meeting. We did our morning announcements, a mindful moment where we learned to do elevator breath, sang Happy Birthday to our December birthdays, and learned about the December character trait of courage. We recognized Girls on the Run and wished them luck in completing their 5K on Sunday, updated our STMath goal to 33%, and gave suggestions for what to do when you are stuck on STMath. Kayden, Asmara, Annabelle, Aiden, and Emelja suggested students double click on the screen, draw it out, and replay the level before the one they are on. The PTO unveiled the Mr. Girardi's Buddy Bench and Jiji and Mr. Girardi demonstrated how to use the bench. Both Mr. Girardi and Jiji have celebrity status at Beal, we were excited that both could attend our All School Meeting! We ended the meeting with a sing along to The Dreidel song, Frosty the Snowman, Feliz Navidad, Auld Lang Syne, and of course our very own Beal song.

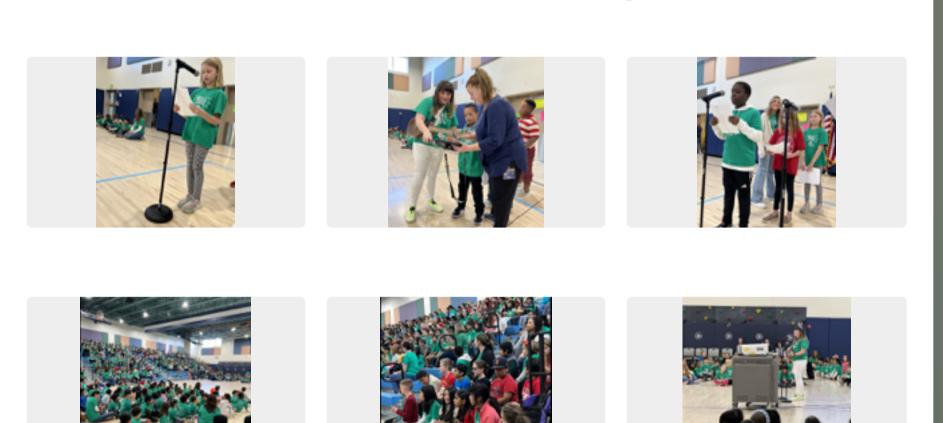
December's character trait is COURAGE. Consider reading these stories with your child and discuss what it means to be courageous.

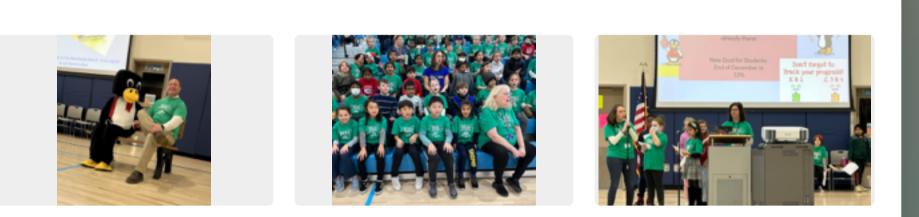
> <u>Be Brave Little One</u> by Marianne Richmond (grades K-2) <u>The Day You Begin</u> by Jacquelin Woodson (grades K-2) The Girl With A Mind For Math by Julia Mosca (grades 3-4) New Shoes by Susan Lynn Myer (grades 3-4)

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

All School Meeting





Cold Weather Clothing



Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We do go outdoors for recess most days, so it is very important that your child brings a coat or heavy sweatshirt daily, even if the forecast for the afternoon looks warm.

Now is also the time to put flip flops, sandals and crocs away and replace them with sneakers and boots.

Have your hats and mittens on standby-we want your child to be prepared to enjoy all the outdoor playtime that school has to offer!

If your child came to school with a sweatshirt, hat, and mittens, but

Found in the cafeteria.

Girls on the Run Pet Supply Drive



The Girls on the Run Team at Beal School will not only run a 5K this December, but they are also helping their community! The Beal Girls on the Run Team has chosen to help the Bay Path Animal Shelter in Hopkinton. They are seeking donations of pet supplies like dog and cat treats, food bowls, puppy pads, rubber gloves and even anti-bacterial wipes. Donations should be brought to school by December 8th. Thank you for helping our team help others!

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.

Season of Gratitude and Giving



During this season of gratitude and giving, Shrewsbury Public Schools (SPS) is seeking donations of the gift cards listed below (denominations of \$50 or less, please) to provide support to SPS families in need. In addition to the giving opportunities currently underway at individual schools across the district, we invite community members to contribute to this fund to further these

efforts and support our students and families.

- Uber • Visa
- Mastercard
- Target
- Walmart
- Gas cards Amazon
- Grocery Stores:
 - Market Basket
 - Price Chopper
 - Shaw's
 - Stop & Shop • Wegmans
 - Aldi's

Gift card donations can be dropped off to the school secretary in the main office at your child's school by Friday, December 8th. Community members who do not have children in our schools are invited to bring donations to the Shrewsbury School Department Office at the Shrewsbury Town Hall, 100 Maple Avenue.

Finally, we invite parents and caretakers to let us know if your children and family are in need of support and ask that you please complete this brief form by Friday, December 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Felicitie Boisvert, Shrewsbury Public Schools District Social Worker at fboisvert@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508-841-5303.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Early Release Day- Tuesday, December 5th



Tuesday, December 5th is our first early release day across the district. Beal students will be dismissed beginning at 12:30 pm. Please anticipate your child's dismissal routine to run three hours earlier than a typical day, and please allow a little extra time for buses given midday traffic patterns. Please send a snack in with your child as lunches are not being served at school.

Breakfast and Lunch Available on Early Release Days

The Food Service Dept. offers breakfast and a "Grab & Go" lunch bag on all scheduled student half days this school year.

For the "Grab & Go" lunch bag, students will be asked to pre-order by indicating "yes" or "no" on the Monday before each half day so the cafeteria staff have an accurate estimate of lunch bags to prepare. Pre-orders will be taken at each school and sent to the cafeteria.

On each scheduled half day, students will be given time before dismissal to go to the cafeteria to pick up a "grab and go" lunch bag by inputting their cafeteria PIN number.

Lunches will be eaten at home, not at school nor on the school bus.

K-6 students who are in the Extended School Care Program on these early release days will still have a special lunch offered by the ESC staff. However, they may also pick up a "grab and go" lunch bag before dismissal if they so choose.

Pop Up Market at Maple & Main



Join us at our First Winter Market presented by RISE at Maple & Main on December 7th from 4:30-7:30pm. Click here for the flyer.

Important Dates



Please mark your calendars with these important dates. • Tuesday, December 5, 2023- 1/2 Day of School- Professional Development Day

• Wednesday, December 6, 2023- Beal Community Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 5:00- 8:00 pm

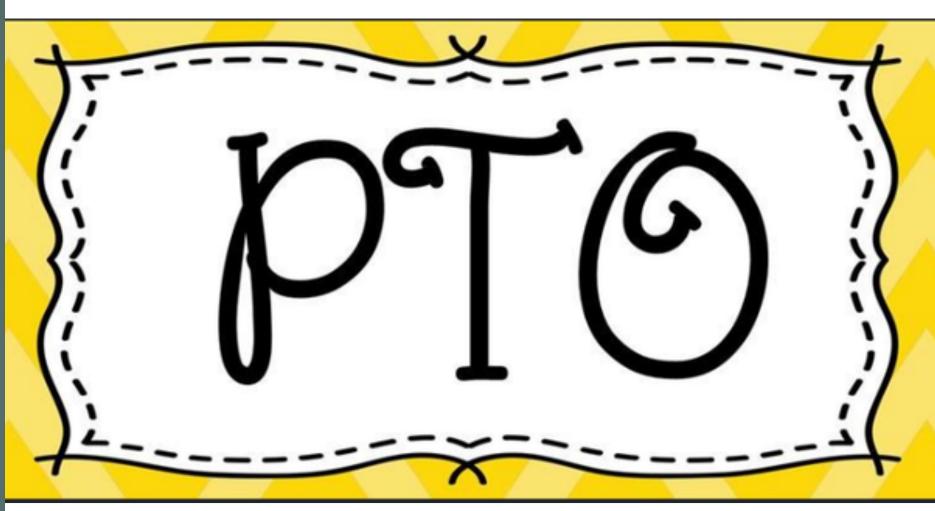
• Tuesday, December 12, 2023- Staff Appreciation Cookie Swap

Tuesday, December 12, 2023- PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm- Beal Library • Saturday, December 16, 2023- PTO sponsored Movie Night

• Monday, December 25, 2023- Monday, January 1, 2024- No School- December Break

Shrewsbury Public Schools Calendar 2023-2024

Notes from the Beal PTO



Mr. Girardi's Buddy Bench is Here!



We are proud to announce the arrival of Beal's new Buddy Bench!! This was purchased by the PTO in honor of Mr. Girardi, who left the school last year after serving as our principal for 10 years. The bench was presented to Mr. Girardi during last week's All School Meeting and will be placed in the South (lower) playground. This is an interactive tool for students

to use, which will promote kindness and inclusion. To discuss the bench with your child, we invite you to enjoy this read-aloud of The Buddy Bench by Patty Brozo: The Buddy Bench by Patty Brozo ~ Read Aloud - YouTube

Beal Community Night at Buffalo Wild Wings

Take a break from planning dinner and join us on Wednesday, December 6th, at Buffalo Wild Wings from 5-8pm. When ordering please show the coupon below and 10% of the bill will be donated back to Beal.



On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10%* of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization.

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together. (Show this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below.)

MAJ. HOWARD W. BEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL December 6, 2023 • 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 476 Boston Turnpike • Shrewsbury, MA • 508-845-2999 "The 10% donation is contingent on the organization raising at least \$300 of pre-tax safes during the premotion (unbject to change Other redrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. @2015 Bullale Wild Wings, loc.



making in the comment section when you sign up.

Staff Appreciation Cookie Extravaganza

The Beal PTO is hosting a Staff Appreciation Cookie Extravaganza on Tuesday, December 12th! Beal staff will be invited to enjoy an array of scrumptious cookies, brownies and treats made especially for them by Beal families.

ADMIT ONE

We are looking for bakers to say Thank you and Happy Holidays to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children. Please use the following link to sign up: <u>Staff Appreciation Cookie Buffet Sign-Up</u>

Please make at least 3 dozen cookies, brownies, or treats of your choice. Indicate what you will be

Treats may be dropped off in the office at Beal on Monday, December 11th (8:30 AM-3:00 PM) and Tuesday December 12th (8:30AM-10:00AM). If neither of those work, please email bealschoolpto@gmail.com to coordinate an alternate drop-off.

Reminder - please use a disposable tray/container when dropping off the cookies.



Movie Night - Saturday December 16, 2023 Super Mario Bros starts at 4:00 pm, Trolls World Tour starts at 6:00 pm

The Beal PTO is excited to announce our first Movie Night of the school year on Saturday December 16th. Please join us for either

one or both of the movies: Super Mario Bros at 4:00 pm and Trolls

World Tour at 6:00 pm!

Bring a mat, blanket, and pillows and settle in on the gym floor (or bleachers) with your friends and family.

Admission is free (donations accepted) and there will be cash-only concessions available for purchase. Popcorn and Pizza will make you thirsty so water will be available, but please bring your own water bottle if you can so that we can cut down on plastic.

Space will be limited so please make sure to sign up in advance. To sign up to attend: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CA8A729A4FE3-46345954-</u> 2023#/

Are you able to give an hour to volunteer at this fun family event? We are looking for help before, during, and after the movies - thank you in advance! To sign up to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CA8A729A4FE3-46346028-2023

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

Submit School Safety Tip

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

December Lunch Menu

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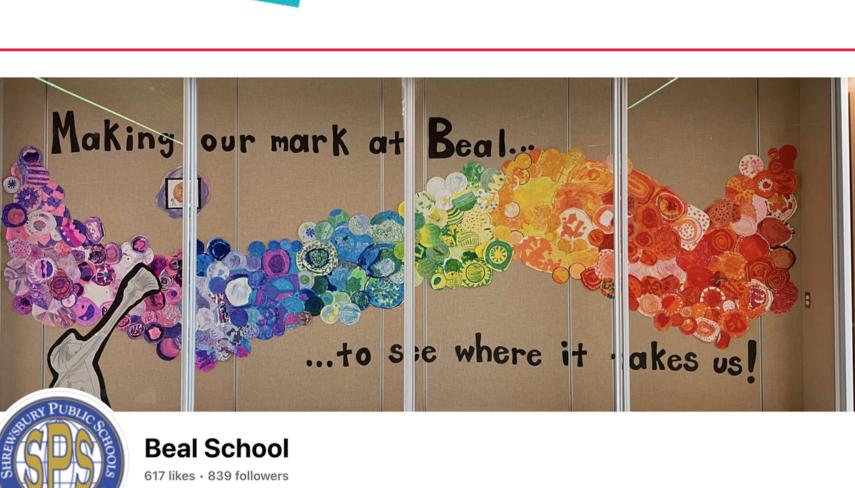


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Our wonderful PTO also has a Facebook page geared towards supporting families and community. Please find their information here:

Beal school PTO Facebook page

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