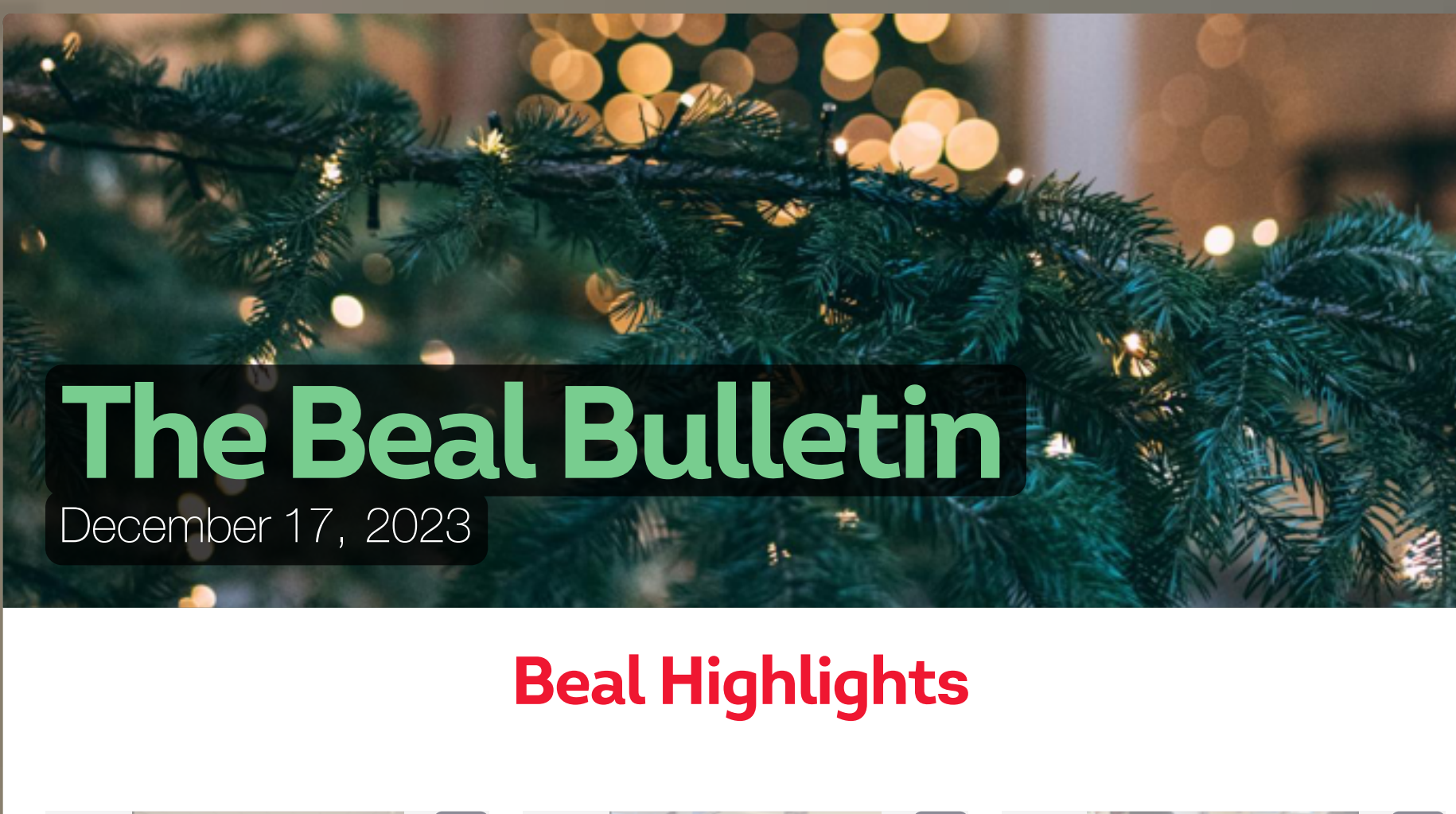
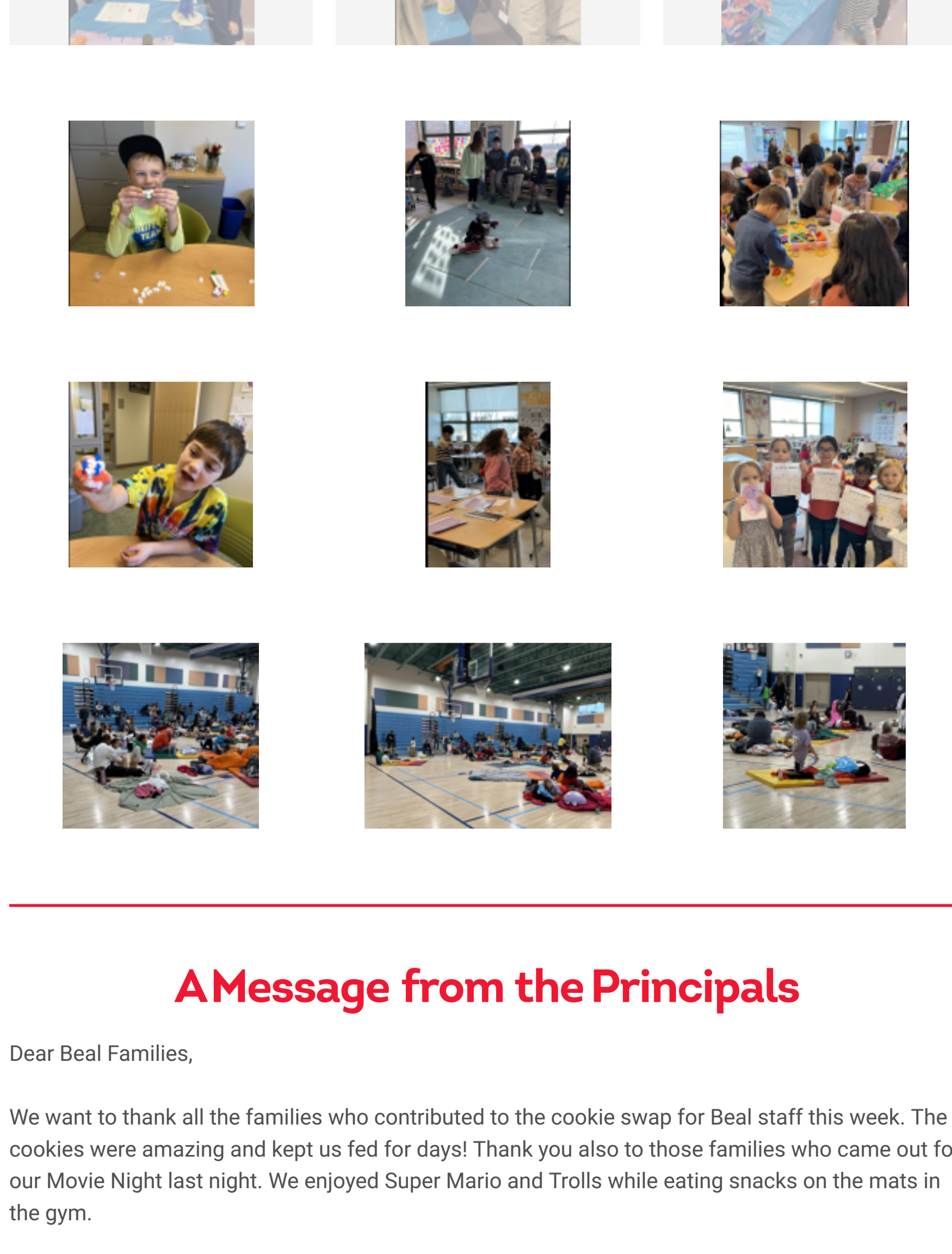


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Beal Highlights



A Message from the Principals

Dear Beal Families,

We want to thank all the families who contributed to the cookie swap for Beal staff this week. The cookies were amazing and kept us fed for days! Thank you also to those families who came out for our Movie Night last night. We enjoyed Super Mario and Trolls while eating snacks on the mats in the gym.

This week we are looking forward to showing our Beal School spirit by participating in spirit week! Monday is sports day, Tuesday is character day, Wednesday is wacky Wednesday, Thursday is beach day, and Friday is pajama day. We will have a week full of learning while showing our Beal School spirit!

The next Beal Bulletin will be sent on December 31st. We hope you all have a happy holiday and enjoy the vacation week.

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.

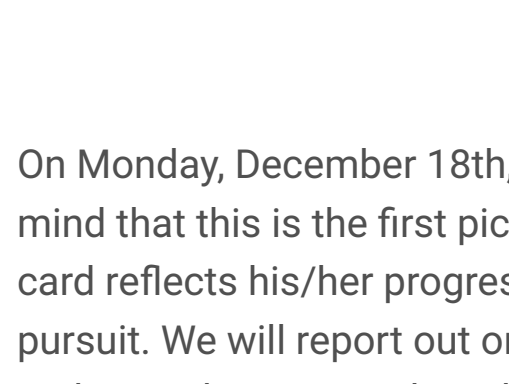
Sincerely,
Kristen Gasper and Shelley Hoey

Lost and Found

If your child has lost a jacket, sweatshirt, hat, gloves, mittens, or any other clothing item, please ask them to check the lost and found. Any items remaining after Friday, December 22nd will be washed and donated. If clothing has a name in it, we will try to get it to the owner, please label anything your child wears to school and might remove and lose. Thank you!



Spirit Week 12/18-12/22



- Monday**- Sports Day! Wear any sports related clothes and/or accessories!
- Tuesday**- Character Day! Dress up like your favorite character!
- Wednesday**- Wacky Day! Wear your wackiest outfit and/or hairdo or hat!
- Thursday**- Beach Day! Dress like you are at the beach or tropical island!
- Friday**- PJ Day! Wear your most cozy or festive pajamas!

Report Cards

On Monday, December 18th, you can access your student's Trimester 1 report card. Please keep in mind that this is the first picture of your child's achievement this school year. Your child's report card reflects his/her progress towards mastery of grade-level standards, and mastery is a yearlong pursuit. We will report out on your child's progress three times during this school year in an effort to make academic growth visible. Teacher comments are not included on the trimester one report card due to November's parent conferences. Teacher comments will be included on trimester two and three report cards.

The Trimester 1 report card can be accessed in your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account. Directions on accessing grades and comments in the Parent Portal are linked [HERE](#). Please click [HERE](#) to access directions to help you translate your student's report card if needed.

To view an explanation of the ratings, please click [here](#).

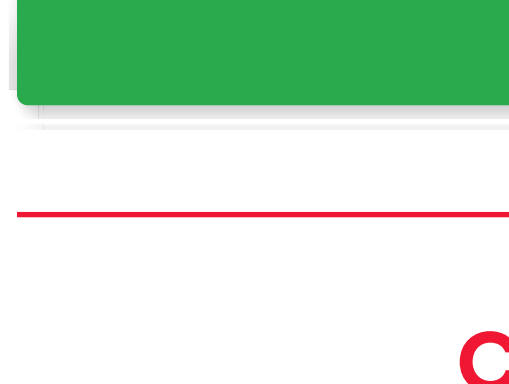
Students receiving special education and English language instruction will receive Trimester 1 progress reports via email from the special education liaison or English language teacher. Students receiving reading support outside the classroom will also receive an additional literacy progress report specific to their individual goals from either a reading tutor or specialist.

We appreciate your support with your child's learning. As always, if you have questions regarding your child's report card or literacy progress report, reach out to the teacher directly to discuss specific strategies that would be helpful.

MCAS Dates, Grades 3-4

- Monday, March 25th: Grade 4 English Language Arts session 1
- Wednesday, March 27th: Grade 4 English Language Arts session 2
- Monday, April 1st: Grade 3 English Language Arts session 1
- Wednesday, April 3rd: Grade 3 English Language Arts session 2
- Friday, May 3rd: Grade 4 Math session 1
- Tuesday, May 7th: Grade 4 Math session 2
- Monday, May 6th: Grade 3 Math session 1
- Wednesday, May 8th: Grade 3 Math session 2

ST Math



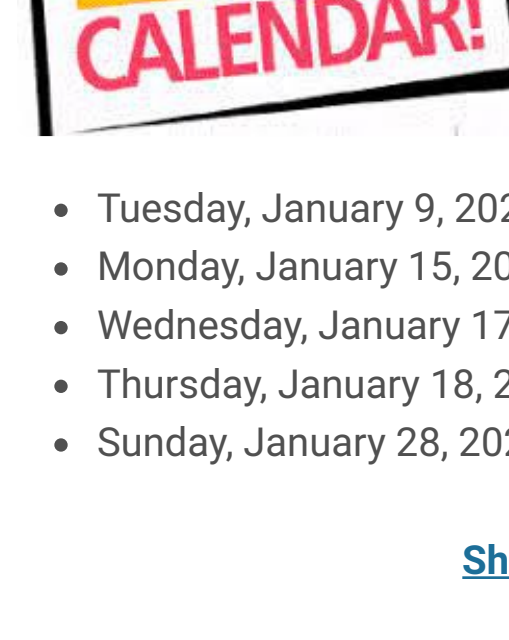
Have you heard your child say they have completed a specific number of puzzles on STMath or they are at a specific percentage? Are you wondering what STMath is and/or how to help your child when they are stuck? If you answered yes, please click on the buttons below for more information.

Our hope is for every student to meet the monthly percentage goal. The goal for December is 33%. Please encourage your child to practice their math skills by completing STMath puzzles.

Questions to ask when your child is stuck on STMath

What is STMath?

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 did not come home with them, ask your child to check Lost & Found in the cafeteria.

Important Dates



- Please mark your calendars with these important dates.
- Monday, December 18, 2023- T1 Report Card available in PowerSchool
 - Monday, December 25, 2023- Monday, January 1, 2024- No School- December Break
 - Tuesday, January 2, 2024- Return to School from December Break
 - Wednesday, January 3, 2024- Cultural Night Steering Committee meeting, 3:45pm
 - Tuesday, January 9, 2024- Early Dismissal- Professional Development Day
 - Monday, January 15, 2024- No School- MLK Jr Day
 - Wednesday, January 17, 2024- Winter Concert (Hinds, Hollyer & Spangenberg classes)
 - Thursday, January 18, 2024- Winter Concert (Barnes, Campbell, Ryan & Sauro classes)
 - Sunday, January 28, 2024- Shrewsbury Public Schools at the Worcester Railers, 3:05 pm

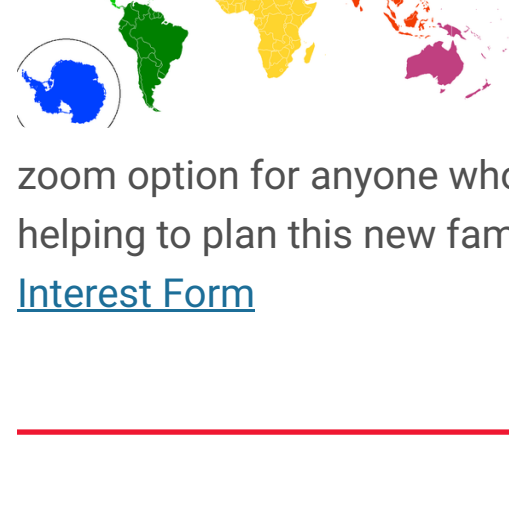
[Shrewsbury Public Schools Calendar 2023-2024](#)

Notes from the Beal PTO

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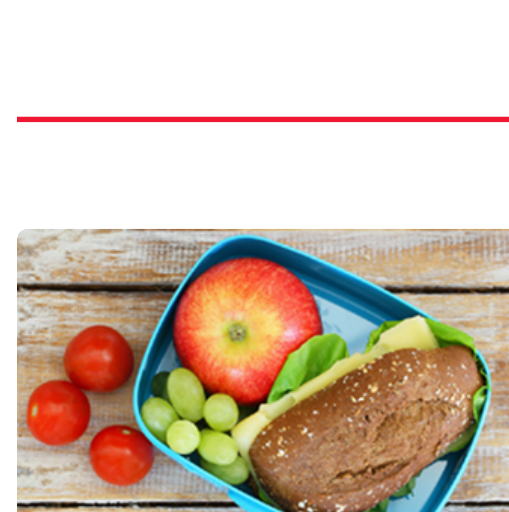
THANK YOU!
Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who helped with the cookie drive and movie night. Both were a wonderful success and we are so excited to support our community in these unique ways.



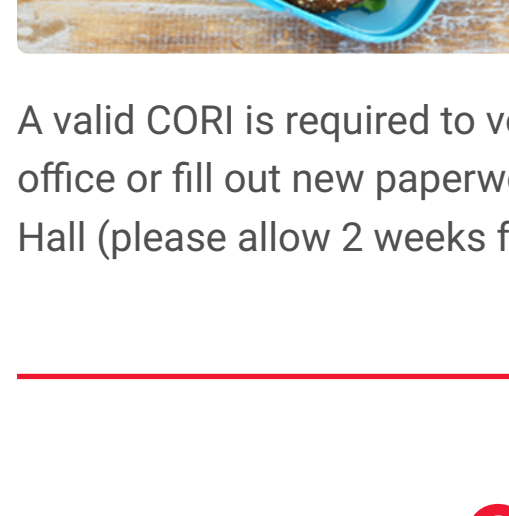
Save the Date!-Worcester Railers
Looking for a fun activity with your Shrewsbury friends? The Worcester Railers Hockey Club will be hosting their annual Shrewsbury Day on Sunday, January 28th at 3:05. Many Shrewsbury schools will be attending, and we will cheer on some special performers before the game! Save the date - more details will be coming soon!



Cultural Night coming soon
The Beal PTO is planning a Cultural night in the spring. There will be an initial Cultural Night steering committee meeting on January 3rd at 3:45 in the Beal main office conference room. There will be a zoom option for anyone who is interested but cannot attend in person. If you are interested in helping to plan this new family event for our community please fill out the attached [Cultural Night Interest Form](#)



After School opportunity for students- STEM Beginnings Enrichment
Do you have a child who would enjoy learning about Science Technology Engineering and Math? STEM Beginnings is returning to Beal this winter for their fun-filled afterschool enrichment classes. The sessions runs on Fridays from January 12th - March 8th. Please click the link below for more information.
[STEM Beginnings](#)

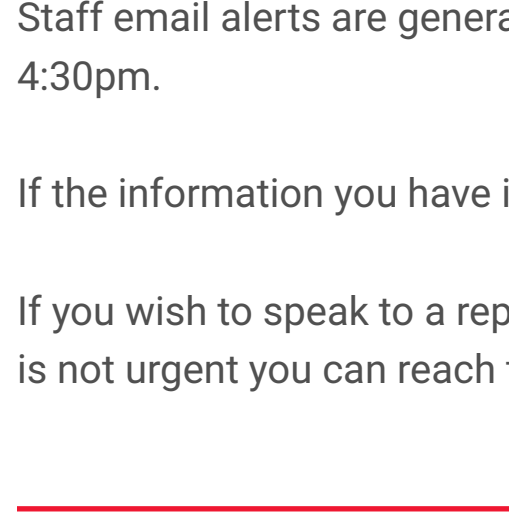


Cafeteria Volunteers
As we enter the new year our students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade often need a little support during their lunch period and would appreciate your help! Please see the following link for details- [2023 Fall Cafeteria Volunteers](#)

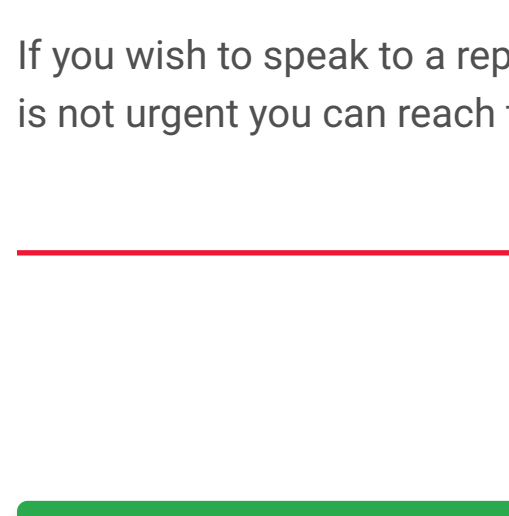
A valid CORI is required for volunteer at school. Please check that your CORI is valid at the front office or fill out new paperwork at the front office or the Shrewsbury School Department at Town Hall (please allow 2 weeks for processing).

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 report 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.

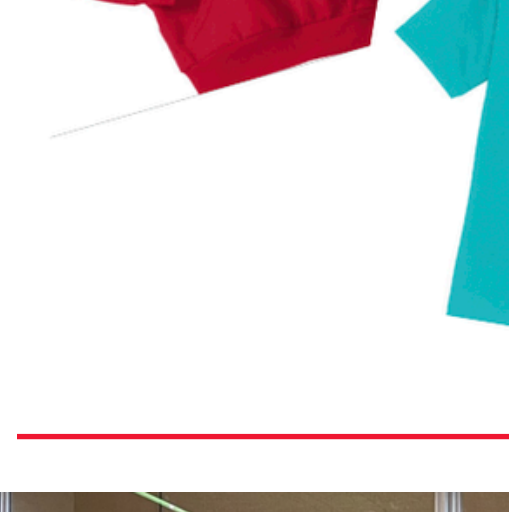
If you wish to speak to a representative from the Shrewsbury Police Department and your concern is not urgent you can reach them 24/7 by calling 508-841-8577.

Lunch Menu

December Lunch Menu

January Lunch Menu

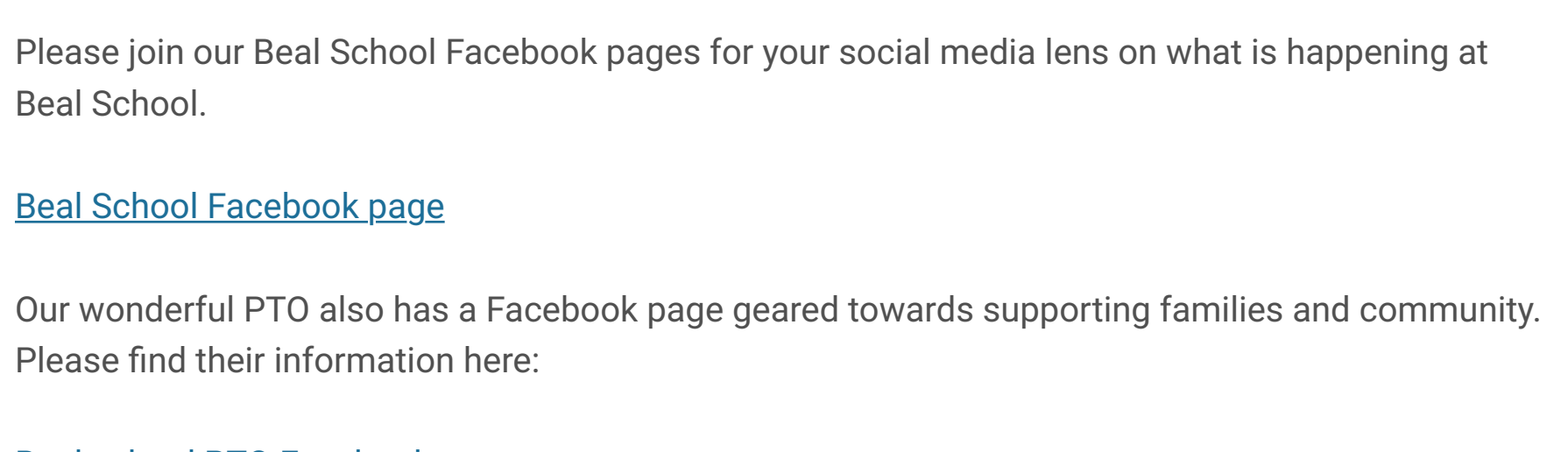
Frequently Used Numbers



- 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

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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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