Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center
News on the Beal Front: January 15, 2018

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1. A note from the Principal

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation recognized award recipients and SEF grant winners at a dinner this past Saturday evening at Cyprian Keyes. Each year, select educators from across the district are recognized for their expertise in the field through awards and grant selections, where our professionals can submit a grant application for funding to support a passion that they have and want to share with our students and community. Beal is proud to recognize Mrs. Melissa Barrett, whose grant application for her *Kindness Campaign* was selected. Melissa's *Kindness Campaign* will offer a family and community connected project to show the ripple effect that kindness has. This will reinforce and build upon the culture of kindness that we emphasize at Beal school, therefore strengthening the social/emotional learning of our students and the family/school community that we value so deeply. Congratulations to Mrs. Barrett and all educators at Beal and across the district for their submissions and nominations.

The SEF Awards, Recognitions and Fundraising Dinner is a wonderful annual event that displays pride in being a member of the Shrewsbury educational community. We are grateful to SEF for their consistent support and dedication to enriching learning experiences for all students in our school and district. For more information, please visit http://sefgrants.org.

Sincerely,
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2. 100th day of school canned food drive

Beal classrooms are supporting the Worcester County Food Bank by conducting a canned food drive. You can help our neighbors in need this winter by making a donation of one or more of the following non-perishable food items: canned tuna, chicken, salmon, soup, stews, chili, beans, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and grocery store gift certificates. No glass please! The goal is for each class to raise 100 can of food by **Friday, February 9th**, which is the 100th day of school barring any more snow days. Donations will be accepted through February 9th.

3. Early release day on Tuesday, February 6th

Tuesday, February 6th is our second early release day across the district. Staff will be engaged in various projects that allow them to grow their craft and collaborate with peers to continue their journey as lifelong learners. Please note below the schedule for Beal with specifics to dismissal procedures. Please don't hesitate to reach us at (508) 841-8860 with any questions about early release days.

~~-Tuesday, December 5th- Early release~~
-Tuesday, February 6th- Early release
-Tuesday, March 6th- Early release
-Tuesday, April 3rd-Early release
-Tuesday, May 1st- Early Release

Early Release days at Beal affect the following programs:
-Full day Kindergarten and Grade 1- 12:30 p.m. dismissal. There are no lunches provided on early release days; please do send in a snack.
-1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten- no change in dismissal
-1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten- no school
-Beal Extended Day- open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m. **Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the After School program.

*Full Day Kindergarten and Grade 1 families- there is a three hour difference in your bus stop time. Please be at the bus stop a bit earlier than usual as traffic patterns and no afternoon Kindergarten students will alter the typical times.

4. February Vacation classes
Shrewsbury Public Schools is offering February vacation enrichment classes for students in grades K-8. Classes will run Tuesday February 20th – Friday February 23rd, 8:30AM-3:00PM. There are 40 classes to choose from with half day and full day options available. All classes will be held at the Sherwood Middle School. Half day classes cost $75 and full day classes cost $150. Class offerings include Science, Art, Engineering, Fitness, Math, Drama and more!

Registration will open Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00AM. You can preview the catalog now - detailed class information and registration instructions can be found on our website: http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/Vacation-Programs.cfm

Students must be enrolled in Shrewsbury Public Schools to participate. If you have any questions about the program please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning. kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

5. SEPAC Meeting
Please join us for our first meeting of 2018, where we'll host members of the School Committee to discuss current issues affecting the District. We'll be meeting in the Media Center at Floral Street School on Tuesday, 1/30 at 7:00 pm.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a volunteer organization made up of parents and caregivers whose children receive special education services through Shrewsbury Public Schools. We were created under Massachusetts law and serve as a voice for parents by advising the Shrewsbury school administration and School Committee on matters related to the education of students with disabilities. The SEPAC provides a forum for parents and caregivers to share experiences and exchange information. Together, we work for understanding, respect, support and the appropriate education of all children with special needs in our community.

6. News from the Beal PTO
Our annual Beal Family Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at Shrewsbury High School. This is our largest annual fundraiser and event where we all come together to share the community we have built this year as a Beal Family. Please save the date an more information will be out soon.

Our next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal Gymnasium. School Committee members B. Dale Magee and Sandy Fryc will be joining us for an informational

session that will include next year's proposed budget (which will be released by Dr. Sawyer at the end of January) and ongoing information around the Beal Building Project.

Box Tops- We are collecting Box Tops with the next collection date on **Friday Feb 16th.** There will be a special prize for the top 3 classes!
There is a bonus Box Tops app available where parents can sign up to earn extra box tops that are directly applied to the Beal Box Tops account!! It's super easy to use and a great chance for us to increase our earnings!!

Beal Movie Nights- Beal will be hosting another set of movie nights soon! The dates have been scheduled for Friday, February 2nd and Friday, February 9th. Details from PTO will be out soon!

7. Kids' Night Out! Mark your Calendars for January 27th
A fun night for kids hosted by Student Council! Part of Shrewsbury High School will be open to children ages 5-12 to play games, watch movies, do arts and crafts, grab dinner and more. SHS students are volunteering as "Big Brothers and Sisters" for the evening, running the event on January 27th from 6-9pm. The cost is $20 per child with discounts for multi-child families. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will also be available for purchase. Adult supervision by SHS staff members and a licensed school nurse will be provided. Pre-register at: http://tinyurl.com/SHSkidsnightout Maximum capacity is 200 children. Registration at the door is available pending maximum capacity has not been reached. Entrance to the event will be at the Gym entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Registration/admittance will open at 5:45pm. Funds raised at KNO support Student Council, Math National Honors Society, and Spanish National Honors Society. Please contact Becky Moisan (rmoisan@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with any questions.

8. Upcoming dates and events
Tuesday, February 6th- Early release day for staff professional development
Friday, February 9th- 100th Day of School
Tuesday, February 13th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium
Monday February 19th-Friday, February 23rd- No School- Presidents' Day and February Vacation
Tuesday, March 6th- Early release day for staff professional development
Tuesday, March 13th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium
Thursday, March 22nd- **Beal Family Dinner at Shrewsbury High School**
Tuesday, April 3rd- Early release day for staff professional development
Tuesday, April 10th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium
Monday April 16th-Friday, April 20th- No School- Patriots' Day and April Vacation

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