

Beall Elementary News

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From the Principal



Hello Beall Families,

I hope this newsletter reaches you in high spirits and in good health. It was great seeing so many of you at Back-to-School Night. Our children continue to work hard trying to master the skills being taught at their grade level. Thank you for all of the support that you provide them with at home. Students will be completing math unit assessments throughout the month of October. One of the ways

that you can support your child is to review the important vocabulary from the unit. Follow this link to access the parent guides <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/elnewsletters.html>.

We will also be holding a Kindergarten Curriculum Meeting on October 20th to provide parents information about changes in the Kindergarten curriculum. The meeting will begin at 7:00 in the media center. On October 21st at 7:00 in the All Purpose Room, we will be meeting with parents from grades 1-3 to discuss changes in grading and reporting for students in these grades.

Please come out to Open House which will take place

on October 13 from 9:30-11:00. During this time you will be able to visit your child's classroom and observe the teaching and learning process taking place.

Finally, get your costumes ready for the biggest Halloween parade in Rockville. We will be holding our annual Halloween Parade on Friday October 31 at 1:30. So come out with your camera and take a few pictures of your favorite ghost.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school. I look forward to seeing you at the first PTA meeting on October 7th or at Movie Night which will take place on October 16th. .

Morning Drop Off

School has been in session for a month. If you walk your child inside the school, please drop your child off by the main office door. Please do not walk your child to the classroom. The teachers need this time to prepare for the instructional

day. If you need to leave a note for your child's teacher, please leave it in the office.

Children should not be escorted to the all purpose room for breakfast. Staff members are on hand to

assist the children.

If you drop your student off after the first bell (9:50 AM), you must accompany them to the office for sign in. The secretaries will issue a pass, and the children will walk to class by themselves.



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Special points of interest:

- Please call (301) 279-8460 to report a sick child. The phone number we published in the summer newsletter was incorrect!
- Remember to make after school transportation plans in the morning. If your child is going home with a friend you must send in a note.
- If your child has a change of after school transportation, please send a note to the teacher. **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE!!**



Saturday School

Give your child a jump start on school by enrolling them in the *George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy*. The program is open to students in grades 1 through 12. This program helps children reach their academic potential through small group support in reading, mathematics, and test taking skills.

Students must meet high academic and behavioral expectations, including regular attendance.

Parents must complete a registration form, with student ID number, pay a \$20.00 registration fee, and provide a copy of their child's most recent report-card. Forms are available in the school office, or on-line at www.gbtlearningacademy.org Please call (301) 320-6545 if you have questions.

October 4, 2008 is opening day. Student and Parent Orientation is from 8:30-9:45 AM. Registration: 9:45 to 11:30 AM.

Learning Academy Centers

High School Locations

Sherwood, Springbrook, Paint Branch, John F. Kennedy, Northwest, Montgomery Blair, Gaithersburg, Wheaton, Albert Einstein, Watkins Mill, Col. Zadock Magruder, and Rockville.



Announcing...myLunchMoney.com

myLunchMoney is a new service to make prepayments to your child's cafeteria account. This service is easy to use convenient, private and secure. Simply go to: www.myLunchMoney.com to enroll and start using the site to deposit funds into your child's cafeteria account. Once your account is estab-

lished, you can check balances and fund the account anytime from your computer. Your child's information is safe, and your personal and payment card in protected by the most advanced Internet security. **There is a \$1.95 convenience fee per transaction.** Using myLunchMoney.com is optional for

families interested in this service. You can still send check or cash to school, but on-line payments save time and are convenient.

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Middle School Magnet Consortium Open Houses

Argyle Magnet School

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM

2400 Bel Pre Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Loiderman Magnet School

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

12701 Goodhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Parkland Magnet School

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 7:00 PM. 4610 West Frankfort Drive, Rockville, MD 20853

For more information visit:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/msmagnet/

Deadline for all programs is November 14, 2008.

Cell Phones

Please note the following information is derived from MCPS policy on personal communication devices (PCS): PCD's refer to any device carried, worn, or stored by students to receive or communicate messages.

Elementary school students are **NOT** allowed to have such devices in their possession during the school day, unless a written request from the parent or guardian is submitted to the principal and approved. There will

be a case by case review of all waiver requests. Waivers may be granted based on consideration of safety to and from school, communication during off campus activities, or medical concerns. Other factors may be considered at the principal's discretion. When waivers are in place, the device will be stored in the main office during the instructional day. Violation of this regulation will result in confiscation of the device and will trigger a parent conference.

Kidz Club News

Closing hours have changed from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. KidzClub will operate on Early Release Days .

KidzClub will be open on the following no-school days: Sept. 30, Oct 9, Oct 17, Nov 3, and Mar 30. The hours will be from 9:00-6:30 PM.



Keep Non-Instructional Items Home

Students have been bringing in non-instructional items to school. Please review with your child the following items that may not be brought to school:

- Play equipment, toys, electronic games, and cards.
- Items that could be viewed as a weapon, pocketknives, metal nail files, etc. These items will be confiscated and could lead to disciplinary action, including suspension.
- Jewlery, items of sentimental value, money, and other special items. These items can be misplaced if brought to school.
- Items that are brought to school that violate this policy are not the responsibility of school staff. Lost Items will not be replaced.

"To catch the reader 's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Middle School Gifted Program Open Houses

Parent Information Meetings

Roberto Clemente Middle School-Upcounty Middle School Center for the Highly Gifted

October 16, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

Eastern Middle School-Humanities and Communities

October 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Takoma Park Middle School-Mathematics, Science, Computer Science

October 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Testing date: December 6, 8:00-11:00 AM

Testing sites and preparation book:
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/

Application Deadline is November 14!!



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We are on the web:

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Enjoy the fall colors!

October Dates

Hispanic Heritage Month

3-Chess Club-3:15 PM

7-PTA Meeting-7:00 PM

9-NO SCHOOL-Yom Kippur

10-Chess Club-3:15 PM

13-COLUMBUS DAY-Open House-9:30-11:00 AM

15-Pickrel, Skroback, Cohan to Smith Center-9:30-1:30

16-Liebow, Martin, Lee, Kearns to Smith Center-9:30-1:30

PTA Movie Night-7:00 PM-AP Room

17-NO SCHOOL-MSTA Convention

**20-24-Walk for the Homeless Week in PE Classes/Red Ribbon
Week**

**20-Kindergarten Parent Curriculum Meeting-7:00 PM-Media
Center**

21-Curriculum Meeting-Grades 1-3-7:00 PM-AP Room

24-Chess Club-3:15 PM

31-End of Marking Period-First Quarter

Halloween Parade-1:30 PM

Chess Club-3:15 PM

Have a great month!!