

The Beall 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. I would also like to thank the PTA and the parent community for working so hard to raise money for the new playground. Our children are anxiously awaiting it to be installed. 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 skills and vocabulary from the math units.

Beall is one of 22 schools in Montgomery County fully implementing the new grading and reporting policy as well as the new report card. We are now using the systems in grades 1-5. We will be holding two informational meetings to provide you with more news about what this will look like for your child. Please come on October 8th to receive information on Grading and Reporting for Grades 1, 4 and 5 and on October 22 for grades 2 and 3.

Please come to Open House which will take place on October 12 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 30 at 1:30. Arrive with your camera and take a few pictures of your favorite ghost.

Phone Calls to School/Student Sign In

The school office has been receiving a large amount of phone calls from parents requesting that office staff deliver messages for students. **PLEASE** do not call the office unless it is an emergency. The office staff can not interrupt

classroom instruction in order to pass a message to your student.

Please make your end of day plans **BEFORE** school.

Thank you!

Parents please remember that you need to sign in students who are late to school.

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Elementary Centers for the Highly Gifted

Applications will be mailed home to all Grade Three students in Montgomery County Public Schools. In addition, the application is available in Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese and is posted on the website at:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/.



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.



Keep Non-Instructional Items Home

Students have been bringing 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.
- Jewellery, 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.

Walk for the Homeless Mini Walk



The 11th annual *Help the Homeless Mini Walk* will take place the week of October 5th through the 9th. Our physical education teacher, Mr. Healy has created an exciting program during regular PE classes for all students who want to participate in this year's fund rais-

ing event benefitting *The Stepping Stones Shelter*. Our commitment to helping the homeless families in our community is as strong as ever and we hope you will join us by registering your child and returning the bright green forms that will be coming home soon. Thanks in

advance for your continued support! Questions can be addressed to Patti Sorini at (301) 424-8556.

For Your Information

Montgomery College Youth Programs

Kids' College

- Enrichment Courses for Students in Grades: Pre-K-12
- Classes are offered after school and on Saturdays on the Rockville and Germantown Campus.

- Fall Classes begin October 2009
- www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth_for_more_information.

Ask MCPS

Thursday, October 1, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Drop in for coffee and conversation.

Department of Family and Community Partnerships

850 Hungerford Drive, Room 50, Rockville, MD

301-279-3100

Middle School Magnet Programs

The MS Magnet Application Programs provide rigorous and engaging programs in Humanities and Communications, Science, and Computer Science.

Please plan to attend the parent information meetings held on:

Eastern MS

Humanities/Communication

Monday, October 19, 7:00 PM

Takoma Park MS

Math/Science

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 PM

Information brochures will be available *October 2, 2009* at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/.

Translations will be available at the web site listed above.

Deadline for applications is : **Monday, Monday, November 9**



Johns Hopkins Talent Search

If your child has scored in the 95th percentile or higher on a state or nationally normed standardized test or has been identified as academically gifted, they may be eligible to participate in the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Talent Search. An

information meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM for Grades 2-8:

Bethesda Elementary

7600 Arlington Road

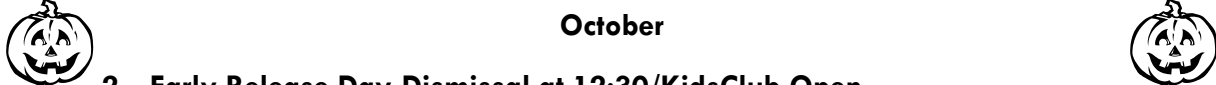
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For more information:

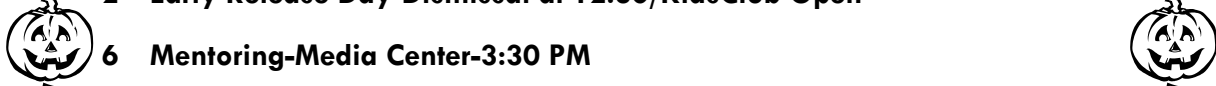
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October



2 Early Release Day-Dismissal at 12:30/KidsClub Open



6 Mentoring-Media Center-3:30 PM



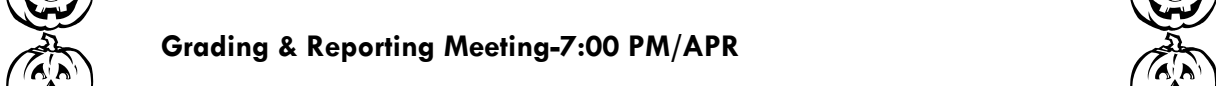
PTA Meeting-7:00 PM/Media Center/AP Room



7 Walk to School Day



Sewing Club-3:15 PM/Art Room



8 Chess Club-3:15 PM/Art Room



Grading & Reporting Meeting-7:00 PM/APR



9 Chess Club-3:15 PM/Art Room



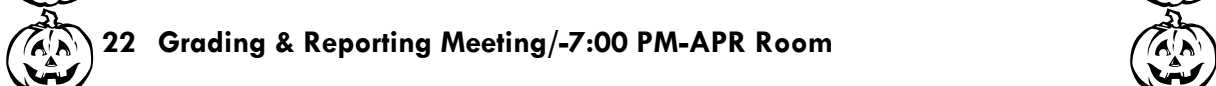
12 Open House—



13 Mentoring-3:30 PM/Media Center



14 Flu Mist Clinic



15 PTA Movie Night



16 NO SCHOOL for Students/Teachers



20 Mentoring-3:30 PM/Media Center



21 Sewing Club-3:15 PM/Art Room



22 Grading & Reporting Meeting/-7:00 PM-APR Room



23 Chess Club-3:15 PM/Art Room



27 Kindergarten to Smith Center



Mentoring-3:30 PM/Media Center

30 End of First Marking Period

Halloween Parties-2:00 PM

Chess Club-3:15 PM/Art Room