

Beall Elementary School Newsletter

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Mr. Troy Boddy, Principal
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Principal's News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family as we embark upon the 2007-2008 school year. It is wonderful to be the leader of such a wonderful school community. As we begin this journey I hope that we continue to work collaboratively to ensure that our children can grow into caring, productive citizens of the world community.

Have a great year!

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Troy E. Boddy
Principal



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Back to School Nights-** Sept. 6 (3-5) Sept. 11(PreK-2)
- ◆ **NO SCHOOL-** September 3 & 13
- ◆ **Early Release Day-**September 19

Take Home Folder

To improve communication between the school and home, a first day of school folder was sent home. There are very important documents in this folder. Please take time to review and fill out the documents that pertain to your family situation.

YELLOW EMERGENCY FORMS In case of an emergency, this is our source of information to contact parents. Please fill out these cards and return them to school right away. **APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS (FARMS)**

Please fill out this form if you believe your child may be eligible for free or reduced meals. Please note that all students in a household must be on one application. Student ID numbers are available on the yellow cards that were sent home. Students who received free or reduced meals last school year will continue to receive free or reduced meals until **Friday, September 28, 2007**. Families must reapply for the meal program each year!



"Remember, last day to turn in free/reduced lunch forms is-- September 26."

Take Home Folder Continued...

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

If you wish to have your students information withheld during the 2007-2008, please fill out the form and return it to the office ***NO LATER THAN September 14.*** For more information, please read the *Student Privacy Notice* attached to the form.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT

Please fill out this form and return it to the school office immediately. In the event of an emergency, school staff will have this information for release of students.

STUDENT INSURANCE FORM

This insurance is optional. Please mail completed forms to the provider.

Cafeteria News

MCPS does not maintain a loan program for breakfast or lunch. Students cannot borrow money from the office or cafeteria.

Please keep track of money deposited in your child's account. You may call Mrs. Horridge, Beall's Cafeteria Manager (301) 279-8490, between 9:00 and 11:00 to check the balance in your child's **SNAP** account. Low balance letters will be sent home each week. If your child

does not have money in the **SNAP** account, the PTA will provide a cheese sandwich with milk for your child.

Paid Lunch \$2.25/Reduced Lunch \$.40

Milk \$.50

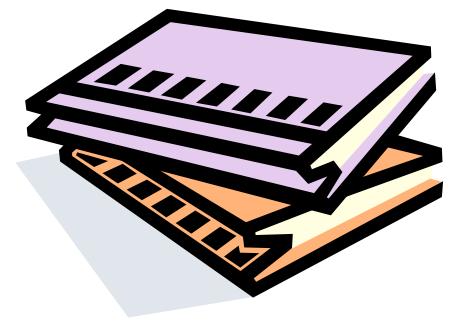
Paid Breakfast \$1.25/Reduced Breakfast \$.40

Take Home Folder Continued...

An Internet/Photo Permission Form will be sent home in the folder. Please take time to review this form and send it in. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

LUNCH MENUS

Lunch menus will be sent home monthly. On-line menu www.mpcs.k12.md.us/departments/foodserv



National Walk to School Day

National Walk to School Day will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd. Students and parents will gather at various locations and walk to school together in groups called "walking school buses." *National Walk to School Day* gives children, parents, school teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Last year, more than 3 million

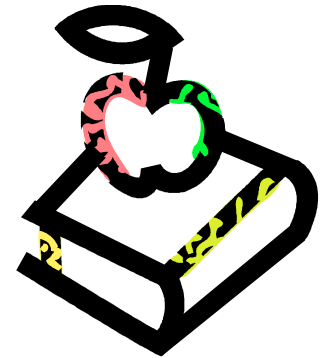
walkers from around the world walked to school together for various reasons - all hoping to create communities that are safe places to walk. Be on the look out for additional information in the weeks to come. You can also visit the Walk to School Web site @ www.iwalktoschool.org

Media Center News

Many classes have already visited our Media Center and started borrowing books. At the beginning of the year, students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 borrow one book at a time. Students in grades 2-5 borrow two books at a time. Please help your child take care of these books while at home, and bring them back when finished. A due date is stamped on the back of the book. Students can return, renew or borrow

new books any day of the week by asking the teacher for a pass. We would be happy to hear from any family members who would like to volunteer to check out or re-shelve books. Thank you!

Carolyn Goshen-Media Specialist
Gabrielle Dang, Media Assistant



From the PTA

SALLY FOSTER!

Our PTA does many great things for our school: International Night, Science Fair and the School Directory are just some examples of our PTA-sponsored school events. PTA activities are funded by "Sally Foster" sales. The Beall PTA earns 50% on every item sold. Last year, our PTA made \$10,000. The Sally Foster sales catalogue includes high quality gift wrap, delicious chocolates, greeting cards and more!

The more items your child sells, the more money the PTA gets and the more prizes your child earns. Please support the school by asking your relatives, friends, neighbors and colleagues to purchase some of Sally Foster's great products. Please remember that your child should not sell door-to-door. Internet sales are also available.

Orders and payments are due at the school by Wednesday, September 19th.

If you have not received your envelope, please call Heather Luckey at (301) 610-9103.

HELP BELLA!!

This fall we plan to "update" our mascot, Bella. She will be getting a new look. We are asking families to send in 5 X 5" pieces of fabric. The fabric can be printed or plain in the colors of blue, green, black, purple, yellow or white. The fabric pieces should be brought to Mrs. Sowada, in the school office. Thank you!



Cell Phones

Possession and Use of Portable Communication Devices (PCDs) in Elementary Schools



School Name
Beall Elementary

Phone:
(301) 279-8460

Fax:
(301) 279-4999

Please note the following information derived from regarding MCPS policy on PCDs:

PCDs refer to any device carried, worn or stored by students to receive or communicate messages. Such devices may include but are not limited to portable pagers, hand-held radios, and cellular telephones. This definition may also include any new technology developed for similar purposes. Excluded for this definition is any device with communication capabilities which has been approved for instructional purposes.

Elementary school students are **not** allowed to have such devices in their possession during the school day unless

a written request from a parent or guardian is submitted to the principal. There will be a case by case review of all waiver requests. Waivers may be granted based on consideration of such factors as: safety to and from school, communication during off campus after school activities or medical concerns. Other factors may be considered at the principal's discretion.

When waivers are in place, the device will be stored with the teacher or 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 to discuss the issue.

Questions regarding this policy should be addressed to Mr. Boddy.

We're on the Web!
www.mcps.k12.md.us/bealles

