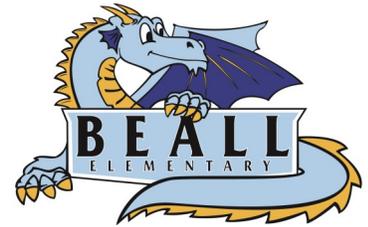


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## Principal's Page

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*A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child at Beall Elementary School. Staff, children, parents and the community will form a multicultural learning environment which provides all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will empower them to be successful, contributing citizens of the world.*



### **SPOTLIGHT: Walk To School Day**

Wednesday, October 10, is International Walk to School Day! The PTA is supporting group walks from the following 3 locations: Welsh Park, Peg Sante Park, and the End of Laird Street near the intersection of West Montgomery Avenue. This should be an enjoyable walk. Please feel free to make signs and a lot of noise for the walk. PTA volunteers are requesting that students begin gathering at the designated locations by 8:30 and plan to begin their walk by 8:40 am. We hope parents can join their children for this special day to make it a festive event.



### **Halloween Festivities**

This year's Halloween parties are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31. The traditional costume parade will begin around 2:10 p.m., followed by classroom parties. Classroom teachers will provide you with additional information, including a permission slips. **Please do not send in food or treats without first consulting the teacher.** All food must be store purchased. Students must have returned permission slips in order to participate. All Halloween celebrations are optional. Quick reminders:



- Students should not wear costumes, masks, or make-up to school. They will be given time to change later in the day.
- For the safety and comfort of all Beall students, scary costumes, weapons, and fake blood will not be allowed.
- We request that parents not wear costumes. It is important for us to be able to recognize you as you visit the building.
- Parents should only take pictures of their own children. Pictures and videos should not be taken in the classroom.

### **myMCPS Portal for Parents and Students**

The new myMCPS Classroom portal is a 21st century digital learning environment designed to meet the needs of staff, students, and parents of MCPS! The myMCPS Parent Portal is the primary home-to-school communication vehicle for schools to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling and more. Letters with information on how to create a myMCPS Parent Portal account were previously mailed home to parents. If you have not activated your account, please email Mrs. Gill (Gina\_M\_Gill@mcpsmd.org) for account information and directions.



### **Changes to the MCPS Curriculum**

MCPS is making changes to the K-8 curriculum for English and mathematics. The district is in the process of evaluating and selecting new curriculum and instructional materials and during the next several months, MCPS will work with staff, members of the community, and other partners to gather feedback and outline the selection process. Parents/guardians and members of the community can ask questions and share their thoughts on the process by completing a brief [survey](#). Please visit the [website](#) for regular updates on the curriculum selection process. You can read the message from the chief academic officer [here](#).

### **MCPS Parent Academy**

The MCPS Parent Academy has kicked off its fall season on September 24. Parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to participate in these free workshops that provide information, resources, tools, and tips to support your child's success in school. Don't miss this season of workshops, which will be offered on a range of topics, including college and career planning, study skills, cybersafety and social media, and positive communication. Parent Academy workshops are free. Childcare and interpretation services are provided upon request. A full list of courses is available on the [Parent Academy website](#).

### **This Week**

**Mon., October 8**

Open House

**Tues., October 9**

Grade 4 Field Trip

**Wed., October 10**

Walk to School Day

**Thurs., October 11**

Picture Day

### **Coming Soon**

**October 16**

Dine Out Night

**October 18**

Grade 5 Field Trip

**October 24**

Grade 4 Field Trip

### **Free and Reduced Meal Applications**

Families who wish to submit a Free and Reduced Meal (FARMS) Application, may do so at any time throughout the school year. **We want to remind you that if you qualified for services last year, you must submit a new application by October 17.** Any family who qualifies for services is responsible for any outstanding debt that may be on their child's account prior to the services beginning. For more information, or an application, please visit MCPS's [Food Services Website](#) or contact the main office.