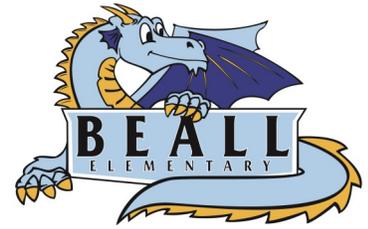


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A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child at Beall Elementary School. Staff, children, parents and the community will form a multicultural learning environment which provides all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes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



SPOTLIGHT: Emergency Drills

Every year, we continue to review and evaluate our safety and security procedures and practice our emergency procedures with our students. Following the drills, staff review the procedures and determine opportunities for improvements. At this point, students have practiced fire drills, inclement weather drills, bus evacuation, drop/cover/hold (tornado), lockdown, and shelter-in-place. We have also reviewed with students how we will communicate with them during their recess period. We will continue to have drills throughout the school year. While some are announced, many scheduled drills will be unannounced. We will also practice the drills with the support of our MCPS Security Officer. Our security officer will be looking at the different protocols we have implemented and guide us in reflecting and evaluating our practices. Staff members will continue to review expectations and procedures with students in all areas of the building. For example, students may be very comfortable knowing how to respond in their classrooms but less confident knowing the procedures in other areas of the building (e.g. PE, lunch, media, recess, etc.). It is our goal to make sure students have a strong understanding of how best to respond at any point during the day. As a staff, we have continued to identify challenges that we may be able to address prior to the drill in order to create a safer environment.



We invite you to take a couple of minutes to review expectations with your children. It is important for them to know that we take this very seriously and expect students to also. We have had some great ideas and feedback originate from our students. We hope they will continue to do their best to understand the process and share what they see. It is important for all students to understand that they should feel safe, but also have a role in being safe. For additional information about MCPS's safety and security practices, please visit the MCPS website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/security/>

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.

NAACP Parents' Council to Hold Kickoff Meeting

The NAACP Parents' Council kickoff meeting will be held from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22 at Richard Montgomery High School. This event will bring together parents, MCPS teachers, and principals to share ideas on cultivating parent engagement and promoting student achievement. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from speakers who are educational experts in the area of promoting minority student achievement and participate in breakout sessions on topics including closing the achievement gap, parent-teacher conferences, and discipline. To register for the event, visit naacppc-md.org/

This Week

Wed., October 24
Grade 4 Field Trip

Thurs., October 25
Grade 5 Field Trip

Coming Soon

October 31
Halloween Festivities

November 2
Grade 1 Field Trip

November 6
No School

November 7
Early Dismissal
Marking Period Ends

November 9
Fun Run

November 12
Early Dismissal

November 13
Early Dismissal

November 14
Grade 4 Field Trip
Dine Out Night

Clothing Needed

The Health Room is collecting clothes that can be loaned to students during the school day due to unexpected circumstances. We are also in need of new packages of underwear (boys and girls) for children ages 4-8. Thank you for any support that you are able to provide.