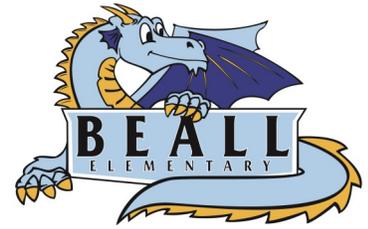


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A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child at Beall Elementary School. Staff, children, parents and the community will form a multicultural learning environment which provides all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes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



SPOTLIGHT: Kids for Kids

We are very excited to have the opportunity to continue participating in a program called the *Kids for Kids Fund*. Students who choose to participate will research various organizations doing positive things for children, identify how additional funding would support their efforts, create a persuasive presentation to their peers, and then collaboratively decide which organization should be the recipients of a \$1000 donation. This program is funded through a community partnership program. This optional program is only available for 4th grade students and will take place during recess on Fridays in February and March. All fourth graders were given applications, which are due on Friday, January 18. For more information, ask one of our 4th grade students and/or contact Ms. Cohen.



Help Wanted

Beginning in February, Beall students will have the opportunity to participate in our annual *Pennies for Patients* campaign. (More information will come home at a later date.) The campaign requires a lot of adult support from 9:00 until approximately 10:00 each morning of the campaign. We are looking for a couple of volunteers who may be interested in committing a few days a week. If you are interested and available, please contact Ms. Cohen (Jessica_L_Cohen@mcpsmd.org) to let her know your available dates.



Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Virtual Presentation

In case you missed it, you can still watch the superintendent's virtual community conversation on the Fiscal Year 2020 recommended operating budget online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/. During the December 18 discussion, Superintendent Jack R. Smith, MCPS staff, and community partners answered questions on the budget and stressed the importance of its focus on student classrooms and schools, including the key bodies of work: improving programs; increasing access to strong academic and career opportunities; extending learning; providing language opportunities; focusing on physical, social and psychological well-being; hiring and retaining an effective and diverse workforce; and strengthening operational excellence. Now that Dr. Smith has presented his recommendation, the timeline for the FY 2020 Operating Budget is as follows:

January 9 and January 14, 2019: Board of Education holds operating budget hearings

January 16, 2019: State releases budget

January 17 and 24, 2019: Board of Education holds operating budget work sessions

February 12, 2019: Board takes action on the recommended operating budget

For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/.



Upcoming County Education Budget Meetings

Parents/guardians and members of the community are invited to join Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith, and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard at upcoming Education Budget meetings scheduled for February and March. Attendees can find out how budget decisions are made, what the County is doing today to get ready for FY 2020 and beyond, and the opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions. The meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

February 20, Neelsville Middle School in Germantown

February 27, Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School in Silver Spring

March 6, Rockville High School, in Rockville

March 11, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda

March 27, Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus

The county executive will announce his Recommended FY 2019 Operating Budget in March. In April, the County Council will hold public hearings and approve the operating budget at the end of May.

This Week

Tues., January 15

Winter Arts Night

Coming Soon

January 21

Holiday- No School

January 22

PTA Dine Out Night

January 24

Science Expo

January 25

Early Dismissal

January 28

No School for Students

Inclement Weather

As winter sets in, we would like to remind all parents to make sure that the office has updated contact information including work and cell phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. In the event that schools have a delayed opening or early dismissal due to winter weather, announcements will be made via MCPS website, local radio and television stations, and through MCPS Alerts. We encourage you to take advantage of these services instead of calling the main office. Please discuss with your child changes to their regular dismissal routine, that may become necessary, if schools are closed early due to inclement weather.

