



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming PTA Events

March 03

Check out our **Parents Nite Out** hosted by Global Children's Center **from 6:30-9:30 pm** in the Beall Gymnasium. Drop your toilet-trained dragon off and enjoy a night off! They will have loads of fun with the American Ninja Warrior themed activities! The cost is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. Best of all, ALL proceeds generated will be donated to the PTA. Si

March 07

Please plan to come out and join us for our **March PTA meeting** to be held from **6:30-8:00pm** in the media center. We will have a special presentation titled "Raising 'I Can' Kids". As always, childcare will be available on site free of charge provided by GCC!

March 13

Dine Out at Panera Bread located at 219 East Middle lane in the Town Center from 6pm-9pm. Please be sure to present your flyer or identify yourself as a dine out participant as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the PTA!

March 17

Our 9th Annual Beall Teachers VS. Parents March Madness event will be held from 7pm-10pm in the main gymnasium at Richard Montgomery High School. Food vendors, AMAZING raffle prizes, an awesome game, a phenomenal half-time show...what more could you ask for? Get your tickets now as the prices go up at the door!

Thanks to all who attended our PTA Meeting and Workshop on **February 7th**. It was very informative as we had guest speaker Lauren Simpson of the Audubon Naturalist Society on hand to guide us through the steps for Beall to become a **Green School!** This program reflects a two-year partnership with our goal of to apply for "green school" status in May 2018!

Our first annual winter semi-formal on **February 24th** was a success! It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up and the gymnasium decorated so beautifully! I know I will take paper snowflakes over real snowflakes any day! ☺ Many thanks to our coordinators for putting forth such a huge effort to ensure the evening was enjoyable to all! Shout out to the Dragon Men for donating the monies for the photo booth, to Jon Walsh, Karen Folkart, Mrs. DeVriendt and the third grade team for co-chairing the event. Job well done! Thanks to all the student and adult volunteers who participated in any capacity during this event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Our dine out at Giuseppe's Pizza Plus on **February 16th** was both yummy and rewarding! Thanks to your support and Giuseppe's generosity a total of \$225 was raised and will be donated to the PTA! Way to go! Please plan to join us for our next dine out at Panera Bread on March 13th. Check out the details here>>>>>>>>>

Yearbook photo collection is fully underway! While the deadline for ordering this commemorative book has passed, your opportunity to contribute to the final product is still ongoing! Did you get a great picture from the Science Expo or the Winter Semi-Formal? Well, don't be stingy! Share those photos for consideration to be placed in the yearbook! Photos may be submitted via dropbox via the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zietsqeir3jy6hc/AAC6YGb5oxybQxINC6wR8qlia?dl=0> or sent to our coordinator Liza Ford at beallesyearbook@gmail.com

Spring is right around the corner folks! My, how time flies when you're having fun!

-Tyra Estwick, Beall E.S. VP of Communications

The Spring Silent Auction and Global Parents' Night Out Are On Their Way – April 28

We are excited to host our second annual **Silent Auction** on Friday April 28th. The silent auction is a fun way raise money for the school by bidding on items and services! The higher the bid, the more likely you are to win! And if you are worried about what to do with your little dragons while you are socializing and checking out the goods up for grabs, we've got you covered! Global Children's Center will be hosting a **Parent's Nite Out** on the same night from 6:30-9:30pm!! Win! Win! The sign up for the Parent's Nite Out will be shared soon so be on the look-out!

You may not know this, but while all of our PTA volunteers only have one head each, a lot of them wear many hats! Gabe Meyer is one of our two MCCPTA delegates, he also pitched in when we were in a pinch with the directory and he has now stepped up to serve as the Silent Auction Coordinator...all the while continuing to be dad extraordinaire to twins Owen and Ella! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? NOPE! Stop right there! We need HELP! Volunteers are *greatly* needed to help pull this event off! Unlike most events where the volunteers are needed the day of, we need you NOW! The success of this type of event all comes down to the planning and preparation. Volunteers are needed to assist in soliciting auction and food items as well as to help on the day of the event. We have always had an active community so let's do this the way we know how! Please consider signing up via the link below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co848ADAA23AoF94-beall>

If you have been considering volunteering in a role this year, but have not had the opportunity to do so or didn't know in what way you could help, here is your opportunity. We would love to see some new faces amongst the familiar ones. For those of you who continue to step up time and time again... thank you for giving your time and talents toward our school community.

More Important News & Updates

Fundraising

Painless Fundraising –

Our Box Tops Contest numbers are in and the winning classes are as follows:

First Place-Mrs. DeVriendt-2060

Second Place-Ms. Lee-1481

Third Place-Mrs. Clagett-998

A total of 10,892 were sent in earning us... **\$1089.20** for our school! Many thanks to our coordinator Janet Brown for all of her hard work! Janet would also like to give a shout out to her box top helpers: Tracy Neibauer, Tracy Saltarelli, Jenny Chambers and Denise Harvey!



In & About the Community

Volunteer Opportunities & Other Important Info

It's never too late to get **more involved** in your child(ren)'s school and activities by becoming a volunteer. If you would like to learn more about volunteering at recess, please contact Tracy Saltarelli at tracy.saltarelli@gmail.com.

Want to help, but don't know how? For general volunteer interest, please reach out to Paula at President@BeallPTA.org. You CAN and DO make a difference!

After School Activities

Winter after school activities are in full swing! There are a wide variety of options to choose from with more coming up for the Spring! Please check out the after school activities link under the events tab on the PTA's page as it is updated frequently! Stay tuned for registration information about Spring After School Activities. Questions? Contact our VP of Programs, Melissa Scales, at Programs@BeallPTA.org.

Let's not forget our Amazon Associates Program! This program has the potential to provide thousands of dollars to Beall at no cost to any of us who already shop on Amazon.com. This is not the Amazon Smile program, but an affiliate program that can be used as a fundraiser for Beall. All we need is your support! The only way to participate in this great program is to use the special link, which may be found here: <http://amzn.to/2grBGbF>

It's never too late to register for our other painless fundraising initiatives. Please take a few minutes to make sure you've registered for all initiatives listed on our website: http://www.beallpta.org/painless_fundraising. **This truly means bucks for our school.** Contact Karen Folkart (kfolkart@hotmail.com) for questions about painless fundraising or to share ideas. Help us earn free money for Beall by shopping how you ordinarily would!

Rockville Rewards Cards –



You can still purchase a Rockville Rewards card! This fundraiser, sponsored by the City of Rockville to promote local businesses and to support non-profits (including Beall PTA), provides **unlimited discounts** on many favorite businesses for goods and services. Please follow the link below for a complete list of participating business: <http://www.rockvillerewards.com/where-to-use-your-rewards-card/>. The card pays for itself, and 100% of all card sales goes to Beall! **All of this for only \$25!** Cards may be purchased at any PTA sponsored event or by contacting Paula (President@BeallPTA.org) or Juliana (Fundraising@BeallPTA.org).

Membership Update

Now that you've seen all the wonderful things the Beall PTA does, the question is... are you a member?? If you haven't joined, then why not? We need you! Please do so online at www.beallpta.org/membership or complete the [membership form](#) (available at www.beallpta.org/membership) and send it to us via backpack mail in an envelope labeled "PTA Membership." You can choose from 3 different types of membership: Individual @ \$25 covers 1 adult per family, Family @ \$40 covers 2 adults per family, and Beall Staff @ \$15 covers 1 Beall Staff member. In addition to supporting Beall, you will enjoy many membership benefits, including discounted entry to PTA-sponsored events, a printed Student Directory, and access to the Student Directory mobile/smartphone app.

Please consider submitting a tax-deductible [donation](#) to the Beall PTA (<https://beall.nationbuilder.com/donate>). We welcome & appreciate donations, using them to help pay for the **many** ways the PTA supports Beall. For more information about membership or donations, please contact Xi Zhou at Membership@BeallPTA.org.

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