



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



The Dragon Dateline

PTA President's Corner

Seasons' Greetings to the entire Beall Community! As we gear up for Winter Break, I want to reflect on the year so far and thank all the many wonderful people who have made our efforts so successful. The school community has proved as vibrant as ever, and Beall families are continuing to come together for a variety of exciting events and outstanding outreach programs.

Save the date for the Forum on Funding Schools – Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30 pm. How do we maintain consistent, reliable funding for our schools and ensure our students receive the necessary investment? Come participate in a discussion with State and County officials as we ex-

plore the issues surrounding the Maintenance of Effort law and both state and county funding for our schools. The flyer is available on the PTA website.

Thank you for the outpouring of support to the Rodriguez family. The community has truly outdone itself with this amazing display of support and compassion.

Have some ideas for the PTA? Please email info@beallpta.org.

Thank you,
Tida Violante
Beall PTA President
president@beallpta.org

Next PTA Workshop: Maryland 529 Plans

Please join us on January 10 for our next PTA Workshop, which will again take place directly preceding the monthly PTA meeting. This next workshop will be led by a represen-

tative of College Savings Plans of Maryland, and will address college savings plans, the Maryland 529 plan, and how best to begin saving for college for even the youngest children.

The workshop will begin promptly at 6:15 pm. Please visit www.beallpta.org to register for this workshop and for babysitting.

4th Annual March Madness Basketball Game

Mark your calendars and save the date – we are coming up on that time of year again when the Teachers and Parents start to lace up their sneakers, pump up the basketballs, and take an extra stretch to get ready to hit the basketball court for our Teachers v. Parents basketball game. The 4th Annual March Madness Beall ES Teacher v. Parent Basketball Game will take place March 16th, 2012 at Richard Montgomery HS at 7:00 pm.

Those interested in participating as a member of the Parents' team (both women and men) can log on to http://www.beallpta.org/event_march_madness to express interest and see the qualifications to participate. If you have any questions, or to volunteer, please email Doug Lunenfeld at beall.basketball@yahoo.com.



Multicultural Night 2/23: email BeallMCNight@gmail.com to participate; please check the PTA website for a volunteer form. Also, Ms. Edlind will need help to frame and hang student artwork; please email her at Elizabeth_Edlind@mcpsmd.org.

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Teachers' Wish Lists

It's the time of year for giving, and we can think of none more deserving than your children's teachers and education specialists when exercising your generosity. Here is a wish list from some of Beall's staff:

Jenn Pisarra, Reading Specialist — sturdy book baskets for the reading room

Michelle Stanley, 4th grade teacher — strong computer speakers, stinky stickers for graded papers (see photo —>)

Carolina Kindel, 4th grade teacher — indoor recess games, magnets, Velcro, Clorox wipes, tissues, pencil sharpeners (electric or handheld), stickers, dishwashing soap, sponges



Volunteer Central

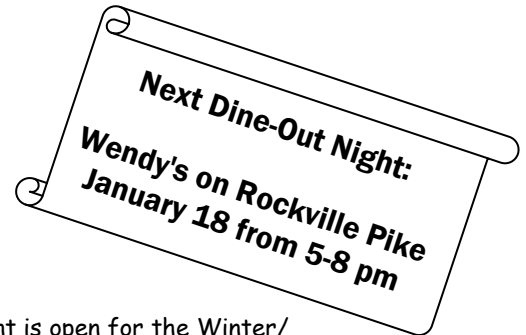
A special and heart-felt *thank you* to the Beall Community for showing great holiday spirit at the Beall Holiday Luncheon!! Over 60 Beall families donated to this special occasion! Cosi catered part of the staff luncheon, and we had our terrific Beall community pull together to donate drinks, side dishes, desserts, and/or \$10 gift cards. An extra *thank you* goes out to those of you who helped with set-up, serving, or clean-up too!!!

Thank you to Mrs. Puglisi and to JSSA for the informative and well attended workshop on positive discipline.

Thank you to Meleah Boyle for her help tending the Beall Butterfly Garden. Thank you also to Beall Girl Scouts Leah Johnston, Gabby Gee, Zoe Vincent,

Dahlia Frier, Ellie Moore, Monica Brown, Elsa Vincent, Isabel Barker, Anna D'Albora, Laura Wiedderen, and Samara Frier; siblings Joey and Katie Moore, Lillian Barker, and Gianna Frier; and parents John Barker, Rachel Frier, Mia D'Albora, and Amy Gambrill for helping to weed and clean up the garden and get it ready for winter.

REMINDER: Volunteers are needed to help at recess! Please sign up online at <http://beallpta.org/volunteer>.



Winter/Spring After-School Activities

Spanish FLES (Foreign Language in Elementary Schools) enrollment is open for the Winter/Spring session! After-school Beginner (2nd -5th grade) and Introductory (K-1st) classes are offered. Classes begin in January. Only 3 spaces in the introductory class are still available! \$130 registration online (www.fles.org) or by check is due by December 20th. (Registration forms were sent home in backpacks.) Please contact Allison Gilbert for further information at mamadoc123@yahoo.com.

i9sports is offering a basketball class after school and will supervise the students immediately after dismissal. Please contact (301) 299.1039 or check out www.i9sports.com for more details.

Beall PTA Science Expo

Tuesday, January 31, 2012
(snow date Feb 6)
7:00 -8:30 pm

Coming soon from your PTA... the Science Expo, a celebration of the world of science!

Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/beallscienceexpo/> for in-

formation on doing a project, experiment ideas, and tips for students & parents. This information will also be emailed to participants, or sent via backpack mail if requested.

The sign-up form went home in backpacks on or around Dec. 16. Please tell us if you plan to

do a science project or need more information -- or wish to sign up as a parent volunteer -- by returning the form to school no later than Friday, January 6.

For more information contact Kay Newhouse 202-596-8525 / BeallSciExpo@gmail.com.