



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

451 Beall Avenue, Rockville MD 20850

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Dear Neighbor,

Do you remember your elementary school? I am certain that you have a fond memory of a teacher, a significant learning moment or a great friend from your childhood school. When I think of my elementary school, I remember how so many staff members were pulled together to provide me with specialized attention that I needed and how smart they made me feel.

Did you know that for this upcoming school year, the student body at Beall Elementary School is expected to reach 800 in 2012. Our school serves about 400 families in the vicinity of the Rockville Town Center and along Rockville Pike. We want Beall students and their families to remember their school as a great place where they came to learn and have fun—where learning was relevant to their lives. It's difficult to provide such an environment when the school district has had budget cuts for three years in a row. This has resulted in increasing class size, cuts to counselors, paraeducators, music, library books, special teachers, and much more.

Beall PTA would like you to be a part of the solution in a climate where enrollment is exploding but financial support is slashed at every school. For this upcoming school year, please consider sponsoring the two major events listed below. Further down the page, you will find a Wish List of items that our school needs to keep pace with basic needs and new technology.

Event #1: *Back-to-School Picnic - September 7, 2012*

Financial Support Needed: \$1500

Objective: To increase our membership and build community cohesiveness, we would like to have a fall picnic at which we will provide a DJ, fitness games, and other fun, family- and community-oriented activities.

Event #2: *Science Expo - January 29, 2013*

Financial Support Needed: \$2500

Objective: To increase understanding of the role of science in our everyday lives and to encourage creativity in scientific experiment. We have doubled the number of students who participated in the Science Expo in the past year to 150 people! We have translated many of the documents into Chinese and Spanish to involve more Dragon families. We planned to include even more students this coming year. Science Expo requires input from our outside guest scientists and providing them with dinner for their generous time as well as prizes for all of the students who participate in the Expo.

Wish List from Bella the Dragon

With as little as \$10, you can help our school! Below we have listed examples of what the PTA would like to provide for Beall students and teachers.

\$10 = 1 basketball for recess

\$30 = 30 dry erase markers for 1 classroom

\$35 = 1 electric pencil sharpener

\$40 = 1 basket of goodies for teachers to use: post-it pads, stickers, ink pads, etc.

\$50 = 3 math board games for 1 classroom

\$75 = recess equipment (balls, jump ropes & outdoor games) for 1 grade of students

\$100 = 25 science leveled readers for 1 classroom

\$140 = extracurricular activity instruction for 1 day

\$500 = 1 used cello for instrumental music class (it's hard to bring it to school!)

\$700 = 1 Elmo Digital Document Camera (replaced transparencies & jammed copiers!)

\$3,000 = 2 cultural art assemblies (one for K-2 & one for 3-5 graders)

\$4,000 = dry erase board with grids for each of the 800 student at Beall!

\$7,000 = 1 Promethean "smart white board" & set up for 1 classroom

\$15,000 = 30 tablet computers for 1 classroom of students to use for online testing

Take this list and multiply it by the needs of about 800 children at our school! We need the help of the community to ensure that our school remains one of the top schools in the nation.

In return for your financial support, we will provide a table for your company at our community events. We will also acknowledge contributions with your name on our monthly newsletter and newly designed website. Remember that 100% of your donation to our PTA is tax deductible!

I thank you in advance for your time. If I can answer any questions for you, please contact me at president@beallpta.org or 240.506.1324.

Regards,

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Tida Violante, President

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