



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Dragon Families:

Fall is officially here! We're not even two full months into the school year, but the PTA has certainly been busy! We kicked off October with our first general PTA Meeting on October 4th, where we heard from our dedicated and dynamic Beall specialists. It was a *great* turn out and we were encouraged by the lively interaction from those who attended. Please save the date for future PTA meetings so that we may keep our participation consistently high. As a reminder, FREE on-site childcare is available through Global Children's Center, so please plan to come out and join us monthly. Our next PTA meeting will be held in the media center on November 1st where our very own assistant principal Mrs. T-C will be presenting on the PARCC Assessment.

Our Dragon Men & Donuts event on September 20th had an unprecedented turn-out! So much so, that unfortunately, we ran out of the donut part of the event twice before it was over. Nonetheless, it was wonderful to see all the dragon fathers, grandfathers and father figures chatting with their children and other dragon dads. We will be hosting another Dragon Men and Donuts event in the winter and will ensure that we have ample sweets on hand! Hats off to our Dragon Men coordinator Jon Walsh for his hard work in making this event a success!

Our first Parents night out of the year was a hit! Parents came out to Bar Louie to enjoy the evening, while their children were cared for by the creative and caring staff of Global Children's Center. This event generated more than \$550 in donations for the PTA!! If this is what we can do in less than two months, think of what we can do by the end of the year!!! Let's do this!!

Tyra Estwick, VP of Communications, Communications@BeallPTA.org



Upcoming PTA Events

November 1

PTA Meeting: 7-8 pm (childcare provided by Global. Please rsvp at www.beallpta.org/events).

November 9th-11th

Preview Days 11/03 and 11/04. Items are available for purchase 11/09-11/11. Volunteers needed

November 10th

Take the night off from cooking and come out to California Tortilla for a family dine out from 5pm-7pm!

November 15th

Join us for an annual favorite – **Tea with Mr. Alter!** Take this opportunity to meet and chat with Mr. Alter between 9:15-10:15 am at Beall. RSVP at www.beallpta.org/events.

November 18

Put on your dancing shoes and join us at the annual Dragon Disco, 7:00-8:30 pm. This event is chaired by, and supports, the Fourth Grade Team and field trip! **All children must be accompanied by an adult!**

Message from the PTA President, Paula Tully

The year was off to a great start. We have already had plenty of fun and excitement between the Back-to-School Picnic, Dragon Men & Donuts, Parents' Night Out, Movie Night, Dine Out activities, and more! That is just the tip of the iceberg. We have more planned and are always looking for a few good men and women to help out. If you are able, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cof4aada62da1fa7-ptavolunteer> or contact me (President@BeallPTA.org).

A few other things to look forward to also include advocating for Beall, Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 (RMES5), the Richard Montgomery (RM) cluster, and the rest of Montgomery County. Preliminary budget meetings are upon us. The first is to lobby for the complete buildout of RMES5. The plans allow for the shell of several classrooms for future growth but at the rate our cluster is growing it is very likely that the space will be needed sooner than anticipated. There are efficiencies and cost reductions that are associated with building them out with the rest of the school. It is important that Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, and County Council are in agreement. Otherwise, the new school, slated to open August 2018, may find portables on the grounds soon after opening – something that happened to College Gardens after their remodel/rebuild not that long ago. There are a couple of ways you can get this started on the right foot: contact our Councilmember, Sydney Katz, Dr. Smith, and members of the Board in support of the buildout of the shell; and/or attend public hearings on 11/10 & 11/14 to show support. The RM Cluster Coordinators are expected to testify but they can use all of the support we can provide, including our little Dragons. Wearing spirit wear is encouraged!

More Important News & Updates

Fundraising

Our Rockville Rewards Kick Off on September 15th at Marble Slab was a great success!! Thanks to all of you who supported this year long fundraiser! Rockville Rewards are available for sale for \$25 through the school PTA and may be used throughout the valid period of September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017 for discounts at local Rockville vendors. The total proceeds from the card purchase go to the PTA! You can learn more by checking out the following link: <https://www.rockvillerewards.com/>. Rewards cards may be purchased by contacting Juliana at fundraising@beallpta.org or Paula at president@beallpta.org and are available for purchase at PTA events.

The fall fundraisers kicked off October 24th with the online only Mabel's Labels, and Spirit Cups. Our Mixed Bags fundraiser is also in progress and orders are due November 4th so please get them in as soon as you can!

In & About the Community

Nat'l Walk to School Day

We had an impressive turn out for this year's National Walk to School Day on October 5th. We even had a special guest take part in the event. Our very own Mayor Bridget Newton walked with children and their families as well! Special thanks to our local law enforcement and dedicated crossing guards for coming to support us and to our parent volunteers, Kathy Smolley, Tracy Niebauer and Juliana Lutwin who came early to lead each group! #teamwork

Volunteer Opportunities & Other Important Info

Do you know what makes a volunteer organization even better? More volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering with the PTA or at the school but don't know how, please reach out and let us know by contacting Paula at president@beallpta.org as we NEED your support!

Show Your Beall Spirit!

Beall Spirit Wear T-shirts and Beall PTA car magnets are for sale at all PTA events. Need an item sooner than that? We've got you covered! Contact Paula at President@BeallPTA.org today.

Special shout-out to our fundraising committee chair Juliana Lutwin for her consistent efforts in this role!

Looking ahead, start saving those box tops and labels for education! This is a GREAT way to support the school by simply purchasing products that you normally would. We will begin collecting these treasures in the new year, but you, your family, friends and co-workers can begin collecting them now! Box Tops for education may be found on many household items, such as General Mills items, ZipLoc and Kleenex. Check out their site here:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/> The Labels for education program sponsored by Campbell's will be ending in the 2017 year, so let's collect all that we can! Clip them out neatly, store them and turn them in with our event next year. The top three classes with the most labels will win a party!

After School Activities – Late Fall Classes!

Our after school calendar is in full swing! All of our classes are held immediately after school, right here at Beall. We have some new classes coming up in the late Fall, including: Drawing through Young Rembrandts, Basketball and Soccer. Consider providing your child with some fun after school enrichment (perfect for cold, rainy or snowy days)! All class information and links to registration are at www.beallpta.org/after_school_activities. Please provide any feedback about classes or send questions to Melissa Scales at programs@beallpta.org

Painless Fundraising Reminder

If you have not yet registered your Giant & Harris Teeter grocery club cards or linked your Target REDCard to Beall or Amazon account (through AmazonSmile) to the Beall PTA yet, please do. It's free money for Beall! Everything you need to know is posted on our website at http://www.beallpta.org/painless_fundraising, including info about Box Tops & Labels for Education, organized by Janet Brown at Coffy500@mac.com

Let's continue earning **free** money for our school! For more information about Painless Fundraising, please contact Karen Folkart at kfolkart@hotmail.com.

Membership Update

By becoming a member of the PTA you are supporting your child, their teachers and our school! **Please know that by joining the PTA, you don't have to join a committee or physically participate, though we would love it if you did!** PTA membership for the 2016/2017 school year is at 308. This is good, but our goal is to be GREAT! If you have not yet joined, then please do so [online](http://www.beallpta.org/membership) at www.beallpta.org/membership or complete the [membership form](#) and send it to us via backpack mail. You can choose from 3 different types of membership: Individual-\$25 covers one adult per family, Family-\$40 covers two adults per family, and Beall Staff-\$15 covers one 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.

Reminder: Beall Staff who are PTA members may submit up to \$100/per school year for classroom supplies reimbursement. Form is available [here](http://www.beallpta.org/teachers_reimbursement_forms) (http://www.beallpta.org/teachers_reimbursement_forms).

Please consider submitting a tax-deductible [donation](#) to the Beall PTA (<https://beall.nationbuilder.com/donate>). We appreciate donations and use 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.

Did you know that businesses can become [sponsors of the PTA](http://www.beallpta.org/become_a_sponsor) (http://www.beallpta.org/become_a_sponsor)? They can and do! Check out our list of sponsors from last year and either sign up your business as a sponsor or encourage other businesses to sign up as a sponsor.

Call for Donations & Donation Team Members

The Beall PTA Donations Team is recruiting team members to help us start reaching out within and beyond our community to collect donated gift cards, products and services for the many exciting PTA-sponsored events this year!

We will be collecting donations to help us pull off at least the following:

- Staff Holiday Luncheon in December 2016
- March Madness Raffle in March 2017
- Silent Auction in April 2017
- Staff Appreciation Week in May 2017

If you are interested in donating items or services for any of these events or joining the donations team to assist with soliciting and collecting donations, please contact Mara Miller at BeallDonations@gmail.com.

MCCPTA Delegate Report

Please check out the [MCCPTA website](http://www.mccpta.org/#2668) for information about the County's PTA: <http://www.mccpta.org/#2668>

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