



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



# The Dragon Dateline

## PTA President's Corner

Our Dateline is out in time for Thanksgiving so I would like to express my gratitude to outstanding participation from our parents and staff this year. Our last PTA sponsored event, the Dragon Disco, was so fun! Thank you to parent Jen Kaye, Ms. Kindel, and the rest of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team for coordinating this event! The Book Fair was also a huge success, and we had so many volunteers! What participation! Also, I am also pleased to announce that Meleah Boyle is now our Gardening Coordinator. This place is going to look great next spring! Debbie Cohen, Zhen Tao, and Dereje Tessema have stepped forward to lead the Multicultural Celebration in 2012 .

Our organization is now 259 members strong! Haven't yet joined the PTA? Just go online and sign up! It's the best \$20 you can spend on helping your school! If you want discounts for holiday shopping at local stores, order a Rockville Rewards card from our PTA website. All \$25 comes

right back to the PTA! A list of merchants can be found at [www.RockvilleRewards.com](http://www.RockvilleRewards.com).

We're doing a great job with the advocacy that will continue at the New Year. Thank you to everyone who wrote to and attended the Board of Education Meeting. I welcome anyone who would like to help us lead the advocacy effort. Also, please save the date for MCCPTA and NAACP Parent Council's "Forum on Funding for Our Schools" on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. See more info on our website.

Finally, please keep an eye on our site for winter after-school activities sign-up. Look at the tab for "After school" under events.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
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## Mom's Night Out – December 14

This month the PTA will host a Mom's Night Out event on Wednesday, December 14 at Oro Pomodoro restaurant in Rockville Town Square, paired with a shopping event at Toy Kingdom.

3-8 pm: Toy Kingdom will donate 10% of all sales attributed to Beall families.

5-10 pm: Oro Pomodoro will donate a percentage of sales attributed to Beall families.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Workshop: Positive Discipline for Children Grades K-5

*Discipline* means "to teach." Positive discipline means to teach in a constructive and loving manner. Positive discipline provides an opportunity for parents to teach their children the skills they need to become effective, happy, contributing, respectful members of their families and society." Using everyday examples—including the issue of homework and chores—we will learn ways to apply this method. Our presenter is Jill Lipton, a licensed clinical social worker with JSSA. **December 6 at 6 pm. RSVP today! Don't risk it being cancelled! Add the number of children you need childcare for.**

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## The Science Expo Is Coming!

Energizer or Duracell? Cheerios or Oatios? Solar energy! Crystals! Dog food! *What do you wonder?* The Beall Science Expo is your chance to ask some questions and DO some science! Any Beall student may contribute to our Science Expo. Look for information coming home in December on how to sign up to display a project for the Expo.

WHEN: January 31 (snow date February 6) at 6:30 pm

WHO: You! (Any interested Beall student may display a project, and parent volunteers are needed!)

WHERE: Beall's Hall of Science (AKA the Gym)

WHAT: A joyous celebration of science—no expertise needed, no judging, nothing but awesome science fun!

Parent volunteers are need to provide feedback from last year, design a Science Bella logo, serve as a science liaison, and help in a variety of other ways. Questions/comments or to volunteer: contact Kay Newhouse at (202) 596-8525 or [beallsciexpo@gmail.com](mailto:beallsciexpo@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Central

Thank you to Amy Bulson and all the volunteers who made the Book Fair such a tremendous success, and to all the parents and students who shopped. Thank you also to Mrs. Goshen for allowing us to take over the Media Center.

Thank you to Jen Kaye and to Carolina Kindel and the rest of the Fourth Grade Team for an awesome party at the Dragon Disco! Everyone had fun and danced up a storm. A special thank you to volunteers Ann Gelillo, Kofi Asafu-Adjaye, Ms. Pissarra, the Martella Family, Electron Kebebew, Meg Page, Rob Gibbs, Tida Violante, Marva Cole, Nazgul Toktosunova, Erin Mahony, Andrea Muro Cash, Mia D'Albora, Samantha Griffin, Monique Ashton, and Maya Iskakova for their help in making the event so much fun for everyone!

Dine-out night at California Tortilla and Ben & Jerry's brought in approximately \$600. Thank you to Amy West and the Dine-out Team for coordinating that fun family event.

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



## Health Reminder: Wash Your Hands

**Washing your hands is the single most effective way to keep from catching a cold or spreading it to someone else. Please take a few moments to review these helpful tips with your child(ren) to keep everyone healthy this season:**

### When to Wash:

- ◆ Before you eat or touch food.
- ◆ When you come in from working or playing outdoors.

- ◆ After you touch or play with an animal (even a pet).
- ◆ After you cough, sneeze, or blow your nose.

### How to Wash:

- ◆ Wet your hands with running water.
- ◆ Apply a small amount of liquid or bar soap.
- ◆ Rub your hands together about 10 times, and long enough to sing the alphabet song.

- ◆ Rub all the way back to your wrists and out to the tips of your fingers.
- ◆ Rinse your hands under running water.
- ◆ Dry your hands thoroughly with a clean paper towel, and throw the towel in the trash.

