



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



# The Dragon Dateline

## PTA President's Corner

The last two PTA sponsored events have brought our Beall community together and demonstrated what a terrific group of parents and staff we have at our school. The Science Expo in January and the Multicultural Celebration last week pulled together various groups in our community to work together for our students. I am very proud of Beall and I know that many people have expressed the same feelings. It's been an exceptional experience for me this past year to be able to work with you and get to know so many people.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the PTA if you have not done so. For those of you who would like to take it up a notch, please contact me if you are willing to volunteer or to be come an officer for the next school year. We will have nominations at the April meeting and an election at the May meeting. Please email me if you have any questions or ideas for your PTA.

Beall has collected more than 15,000 box tops this year. Congratulations to our Box Tops Contest Winners!!!

## 4th Annual March Madness 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. More than a basketball game, Beall's March Madness brings the entire school together. Come out to see if Mr. Alter can play ball! There will be dance performances and singing by our Beall students. Vendors will also sell food. There will be door prizes and raffles!

Pre-order forms for tickets went home last week via backpack mail but it can also be downloaded on our website under "Events." Please pre-order you tickets as to avoid the lines at the door. If you have any questions, or to volunteer, please email Doug Lunenfeld at [beall.basketball@yahoo.com](mailto:beall.basketball@yahoo.com).

\*\* Joel Witte Photography <http://www.joelwittephotography.com/> is sponsoring Beall's March Madness (3/16) by providing an official photographer! Thank you!

- 1st Place: Mrs. Pickrel's class
- 2nd Place: Ms. Martin's class
- 3rd Place: Ms. Lucena's class

Incoming Kindergarten Orientation is May 16, 17 and 18. No school for current kindergarteners. Please let parents of other incoming kindergarteners know about this and tell them to call the front office to schedule to registration.

We need volunteers to help coordinate Staff Appreciation Week, which will take place from May 7-11. Please reach out by email or through our website if you are interested in helping out with this rewarding program in support of our fantastic Beall staff.

Have some ideas for the PTA? Please email [info@beallpta.org](mailto:info@beallpta.org).

Thank you,  
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## Beall's Yearbook

The Yearbook needs YOU! The yearbook needs your photographs. Please go to the PTA website and upload your candid photos from this year at Beall -- e.g., pictures of the first day of school, movie night, class parties, the staff, etc. There are specific folders for events, grades, and teachers. Please submit your photos by March 16, 2012. If you have any questions, please e-mail Kate Perrin at: [beallgearbook@gmail.com](mailto:beallgearbook@gmail.com).

NEXT DINE-OUT NIGHT:  
MARCH 21, 5-9 PM  
FIVE GUYS &  
MARBLE SLAB ICE CREAM

## Volunteer Central

Thank you to Christy Koenig and the Dine Out Team for arranging the evening with Mamma Lucia in Feb.

Thank you to Janet Brown for organizing the Box Tops collection and contest.

Thank you to Tanya Neuman for coordinating Fridge Notes every month!

## Beall PTA Science Expo: THANK YOU!

The Beall PTA Science Expo was a team effort! With help from many parents, school faculty and staff and local businesses, we created a wonderful night of science for our community.

Thank you to Elliot Alter and Jessica Palladino, teachers, office staff, parents, and custodial staff.  
Thank you to the Agarwal family and the FIRST® Lego® League Robotics Team, "The Brickheads" who showed us such cool technology. Thank you to Jennifer Kaye and The Rooftop at Rockville's Town Center for loaning us tables, and Noodles and Co for donating dinner for our visiting scientists. Most of all thank you to all the students who put on such a fabulous science show, and to everyone who came to see the show and join our celebration of science!

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