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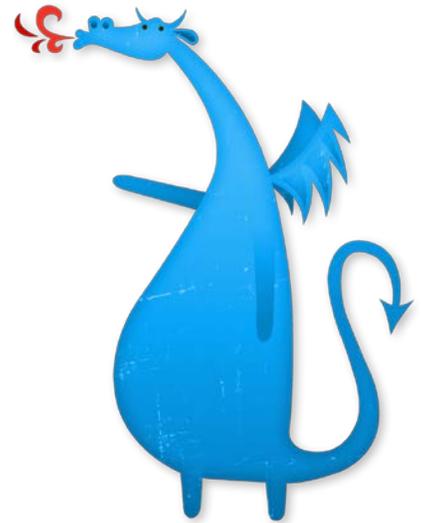
Hello Dragon Families from Kimberly Heifetz, VP of Communications: We were thrilled to see yet another strong showing of support and interest at the November PTA meeting. We are SO excited about our **Dec PTA Meeting & Workshop on Tuesday, December 1, 6:30-8 PM**. We are welcoming a guest speaker from the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), focusing on **The Stuff of Life: Your Child's Responsibilities at Home & at School**. Don't miss it!

Dine Out at Cal Tort/Ben & Jerry's on November 5th was another success. Thank you to our Dine Out Committee for organizing yet another great event, **this time raising just over \$500 for Beall!** Way to go, Beall Dragons. Let's keep up the Dine Out momentum. See column to right for details about the next one on December 2nd at a new Dine Out location!

We had an impressive showing at **Tea with Mr. Alter** on November 10th, just before Parent Teacher Conferences. We enjoyed bagels, coffee, tea AND (most importantly) meeting one another and engaging in lively and thoughtful discussion with Mr. Alter (and Mrs. T-C!) about a variety of topics. Thank you Mr. Alter and Mrs. T-C for taking time out of your busy schedules!

Thank you Beall students, parents and teachers for coming to the **Beall Book Fair** November 11-13th. It was great to see so many friends supporting our school, excited about BOOKS! This event could not be the success that it is without our Coordinator, Amy Bulson (and Cindy Kim), as well as our many parent volunteers who helped with the 2 Preview days and 3 Sale days!

Finally, thanks for coming out to support the **4th Grade Team's Dragon Disco!** We hope you had a GROOVY time! Dragon Disco Coordinator, Carolina DeVriendt, and her team did an amazing job making it fun & safe for all. Mrs. DeVriendt extends her thanks to "students earning SSL hours and parents who volunteered, as well as the support from all the parents buying raffle tickets, pizza, and water for kids, and those that donated to our 'jugs.' I am grateful to work with such a caring and involved community and would especially like to thank the PTA for making this event a success. The music by DJ Angel was enjoyed by all! We look forward to next year's event!"



Upcoming PTA Events

December 1

PTA Meeting & Workshop: 6:30-8 pm (childcare provided by Global; please RSVP at www.beallpta.org/events). Special Guest Speaker from PEP.

December 2

PTA Dine Out at Fuddruckers (5-8 PM). Show the paper (not electronic) [flyer](#) at check out. Call ahead orders count, too, and enjoy special pick up line to avoid the rush! Fuddruckers donates a % of sales to Beall!

December 9

We are pleased to host our annual Beall Staff Holiday Luncheon, to thank Beall teachers and staff for their work and dedication to our school. Sign up to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aafaf2fa7fe3-beall1>. Questions? Contact our Luncheon Organizer, Julianna Panzer, jharrispanzer@gmail.com.

Message from the PTA President, Paula Tully

The holidays are quickly approaching. Even if you do not celebrate, there is no time like the present to be charitable. Please remember to take a moment to enjoy all of the beauty and wonder around you. Also, remember that there are families in our community in need of our generosity – a kind hello, a thoughtful gift, a hot meal.

When you are out shopping, please think about picking up something from the [Staff Wish List](#) on our website at http://www.beallpta.org/staff_wish_lists or giving some clothes (new or gently used) to the Health Room. Your donations are always appreciated!

More Important News & Updates

Fundraising

Good News! SpiritCups orders placed through school (paper forms, not online) are expected to be delivered the first week of December!

Didn't get your order submitted by the deadline? You are not too late! **Our SpiritCups Fall Fundraiser continues online, perfect for the holiday season.**

Just follow the simple registration and ordering steps at http://www.beallpta.org/online_spiritcups! Once you are registered, please send your Participant Link to your friends, family, etc. and post to your social media pages to increase orders for Beall.

These officially-licensed SpiritCups are made in the USA, are BPA-Free and are durable, dishwasher-safe plastic! SpiritCups are available for all 32 National Football League teams, all 30 National Hockey League® teams, all 30 Major League Baseball clubs, and over 100 top colleges & 5 branches of the U.S. Military. **Questions?** Contact Fall Fundraiser Coordinator, Susan Read (zwschen@gmail.com), or Fundraising Chair Juliana Lutwin (Fundraising@BeallPTA.org).

Don't forget to buy your **Rockville Rewards cards** – perfect for holiday gifts for family, friends, colleagues, clients, and neighbors, to name a few! Rockville Rewards is an ongoing PTA fundraiser that kicked off on September 1. This fundraiser, sponsored by the City of Rockville to promote local businesses and to support non-profits (including Beall PTA), provides **unlimited discounts** on many favorite businesses for goods and services. At \$25 each, this card pays for itself, and 100% of all card sales goes to Beall! Purchase directly from Paula (President@BeallPTA.org) or Juliana (Fundraising@BeallPTA.org) or at any PTA-sponsored event. **New this month** - Download the **ORDER FORM** at this [link](#) on our website to order 1 or more cards. Buy them while supplies last!



Send the form in an envelope labeled "PTA Fundraising" via backpack mail or drop at the school's front office, and we'll get the cards to you!



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In & About the Community

Grandparents Morning at Beall, Dec 23, 9-11 AM

This is a student & grandparent favorite! Be sure to follow the school instructions on RSVP'ing for this event. Contact Shana Helton at shanahelton@beallpta.org if you can help coordinate – we **need** some volunteers to help Shana help Beall.

Volunteer Opportunities & Other Important Info

Interested in volunteering with the PTA or at school but not sure how? Don't wait – we need you! Contact our Volunteer Coordinators, Mary Newcomb or Tracy Saltarelli at Volunteer@BeallPTA.org. Or, better yet, complete our new [Volunteer Interest Form](#) at www.beallpta.org. They can match your interests and availability with the perfect role(s)! Your involvement makes a huge difference – we need you!

Show Your Beall Spirit!

We have our Beall Spirit Wear (a.k.a. Bella T-Shirts) & Beall PTA car magnets for sale! Contact Paula at President@BeallPTA.org today to orders yours today.

After School Activities – Late Fall Classes!

We are almost finished with our first incredible semester of after school activities! To make these activities as beneficial as possible for the Beall community, we have started sending a short survey to participant families at the conclusion of each class. We will not share any personal identifying information provided in this survey with any outside parties, including vendors. Please give us your feedback, either through the survey or by emailing VP of Programs, Melissa Scales, at Programs@BeallPTA.org. Stay tuned for some more great activities in January.

Painless Fundraising Reminder & Update

It is not too late to register your Giant & Harris Teeter grocery club cards or link your Target REDCard to Beall or Amazon account (through AmazonSmile) to the Beall PTA, *but* the sooner you sign up, the sooner Beall will start earning “free money.” Follow this link for detailed info on painless fundraising initiatives, organized by Karen Folkart (kfolkart@hotmail.com), including info about Box Tops & Labels for Education, organized by Rob Ritter (ritterrob15@gmail.com): http://www.beallpta.org/painless_fundraising. **Why does this matter? Check out the earnings so far this year for Beall!**

Giant: \$995.44

Target RedCard: \$698.63 (since Feb)

Harris Teeter: \$34.84

AmazonSmile: stay tuned for our first report!

Membership Update

Beall PTA Membership for 2015-16 has grown by nearly 100 new members since September. We are now 371 **STRONG!** But, we can do better by striving to reach 100% of family and Beall staff participation. If you have not yet joined, why not? 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 in an envelope labeled “PTA Membership.” You can choose from 3 different types of membership: Individual @ \$25 covers 1 adult per family, Family @ \$40 covers 2 adults per family, and Beall Staff @ \$15 covers 1 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.

This holiday season (and all year round), 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.

MCCPTA Delegates Report

MCCPTA Richard Montgomery Cluster Coordinator Jennifer Young presented at the MCPS Board of Education (BoE) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) hearing on November 12th. Here is a link to the [testimony](#) and also links to the supporting reports from the City of Rockville [one](#) and [two](#). There is also an archived [webcast](#).

On **December 8th**, MCPS Superintendent Larry Bowers will present the MCPS budget. To support public understanding of the budget, MCPS is launching a site called [Budget 101](#) on Monday, November 30th at http://www.mcps.org/about_us/budget/2014-2015_budget_planning/budget_101. We encourage you to look at this site to understand the MCPS perspective on the budget pressures and dynamics.

On **January 7th and 14th**, there will be public hearings on the MCPS operating budget. More details to come on how you can help advocate. For additional historic capital budget details, you may also look at the [budget Montgomery data explorer](#) to see a breakdown (for example, the Julius West addition cost 15.3 million!).

Questions? Reach out to either of our MCCPTA Delegates, Andrew Breycheck (delegate2@beallpta.org) or Nichole Santiago (prpeace7@gmail.com).

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