



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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Message from our President, Paula Tully

Congrats on successfully navigating Snowzilla! The past two weeks certainly packed a wallop, but now we can look forward as the snow begins to melt, we return to our routines, and we enter the second half of the school year. While looking to the future, there are several areas in which you can provide your support. That support comes in many forms, and here are a couple of areas where we can use yours:

- Volunteering time at the Science Expo, Multicultural Night, March Madness, Silent Auction, or other upcoming events.
- Attend public hearings / meetings on the upcoming school, county, and state budgets. RMES #5 is one item that needs our support. See MCCPTA Delegates report, below, for info.
- Donate services or goods or help secure donations for our Silent Auction that has been moved to April.
- Join the PTA Board or plan an event for the 2016-17 school year.

Please join me in congratulating Michael Folkart and Scott George. They each will be receiving a \$50 gift certificate. Wonder how you can join them in winning one? Volunteer your time at recess and put your name into the PTA can (find tickets on the Main Office table behind the door as you head into the school). Have fun and think Spring!

GET ON THE BUS! Mark your calendars for **Monday, February 15th** -- MCCPTA has organized a **Day of Action for Public Education** in Annapolis to talk to legislators about our schools. Follow [this link](#) to sign up to Get on the Bus: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/day-of-action-for-public-education-in-annapolis-tickets-21032593052>. There is no school on the 15th due to Presidents Day! **Questions?** Reach out to either of our MCCPTA Delegates, Andrew Breycheck (delegate2@beallpta.org) or Nicole Santiago (prpeace7@gmail.com).



Upcoming PTA Events

February 3

PTA Meeting & Workshop: **Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm** (childcare provided by Global, but you must RSVP). We enthusiastically welcome a guest speaker to discuss the State of Maryland 529 College Savings Plan. See more details and RSVP at http://www.beallpta.org/feb_2016_pta.

February 16

PTA Dine Out at **Giuseppe's Pizza**. Giuseppe's will donate to Beall a percentage of sales from 5-9 pm. No flyer necessary – simply say "Beall" when you order/checkout. Check it out at: http://www.beallpta.org/beall_pta_february_dine_out.

February 19th (Snow Date Feb 25th)

Share your family's culture at Beall's **Multicultural Night**. This is an exciting, festive evening of sharing the diversity that makes Beall so special. Last time, our community celebrated & represented over 40 countries and cultures! Participants share their cultures in various ways: setting up table displays, providing bite size food samples or performing short musical or dance presentations. Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60boe4da8ad2aa57-beall> or email Coordinator Debbie Cohen.

Available to volunteer for set-up, clean-up or anything in between? Please let Debbie know right away. **We need you!**

Hello Dragon Families from Kimberly Heifetz, VP of Communications:

Thanks to everyone who attended our **January PTA Meeting & Workshop**. PEP Guest Speaker Kate Campion spoke with us about Friendship & Bullying. Weren't able to attend? Then check out the materials from the workshop that we soon will have posted on our website at <http://www.beallpta.org/resources>. Join us on February 3rd for our next PTA meeting (see details, page 1).

Our **January at Dine Out was awesome**. Zoë's Kitchen generously donated a portion of sales ALL DAY to Beall! Giuseppe's Pizza Plus is our next venue for Dine out on Tuesday, February 16th, 5-9 pm. Please come out to join us!

We have SO many BIG events coming up in the next few months. See details here and on our website about the Science Expo (February 9th), Multicultural Night (February 19th), and March Madness (March 11th). Plans are underway for a Silent Auction to be held in April – date coming soon! Visit our website at http://www.beallpta.org/beall_pta_silent_auction_this_april to get details on the event and access a donation form! Come engage with your community, support Beall and have some fun!

Yearbooks are Coming! Order Yours by 2/5

Snow Extension! The deadline for ordering your 2015-16 Yearbooks has been extended to **Friday, February 5th**. Yearbooks are \$20 each. Don't miss out -- order yours today. Visit our [website](#) for more information and an order form, and **BY FRIDAY** send in completed forms and payment in a sealed envelope labeled "Beall Yearbook" (make checks payable to "Beall PTA").

New this year: Yearbook Shoutouts! Shoutouts are sold in increments of 50 characters for \$5 each. Take this opportunity to send a special message to your Dragon, to be read at the end of the school year. See the order form on our website at: http://www.beallpta.org/yearbook_orders_pictures.

Please, please, please send in your pictures for the Yearbook - to date, we've received very few pictures, and we know there are lots to share. Help us make our Yearbook come alive with your pictures! Send pictures to our Yearbook Coordinator, Liza Ford, for potential use in the Yearbook. Simply send them to the following Dropbox link: <http://lpx.me/gtjs-xppy-86rv/>. Contact Liza at liza.ford12@gmail.com with any questions.

More Important News & Updates

Fundraising

SpiritCups – Order Online - Our SpiritCups Fall Fundraiser continues online.

Just follow the simple registration and ordering steps at

http://www.beallpta.org/online_spiritcups/!



In & About the Community

Volunteer Opportunities & Other Important Info

It's never too late to get **more involved** in your child(ren)'s school and activities by becoming a volunteer. Complete our new [Volunteer Interest Form](#) at www.beallpta.org/volunteer_signup. Volunteer Coordinators Mary Newcomb & Tracy Saltarelli (Volunteer@BeallPTA.org) will use the form to match your interests & availability with the perfect role(s)! Your involvement matters.

Winter After School

Registration for Winter After School Activities is OPEN. Check out the many enriching options at http://www.beallpta.org/after_school_ activities. Register now to save your spot (Hip Hop classes are already FULL). Questions? Contact VP of Programs, Melissa Scales, at Programs@BeallPTA.org.

Join our Parent Team for this Year's March Madness Parents vs. Beall ES Staff Basketball Game, Friday, March 11th

Click [here](#) for everything you need to know about our upcoming March Madness event! You'll find information about participation on the Parents' team. Your kids will love to see you on the court!

Once registered, please send your Participant Link to your friends, family, etc. and post to your social media pages to increase orders for Beall.

Box Tops and Labels for Education – Contest & Cash Prizes

Collect and turn in Box Tops and Labels for Education by **Friday, February 12th**. Not only will you help earn money for Beall by collecting from thousands of products you probably already have in your home, but you'll help your child's classroom compete for cash prizes awarded to the classes that collect the most box tops and labels! Visit our website at http://www.beallpta.org/collection_of_box_tops_and_labels_for_education for more information on how to participate. Contact Rob Ritter at <mailto:ritterrob15@gmail.com> with any questions!

Painless Fundraising –

It's never too late to register for our various painless fundraising initiatives, which include Giant, Harris Teeter, Target RedCard, and AmazonSmile. Please take a few minutes & make sure you've registered for all: http://www.beallpta.org/painless_fundraising. **This truly means bucks for our school.** For 2015-16 school year, we've earned \$261 from Harris Teeter and have accumulated \$916 toward our next Target REDCARD donation (just over \$200 in the past 2 months!).

Some of these programs are being phased out by their sponsors this year, so we are making a big push for [AmazonSmile](http://www.beallpta.org/amazonsmile) – it's easy to sign up! Visit <http://www.beallpta.org/amazonsmile> to see how and download a flyer that provides step-by-step guidance.

Contact Karen Folkart (kfolkart@hotmail.com) for questions about painless fundraising or to share ideas. Help us earn free money for Beall by shopping how you ordinarily do.

Rockville Rewards Cards –



Rockville Rewards is an ongoing PTA fundraiser that kicked off on September 1. **We have already raised just over \$1000 for Beall!** 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. For example, Dawson's Market currently offers 10% off purchases of \$50 or more. At \$25 each, this card pays for itself, and 100% of all card sales goes to Beall! Go to http://www.beallpta.org/rr_cards_holiday for more information. Purchase directly from Paula (President@BeallPTA.org) or Juliana (Fundraising@BeallPTA.org) or at any PTA-sponsored event. Download the **ORDER FORM** at this [link](#) on our website (link above) 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!

Membership Update

Beall PTA Membership for 2015-16 is currently about 25 members shy of 400! Let's reach 400 by Multicultural Night on Feb 19th. 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](#) (available at www.beallpta.org/membership) 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.

Please consider submitting a tax-deductible [donation](https://beall.nationbuilder.com/donate) 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

Participate in the MCCPTA **Day of Action for Public Education**, highlighted on page 1 of this newsletter! Plan to attend and advocate for your school and our children! Note: MCCPTA is asking those who can to donate \$5/person to help MCCPTA defray the cost of the buses - which average about \$510 each (actual cost of each bus depends on the actual round-trip mileage). But please be clear to all -- donations are NOT required --- we don't want anyone staying home because of that!!!! There is no school on the 15th due to Presidents Day, so take the kids along, too!

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We currently have **274** "Likes" on our Beall PTA Facebook Page.

Let's get to 300 by Spring Break!