

Beall PTA

BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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Hello Dragon Families, from Kimberly Heifetz, VP of Communications:

Thanks to everyone who attended our February and March PTA Meetings & Workshops. For February, we welcomed a guest speaker who informed us about the Maryland 529 College Savings Plan; in March, we heard from Tom Grazio, Director of the Treehouse Child Assessment Center of Montgomery County, who talked with us about the important work the Treehouse provides and educated us about child abuse and neglect signs and prevention. Please check out the website at www.treehousecac.org to learn more and donate. On May 7th, the Tree House is hosting its annual "Tour de Cookie" fundraiser – their only fundraiser of the year that helps the Tree House fund its work. Please consider joining – you can choose to bike ride 12, 26 or 42 miles around Rockville and eat cookies along the way; there is even a zero mile ride for those who wish to participate but not ride (and still eat cookies!): Register at: www.TreeHouseTourDeCookie.com.

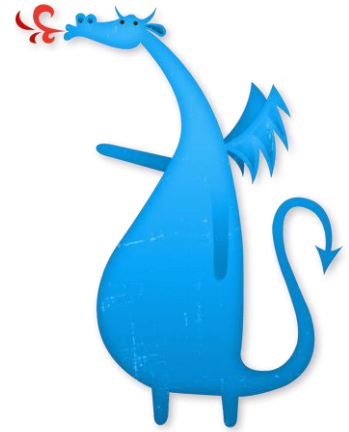
Dine Out at Giuseppe's Pizza Plus was our tasty February venue, and a fun time was had by all. **To show their "Thanks," Giuseppe's donated \$225 to the PTA.** See details to the right about our March Dine Out at Chipotle, Tuesday, March 15th, 4-8 PM. Don't miss this favorite spot!

We are pleased to be throwing a **Spring Silent Auction**, all set for **Friday, April 8th** from 6:30-9:30 PM. This is a new event for the PTA, one that we are hoping will become an annual event, bringing the community together for casual social fun and dollars raised for Beall. We are excited to *feature local businesses and others in our Beall Community* who take this unique opportunity to donate items/services to our Auction & market their business.



See you at March Madness **THIS FRIDAY, 3/11, 7-10 PM!**

Concessions will be available throughout the game and proceeds benefit the PTA. Buy raffle tickets at the door (@ \$5/ticket) and enter to win raffle prizes. Door prizes will be awarded, too! March Madness will be a blast!



Upcoming PTA Events

March 11

Don't miss the **March Madness Parents vs. Staff Basketball game**, 7-10 PM, at the RM High School Gym. Concessions, performances by Beall students & more! Click here for complete details: http://www.beallpta.org/march_madness_2016. Buy tickets from Mr. Healy before the game (complete the form sent home in backpack mail) or buy tix at the door!

March 15

PTA Dine Out at Chipotle! Chipotle will donate to Beall 50% of sales proceeds from our orders, 4-8 pm. When you pay, show the cashier the printed flyer (sent home in backpack mail) or an e-version of the flyer from your phone. Check it out at: http://www.beallpta.org/march_dine_out_at_chipotle_march_15th.

April 8

Silent Auction and Global Parents' Night Out, 6:30-9:30 PM. Drop the kids at PNO to have some fun and come on over to the Auction. See details, left, and on page 2.

April 14

Dine Out at Hard Times & Carmen's. Mark your calendars and stay tuned!

May 2-May 6

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW). Stay tuned for details on how you can help our Beall staff and teachers know they are SO appreciated for all the hard work they do!

Message from our President, Paula Tully

We have some exciting events coming up, and I hope to see you at many of them. Please remember that events like March Madness and Silent Auction are open to the community, so in addition to bringing your family, bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy the festivities.

Now is also the time to plan for our future as we look to gather a nominating committee (we need a couple of great members to join Kindergarten teacher, Keryn Saffell) and identify the elected members of the Board. I think this year has been a very good one, and I hope you will help make next year even better! Contact Mrs. Saffell (Keryn_P_Saffell@mcpsmd.org) if you are interested in joining the nominating committee or running for a position on the Board.

Spring Auction and Global Parents' Night Out are Coming to Beall – April 8, 6:30-9:30 PM

What better way to get excited and ready for SPRING than to help us gear up for the PTA Silent Auction, set for Friday, April 8th, 6:30-9:30 PM. This will be a **fabulous evening affair**, perfect for socializing and bidding! This special event will be held in lieu of our regularly scheduled PTA general meeting, but we do plan to spend the first few minutes on any critical PTA business. Plus, **Global Children's Center is hosting a Parents' Night Out (PNO) for the same night and time period**, so you can drop your kids off to have tons of fun with other kids, and parents come on over to the Auction (all at Beall). Click [here](#) for details on our website where you can find links to our flyer and a **DONATION FORM**: http://www.beallpta.org/pta_spring_silent_auction.

We are pleased that Mara Miller (mom to 2nd grader, Leah) has stepped up to serve as our Silent Auction Coordinator, but she cannot do this alone. She will need LOTS of volunteers to pull off this event. Please use this [SignUp Genius link](#) to see how you can help:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fo449ada729aafdo-ptasilent/37579638>.

The slots are for volunteer roles the day of the event, starting with Set Up at 5 PM and ending with Clean Up at 9:30 PM, and everything will take place in the Beall ES Gym. Slots designated "SSL eligible" are open to middle and high school students interested in earning SSL credit hours for their service.

Mara ALSO will need help with various tasks (small and large) between now and April 8th - Silent Auctions are great fun but require a significant amount of advance preparation. If you are interested in getting involved and are available to help, please contact Mara directly at bealldonations@gmail.com.

Based on your interest/availability, Mara will help you find the perfect volunteer role. We would love to see familiar and new faces among our volunteers for this event - if you have not yet volunteered this year, please take this great opportunity to help and meet others. If you have volunteered this year, thank you and certainly feel free to sign up for this event, too!

More Important News & Updates

Fundraising

Painless Fundraising – We are pleased to announce that AmazonSmile is starting to earn money for our school thanks to everyone who has registered “Beall ES PTA” as their charity of choice and consistently made their Amazon purchases through AmazonSmile **every time** they buy something! It’s easy to bookmark AmazonSmile on your desktop or Smartphone so you are sure to order through AmazonSmile (rather than Amazon.com) each time.

We have earned **\$69.54** for October – December 2015. We’ll report on 2016 numbers soon, but we know we can increase our earnings! If you haven’t already signed up, please go ahead and login to [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. Encourage friends & family to sign up, too!

It’s never too late to register for our other painless fundraising initiatives. Please take a few minutes to make sure you’ve registered for all initiatives listed on our website: http://www.beallpta.org/painless_fundraising. **This truly means bucks for our school.** 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 would.

Rockville Rewards Cards –

Good News! **The price for Rockville Rewards cards has been discounted from \$25 to \$10.** The card expires August 31, 2016, which means you have 6 months left to use it **FOR ONLY 40% OF THE ORIGINAL PRICE!** 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. Click [here](#) for a complete list of participating business: <http://www.rockvillerewards.com/where-to-use-your-rewards-card/>. The card pays for itself, and 100% of all card sales goes to Beall! **We already have earned \$1035 for Beall, and we’d like to increase that to \$2000.** Help us reach that goal (and help yourself gain some hefty discounts). [Go to http://www.beallpta.org/rockville_rewards_cards_now_offered_at_beall](http://www.beallpta.org/rockville_rewards_cards_now_offered_at_beall) 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 22 members shy of 400, with 134 members enjoying family memberships!** If you have not yet joined, why not? We need you. Please do so [online](#) at www.beallpta.org/membership or complete the [membership form](#) (available at www.beallpta.org/membership)

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.

After School Activities

Winter After School Activities are underway and wrapping up in the coming weeks before Spring Break. Stay tuned for registration information about Spring After School Activities. Questions? Contact VP of Programs, Melissa Scales, at Programs@BeallPTA.org.

JW Spirit Wear Available for Rising 6th Graders (current 5th Graders)

Want a great gift idea for your 5th grader who soon will be promoted to 6th grade? You are in luck! Visit our website at under [News](#) for details and an order form. Orders are due to Patty Hart, hart_patty@yahoo.com, by **April 10.** **Don’t miss out - order today!**

Pictures for Yearbook

Taken any good shots this year that we might want to include in the yearbook? Please remember to upload them to our Dropbox link (<http://lpx.me/gtjs-xppy-86rv/>) for potential inclusion in the 2015-16 Yearbook. Questions? Contact Liza Ford at liza.ford12@gmail.com.

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 welcome & appreciate donations, using 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

At our PTA meeting on March 1st, attendees voted in favor of an MCCPTA Resolution, a copy of which is posted on our website under [Resources](#). This resolution would promote healthier food choices for children in MCPS schools.

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We currently have **277** "Likes" on our Beall PTA Facebook Page (let's reach 300 by Spring Break!)