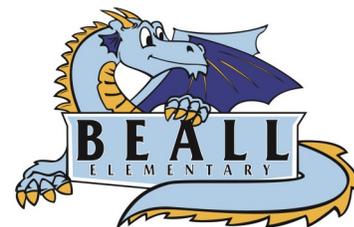


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Principal's Page

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A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child at Beall Elementary School. Staff, children, parents and the community will form a multicultural learning environment which provides all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will empower them to be successful, contributing citizens of the world.

SPOTLIGHT: We are off...

What a unique start to the 2020-21 school year! We understand that there have been some glitches in technology, classroom access, and learning conditions that have impacted the first week experience. We are extremely appreciative of the patience and support being offered.

We have welcomed just fewer than 515 students back to school this year. We are excited to have our preK students return next week. In addition to getting to know our students, implementing structures and routines, and introducing instructional foundations, grade levels have been busy studying and analyzing the grade level curricula and planning lessons to deliver instruction in multiple ways. We know that you may have heard a lot of explanations about Zoom navigation and expectations. You may have also heard a lot of references to navigating MyMCPS Classrooms and directions for accessing materials and submitting student work. Although it may sound redundant, it is similar to what the first week would look like if students were in the building. Teachers spend a significant amount of time during week 1 establishing and reviewing classroom routines and expectations. Teachers quickly learn that the time spent reviewing procedures ultimately saves time in the future because students understand and develop independence.

Although the building is not open, please continue to communicate your needs with us. Office staff is monitoring messages left on the office phone (240-740-1220.) Beall staff is available by email and will do our best to reply to messages as soon as possible, but we request that you give us a day or two window. As I am sure you can understand, we are receiving a lot more questions and requests for support this year than in previous years.

Zoom Reminders for Parents

Zoom time is for teacher/student lessons, interactions, debriefing and communication. We greatly appreciate when parents can assist their child with logging in, but then allow students to work independently with their teachers. Office hours and student intervention times are intended for students to ask questions about the lessons, receive follow-up instruction that could include reteaching or enrichment, allow for small group interactions, or to delve deeper into specific content. Office hours could look very different from teacher to teacher. Parents should continue to interact with their child's teacher through email, Class Dojo, Bloomz, or any other teacher established communication tools. We respectfully request that parents refrain from using the Zoom Chat feature during the instructional lesson to communicate with teachers. As a reminder, it is a violation of MCPS policies to personally record or take pictures of virtual lessons being delivered that include other students, staff or content.

Principal's Page

We will continue to publish the Principal's Page every other week. The newsletter will usually be shared electronically on Monday. It will also be posted on the Beall website. We know that in order to maximize student potential for success, a collaborative relationship needs to be established between school and home. We will use the phone messaging system and "email blasts" to communicate important events and reminders. We will attempt to provide timely updates to our website and through Twitter. We encourage you to get involved in school activities, volunteer when the opportunities to do so resume, contact the school if you have questions about a program or assignment, and simply talk to your child about the day's activities. We appreciate your support and know that, together, we can make this an outstanding year for your child.

Next Week

Monday, September 7

Holiday— No School for students

Experiencing Tech Issues?

There are several options and resources for you:

Check with your child's teacher if it is an issue with a specific assignment or activity.

Our media specialist can be reached via email at Clarice_M_Poole@mcpsmd.org

Parent Technical Support Parents who need technical help can call 240-740-7020 Monday-Friday between 7am and 8pm or email communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org.

Have you joined the PTA?

It is not too late to join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA supports Beall students in a variety of ways, including after-school programs, cultural arts programs, social activities, fundraising and parent workshops. The PTA also supports student learning by funding programs, technology and staff support. See their website for more information or registration forms.

<http://www.beallpta.org/>

