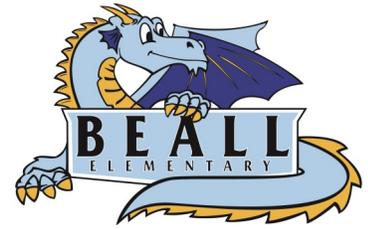


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A high-quality education is the fundamental right of every child at Beall Elementary School. Staff, children, parents and the community will form a multicultural learning environment which provides all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes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



SPOTLIGHT: Lesson Recording and Attendance

Students are expected to attend all daily, live virtual learning classes in which they are enrolled. However, in some instances, this may not be possible due to illness or extenuating circumstances. Students may then access the recording of the class in their child's MyMCPS classroom in order to engage in the daily learning during an alternate time within 72 hours of the absence. Parents/Guardians may then submit a [Live Virtual Lesson Absence Form](#) to document that they engaged in the lesson and to request the *unexcused absence* to be reconciled to *present*. **This form is located on the left side of the Beall website, below the school's contact information.** If extenuating circumstances exist, parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with the school's administration ahead of time. The Live Virtual Lesson Absence Form must be completed for each documented absence. (For example, if your child is absent 3 days, a parent must submit the form 3 times verifying that your child participated in each day's lesson.) School staff will follow-up with families who submit the Live Virtual Lesson Absence Form as needed.

It is important to note that recorded lessons are usually only a limited portion of the instruction being delivered. It is beneficial for students to attend the live instruction so they can participate in the conversation, hear the questions and answers from other students, have teacher support in understanding the tasks needing to be completed, and stay connected to their peers. Lessons may be recorded during the live whole group lessons or teachers may choose to record before/after their live instruction. Small groups or one-on-one instruction and SEL lessons may not be recorded. Recorded lessons are deleted after 3 days.

Student Psychoeducational Lessons:

All schools are required to implement a student psychoeducational lesson during Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) schedule blocks before October 2, 2020. Student psychoeducational lessons provide direct crisis intervention support to students. This lesson will provide crisis facts about the dual pandemic (COVID-19 and systemic racism) in our nation. It will also provide information on common crisis feelings/reactions, stress management strategies, and where to find help. Ms. Cohen, our school counselor, and your child's teachers will implement these lessons in an age-appropriate manner. Throughout the school year, staff will provide Social Emotional Learning lessons to help students effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Family resources: Parent Academy workshops are free workshops that provide information, resources, and tools & tips to support student success. The **Parent Academy** is designed to inform and empower families as advocates and partners in their children's education. Workshops provide families with useful information and resources to support their children's academic and emotional well-being, as well as helping them to be college and career ready. Through a variety of learning opportunities, we hope to strengthen our engagement with families and the community. We recognize that behind every successful student are supportive families, teachers, school staff and community members who take an active role in educating our students. We want our families and students to remain engaged throughout the school year. While we may not be able to meet face-to-face, Student, Family and School Services is excited to provide "Parent Academy *TO GO*," a series of virtual workshops for families to view at home. Families can access additional information about social emotional support on the following websites:

[Office of Student and Family Supports and Engagement:](#)

[Be Well 365:](#)

[Mindful Moments Video Series:](#)

[Waymaking Video Series:](#)

[Virtual Parent Academy Series:](#)

Next Week

Monday, September 28

No School for students

Coming Soon

Oct. 2- Early Dismissal

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/>

