

BEALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Families,

September 6th is just around the corner. We are all looking forward to seeing our students again at Beals Elementary. Teachers have been in and out of the building the past couple weeks getting things all ready for the first day!

During the summer months, Ms. Fish, Mr. Crawford and I participated in a grant writing class. We, along with participants from JES and the high school are in the process of finalizing a RREV grant, (*Rethinking Responsive Education Ventures*) Initiative. The main goal of this process is to secure funding for project/place-based learning opportunities at our schools. We have included two projects in our portion of the grant. First, if we are awarded the funding, we will have the capacity to completely overhaul our existing art room, creating an Innovation Center. Our plan is to have all new storage areas for artwork and projects, larger and better tables for our students to work on projects, and a deep art sink to make life a lot easier for the students, as well as the teachers. This room will be used for art classes as well as for any teachers and classes that want to use it to complete projects or conduct science labs. The last piece of our proposed plan is to build a walking trail around the perimeter of the school property. The intent of the trail is for the health and well-being of our students and staff, as well as our community members. It will be a safe space to walk, free from the worry of traffic, as well as a perfect area for students and their teachers to make observations, write, draw, or just enjoy nature.

We are fortunate to be working with the educational staff at DEI this year. Beginning September 14th, students will travel to the facility for hands-on science experiences. We are very grateful for this opportunity.

Students across all grades will be preparing for this fall's author visit. Stephen Costanza will be visiting our school on November 2nd. He was here a few years back, and the students loved him. Not only is he an author, with many of his books revolving around music, but he is also plays the piano. He will have them all up, dancing in the gym. I hope many of you can attend his presentation that day.

School photographs will be Monday, September 26th at 9:30. As soon as we have information to send home, we will get that right out.

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Again this year, school lunches are free of charge. That being said, it is of upmost importance that school lunch applications are completed and sent in. Much of our funding is tied to the percentage of free/reduced eligible students we have in our school. If families, who normally are eligible for free/reduced lunches, don't return their applications, it makes the percentage of full-pay families much higher than it is and reduces the amount of funding we receive. If you have already received a letter from me stating that your child(ren) are on the Direct Certified list, you **DO NOT** need to fill out an application.

Although lunches/breakfasts are free, extra milks or milk taken with a home lunch are not. Students will be charged \$.30 for milks that are not considered reimbursable.

After a year without any PK students, it will be nice to see them back again this year. Mrs. Kelley is looking forward to her class! PK will attend Tuesday through Thursday. Classes will start at 7:40, like the rest of the school. They will be dismissed at 11:30, after their lunch. After February vacation, PK students will attend full days on Thursdays.

As a reminder, classes start at BES at 7:40. It is extremely important that your child is at school on time. Breakfast is served, beginning at 7:10.

We look forward to another great school year. Please keep us informed if you feel anything needs to be brought to our attention. Never hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to me.

Sincerely,

Chris Crowley

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