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## PTA'S PURPOSE

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Be a hero! Join Today!



## CALLING ALL HEROES!

The PTA needs your help!

The following is a list of 2015-2016 PTA Board and Chair positions available: **1st VP Membership, Council Delegate 2, Parent Involvement/Campus & Community.**

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or have any questions about what these positions entail, please contact **Kassandra Hart** at [kassandra.hart@gmail.com](mailto:kassandra.hart@gmail.com)

## SUPER BIRTHDAYS

August 13	DeDee Flanagan
August 29	Jason Adams
September 1	Lolly Ahlgri
September 15	Nancy Vigil
September 16	Flavino Ortiz
September 28	Tiffany Clark
September 30	Lesli Raymond

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL, BEAVER STARS!

By Jason Adams, Principal

Dear Beaver Stars,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin another exciting school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new families. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

Most of you had the opportunity to meet teachers and to visit classrooms at our Porch Party, but we would also like to invite you to our **Meet the Teacher Night and Orientation Camp**. Orientation Camp will provide parents and students much more school-wide information about instructional programs and digital tools students can access from home. Teachers will also share valuable information about specific classroom communication, instructional technology, field trips, parent involvement opportunities, and more. We strongly encourage all parents and students to attend. More information will go home in Thursday folders and will be posted to our website soon.

### The Orientation Camp will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for kindergarten, first, and second grade  
 Wednesday, September 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for third, fourth, and fifth grade

When the family and school work together with high expectations for student achievement and citizenship, students demonstrate greater success as positive, confident learners. I urge you to continue to support our school, our teachers, and our programs. Your positive attitude and ongoing involvement make a significant difference in building a better future for your children. Your dedication and continued support is always appreciated.

Please visit our school website at [www.garlandisdschools.net/Beaver](http://www.garlandisdschools.net/Beaver) and to follow us on Twitter at @BeaverMST\_Stars, sign up to receive Remind text notifications at [www.remind.com/join/beaverp](http://www.remind.com/join/beaverp), or call us at [972-494-8301](tel:972-494-8301). Please remember to refer to our school website throughout the year for the latest information.

I'm looking forward to another great year!



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# PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PTA NEWS

By Cassandra Hart, PTA President

Welcome back, Beaver Stars! I hope you all had a great summer vacation and are ready to return to school refreshed and eager to learn. My summer was busy with PTA training and planning for the upcoming school year, and I'm looking forward to serving my second year as PTA President at Beaver Tech.

I want to touch on the many ways the PTA communicates information to parents.

**Newsletter:** The Beaver Gazette is distributed on the first Thursday of the month. It will go home in your student's Thursday folder. Current issues can also be found on Beaver Tech's homepage: [www.garlandisd.net/Beaver](http://www.garlandisd.net/Beaver).

**Facebook:** Our PTA has a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA](http://www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA).

**Remind:** You can sign up to receive updates from the PTA via Remind. Updates are in the form of a text or email message – whatever your preference – and your information is kept private.

**Flyers:** Old school, but still necessary. We often create flyers to notify parents of upcoming events, etc. These will also come home in your student's Thursday folder.

**Website:** Under construction! We are currently working on a PTA website that will be a "one stop shop" for all things PTA. Stay tuned for more announcements on this development!

Beaver Tech has been great about including PTA events on the school calendar ([www.garlandisd.net/Beaver](http://www.garlandisd.net/Beaver)). So, you can also look there to see what's coming up.

As a PTA, we want to support Beaver Tech's goals for the school as a whole as well as the PTA's mission of making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We still have three open positions on the board – 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Membership, Council Delegate 2, and Campus, Community, and Parent Involvement. You may not have the time to volunteer for a board position, and that's ok. We still have need of volunteers in support roles such as committee members or event volunteers. If you are interested in joining a great volunteer organization, please contact me at [kassandra.hart@gmail.com](mailto:kassandra.hart@gmail.com) for more information.



## YEARBOOK

by VirLinda Stanton

Welcome back Beaver Stars and parents! I am VirLinda Stanton and I am so excited to be on the 2015-2016 Beaver Tech PTA Board serving as your Yearbook Chair. I am also, the grandmother of 4<sup>th</sup> grade Beaver Star student Jay'Den Stanton-Williams.

I will be capturing photos at school events, field trips etc. for this year's yearbook. I would like students, parents and teachers to participate in taking photos at events that you attend and forward all photos to me via email ([stantonmgt@gmail.com](mailto:stantonmgt@gmail.com)) or save them to a disc and drop it off in the office attention, VirLinda Stanton.

I want our yearbook to be one you will love and cherish. Be sure to check your Thursday Folders for opportunities to purchase and contribute to the yearbook.

Thank you and I am so proud to be a part of the Beaver PTA and Yearbook.

The Best Is Yet To Come,

VirLinda Stanton

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## SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE

## SPIRIT NIGHT

By Heather Bryant

What is better than Texas barbeque? How about barbeque you don't have to cook and benefits our school. Please consider joining us at **Spring Creek BBQ in Firewheel on Wednesday, September 30th** for Beaver's annual restaurant Spirit night. Your favorite Beaver teachers and staff will be serving up hot, fresh rolls and best of all our school receives a portion of ALL the proceeds from the night. It's a win-win!!! Look for more details to follow in your child's Thursday folder. Hope to see you all there.



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## ARTS IN EDUCATION

The Texas PTA Reflections theme this year is "Let Your Imagination Fly."

The Reflections program is an excellent way for Texas students to show off their artistic talents. Dance, painting, filmmaking and photography are just a few of the ways to express the Reflection's theme.

Stay tuned for more information on how your child can participate, but get the wheels spinning for great ideas.

More information about the Reflections program and to see past work, visit the Texas PTA website. <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/>



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

**Grandparents and Grand Friends Day:** All Grandparents and Grand Friends are invited to enjoy snacks and drinks to celebrate their special day on **Sept. 4th** during the student's lunch time **10:30am-12:30pm**. We hope you'll be able to join us!

**Multi-Cultural Dinner, Tuesday, November 17th 6-8pm**— Mark your calendar for our Annual Multi-Cultural Dinner! Each grade level will perform and there will be food from the many cultures represented at Beaver Tech. Start thinking about what dish you would like to share!

More information will come home in your child's Thursday folder.

This position is currently available for a super hero volunteer to take on.

Our Parent Involvement/Campus and Community Chairperson plans service projects, activities, or programs that promote citizenship and character among students and encourages community involvement. They coordinate with the school to plan two events during the school year that encourage parent, student, and community involvement such as Multi-Cultural Night and Campus Clean-Up.



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

By Rebecca Thiehoff

Welcome back Beaver Tech families! My name is Rebecca Thiehoff and I am the Volunteer Coordinator for the PTA this year. I am very excited to welcome back all of the parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends who volunteered last year. I hope you had a nice summer vacation and are ready to get back in gear for this school year. I also want to welcome the new students and new volunteers. I look forward to working with you.

I would like to thank you in advance for your willingness to be involved in your child's education. At this time in their lives, children really enjoy seeing their family involved with their school. One of the keys to student success and achievement is family involvement. Research shows that students with involved family score better on tests, have increased self-confidence, are more motivated to learn, and are more likely to go on to post-secondary education.

We have many exciting things planned this coming year and we hope you can make a difference in our student's lives by giving a few hours of your time to help. If every parent in this school volunteered a minimum of two hours then our teachers would have more time to devote to creating assignments, grading papers, and teaching. There are many ways to volunteer your time and talents. You can help at various events, such as Grandparent's Day, book fairs, Carnival, Multicultural Dinner, and fifth grade camp are a few examples. Or you can help by reading to students, being a guest speaker for our clubs, you can help translate, mentor, make copies for teachers, or donate supplies for parties.

To learn more about opportunities to help, there will be a **Volunteer Training meeting at 5:30pm before the Meet the Teacher and Orientation Camps on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We hope you are able to attend. There will also be a daytime meeting on Thursday, September the 3rd at 8:30 a.m. for those of you that can't make it to the evening meeting.

If you would like to contact me with questions or to volunteer just email me at [beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com). You can also call or text [214-808-4706](tel:214-808-4706).



## WATCH DOGS

By Matt Bryant

As we welcome you all back for the start of a great new school year, I'd like to give a special shout out to the Beaver Tech dads! This year will be continuing the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program that had its very successful debut last year. The Watch D.O.G.S. program is an innovative father involvement initiative that has two primary goals:

- To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying

More than that, though, Watch D.O.G.S. is a great way for dads to spend time on campus interacting with their kids and showing their classmates just how cool they are!

Dads, please join us for our first informative Watch D.O.G.S. session on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am** to learn more about this exciting program, review a typical 'day in the life' of a Watch D.O.G.S., and discuss other great volunteering opportunities for Beaver Tech dads.

If you have any questions or need more information about the program please contact me [beaverwatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:beaverwatchdogs@gmail.com)



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## SUPER PARENTS, THE AUCTION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

By Chelsea Jones

Did you know that the annual silent and live auctions at the Fall Carnival help the Beaver PTA do really cool things for your kid? In years past, the funds raised have gone toward shade for the playground, classroom equipment, and starting the really fun Friday Electives!

This year we are asking for YOUR help. If you know of a company that would be able to donate to our auction, please contact us! Maybe you know someone who works at a restaurant or movie theater? Maybe you have a craft or handmade item you can contribute? Donations are tax deductible, and so much more fun than selling wrapping paper or magazine subscriptions!

Flyers will be coming home for "Class Basket" items. Each class will be assigned a theme, such as Legos or Chocolate & Coffee. We ask that our families contribute to these baskets in any way they can, since these are usually big sellers at the Silent Auction. Be on the lookout for more information and ways your family can help.

Thank you! Your auction co-chairs,

Chelsea Jones and Amy Albus  
BeaverPTAuction@yahoo.com



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Marcie Romero

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for a great school year! I am excited to see our Beaver Stars again and I am looking forward to getting know our new Stars and their families. My goal is to work with students, families, and staff to help every student be the best student they can be. The following are ways that I see students throughout the year.

### Classroom Guidance Lesson

I meet with all classes once a week for a 30-minute guidance lesson. Some of the topics we will cover include the Six Pillars of Character, Study Skills, Careers, Goal Setting, Celebrating Differences, Bullying Prevention, Decision Making, Personal Safety and Building & Keeping Friendships.

### Group Counseling

After getting permission from parents, I meet with some students in a small group of peers to discuss a wide-range of topics such as school success, self-control, friendship, feelings, & family-transitions.

### Individually

Students can leave a note in the mailbox (outside of my office) at anytime to request a meeting with me. I also talk with students at the request of parents/guardians and teachers/staff.



## E-WASTE PROJECT CONTINUES

by Susan Elliott

We are continuing our E-Waste Recycling program again this year. The collection dates will be in November, March, and May. Watch for a green flyer with more complete information coming home soon. In the meantime, please save your printer cartridges, old electronics (working or not), cell phones, and other hand held devices. We also recycle batteries of any size.

Our collection company also accepts: VHS tapes and DVDs with original covers; Books; Sporting Equipment; and Used Shoes and Clothing.

Your recycling is good for the planet, and it raises money for Beaver. Thanks for your help.



## ROOM REPRESENTATIVES

By Christina Craig

Hi, my name is Christina Craig. I have a daughter who will be in the 2nd grade this year at Beaver. I am your Room Rep Coordinator.

I am looking for moms, dads, aunts, uncles or grandparents to help out with classroom activities such as: class parties, STAAR testing lunch coverage, and teacher appreciation week. I need a parent or two from each grade level to help coordinate these activities among that grade level.

If you are interested in becoming a Room Rep, please attend one of the Volunteer meetings before the **Orientation Camp on either September 1st or 2nd at 5:30pm**. There will be more information to come. If you have any questions, please contact me at [beaverptaroomrep@gmail.com](mailto:beaverptaroomrep@gmail.com). Hope you all have a fabulous year here at Beaver!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

By Susan Elliott

We will continue to collect BOX-TOPS FOR EDUCATION, as in previous years. If you collected them over the summer, please bring them to the music room. Last year we purchased quite a few instruments, two iPad minis, and equipment for the students to use.



Box Tops can be found on many products, not just cereal boxes. Note: At this time of the year many products feature double or bonus Box Tops. Keep your eyes open for them.

Please check your grocery store rewards program. Many of them have special Box Tops plans. If you sign up, and select Beaver as your school, we'll get Box Tops credits.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES -DUE DATE



Articles for the October newsletter are due **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact us at [beavertechpta@gmail.com](mailto:beavertechpta@gmail.com).

## MUSIC NOTES

by Susan Elliott

It's almost time for another year of making music together. Woot! I'm anxious to see my returning students, and looking forward to meeting new friends. I went to TCDA and found some fabulous music for this coming year. I also attended a couple of Smartboard classes to learn to use it more effectively. I'm more than ready to see everyone again.

Let the singing begin.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

By Cheryl Brooks

Welcome back Beaver Stars! I look forward to seeing the returning students again and meeting the new students.

Please be sure to check out the Lego Wall that has been added in the library. This will be part of the Makerspaces. Makerspaces have become popular in libraries the last few years with the intention of giving students an opportunity to tinker and explore.



## BE YOUR KID'S SUPERHERO! BE PTA!

PTA's mission is, "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." In other words, we exist to help you be a part of your child's education!

By joining with a \$8.00 membership fee, you are joining a network of families at Beaver who will do what we can to support our children and their education. We work closely with our Principal, Mr. Adams, and the teachers at Beaver, to support them.

Anyone and everyone can join, so sign up today! Fill out and return the PTA form, along with \$8.00 per joining member, to the front office. Opportunities to purchase memberships will be available at various school events and order forms will also come home in Thursday folders.

We have a membership drive every year with a contest to see which class has the most members. Will it be your child's class? Let's hope so.



## COMMUNICATION - A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Kat Spencer

Throughout this newsletter you will find several ways to stay connected to the PTA and Beaver Tech. I highly encourage you to take advantage of each one. The PTA works closely with the administration, teachers and staff to keep you informed. However, sometimes you can't rely on paper communication. If you don't want to miss a thing, please follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA> and on Twitter @BeaverPTA. You can find a convenient QR code within this edition on page 2 that will take you directly to where you need to be.

I also urge you to follow both Beaver Tech's official Twitter @BeaverMST\_Stars and GISD's @gisdnews. Please do not forget to receive mobile notifications. You can do this on the profile page of any twitter account by clicking on the settings icon (gear icon) and checking the "get mobile notifications" option so you don't miss a thing. This will send an alert directly to your smartphone whenever they post. This option is great for people that don't actively use Twitter.

Both Mr. Adams, the PTA and many classes have started to use Remind as a way to push announcements to you via text or email. A lot of parents like this option since their information is kept private. You can also use the Remind app to join "classes" and receive notifications to your smartphone. Links (with QR codes) to Mr. Adams and the PTA "classrooms" are on page 2.

We've started an Instagram account this year. If you or your child uses Instagram be sure to follow us @beaverpta. Feel free to tag us and hashtag us (#beaverstars) in any picture taken at school, on field trips or school events. They might just get used in the yearbook.

If you have important information or pictures you would like to share from school events on our Facebook or twitter page, please do not hesitate to email me [beavertechpta@gmail.com](mailto:beavertechpta@gmail.com) and don't forget to send them to the yearbook, too.

It is my goal this year to provide various and reliable sources of communication. I urge you to interact (like, comment, and retweet.) It helps spread the word and keep everyone on the same page. Let's have a great year!

## BE A HERO! JOIN THE PTA! MEMBERSHIPS \$8

1ST MEMBERSHIP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

2ND MEMBERSHIP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to school in a sealed envelope with payment of \$8.00 per membership. Please make checks payable to Beaver PTA.

# PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOSPITALITY

By Vicki Casco

The faculty and staff at Beaver do an extraordinary job educating our children every day. The PTA strives to make sure they feel appreciated for all of their efforts.

We are off to a great start! PTA welcomed the Beaver Staff back to school with a luncheon on Friday, August 14th. Additionally, on Friday, Aug 28th, we will be celebrating an awesome first week of school by delivering goodies "door-to-door." We have many treats and surprises planned throughout the upcoming school year. Check your child's Thursday folders for information on how you can help show the Beaver Team just how much we appreciate all that they do.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [beaverptahospitality@gmail.com](mailto:beaverptahospitality@gmail.com)

## MONEY BACK

By Heather Bryant

Did you know that when you shop at certain stores, those stores will give a percentage of your purchase back to Beaver Tech? Take a look at the list below and make sure to add Beaver Tech to your account so we can all benefit. If you know of other places that give back to schools, just for shopping there, let us know at [beaverfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:beaverfundraising@gmail.com).



Smile.Amazon.com- Select Beaver Technology Center PTA and a portion of your purchase is donated right back to us.



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Compass Bank-Open an account with Compass and mention Beaver Technology Center and we earn rewards for every transaction you make.



Tom Thumb reward card- Add Beaver Technology Center to your reward card and we earn cash back.

## FALL CARNIVAL

By Fernando Gutierrez

Hello, my name is Fernando Gutierrez and as the Carnival Chairman this year I will be organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Carnival.

**SAVE THE DATE! The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Carnival is Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Come dressed up as your favorite superhero to coordinate with the "Be a Superhero" PTA theme!

The carnival is a long tradition at Beaver Tech and a great event to bring the school family together.

Last year was our first year at Beaver and I'd like to share a few of my family's experiences from the carnival. I volunteered to help put up the silent auction tents the day of carnival. When I arrived at 7:45 a.m. and dropped off my son, I was impressed by the organization of the event. It was organized chaos with so many people coming and going, working on carnival set-up. The volunteers knew what to do and they smiled as they worked! After a couple hours, my job was done and I was free to go. With specific job assignments, no one was locked into working all day.

We came back as a family that afternoon and the entire school had changed and the carnival spirit was everywhere. We played, laughed, ate great food, and had fun. I couldn't help but feel like a kid at the carnival; I played games too and we all had a great time. As we were leaving, my son hugged my leg as hard as he could and said, "Thank you for making the carnival. I had so much fun!" I can only imagine the memories that were created that day by the hundreds of kids that came. It was a great experience and I knew I wanted to help with carnival again this year.

I want to extend an invitation to you. Our carnival committee is looking for passionate people that want to help us put on the best Carnival Beaver Tech has ever seen. We want to include as many people as possible. Contact me, Fernando Gutierrez, directly at 214.649.7102 or [FernandoG@remax.net](mailto:FernandoG@remax.net). I want you to be part of our team. See you at the carnival!!!



**GOAL:** The Carnival and Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year. We have made \$10,000+ each of the past few years and we'd like to continue that trend! We have used these proceeds to purchase a shade structure for the playground, necessary equipment for Beaver Tech, needed supplies for the new Electives program, and to support many programs and services provided to Beaver Tech by the PTA. Let's continue to make Beaver Tech one of the best schools in GISD to attend!

**VOLUNTEER:** We need to establish a carnival committee to assist in the planning and executing of carnival. Contact Fernando Gutierrez [fernadog@remax.net](mailto:fernadog@remax.net) if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Volunteers are needed to hang signs, make games, run booths, concessions, and more. Please contact Rebecca Thiehoff, Volunteer Coordinator, at [beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com) to sign up.

**DONATE:** Every year the PTA requests donations for the auction from each grade level for class basket items. More details will be provided in your child's Thursday folders in the weeks to come.

**SPONSOR:** Do you own or work for a business that would like to sponsor a carnival booth or showcase their products in a basket for the silent or live auctions? For more information on sponsorship Chelsea Jones at [Beaverptauction@yahoo.com](mailto:Beaverptauction@yahoo.com). Sponsors will be advertised in our school newsletter.

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# 2015-2016 BEAVER STAR CALENDAR

## August 2015

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## November 2015

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## December 2015

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### August

- 14 Teacher/Staff Luncheon hosted by PTA
- 20 Porch Party 4-6pm & Aug/Sept Issue of Beaver Gazette Distributed
- 24 First Day of School
- 28 Slide into Reading (1st & 2nd grades) 11:30am -2:30pm

### September

- 1 Volunteer Information Meeting 5:30pm  
Parent Orientation (k-2) 6-8pm
- 2 Volunteer Information Meeting 5:30pm  
Parent Orientation (3-5) 6-8pm
- 3 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 4 Grandparents & Grandfriends Day
- 7 Labor Day - No School
- 10 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 12 Watch D.O.G.S Kickoff 9am with juice and donuts
- 17 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 22 General PTA Meeting
- 23 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for October Issue
- 24 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 30 Spirit Night at Spring Creek BBQ 5-9pm

### October

- 1 October Issue Beaver Star Gazette Distributed  
Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 8 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12 Fair Day - No School
- 15 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 22 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 23 10th Annual Fall Carnival
- 26-29 Pumpkin Decorating Contest & Boo Grams
- 28 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for November issue
- 29 Spirit Store 7:30-8am

### November

- 2-20 Membership Drive Event
- 5 November Issue Beaver Star Gazette Distributed & Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 12 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 17 Multi-Cultural Night 6-8pm
- 18 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for Dec/Jan Issue
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 PTA Membership Drive Winners Announced

### December

- 3 Spirit Store 7:30-8am & December Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 8 Westlake Skate Night 6-8pm
- 10 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 15 PTA Teacher Luncheon & Gift Wrapping
- 17 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 18 Winter Parties & Early Dismissal
- 21-31 Winter Break

### January

- 1-4 Winter Break
- 7 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 14 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- 21 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 27 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for February Issue
- 28 Spirit Store 7:30-8am

### February

- 4 February Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed & Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 8-12 Val-o-grams
- 11 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 12 Valentine's Day Parties
- 15-19 5th Grade Camp
- 18 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 24 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for March Issue
- 25 Spirit Store 7:30-8am

### March

- 3 March Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed  
Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 7-11 Spring Break
- 15 General PTA Meeting and Art Showcase 6-8p
- 17 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 23 Articles for April Issue of Beaver Gazette Due
- 24 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 25 Student/Staff Holiday
- 31 April Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed  
Spirit Store 7:30-8am

### April

- 7 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 12 Health Fair/ Jam the Gym
- 14 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 15 PTA Spring Fundraiser - Color Run 1-2:30pm
- 18 Student and Staff Holiday
- 20 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for May Issue
- 21 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 28 May Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed  
Spirit Store 7:30-8am

### May

- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 12 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 17 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance
- 19 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 26 Spirit Store 7:30-8am
- 30 Memorial Day-No School

### June

- 3 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

\*All listings on this calendar are subject to change. Please check your child's Thursday Folder for up to date information regarding school events and activities.

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