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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.

One small step...Join PTA Today!



SUPERNOVA BIRTHDAYS

August 29	Jason Adams
August 29	Danny Rojas
September 15	Nancy Luna
September 16	Flavino Ortiz
September 25	Kathy Webster
September 25	Cordula Wright
September 28	Tiffany Clark
September 29	Sheryl Price
September 30	Larinda Derrick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL, BEAVER STARS!

By Jason Adams, Principal



Dear Beaver Stars,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-2017 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 on Thursday, September 1st, from 6:00-7:30. Teachers will share valuable information regarding the curriculum, instructional programs, school events, classroom policies and procedures, volunteer opportunities, home-school communication, details about homework, etc. You will also have an opportunity to sign-up on the electronic grade book to monitor student grades, learn how to access on-line resources to support learning from home, add money and restrictions to lunch accounts, and access class blogs and web pages to stay current with school events. Child care will be available so parents can meet with teachers without interruption.

I strongly encourage all parents to take the time to visit our school website at www.garlandisdschools.net/Beaver, sign up to receive informational texts with

Remind at <http://tinyurl.com/jkymyxc>, and to follow us on Twitter at @BeaverMST_Stars. All three are valuable resources and provide important information regarding our school policies, procedures, and news updates. There is also a calendar of events so you can plan ahead to reserve dates in your busy schedules.

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. Again, I look forward to working with you this year. Your dedication and continued support is always appreciated.



PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

By Heather Bryant,

Welcome back, Beaver Stars! I hope you all had a fantastic summer vacation and are ready to start another great year. My favorite part of back to school is seeing all the familiar faces as well as meeting the new ones. This is my seventh year on the board and I am looking forward to my first year serving as PTA President at Beaver Tech.

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

Website: This site is a one stop shop for everything Beaver PTA related. Find information on upcoming events as well as archived issues of The Beaver Gazette, past budgets and other pertinent data. We will also have links for you to join PTA online as well as order your yearbook. Be sure to check this site often. www.beavertechpta.com

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 the school website. www.garlandisd.net/beaver and www.beavertechpta.com

Facebook: Our PTA has a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA. We also have grade level pages you can join to receive grade specific information such as field trip and party reminders.

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. www.remind.com/join/beavertechpta.com

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.

We still have one last PTA position to fill – Volunteer coordinator. If you don't have time to volunteer for an involved board position, don't worry, we still need volunteers in support roles such as committee members and event volunteers. If you are interested in joining a great volunteer organization, please contact me at president@beavertechpta.com.

Want to find out how you can help without volunteering at all? Join PTA for only \$8 and your membership dues help fund important programs in your child's school. Please check the "do not contact me for volunteer opportunities" box if you do not wish to be invited to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to have grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other relatives support your child and their school even from far away and every membership helps Beaver Tech.

I'm looking forward to a great year.



YEARBOOK

By Robert Nash

There is a big change coming to our yearbooks this year, and we believe everyone will be excited! For the first time ever, you will have the option to create two FREE personalized pages for your children that will print in their yearbook only. We will roll out more information soon, but creating the page is pretty simple and can even be done through an app on your smart phone or online. You will be able to upload whatever pictures of your child that you desire! We plan to host a workshop soon that covers how to order books and create your pages.

Yearbooks will cost just \$18 or you can order a hardcover for \$24.95. Even better, if you order your yearbook(s) by the end of September, you will receive 15% OFF the order; you can save 10% if you order by the end of October and 5% by the end of November, so be sure to go ahead and get your order placed ASAP to save! More information including a link to order is available through the PTA website.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to ask.

yearbook@beavertechpta.com



SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE

SPRING CREEK BBQ NIGHT

Hungry? Want to skip cooking? Want to help support your school? If the answer is yes, we have the perfect idea for you. Come out to Spring Creek BBQ in Firewheel on Tuesday, September 6th from 5-9pm for our annual Spirit Night. Make sure you bring the whole family out to enjoy dinner. Proceeds from the night go right back into our school so it's a winning combination. Classes with the most participation will also receive a special gift from Spring Creek, so make sure you tell them your teacher at the door. Our awesome Beaver teachers and staff will also be serving rolls that night so make

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

By Jennifer Garcia

Hello, my name is Jennifer Garcia and I am the Campus, Community and Parent Involvement Chair. We have some great activities and programs this year at Beaver Tech that will encourage student, parent, and community involvement as well as service projects that will help promote citizenship and character among students.

The first event for the year is Grandparents and Grandfriends Day which will take place on Friday, September 9th during the students scheduled lunch time between 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. We welcome all Grandparents and Grandfriends to join us for lunch in the Beaver Tech cafeteria. Grandparents are allowed to bring food to enjoy with their students or just come and sit with their students and enjoy the experience. The PTA will provide snacks and water as well as take pictures.

A flyer with more information as well as a lunch schedule will be coming home in your students folder.

We look forward to a great year with all the students and parents at Beaver Tech!



STAY CONNECTED

By Kat Spencer

You can find links and QR codes to both PTA and Beaver Tech social media accounts on page 7 of this newsletter. Subscribing to updates on these platforms will give you instant notifications when either the PTA or school posts. That way you won't miss any important communications. The PTA Facebook Page is the best way to get information about deadlines, events, links, etc. We will also share pictures from school activities and events from time to time. Don't have a Facebook account? Follow us on Twitter (@beaverpta). Most of the information shared on Facebook will also be posted to Twitter. While you are there, you can also follow the school's Twitter account (@BeaverMST_Stars) for important school related information. Follow GISD (@gisdnews) for the latest district information, including school closures. Remind.com is another great way to get info. Both the PTA (@ptabeaver) and Mr. Adams (@beaverp) have Remind accounts that you can join. You can choose text alerts, emails, or app notifications. Your phone numbers and emails are not shared with us. Whether you choose all or just one way to stay connected, our goal this year is to make sure you stay informed.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

By Heather Bryant

We are very excited to welcome back all of the parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends who volunteered last year. We 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. We look forward to working with you.

We 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 an 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, 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 6:00 pm on September 27th in the Beaver Cafeteria. We hope you are able to attend.

This position is currently unfilled. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a Board Member, or you have questions about volunteering, please email me at

president@beavertechpta.com

www.facebook.com/beaverpta
www.twitter.com/beaverpta
www.instagram.com/beaverpta
www.remind.com/join/ptabeaver



WATCH D.O.G.S.

By Robert Nash

I hope everyone had a great summer and we are looking forward to another amazing school year!



I wanted to let everyone know that, after careful consideration, we will no longer continue with the Watch D.O.G.S. program. However, we want to encourage all of the dads, step-dads, uncles, grandfathers, and all the other great men who help raise and influence the children at Beaver to continue volunteering for events throughout the school year. Whether it is the fast approaching fall carnival or the Techni-Color Run in the spring (and everything in-between), we would love to have your help and support. Keep checking the monthly newsletter for opportunities to volunteer. Thank you to all the women and men who help out at our school; it means more than you'll ever know!

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AUCTION

By Amy Albus

Fall Carnival is just around the corner!! Donations for Live and Silent auction are being accepted. This is our school's fundraiser for the year. The funds raised go toward our clubs, library books, school equipment, parent education workshops, and many other worthy causes that directly benefit your children.



Please consider supporting this event. Below is the list for class baskets. Please turn your items in to your teacher. More information will be sent out in your child's weekly folder. If you or someone you know is interested in donating additional items please let us know. Please send any and all questions to: auction@beavertechpta.com

Alrid and Williamson
Lowery
Marston
Janes
Lee
Sinclair / Pierce
Clark / Phillips
Derrick / Burk
Morton / Torres
Pelayo / Jones
Eiben / Spurlock
Hill / Barber
Hobbs / Ayala

Sensory Basket
Board Games
Disney
Coffee and Chocolate
Art
Happy Holidays
Nerf
Bath and Body Works
Shopkins/Minecraft
Car Wash
Pokemon
Legos
Star Wars

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Marcie Romero



I'm excited to see our returning Beaver Stars and to meet our new Beaver Stars! As always 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 support students throughout the year.

Classroom Guidance Lessons

I meet with all classes once a week for a 30-minute guidance lesson. Some of the topics we will cover this year 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 students in a small group of peers to discuss a wide-range of topics such as school success, self-control, friendship, feelings, & family-transitions.

Individual Counseling
Students can leave a note in my 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.

Let's get this year started!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles for the October newsletter are due **Wednesday, September 28**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact us at newsletter@beaverpta.com.



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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.



We kicked off our summer reading with over ninety visitors to the library this summer. It was exciting to see so many students wanting to read all summer. Our fall book fair is scheduled for September 16-23. Start saving your money as we always have a good selection of both new releases and some older favorites.

GRADE LEVEL FACEBOOK GROUPS

By Kat Spencer

The PTA hosts grade level Facebook Groups for parents and guardians. Flyers will come home in your child's Thursday Folders with links for the appropriate group. These groups are intended for parents to discuss grade level specific topics such as project deadlines, homework, teacher needs, field trips, party planning, etc. Groups are private, so anything you like, comment on or post in the group will not show up on your friends' news-feeds. You will get notifications anytime someone posts, so you won't miss a thing. For your child's safety, we cannot post links to the groups online. If you have not received a flyer with a link, you can contact me (admin@beavertechpta.com) with your child's name, grade and teacher and I can add you to the group.



PTA WEBSITE

By Kat Spencer

It is long overdue, but we are pleased to announce that the Beaver Tech PTA finally has a website! We've worked hard all summer getting it ready with all the information you could possibly need this year. You can visit us at www.beavertechpta.com.



The website is pretty comprehensive with a lot of great information. You can find current and past issues of the newsletter, The Beaver Gazette. Joining the PTA is just a click away. Want to discover ways you can volunteer? We have a page for that. Wish there was a way easily add all the PTA and School Events to your calendar? Done. Visit the "Calendar" page of our website and download the iCal link and import it into your phone or calendar. Forms, flyers and other info that comes home will also be available on the website and blog.

We will be keeping it up to date all year, so be sure to check back often for the latest information about school and PTA events. The beginning of the school year is always busy and you will get a lot of papers home in Thursday Folders. If you think you, or your child, may have lost something, chances are it will be on the website. Still can't find it or have a question? Feel free to fill out the contact form or email admin@beavertechpta.com and we will help you out.

ONE SMALL STEP... JOIN PTA TODAY!



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 starting with the Porch Party and order forms will also come home in Thursday folders. You can send cash, check, or pay at PTAVenue.com We'll have more information about new membership events coming soon. We also have a membership drive every year with a contest to see which class has the most members. Will it be your child's class?

JOIN THE PTA

1st MEMBERSHIP NAME _____

2nd MEMBERSHIP NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH PAYMENT OF \$8.00 PER MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BEAVER TECH PTA.

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HOSPITALITY

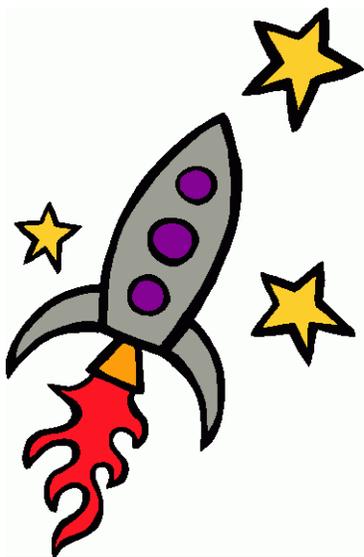
By Michelle Johnson

The Beaver PTA values every member of our faculty and staff. We recognize their great commitment to our children's success and endeavor to take every opportunity to show our appreciation. The PTA will kick-off the new school year by hosting our Annual Teacher's Luncheon on August 19th. The staff will be treated to picnic style catered bbq and fixings'.

Additionally, the PTA delivered a "Welcome Back" gift to the Beaver teachers and office staff during the first week of school. The PTA knows it is important to say "thank you" and present treats & tokens of gratitude throughout the school year. Please check your child's Thursday folder for opportunities to donate towards these gifts. Help us continue to show our teachers and staff we are thankful for all of their hard work & dedication!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact me at hospitality@beavertechpta.com

"It takes a BIG heart to help shape little minds"



FALL CARNIVAL

By Christina Craig



Hello Beaver Parents!!! My name is Christina Craig and I am your Carnival Chairman for this year's Annual Fall Carnival. This is my 4th year at Beaver and my 4th year to help out with the carnival in some fashion. My daughter will be a 3rd grader this year and she loves the carnival. My goal is to make this another fun and profitable fundraiser for our school.

SAVE THE DATE!!! The 11th Annual Fall Carnival will be held Friday, October 28th from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Come dressed as your favorite space creature/person to coordinate with this year's "Space" PTA theme.

The carnival is a fun filled family event from smaller siblings to teens. There is lots to do and see from bounce houses to obstacle courses, a "beauty" salon where you can get feathers or spray color in your hair, your face painted or your nails done to fun midway games. Dunk your favorite teacher. Enjoy Latin Concessions, Dippin' Dots and Kona Ice. There is a silent and live auction.

The carnival cannot run without the help of volunteers and donations. **WE need your help!!!**

VOLUNTEER: We need to establish a carnival committee to assist in the planning and running of the carnival. Please feel free to text me at [214-454-1233](tel:214-454-1233) or email me a

carnival@beavertechpta.com

Volunteers are needed to help make signs, copies for Thursday folders, get game supplies together, organize games, serve concessions and more.

DONATE: Every year PTA requests donations for class baskets to be auctioned off during our silent auction. More details will come to you from our Auction chair: Amy Albus.

SPONSOR: Do you own or work for a business that would like to donate something the sell or produce? Please let our Auction chair Amy Albus at auction@beavertechpta.com. Sponsors will be advertised in our newsletter.

ROOM REP COORDINATOR

By Angela King

I am excited to be your Room Rep Coordinator for the 2016-17 school year! I have a 5th grader and a 3rd grader who are blessed to attend this wonderful haven of learning and love!

This year YOU have the awesome opportunity to serve in your child's classroom as a room rep! As a classroom room rep volunteer, you would help plan and facilitate classroom activities, such as parties, communicate teacher/class needs to parents, and assist the teacher as needed. Ideally, we would like to have one or two room rep volunteers in each individual classroom and then have one coordinator per grade level to be overseer. The grade level rep would work with their grades' individual classroom reps and assist as needed. The grade level reps would collaborate with me to help plan the classroom activities.

If you are interested in taking on these very important roles AND get brownie points with your kiddos (They love seeing you at school!), please attend our Volunteer Interest Meeting on Tuesday, September 27. More information will be forthcoming regarding the meeting time.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at roomrep@beavertechpta.com. Looking forward to a spectacular year of serving with you!

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Heather Bryant, PTA President



IMPORTANT DATES

2016-2017

AUGUST

- 18 Porch Party 4-6pm
- 19 Teacher/Staff Luncheon
hosted by PTA 11-12:30
- 22 First Day of School
- 26 Slide into Reading

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Meeting the Teacher/Orientation Camp 6pm
- 5 Labor Day - No School
- 6 Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night 5-9pm
- 9 Grandparents & Grandfriends Day 10:30-12:30
- 20 General PTA Meeting/Technology Night/Title
1 Parent meeting.

OCTOBER

- 11 Muffins with Mom 7-8am Library
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences Morning-
Student Holiday
- 17 Fair Day - No School
- 24-28 Red Ribbon week
- 24-27 Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 27 Pumpkin Voting
- 28 11th Annual Beaver Fall Carnival

NOVEMBER

- 1-30 Membership Drive Event
- 8 Coffee with Principal Adams
- 15 STEAMSchool Night
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 29 Donuts with Dad 7-8am

DECEMBER

- 2 Morris Brothers School Assembly
- 9 PTA Membership Glow Party 2-3pm
- 13 Winter Choir Performance
- 16 Winter Parties & Early Dismissal 1:15pm
- 19-31 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1-2 Winter Break
- 3 Return from Winter Break
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- 24 Beaver STEAMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY

- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 21 Multicultural Night/Book Fair

MARCH

- 7 Coffee with Principal Adams 8-9 am
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 21 General PTA Meeting and Art Showcase 6-8p
- 28-29 STAAR Testing

APRIL

- 14 Student/Staff Holiday
- 18 Jam the Gym
- 21 Beaver Technicolor Run 1-2:30pm
- 22 Campus Clean Up

MAY

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8-10 STAAR Testing
- 16 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance
- 29 Memorial Day-No School

JUNE

- 2 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal 1:15pm

*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.



