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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 2014-2015 PTA Board and Chair positions available: **Carnival and Website.**

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

SUPER BIRTHDAYS

October 11	Linda Fagyas
October 14	Dixie Nambo
October 18	Hannah Fontaine
October 23	Lauren Osborne
October 25	Juana Martinez
October 28	Susan Elliott

BEAVER TECH NEWS

By Jason Adams, Principal

The state fair is here, temperatures are cooling off, leaves are starting to turn, and we have begun the second six weeks of school. October is an especially busy month for us!

Our annual carnival, that is scheduled for Friday, October 17, is a very special night for our school, our families, and our community. This is a big fundraiser for our PTA and school, but more importantly, it is a chance for our kids and families to get together and have fun! Please join us and bring your friends. You won't want to miss the dunk tank, the live and silent auctions to bid on dates with staff (Mrs. Flinn and I are competing with the teachers to see who gets the most bidders!), games, bounce houses, food, and much more!



At Beaver Tech, we are always looking for ways to enrich your child's education. One way we do that is by participating in the Garland ISD UIL (University Interscholastic League) Plus competition. We have traditionally competed in the "magnet school" division, which includes Vial Classical Center, Watson and Beaver Math, Science, and Technology Centers, and the three academies for gifted and talented students (Hillside, Kimberlin, and Walnut Glen). Our division is called "UIL Plus", since we add events above and beyond the basic competition offered by UIL. However, this competition will become more inclusive in the future and Toler Elementary is joining the competition this year. The competition will be held at Beaver MST on Thursday, November 20th. More information will come home in the Thursday folders in the next few weeks.

Our fall parent conference window is from October 9 through November 8. Please take the time to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress. This is such an important part of helping your student know that you take learning seriously and that it is worth your time to come up to school to talk about your child's growth and needs with teachers. Teachers will be contacting you soon to set up an appointment.

Thanks for all you do to support our staff, PTA, and school. If you have not yet joined PTA, it is not too late!



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PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

By Cassandra Hart, PTA President

It feels as though school just started, but we have accomplished so much in the last month. We are preparing for our 9th Annual Fall Carnival on Friday, October 17th from 5 - 9p.m. The entire PTA board has been working hard to make this year's carnival the best one yet.



For those of you that are familiar with our carnival, there will be a few changes this year and we hope that you'll think it's for the better. In the past, we've requested a lot of donations for the carnival and auction from the families at Beaver. Items such as trinkets and candy for game prizes; used toys, games, and books; food, drink, and dessert donations for concessions; as well as sponsors and donations to the auction.

This year, we want to reduce this burden on our families. We are only asking Beaver families to donate to their child's classroom basket. Each classroom has been assigned a theme and flyers have gone home in the Thursday folder asking for donations that fit the classroom theme. If everyone gives a little something, we'll have the best silent auction we've ever had!

Another big change this year is our decision to use a fixed price wristband for carnival participants. In prior years, we have used some combination of tickets, punch cards, or star cards that you purchase to play the various games and activities at carnival. Individually priced games and activities ranging from \$1-\$3 per play can quickly add up.

The wristband allows for 2.5 hours of unlimited playtime at the carnival on the inflatables (obstacle course, bounce houses, and slide), midway games, dunk tank, train rides, photo booth, and Beaver Salon. We hope that the wristbands will make carnival more affordable for more Beaver families.

As a PTA, we have four main goals this year. We want to help provide necessary resources and classroom materials for the teachers at Beaver Tech. We want to support Beaver Tech's Character and Leadership program, which will help Beaver Stars learn about honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, and other admirable character and leadership traits. We want to bring more educational programs for students and parents to Beaver Tech. And lastly, we want to continue to support the important Clubs program, which gives the students at Beaver the opportunities to further study and engage in areas of interest to them. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality and we feel these goals do just that.

Our goals are supported by the fundraising that we do. Carnival and auction are the biggest fundraiser that we do at Beaver Tech. A lot of time and effort goes into the planning and execution of this event and we do it so our children don't have to worry about door to door catalog sales to fund the programs at our school. We hope to raise \$10,000.00 at carnival and auction to support our goals this year. Please plan to join us for a night of family fun, good food, and fundraising! Your support is what makes Beaver Tech such a great school!



SPIRIT STICKS

By Heather Bryant

Have you jumped on the Spirit Stick craze yet? Spirit Sticks will be on sale the first Friday of every month during lunches. The stock is always changing so keep checking back to see what we have.

The dates for Spirit Stick sales will be:

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| October 3, 2014 | February 6, 2015 |
| November 7, 2014 | March 6, 2015 |
| December 5, 2014 | April ?, 2015 |
| January 2, 2015 | May 1, 2015 |



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ROOM REP COORDINATOR

By Johanna Herrador

Hello Beaver Star Parents, my name is Johanna Herrador Powers and I am excited to be your Room Representative Coordinator. Throughout this school year, each class will be having classroom parties as well as participating in our upcoming Fall Carnival. As you may know, parent volunteers are a resource and a support base for the school community. Our school and programs would not be successful without your help and support. We are in need of volunteer representatives for each classroom. I will be sending out a form in your child's Thursday folder. If you are willing to volunteer and help us out in any way, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

As always we appreciate your time and support. I can be reached at johannaherrador@gmail.com if you have any questions.



SPOOKTACULAR SPIRIT STICKS

During the week of **October 27-31**, Spooktacular Spirit Sticks will be on sale. This will be your only chance to purchase these special edition Halloween Spirit Sticks. You can buy some for friends or buy some for yourself. Don't miss out!



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PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Beaver Tech's Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest has moved to the week following Carnival. More information will be sent home, but start thinking of some great ideas. Our PTA theme, "Be A Hero!" is a great place to start. **Bring your pumpkins the week of October 20-24.** We cannot accept carved pumpkins, but feel free to use paint and glue. Students will vote for their favorite pumpkin and the winner will receive a prize.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY NEWS

By Cheryl Brooks

The book fair was very successful. I want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who faithfully helped each day! We could not do it without you all. I believe we had the most volunteers ever this time. It is fun to see the students get so excited to buy books at the book fair. Many students are sad when it closes, but don't forget we will have another one in the spring, so start saving your money.

Many have asked what day their child is checking out library books. The students now have a scheduled library day. However, we realize not everyone finishes their books at the same time, so we are trying to give them more opportunity to come throughout the week if they need a new book. They just need to ask their teachers. The library also opens at 7:30 a.m. every morning.



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

By Esteban Mojica

Hello Beaver Families. I hope you have had a great start to the school year! As you may already be aware, we are getting ready for Carnival! There will be plenty of opportunities for you to help. Please let me know if you would be interested and available to volunteer for our wonderful event.

We are also putting together a volunteer roster for each grade and classroom. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the list to volunteer for class and grade level activities. We will be sending volunteer forms and more information to you in your students' folder soon.

If you would like to help out, please email me at beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com for more information.

AUCTION

By Chelsea Jones

Carnival is approaching fast, so get your class basket donations in as soon as possible! If you don't know what your theme is or if you'd like to know what items are needed to complete your basket, you can email me at beaverptauction@yahoo.com. We want this to be the best silent auction yet!

This year, in addition to the auction, we are trying something new! We are raffling off several prizes like gift cards to Magic Time Machine and Olive Garden, tickets to the Dallas Children's Theater, and we have an awesome grand prize: A private tour and dinner for 4 at a Garland Fire Station including a **RIDE ON THE FIRETRUCK!!!** Tickets are only \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

The teachers have been planning their fun dates to auction off. Kiddos, be on the lookout for your favorite teacher's poster in the hallway to see what they have in store!

Parents, don't forget to follow Beaver PTA on Facebook to find out the latest on what we will be auctioning off this year! Special newsletter sneak peek.....**We have DISNEYLAND tickets!!!**

Thank you for helping to make the Carnival and Auction so successful every year. We are really excited!



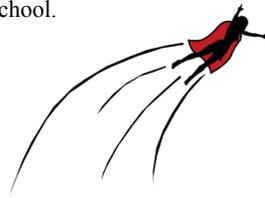
PARENT INVOLVEMENT

By Claudia Mojica

Thank you for joining us at our 2014 Grandparents & Grand Friends Day. We welcomed over 150 Grandparents and guests for a special day at Beaver Tech. We believe grandparents have an honored place and a special role in the education and upbringing of all students. A big thank you to our volunteers, parents, staff and our special guests for making this event a big success!

We are getting ready for our annual carnival and we welcome volunteers. Parents, this is a great opportunity to be involved.

Also, please save the date for our annual Multicultural Dinner on Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm. Start thinking about which of your favorite family recipes you would like to share with the school.

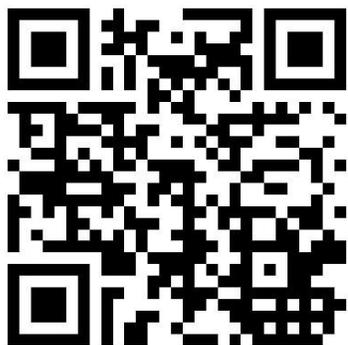


FUNDRAISING

By Heather Bryant

"Spring Creek Success"

Thank you to all the families who came out to support Beaver's annual restaurant spirit night. There were tons of familiar faces, both students and staff, as we packed in Spring Creek BBQ's dining area. Congratulations to Mrs. Estefano's, Mrs. Sinclair's, and Mrs. Pierce's home room classes for having the most participation. Those classes will receive a prize package courtesy of Spring Creek BBQ. Best of all, we raised **\$1,300** that goes right back into our school. Way to go Beaver Stars! A huge thank you to Spring Creek BBQ, which has been family owned and operated by the Carroll Family since 1980.



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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

By Susan Elliott

It's fall, so watch for products with Double Boxtops and Bonus Boxtops.

Check your favorite grocery store to see if they have a Boxtops program.

- I have received some wonderful Bonus Box tops printed on Albertson's receipts.
- Tom Thumb has an E-Boxtops program that works with their rewards card. We have already been credited with quite a few.
- I understand that Kroger has a Reward Your School program for Boxtops. If you shop there, please check it out.

If you know of other programs, please let me know so I can put the word out to everyone.

Thanks so much to those who have already sent Boxtops to school. We have several hundred dollars' worth collected already. Keep 'em comin'!



NOTES FROM MUSIC

by Susan Elliott

Please welcome Mr. Perez to the music classroom. He is doing the first part of his student teaching internship with us at Beaver. He has been working with all grade levels, and really likes our Beaver Stars. Soon he will go to North Garland HS to complete the second part of his classroom internship.

Symphony Time is approaching! Our third and fourth grade students have the opportunity to hear the Garland Symphony Orchestra in late October. The students will go to the GISD Special Events Center to hear the orchestra. In addition to the music, the musicians demonstrate each instrument. Students will be learning about the instruments and the orchestra over the next few weeks.



This is always a great field trip. The cost is \$5.00, which is a bargain for hearing an orchestra. I encourage you to return your permission form and money (cash only) ASAP. You won't want to miss out!

YEARBOOK

By Rebecca Thiehoff

Hi Beaver Star Families! I am overjoyed at the number of folks that have already purchased yearbooks. We've sold almost 100 yearbooks in our first month alone. Online ordering will not be available, this year. However, many opportunities will be provided for you to purchase a yearbook with a credit card. Look for us at any school event or our monthly First Friday Spirit Stick sales. More information is available within this newsletter and in your Thursday folders.

Good news, we are doing the Yearbook Cover Contest! This year, you will have the option of using color, but don't start drawing yet, let's get through Carnival and Halloween first. Be on the lookout for details.

The yearbook is a group effort. I want to encourage everyone to submit your school related pictures for our yearbook. I will try to be in as many places as I can, but I am only one person. So parents, kids, and teachers, please send me your pictures. My email is rebecca4628@yahoo.com. You may also submit pictures on a disk. Please label them "Yearbook" and leave it at the front office. Have a great month!

ARTS IN EDUCATION

Get those creative juices flowing. Time to start thinking of ways to express yourself artistically by participating in the Reflections Program and Yearbook Cover Contest. Be on the lookout for more information, coming soon to your Thursday folder.



E-WASTE

By Susan Elliott

Please remember us for recycling your old computers, electronics, printer cartridges, and phones. Actually, we'll take virtually anything that runs on electricity or batteries. We even take the batteries!

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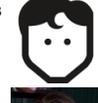
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - DUE DATE



Articles for the October newsletter are due **Wednesday, October 22, 2014**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact me at kat@katspencer.com.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY

By Melissa Elliott

Greetings Beaver families, my name is Melissa Elliott and I am thrilled and excited to serve as your Hospitality Chair. My daughter is a 1st grader here at Beaver. This is our first year here, but we are eager to jump right in and be a part of the wonderful Beaver family. I look forward to all of the events we have planned this year for our amazing Super Heroes of Beaver Tech.

We will continue to have monthly Hospitality events to give our Super Heroes a little Super power, so please continue to check your child's Thursday folders for upcoming events and opportunities to donate or volunteer.

Thank you to all 5th grade families for making September's teacher and staff breakfast a success.

This month, Kindergarten families will host a "Yogurt Bar."

I am always open to any suggestions to ensure we express our appreciation to our staff and teachers. I can be reached at melliott0508@yahoo.com

TEASURER REPORT

By Cash Craig

Hello Beaver Parents, my name is Cash Craig and I am your PTA treasurer. My daughter Caitlyn is in 1st grade at Beaver. I have a few updates to things happening with the Beaver PTA. First, we are now able to accept credit cards. You can now use MasterCard, Visa and Discover to pay for PTA items, such as school supplies, shirts, and spirit sticks and at PTA functions, such as Carnival. Secondly, we have recently changed the bank we use for our account to BBVA Compass. Along with now being able to accept credit cards with this switch, there are some other advantages given to Beaver.

Here are the details:

1. Apply for a new qualifying BBVA Compass consumer checking account and ask your banker to apply your organization's code to the account. Complete five qualifying transactions within sixty days and BBVA Compass will deposit a \$50 royalty payment into your organization's account.
2. Apply for a BBVA Compass Check Card. BBVA Compass will deposit royalty payments equal to .25% of the amount of every signature-based qualifying purchase you make with your card into your organization's account.

If you already bank with BBVA Compass simply tell your banker to update your account to include your organization's code. You can also do this by calling 1-800-COMPASS.

Organization Name: Beaver Technology Center PTA

Organization Code: 109846

Lastly, when writing a check to Beaver Tech PTA, it must be pre-printed and include your name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

By Valerie McElroy

Beaver Stars are off to a great start in P.E.! We have had fun with team building activities to show off our sportsmanship skills. We have enjoyed daily aerobic activities to improve our fitness levels. Additionally, we have discussed the importance of doing cardiovascular activities for a minimum of 60 minutes daily.

K-2nd grade have been focusing on personal space and locomotor skills. Our 3rd-5th graders have been working on Fitnessgram components and volleyball skills.

Did you know that September is national fruits and vegetable month? We have discussed ways to incorporate more servings of these healthy foods into our daily diet.

We are excited about the new BIG SHOE award, which is awarded monthly to the K-2nd and 3rd-5th grade classes that wear their tennis shoes to P.E. We want all our students to be safe and have tons of FUN in the gym!

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Please make a note that we are rescheduling our annual Community Cleanup due to timing with Spring Break. Please stay tuned for updates, while we determine the new date. Thank you for your patience.



STAY CONNECTED

Stay Connected with Beaver Technology Center on Twitter @BeaverMST_Stars. Don't miss any important updates by turning on "mobile notifications" under the settings tab (the gear symbol) on the @BeaverMST_Stars profile page!

Don't forget to check the Beaver Technology Center website often for the latest school info and calendar.

Subscribe to Beaver Tech's eNotes by going to www.garlandisd.schools.com/beaver click on the eNews icon and follow the instructions.

Follow Beaver Tech PTA on Twitter and Facebook. Handy QR codes and links can be found on page 2.

"THE BEST CAMERA IS THE ONE YOU HAVE WITH YOU"

Take Better Pictures with Your Smartphone

By Kat Spencer

This article was originally published in the March 2014 edition of the Beaver Star Gazette. With school events and field trips coming up and opportunities to submit pictures to the yearbook I thought now would be a good time to share these tips with you again.

I don't know about you, but I always have my iPhone with me and I take a lot of pictures with it. Like over 6,000 pictures in 2013, a lot. Needless to say, I have learned a few tricks on how to take a good picture with my phone and I'd like to share some tips with you to improve your pictures, too. From snaps of the kids to fun vacation shots or even #selfies.

- **Make sure your lens is clean.** We have our phones in our hands all day, in a pocket or thrown in a purse. That little lens will get slimy and grimy fast. If your pics looks foggy, hazy or dusty, just give it a quick wipe with a soft cloth and you are good to go.
- **Look for the light.** Don't be afraid to move your subject or yourself into a better position (e.g. near a window or lamp) to take advantage of light. I do not recommend using your phone's flash.
- **Tap to focus.** What does that mean? That means you can touch the screen where you want your camera to focus, this will also adjust the exposure for the area you tapped. For instance, you are at the zoo and you want to get a picture of your little munchkin with the elephant in the background, your phone wants to focus on the elephant because it is the biggest and brightest thing in the scene. Just tap on your kiddo's face on the screen and they're instantly in focus and better exposed.
- **Composition.** Turn on the grid lines in your camera app settings. This is an excellent reminder to use the "Rule of Thirds" while framing up your picture. It's a four line grid, kind of like tic tac toe, that makes 9 boxes. The magic happens around the four corners of that middle box.
- **Get close!** Closer...Closer...Closer...Perfect! Most phone cameras can focus about 4 inches from a subject. Fun!
- **Perspective.** Don't be afraid to move around. A different angle may make that shot perfect. Try getting above your subject (great for getting rid of a double chin) or get low (makes your subject seem taller).
- **Do Not Zoom!** Digital zoom is bad. Very, very bad. Try walking closer or crop after you take the picture.
- **Burst mode for action.** Hold down the shutter button and let your camera take a bunch of pictures. You'll have a better chance to getting the shot in focus. You can always delete the blurred ones. Yay, digital!
- **Two hands.** Stabilize your camera using both hands or by bracing it on something. This is especially helpful in low light. If you are moving or shaking, you'll probably get blurry pictures.
- **Edit!** If you really want to make your phone pictures pop, you have to edit them. Sure Instagram filters are fun at first, but they are limited. Find an app that allows you to adjust exposure, contrast and white balance, at a minimum. Then play with the fun filters. There are many great apps that are free or low cost that can turn a blah phone picture into a masterpiece. Play around and see what works best! I like PicTapGo and Snapseed, but there are literally hundreds of photo editing apps out there.

Keep checking back for more tips on how to improve your photography.



Did you take an amazing picture at a school event, field trip or class party? Please consider sharing it with your child's teacher or with the yearbook staff (rebecca4628@yahoo.com). Check our Facebook Page often for opportunities to share there, as well.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

By Rebecca Thiehoff

I usually start all my articles by saying, "Hi Beaver Star Families!" Not just because those of you reading the article has a child attending Beaver. I say it because we are all working together to help each other's children reach their full potential, and that makes us all family, in a way. So many of you do what you can to make this school what it is. And last year during the Garland Council of PTA's luncheon every one of you was recognized. For the first time EVER Beaver Technology Center for Math & Science got the award for Best Volunteer Program in the large elementary category. That is awesome. Thanks to the parents that work the book fairs, the weekly paper cutters, the lunch duty volunteers and the folks that help with parties. I'd also like to thank the board members that organize everything from Carnival to the monthly thank you lunches for the teachers, Multicultural Night and Community Cleanup. A huge thanks to the kids on Green Team and Safety Patrol, too. The award in the trophy case is also something you earned.

Also, one of our own volunteers was doing a lot of work at another school, too. Mrs. Myrna Garibay earned herself a Volunteer of the year award on the Pre-K level. Great job!



Per[ot]t Museum of Nature and Science SUPER HERO SCIENCE NIGHT



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

BE YOUR KID'S SUPERHERO! BE PTA!

By Mariah Rice

Thank you to everyone that has joined the 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.



1ST MEMBERSHIP NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

2ND MEMBERSHIP NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

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

CARNIVAL 5-7:30PM
SILENT AUCTION 5-7:15PM
LIVE AUCTION 7:30-9PM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9TH ANNUAL BEAVER PTA FALL CARNIVAL



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9th ANNUAL FALL CARNIVAL

By Cassandra Hart

Friday, October 17, 2014

Carnival Games & Concessions 5-7:30 p.m.

Silent Auction 5- 7:15 p.m.

Live Auction 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the 9th Annual Fall Carnival at Beaver Tech on Friday, October 17, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. Play lots of old school midway games. Our Dunk Tank features a full schedule of Beaver Tech teachers and staff for you to drench. Lots of inflatable fun on bounce houses, an obstacle course and slide. Go on a train ride. Our Beaver Salon will feature face painting, hair color, feather hair extensions, and nail art. Dance to your favorite tunes with our DJ. Feast on regular and Latin concessions, Kona Ice, Dippin' Dots and more!

CARNIVAL GOAL

The fall carnival is the largest fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 to support our goals this year. Please plan to join us for a night of family fun, good food, and fundraising! Your support is what makes Beaver Tech such a great school!

CARNIVAL THEME

This year's carnival theme is, "Be a Superhero!" Everyone is invited to wear his or her favorite superhero costume to carnival. There's a rumor that Batman and Robin will be emceeing the Live Auction!

VOLUNTEER

We pair up with High School National Honors Society students to help out at our carnival, but we also need adults as well. If you can help out with set-up, manning areas around carnival, concessions, auction, or clean-up please contact our volunteer coordinator, Esteban Mojica at beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com, to sign-up!

CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS AND TICKETS

This year we are selling wristbands for \$20 each for children 4 and older and \$10 each for children 3 and younger. Wristbands allow for 2.5 hours of unlimited playtime at the carnival on the inflatables, midway games, dunk tank, train rides, photo booth, and Beaver Salon.

Tickets are \$1 each and are needed for food and drink purchases: regular concessions, homemade Latin concessions, Kona Ice, and Dippin' Dots.

Presales of wristbands and tickets will be going on until Thursday, October 16th. The first 100 wristbands sold will receive a free carnival spirit stick! **A presale form is included on page 9.** Fill it out and return it along with your payment in a sealed envelope marked, "Carnival Presale Form." If you'd rather pay by credit card, we will be available Friday morning before school and after school dismissal on October 3rd and October 10th out front by the Beaver Tech entrance to take your payment. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Avoid the long lines at carnival and pre-purchase what you'll need to start playing right away!

DONATE

Each classroom has been assigned a theme for a silent auction basket. Please donate something to your child's classroom basket to make this the best silent auction we've ever had! If you have any questions about your class theme or what items are still needed, please contact Chelsea Jones at beaverptauction@yahoo.com. Your help is greatly appreciated!

CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The carnival and concessions will be open! If you pre-purchased wristbands and concessions tickets, you will be able to pick up your packet at the Will Call table out in front of the school. Packets will include: wristbands, tickets, auction BID number, carnival program, and possibly a carnival spirit stick if your wristbands are one of the first 100 wristbands sold! To purchase wristbands and tickets once you arrive, continue into the school and there will be two lines in the main hallway; one for cash and check and the other for credit card purchases. You will receive your auction BID number at that time.

Regular and homemade Latin concessions will be available in the cafeteria. Kona Ice and Dippin' Dots will be available outside in front of the school.

5:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m. The Silent Auction starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 7:15 p.m. The Silent Auction will be located in the grassy area to the right of the entrance to the school. Stop by often to check your bids on items such as themed class baskets, gift certificates, and handmade crafts. Only adults will be allowed to bid. More details on the specific Silent Auction items will be coming soon!

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Live Auction starts at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and you won't want to miss Batman (AKA Mr. Spurlock) and Robin (Mr. Jones) our emcees for the night! They will be ready to take your bids, so hold your BID numbers high! Every year the teachers and staff at Beaver Tech plan fantastic dates for us to bid on. Be on the lookout for teacher date posters around the school to plan which ones you want to win. There will also be other goodies auctioned off. Look for more details to come home soon!

FUN!

CARNIVAL 5-7:30PM
 SILENT AUCTION 5-7:15PM
 LIVE AUCTION 7:30-9PM



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9TH ANNUAL BEAVER PTA FALL CARNIVAL



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CARNIVAL WRISTBAND PRESALES

Our 9th Annual Beaver PTA Fall Carnival is October 17, 2014. This year, we are selling all access wristbands for 2 1/2 hours of Carnival play time. Each \$20 wristband gives students **UNLIMITED access to The Beaver Salon, Dunk Tank, Photo Booth, Inflatables and all Games!!!** No more punch cards. Yay!

First 100 to purchase a wristband will receive a limited edition Carnival Spirit Stick!



FOOD TICKET PRESALES

Food concession tickets will also be available for advance purchase on September 23. Concession Tickets are \$1 each and can be used for regular (hot dogs, pizza, nachos, etc) and Latin concessions and drinks.

Wristbands do not include food concessions.

RAFFLE TICKETS

We will be raffling off great prizes such as gift cards to popular restaurants, theater tickets and private tour and dinner for four at a Garland Fire Station including a ride on the fire truck! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Pre-Sale Packages will be available at the Will Call table on Oct.17 during Carnival

CARNIVAL WRISTBAND PRESALE FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____ TEACHER: _____

OF WRISTBANDS @ \$20 EACH: _____ # OF SPIRIT STICKS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST): _____

OF TODDLER WRISTBANDS @ \$10 EACH (AGE 3 AND UNDER): _____ ADDITIONAL SPONSOR AMOUNT \$ _____

OF FOOD TICKETS @ \$1 EACH _____

RAFFLE TICKETS: _____ \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

RAFFLE PRIZES WILL INCLUDE: RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, A PRIVATE FIRE DEPARTMENT TOUR WITH DINNER AND FIRE TRUCK RIDE AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES

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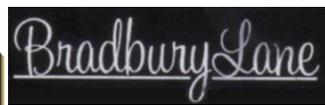
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2014-2015 BEAVER STAR CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 2014

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
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December 2014

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January 2015

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October

- 2 October Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 3 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 6 State Fair Day-No School
- 17 9th Annual Fall Carnival
- 20-24 Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 22 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for November Issue
- 27-31 Spooktacular Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 29 Fall Pictures/Early Release
- 30 November Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed

November

- 4 PTA Membership Event
- 7 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 18 Multi-Cultural Night 6-8pm
- 19 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for Dec/Jan Issue
- 24-28 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 3 Fall Picture Retakes
- 4 Dec/Jan Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 5 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 15-18 Holiday Spirit Sticks Sold during lunch
- 16 Choir Performance
- 19 Early Dismissal
- 22-31 Winter Break

January

- 1-5 Winter Break
- 9 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- 28 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for February Issue

February

- 5 February Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 6 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 9-13 "Love" Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 25 Early Release
- 26 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for March Issue

March

- 5 March Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 6 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 9-13 Spring Break
- 17 General PTA Meeting and Art Showcase
- 25 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for April Issue

April

- 2 April Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 3 Student/Staff Holiday
- 14 Health Fair Expo/Jam The Gym
- 22 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for May Issue
- 27 Student/Staff Holiday
- 30 May Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed

May

- 1 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance
- 25 Memorial Day-No School

June

- 4 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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May 2015

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June 2015

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