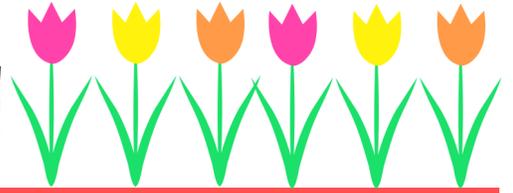


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PTA'S PURPOSE

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!

Be on the lookout for ways you can volunteer and participate on the Beaver Tech PTA board. Interest surveys are attached to this edition of the newsletter and will come home in your child's Thursday Folder as well.

For more information please see the president article on page 2. Or contact one of the current PTA board members. We'd be happy to answer your questions.

SUPER BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Kathleen Rohmer
March 7	Shauna Pierce
March 10	Cheryl Brooks
March 14	Arden Imberman
March 19	Gary Brown
March 24	Pamela Gatten
March 28	Rita Madkins

BEAVER TECH NEWS

by Jason Adams, Principal

Hello Beaver Tech Families,

We are always looking for ways to do a better job of communicating with Beaver Tech families and friends, so we are excited to share another means to communicate information. Looking for the latest information about Beaver Tech and upcoming school events? Want quick, timely updates sent straight to your cell-phone? We can provide all of that, and more. Beaver Tech now uses the web-based app Remind to share important information, school closings and upcoming events. Scan the following QR code and enter passcode 81010 to sign up for the Beaver Parents Remind account. Once you have registered, school reminders will be sent straight to your phone.



For more information about exciting programs and projects that are happening here at school, you can also follow us on Twitter. You can start following us at @BeaverMST_Stars to start receiving updates.

If you don't have a Twitter account, or don't want one, don't worry. There are two ways to stay "in the know."

1. Log on to www.twitter.com and follow the instructions to sign up for a Twitter account. Once you're a Twitter user, search for @BeaverMST_Stars. Then click the "Follow" button.
2. Receive text messages in lieu of signing up for a Twitter account. Text "Follow @BeaverMST_Stars" to 40404. Tweets will be sent as messages to your smart phone (standard messaging rates apply). You can turn off the updates at any time by texting "Stop @BeaverMST_Stars" to 40404.

Students and teachers have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming testing season. The first round of STAAR tests begins at the end of March and continues through April. The tests are scheduled as follows:

March 30	4 th Grade STAAR Writing (Day 1)
March 31	4 th Grade STAAR Writing (Day 2) 5 th Grade STAAR Reading
April 20	5 th Grade STAAR Math
April 21	3 rd and 4 th Grade STAAR Math
April 22	3 rd and 4 th Grade STAAR Reading 5 th Grade STAAR Science

As we get closer to these testing dates, it is important that we continue to encourage students to work hard and to do their best. We have been preparing for these tests all school year, and we are confident students will be well prepared. As always, our teachers, staff, and I are here to help. We are just a phone call or an email away! Thank you for your constant support.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

by Cassandra Hart, PTA



We are still collecting PTA Interest Surveys. A copy can be found on the last page of the newsletter. Please indicate your top three choices in order of preference. If you have any questions about a certain position, you may contact the board member that currently holds that position or me to get more information.

We haven't received very many responses, so we are **extending the deadline to Friday, March 6th**. The volunteers that serve the school are one reason that Beaver Tech is so great. Please consider serving on the PTA Board.

A Nominating Committee will review the surveys and come up with their nominees for each position and we will vote on the new officers at the March General PTA meeting scheduled for March 17th at 6:00 p.m. If you are a current PTA member and are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee please contact me at Kassandra.hart@gmail.com.

The full 2015-2016 PTA Board, including Chairmen, will be announced at our April General PTA meeting scheduled for April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

LUCKY CHARMS SPIRIT STICKS

by Heather Bryant

Spirit Sticks will be on sale **Friday, March 6th** during lunches. This month's featured spirit sticks are Lucky Charms. We will have regular spirit sticks on sale, as well. Spirit sticks are only \$1 each and supplies are limited.

Future Spirit Stick Sales Events:

April 10, 2015

May 1, 2015



HOSPITALITY

by Melissa Elliott

Thank you to all the Beaver families that made our February Mardi Gras themed teacher appreciation a success.

Each month the PTA sets aside a day to show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate them. We welcome you to join us in supporting our teachers and staff by volunteering your time to assist in setup or cleanup or by your generous donations. The more help the merrier. The teachers and staff go above and beyond each day and we have the honor of showing how grateful we are through our hospitality events.

Our teacher appreciation event for March will be hosted by 1st and 2nd grade families.

Please watch your Thursday folders for further information and volunteer opportunities.

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

BEAVER TECH-NICOLOR RUN 2015

by Heather Bryant

Do you have your running shoes ready? The Beaver Technicolor Run 2015 is right around the corner and we can't wait to see the rainbow of colors splashed over our Beaver Stars. Order forms have gone home in your child's Thursday folders. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so as soon as possible. **Order forms are due by April 3rd.**

This year, there are two options for running:

Option A (\$10): Ticket to participate in the color run and includes a special edition Beaver Technicolor Run Shirt.

Option B (\$5): Ticket to participate in the color run without the t-shirt.

Either way, you and your Beaver Star will have a blast dashing through clouds of color.

We would like this to be fun for the entire family, so we would like to invite moms, dads, aunts, uncles, and grandparents to come join the fun. Just add them to your order form and we will see all of our runners on April 17th at 12:30p.m.

This is Beaver's Spring Fundraiser and our goal is to have 100% student, family and faculty participation. See you there!

We will need volunteers to throw color and help with the course. More information will come home as we get closer to the event date.



REMEMBER BOXTOPS!

by Susan Elliot

We bought two iPad Minis with the last check from BoxTops. We also got a full class set of jingle bells. In past years, I have been able to purchase tambourines and maracas for our students. I hope to purchase two or three more iPad Minis this spring. BoxTops money really adds up. Please save those BoxTops and send them on in. We really appreciate your support!



PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

by Valerie McElroy

In March, we are ready to “spring” into fun activities in P.E.!

We are very proud to announce that Beaver Stars collected \$4,700 for The American Heart Association during our February Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

3rd-5th grade will be finishing up our FitnessGram testing. Our students have worked hard all year long on the following fitness components: cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, muscular strength and agility. Students will test on the following: pacer, curl-ups, push-ups, shoulder stretch, and trunk lift.

Also, we will be focusing on basketball skills and gymnastics. We look forward to enjoying games and fitness activities outside. Additionally, we will learn about how our brain works to send messages to our five senses. Remember to encourage your child to go outside and play each day!

YEARBOOK

by Rebecca Thiehoff

Time is running out to purchase your yearbook! The deadline to order is March 24th. Also, don't forget that everyone gets a hardcover book this year for the low price of \$20. Order forms will be sent home weekly in Thursday folders. They are also available in the office.

I would also like to thank everyone that has sent me pictures to be used in the yearbook. Your contributions help make the yearbook special. If you have taken pictures at a school event, class party or field trip, there is still time to submit them for inclusion in the yearbook. Please email them to beaverptayearbook.com.

I appreciate everyone that submitted Love Notes and 5th grader baby pictures to be included in the yearbook. Our kiddos sure look forward to seeing a little extra love on the pages.

LITTLE CHANGES WE CAN MAKE

by Susan Elliott, Environmental Chair

Use reusable shopping bags instead of using store plastic bags. Check out these startling facts.

Over 380 billion plastic bags, sacks and wraps are consumed in the U.S. each year, costing retailers an estimated \$4 billion.

Every year, Americans reportedly throw away 100 billion plastic grocery bags.

At least 267 different species are known to have suffered from entanglement or ingestion of plastic marine debris.

In 2012, the category of plastics which includes bags, sacks, and wraps was recycled at about 12 percent.

Recently when I was checking out at the grocery store, the checker commented that I always have my bags with me. I told her that I keep mine in the trunk of my car. She said she hears that all the time, but people don't remember to bring them into the store.

Actually, I used to do that too. Here's how I taught myself to remember. If I left my bags in the car, my consequence was to go back for them, no matter what the weather. Twice I left my shopping basket near the front, while I went to the car for my bags. Now I don't forget them.

If you do slip up and bring home plastic bags, be sure to gather them up and recycle them at the grocery store. With just a little change we can lower the number of plastic bags used, and raise the number of bags recycled.

Some of the information used in this article came from these sources:

<http://www.inspirationgreen.com/plastic-bag-stats.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conservation/materials/plastics.htm>

LIBRARY NEWS

by Cheryl Brooks

Dr. Seuss Day is Monday, March 2. Please dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character and bring the book to go with it.

All entries for the **GISD Book Byte** contest are due Friday, March 6. This is an awesome opportunity to showcase our creative movie making skills. Prizes for all who enter! Please come by the library if you need another form.

The **Spring Book Fair** is March 16-20. We will be open 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. every day. We will also be open Tuesday night, March 17 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, please contact Ms. Brooks at cjbrooks@garlandisd.net.

BE YOUR KID'S SUPERHERO! BE PTA!

by Mariah Rice

Big thanks to all Beaver PTA members!!! You help make Beaver Technology Center the best and we couldn't do it without your support.

We had a great turn out for our annual Beaver PTA skate night. Thank you to everyone that came out to show off your skating skills.

PTA membership cards will go home next week, so please check your child's Thursday folder.

Thanks again for everyone's membership.



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ART ROOM HAPPENINGS

by Dixie Nambo

It is so much fun in the Art Room! We have been painting and drawing as well as learning blending and mixing techniques with paints and chalk pastels. Our younger students have done lots of collage work with lots of cutting and gluing. The older students have focused on creating value in their work this month as this element of art helps to create depth and make a piece more dramatic. Looking forward to working on landscapes and portraits as we apply perspective and proportion to our work. And a shout out to kinder and 1st grade as their cutting and gluing skills have improved greatly!

The GISD Student Art Show will be taking place at the South Garland Library on Thursday, March 26. Selected Beaver students will have their artwork showcased at this event which will celebrate Youth Month with all of the GISD elementary schools. Come celebrate with us!

Students of the Beaver Tech Art Club and the Public Arts Project Club will be taking a field trip to AT&T Stadium to view the art collection of Jerry and Gene Jones. The collection consists of 21 pieces of art from local as well as internationally acclaimed artists. Students will view these monumental and contemporary pieces of art and gather inspiring ideas to enhance their own works of art. Students from both clubs will have their artwork displayed at the Young Artists Exhibition at the Dallas Museum of Art. The reception for this event is April 2 at 5:00.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents can access the Morning Announcements at any time from the Beaver Tech homepage. The link will take you to the High School Cube website where you can log in with Facebook or create and account to watch.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES -DUE DATE

Articles for the February edition of the newsletter are due **Wednesday, March 25, 2015**. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact me at kat@katspencer.com.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

by Claudia Mojica

Spring is around the corner and it is time for Beaver Tech's Annual Campus & Community Clean Up! We would love for you and your students to join us on Saturday, March 28th from 9:30am – 12pm.

This year, we have invited speakers with the Keep Garland Beautiful Program from the City of Garland to provide us with more resources and information about the 3 R's: Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. There are several ways we can use "reuse, repurpose and recycle" every day: painting and repairing, composting, planting seeds, growing a garden, drought tolerant plants, saving rainwater and feeding birds.

In appreciation to our volunteers, we will provide a pizza luncheon for everyone who helps by volunteering. If you would like to volunteer, please email Esteban Mojica at beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com and let us know how many in your family will be attending. Please look for more information in your child's Thursday folder.

NOTES FROM MUSIC

by Susan Elliott

Arts Showcase (aka the Talent Show) is approaching. We call it Arts Showcase because a typical Talent Show has judges and awards, which our show does not. This is a chance for students to perform in a friendly, supportive environment. Typically, our show features singers, dancers, and instrumentalists. Previously, we have also had origami, martial arts, science demonstrations, jokesters, puppeteers, gymnasts, and twirlers.

As in past years, our students will be sponsoring concessions.



Come join us on Tuesday evening, **March 17 at 6pm**. See what our talented students are offering for our entertainment. It's a family friendly evening you won't want to miss.



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 (beaverptayearbook@gmail.com). Check our PTA Facebook Page often for more information and opportunities to share, as well. www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA

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VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

by Esteban Mojica

Love & Logic Seminar for Parents

I hope you are doing well as we get ready for Spring Break. I wanted to share an exciting opportunity to help you understand and work with your children. It's called Love & Logic. Love & Logic is a seminar to teach parents how to raise responsible kids by giving specific strategies, tools/techniques and the actual words to say to build a better relationship. Mr. Adams was able to get the funding to have our Beaver parents attend for no charge. It's a great seminar that will help improve communication with your children. The event will be held on Saturday, May 2nd and will be broken into two sessions. The first session is *Love and Logic for Toddlers and Preschoolers* from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and the second session, *Putting the Fun Back Into Parenting*, will be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please send an email to beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com, if you are interested in attending and we'll send you the information.

Parent Survey

We need your help completing the Parent Survey on the Beaver Tech website www.garlandisdschools.net/beaver. The link is on the homepage under "Parent Survey." This is important since Garland ISD uses this information for compliance in keeping our status as a Title I school. If you need this survey printed, please have your students ask their teachers and we'll send one home. The Parent Survey is a way for you to share your thoughts on how to improve communication with our Beaver teachers and staff.

Watch D.O.G.S.

Thank you again to all the dads who have participated in the Watch DOGS program. So far, it has been a great success for the dads, the school staff and most importantly, the kids. To those dads who weren't able to attend the Watch DOGS Kick Off events, we are always looking for dads who want to be a part of their child's school life. If you haven't signed up, but would like more information please send me an email to beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com and we'll help in every way possible. For current Watch DOGS dads, we still have dates available, if you would like to sign up.

Volunteers Needed

The Spring Book Fair is coming up, March 16-20. We will need volunteers to help during the school day and the evening of the 17th during the Art Showcase.

Campus Cleanup is coming up and we need your help. This event will be on Saturday, March 28th starting at 9:30 am. We did a great job last year and I know we can do more this time around. Please be on the lookout for more details as the time gets closer. If you have any questions about anything I've mentioned please send me an email at beaverptavolunteer@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 6

PTA BOARD INTEREST SURVEYS DUE

MARCH 28

COMMUNITY & CAMPUS CLEANUP

APRIL 17

1st ANNUAL

BEAVER TECH-NICOLOR RUN

E-WASTE COLLECTION MARCH 20

by Susan Elliott

Some of the hardest items to recycle are our electronics. We know it's bad to dump them into landfills. It's been estimated that some of the plastics will still be in tact in 200 years. We also know that toxic chemicals leach into the soil in the rain.

So what can you do with your old electronics? De-clutter and bring them to Beaver! We'll get the items recycled responsibly, and we'll make some money, too.

Our biggest money makers are laptops, cell phones, hand held electronics and printer cartridges. Please save them for us. We accept just about anything that runs on a plug or battery. We want your old computers, components, peripherals, and connectors. Bring us your old batteries, too. They are highly toxic in landfills.

Here's a Win-Win-Win project:

Clean out the clutter.

Be kind to the planet.

Make some money for our school.



4th Grade Field Trip to Austin

STAY CONNECTED

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

Don't forget to check the Beaver Technology Center website (www.garlandisdschools.net/beaver) often for the latest school info and calendar.



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Follow Beaver Tech PTA on Twitter ([@BeaverPTA](https://twitter.com/BeaverPTA)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/BeaverPTA). Handy QR codes and links can be found on page 3.

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FACTS OF LICE - used with permission from The Lice Place

Article submitted by Christina Craig - PTA Health, Safety and Legislation Chair

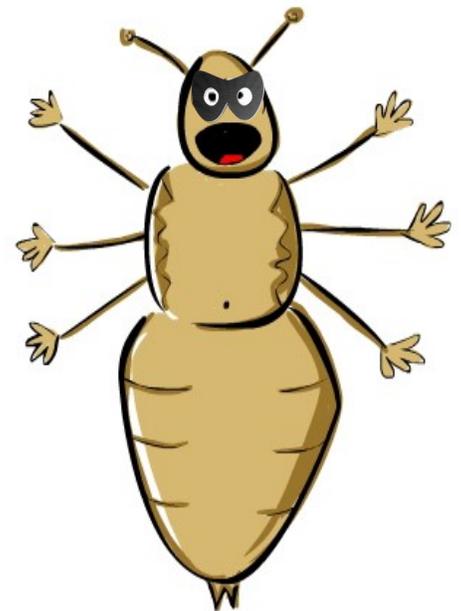
1. Head lice do not discriminate towards any socio-economic group or race, and are not related to bad health or hygiene habits.
2. Head lice do not transmit disease.
3. Head lice feed only on human blood.
4. Head lice do not come from animals or pets and cannot survive on a nonhuman host.
5. Itching of the scalp is usually the first noticeable sign. The itching is caused by an allergic reaction to the saliva of the lice; however, 50% of people do not have this reaction!
6. The time between when the egg is laid until the live insect dies is about 30-33 days. A female louse can lay 2 to 10 eggs per day.
7. There are approximately 5 female lice for every male louse.
8. Head lice do not jump or fly, but they can crawl really fast!
9. Humans cannot catch nits. They are eggs securely glued to the hair strand and do not travel.
10. Transmission usually occurs through direct head-to-head contact.
11. Head lice need to feed every 3-4 hours. Most will die in less than 24 hours of being removed from the host.
12. Homes and schools do not get lice – people do!
13. There are between 6 and 12 million reported cases of head lice each year. You are not alone!

IF YOU HAVE AN INFESTATION

1. Check all family members – treat only those with an infestation.
3. There is no magic potion—all bugs and eggs must be removed either through manual removal or combing.
4. Wash or change bed linens.
5. Wash brushes, combs, and hair ornaments that have been used in the previous 24 hours in hot water.
6. Stuffed toys can be dried on high heat for 20 minutes. There is no need to bag toys – or anything else – for 2 weeks (or any length of time)!
7. Items that cannot be washed and/or dried should be set aside for 24 hours. This applies only to items that have been exposed to anyone with an infestation in the past 24 hours .
8. Do not use “lice sprays”. If you really feel the need, you can lightly vacuum upholstered furniture that has been used in the past 24 hours by anyone with an infestation. There is no need to vacuum the carpet or mattresses.
9. Report the infestation to your school, camp, daycare, and close friends. This is the only way to stop the cycle. Many parents are not aware their child has head lice and will appreciate the phone call. Wouldn't you want to know?

KEEP AHEAD OF HEAD LICE

1. Check your child on a weekly basis for head lice.
2. Long hair should be worn back (preferably in a braid) or up.
3. Spray hair daily with a Mint Spray. Lice are repelled by the scent of mint.
4. Do not share hair brushes, hats, hair clips or any other hair items



2014-2015 BEAVER STAR CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 2015

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sa
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April 2015

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June 2015

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28	29	30				

March

- 5 March Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 6 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch
- 9-13 Spring Break
- 16-20 Spring Book Fair
- 17 General PTA Meeting and Art Showcase
- 25 Beaver Star Gazette Articles Due for April Issue
- 28 Community and Campus Cleanup
- 30 STAAR TEST - 4th Grade Writing - Day 1
5th Grade Math
- 31 STAAR TEST - 4th Grade Writing - Day 2
5th Grade Reading

April

- 2 April Issue of Beaver Star Gazette Distributed
- 3 Student/Staff Holiday
- 14 Health Fair Expo/Jam The Gym
- 17 Beaver TECHnicolor Run
- 20 STAAR TEST - 5th Grade
- 21 STAAR TEST - 3rd & 4th Grade Math
- 22 STAAR TEST - 3rd & 4th Grade Reading
5th Grade Science
- 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.

PHOTO TIPS FROM KAT: SPORTS MODE

by Kat Spencer

The weather is getting warmer. Spring is on the horizon and all this means more time outdoors playing sports, riding bikes and playing on the playground. It'd be great to be able to capture that winning goal on the soccer field or maybe that fastball your son just mastered, but maybe you get frustrated with the quality of pictures you are taking. While your camera phone is great for a lot of general photography purposes, it doesn't usually do well with fast action. So what do you do?

It's time to break out the "big" camera, or at least one that has a little more flexibility for shooting. Luckily, there are presets on most consumer cameras to help you take better pictures based on the situation. They are called "scene" modes and the symbols are generic across most camera models. Last month we featured that little flower symbol for macro photography.

Let's talk about the Sports scene mode. This is still a 100% automatic setting, meaning that your camera will make all the decisions for you. By turning your dial to the little running person, you are telling your camera, "Hey, I'm going to be taking some pictures of someone or something moving fast. Plan accordingly!" With this little bit of information your camera will automatically shoot at a faster shutter speed to help freeze the action. This preset is not foolproof, however. It will work best in bright daylight.

As with all types of photography, consider your composition and subject placement. Get as close as you can to the action. If you have to zoom in to get close, try stabilizing your camera. A tripod will be your best bet, but the ground, a chair or even someone's shoulder could work.

Timing is everything with action photography. Turn your camera on burst (or continuous) shooting mode and make sure you pan with your subject. Be patient, anticipate the action and be ready to click.

Photography is a journey and requires a lot of practice. Not getting the results you want can be frustrating. Read your manual and get to know your camera so you're ready when the action starts.





Everyone is invited to join in the fun on April 17th at 1:00pm as we kick off the 2015 Beaver TECHnicolor Run. This will be Beavers spring fundraiser and we are hoping to raise funds to purchase drawstring backpacks for the entire student body to use on field trips to carry things like drinks, lunches, area maps, and contact names and numbers.

For \$10, you will receive a Beaver Technicolor t-shirt and get to participate in the color run around campus. This is an event for the whole family! Don't want a cool shirt? No problem! **A \$5 donation to participate will still help us reach our goal.**

Student, families, and faculty will start the run wearing their fresh new white shirt, and after each obstacle, there will be adult volunteers to color the students with a bright, safe, non-toxic cornstarch. Now here's the deal...while this color is mostly washable, it may not come out of all materials. We suggest wearing something that won't be greatly missed if it gets ruined. We also encourage students to bring a beach towel and protective eyewear (i.e. sunglasses or swimming goggles) to prevent color from getting in their eyes.

We would love to have 100% student and staff participation in this event. All you need to do is fill out the attached order form and return it with a cash or check (made out to Beaver PTA) to school with your child.

Deadline to order t-shirts is April 3rd.

Students Name _____ Teacher _____

Cost of shirt-\$10 each (Includes race fee)

Size	Quantity	Subtotal	Size	Quantity	Subtotal
Youth S			Adult M		
Youth M			Adult L		
Youth L			Adult XL		
Adult S			Adult XXL		
Total:					

Provide the name of each runner participating with a \$5 donation (Shirt not included)

I hereby give my permission for _____ to participate in the Beaver Technicolor Run.
(please list all children)

Parent Signature

Join Beaver Technology Center PTA Board

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Child's Grade _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

It is time to elect the 2015 – 2016 PTA board. It is very important for us to have parent involvement in our school and being a PTA board member is a great way to participate in planning fun activities for the teachers, students, and families of Beaver Technology Center. Any member of the Beaver Technology Center PTA can serve on the board. The term is for one year, from May to May. Below you will find a brief description for each position. If you are interested in a position(s), please be sure to indicate which one(s) on this Interest Survey and number them in order of preference.

Return the enclosed Officer and Chairman Interest Survey **on or before Wednesday, March 11th. This form is just to gauge your interest – you are not agreeing to accept a position just by filling it out.** The nominating committee will meet to select the nominees for these positions based on the responses given on this form. The nominees will be presented and voted on at the March General PTA meeting. The Standing Committee Chairman positions will be announced at the April General PTA meeting.

Officer Positions

Interested	Position	Description
	President	Presides at all meetings of the association, attends committee meetings, attends GISD Council meetings, coordinates the work of the officers and chairman committees of the association, and proof all documents before distribution
	1 st VP – Membership	Encourages parents, staff and community members to join PTA throughout the school year, plans a membership table to be present at all PTA and school functions, maintains an accurate membership roster at all times, submits dues to Texas PTA, distribute membership cards to all members.
	2 nd VP – Fundraising	Coordinates fundraisers, actively promotes and coordinates all shopping rebate programs, coordinates the annual school supply sale, coordinates school restaurant nights.
	3 rd VP – Communications	Compiles, prints and distributes the monthly newsletter, coordinates and distributes publicity on PTA events, provides date information to publish on school and PTA websites and the campus marquee.
	Secretary	Records the minutes of all meetings of the association, maintains, sends meeting reminders to board members, and distributes an accurate board directory.
	Treasurer	Keeps accurate and complete accounts of money received and spent, makes disbursements and deposits, presents a financial report at every meeting, presents a proposed budget to the association, files all tax documents, reconciles bank statements monthly.
	Parliamentarian	Willing to learn about parliamentary procedure; will become familiar with our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order; updates bylaws as amendments are made; advises President on questions of parliamentary law when needed.

Standing Committee Chairman Positions

Interested	Position	Description
	Arts in Education	Promote the Arts in Education program. Coordinate and encourage student participation in the Reflections program and 5 th Grade Greeting Card contest.
	Auction	Coordinate with the Carnival Chairman the organizing, soliciting for, and set-up of the annual auction to be held in conjunction with the school carnival.
	Bilingual Liaison	Serve as representative of the bilingual families at the school, work with teachers and the Volunteer Coordinator to recruit bilingual volunteers, coordinate with the Room Representative for the bilingual room parent orientation, and serve as a translator for PTA needs.
	Campus, Community, and Parent Involvement	Plan service projects, activities, or programs that promote citizenship and character among students and encourages community involvement. 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.
	Carnival	Plan and organize the annual school carnival, coordinate with the Auction Chairman regarding organizing, soliciting for, and set-up of auction
	Council Delegate (2)	Attend monthly council meetings and report back to the PTA, submit the Outstanding Monthly PTA award to Council, collect nominees for Teacher and Principal of the Year Awards, when deemed appropriate and enter submission.

	Environmental	Plan and coordinate activities that encourage and promote awareness of preserving the environment, participate in the Texas PTA Beautification Award Program, EPA/Texas PTA Poster Contest, and coordinate all campus recycling programs.
	Health, Safety and Legislation	Publicize matters of child health and safety via newsletter articles and other printed materials, plan health and safety events to take place at the school carnival or other appropriate school event, serve as Legislative Action Chairman by keeping members informed of PTA legislation and any legislative actions that are being undertaken by PTA, inform members of community events such as voting days.
	Hospitality	Plan refreshments for parent education programs, coordinate meals/snacks for school staff during Meet the Teacher Night and parent-teacher conferences, coordinate monthly Teacher Appreciation Meals, arrange Teacher Appreciation Week activities, and send notes of condolence, congratulations, etc. Provide hospitality/refreshments at the request of the PTA board.
	Room Representative	Work with the Volunteer Coordinator and the Bilingual Liaison to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training by the six week of school. Select a grade level coordinator for each grade and one room representative for each classroom. Act as liaison between individual room representatives and the executive board.
	Volunteer Coordinator	Distribute volunteer interest surveys, hold Volunteer Training within first few weeks of school, coordinate volunteers when requested by PTA board or school, distribute background check forms during the second week of school, submit volunteer hours to Council PTA monthly, coordinate with the Room Representative Chairman to plan and coordinate the volunteer and room representative training.
	Yearbook	Compile materials needed to design and have printed the yearbook, take pictures of school events and collect pictures from parents and teachers to include in yearbook, take pre-paid orders and organize distribution of yearbooks.
	Website	Maintain PTA website.

If you have questions about a position, feel free to contact the current Board Member to get a first-hand perspective or contact the President.

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