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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.

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STAFF

BIRTHDAYS

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

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

BY TEVIS DIAZ

Hello Beaver Families, and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I'm Tevis Diaz, 2nd Year Beaver Parent, 1st year PTA President. There are always so many emotions that go into a new year, excitement, sadness, joy, fear, relief, stress, confidence, motivation. They run the gamut. Just remember that someone next to you is anxious about back-to-school too, and supporting each other is what makes us a community. That's exactly what PTA is here for. As an association, we have State and National support to help public education thrive, keep our kids safe from bullying, getting parents involved, and creating an environment where every child can be a success. Your PTA membership makes those things possible.

With these new beginnings, we want to welcome our new principal, Dr. Trimble, to Beaver Tech! He joins us with all of our incoming Kindergarteners and new families from 1st through 5th. We also have a new volunteer program, Three for Me, where one hour of your time goes a long way to make Beaver a fun place to learn! If you are inspired and motivated to join us in a leadership capacity, we can find or build a spot that works for you. Just email me at president@beavertechpta.com.

Have no fear though, many of our great and traditional activities and programs are coming back! Use The Beaver Gazette as a guide along with flyers, Facebook, Twitter, and emails to know what's going on at our kids home away from home. We also welcome your constructive ideas and comments on how to best serve our community as a PTA and the largest advocacy group in the country. Reach out to me anytime at president@beavertechpta.com.

Thank you, and Happy Back-to-School!

Tevis



BUS TRANSPORTATION

Did you know you have to sign up for bus transportation every school year? If you have not already received an assignment, or declined transportation, check www.garlandisd.net. Bus Transportation information is under School Basics. If you still have questions, call the GISD Transportation Department at 972-494-8530.



BEAVER TECH NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BY DR. SHANNON TRIMBLE



Dear Beaver Tech Super Star Families,

Welcome back to Beaver MST for the 2017-2018 school year where we are inspiring, equipping, and enabling all of our students to be collaborative, real-world, problem-solvers! I hope you enjoyed your summer spending time with family and having fun! Our teachers are working hard to get the classrooms organized and preparing learning experiences! Everyone is looking forward to the children returning! The 2017-2018 school year is going to be epic!

Our building had some improvements done over the summer for the 2014 Bond. We have new air conditioners, flooring, bathrooms, windows, and a security vestibule added. Some projects are being finished, so please pardon the construction as final touches are completed. Additionally, we had some technology upgrades, with an addition of 550 Apple MacBook Pros distributed to all classrooms!

This has been a busy summer with promotions, retirements, new positions, and moves, so we have a few new staff members to welcome to our building this year. Listed below is our new instructional staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

Ms. Kelly Hooker - Kindergarten
Ms. Judy Alderete - 2nd Grade ELA/SS
Ms. Lana Tydlaska - 4th Grade ELA/SS
Ms. Kelly Hargraves - ABC 1st-5th

Each of these educators will add value to our team, and I am excited for you all to meet them!

As you may already know, over the summer, former Beaver principal, Jason Adams, has a new position as an Area Director in GISD. He will definitely be missed, but I know he will be a great addition to central administration and have a genuine impact on student success. I am excited to join Beaver MST as principal and be a part of a school rich in tradition and history. In the transition, my number one priority is building relationships and getting to know the students, parents, teachers, and staff members. Relationships are foundational in the success of a school and I will begin by getting to know all the stakeholders. While building relationships I will be learning about Beaver MST and how I can provide support now and into the future. As Stephen Covey stated in the Seven Habits of Highly Successful People, "Seek first to understand, then to be understood". As I transition into the Beaver principal position, I will keep this in mind as I familiarize myself with current Beaver systems, traditions, and culture.

Education and learning are my passions! I received my Doctorate from Baylor University in 2006 in Curriculum & Instruction, with an emphasis in Instructional Technology. I went on to the University of Central Arkansas, where I served as an assistant professor, teaching future educators as well as developing and coordinating the Master's of Instructional Technology program. My greatest passion is at the elementary level, where I've served as a 3rd and 5th grade teacher, assistant principal, and principal. There is nothing like helping students learn, grow, and develop to reach life goals.

My family is very important to me. My wonderful wife and I have been married for 13 years, and we have two amazing children: a 6-year old son and 8-year old daughter. I come from a family of educators. My mother, aunt, uncle, grandmother, and great-grandmother were all teachers.

I am elated to be a part of the Beaver Tech family. We all have a common goal to provide the best possible education for our Beaver Tech kids. I look forward to partnering with all stakeholders to provide students with the best educational experiences. I know that these kids will change the world!

For current information and other school activities, be sure to check our website regularly, follow us on Twitter at @BeaverMST_Stars or call us at 972-494-8301. If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,

Dr. T.

PTA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

BY JENNIFER GARCIA

Hello, my name is Jennifer Garcia, and I am the Campus, Community Parent Involvement Chair. We have some great activities and programs this year at Beaver Tech that will encourage student, parent, and community involvement.

The first event for the year is Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, which will take place on Friday, September 15th during the students scheduled lunch time between 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. We welcome all Grandparents and Grandfriends to join us for lunch. A flyer with more information as well as a lunch schedule will be coming home in your student's folder.

Later in the year, our big event for Campus, Community Parent Involvement will be our Multi-Cultural Night! This year, we will focus efforts to educate and bring our community together. We will be involved in *Every Child In Focus* which is a National PTA program with activities and flyers that allow us to welcome and support families of all backgrounds. We would love your input on this event, so start brainstorming now about what your family can share with Beaver to open our hearts and minds with cultural awareness. Let's turn all of our voices into one for our children! Please email me at community@beavertechpta.com with any suggestions for this event.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

BY SUSAN ELLIOTT



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

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

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

SPIRIT STORE

BY AMY HILL

The 2017-2018 Beaver Spirit Store will officially open for business Thursday, September 14, 2017 during your student's lunch break. We are stocking our store with old favorites like the Series 5 Whiffer Sniffers, and we have added some new items this year, such as ear bud holders and multi-colored pen/stylus. We will also offer other surprises throughout the year. Items will start as low as 25¢.



MUSIC NOTES

BY SUSAN ELLIOTT

It's almost time for another year of making music together. Woot! I'm anxious to see my returning students, and looking forward to meeting new friends. I went to TCDA and found some music for our choirs. I also took a class at UT-D for Lego Robotics. Mind blown.

Get your hugs and high fives ready, because I've got mine ready for you. Let the singing begin. 🎵



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YEARBOOK

BY HEATHER BRYANT

Welcome back, Beaver Stars!!! I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to kick off an awesome new school year. My name is Heather Bryant, and I will serve as the Yearbook chair this year. This is my 8th year on the Beaver Tech board, and I am looking forward to the new position. Yearbooks will be on sale now through March, however, there are incentives to purchase early. A softcover book is only \$20 with an option to upgrade to a hardcover for only \$6.95 more. Order now through September 30th and receive 15% off. That saves you \$3 off of your book for buying now. And the best part..... You can customize your child's yearbook to reflect their year. Add pictures from the first day of school, a fun field trip you accompanied them on, or your latest family photo. Completely customizable for your family and you have all year to work on their pages. Downloading the TreeRing app can help you by adding pictures throughout the year. Get started on the fun as soon as you purchase your yearbook!

How to participate in the STOP Cuts to Classrooms campaign:

- Visit National PTA's #STOPCutsToClassrooms webpage to learn more about federal funding for public education and sign the petition to #STOPCutsToClassrooms.
- Join other education advocates every Friday for Funding Fridays on Twitter, Facebook, and other social media platforms by following National PTA to raise awareness that 2% of federal funding for public education is inadequate.
- Spread the word about this campaign to everyone you know by using #STOPCutsToClassrooms and sharing the link to the PTA campaign webpage (PTA.org/STOPCuts) with your friends and family.

INTERSTELLER PTA BOARD

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MEMBERSHIP

BY MANNY DIAZ

Hello Beaver Families! Here we are in a new school year, with the opportunity to grow our membership bigger than ever. I am excited to let you know our membership drive is well on its way. You can start joining now via www.BeaverTechPTA.com. The organization code: beaver and select "Online Store" from menu on the upper right of the page. Below are some of the amazing membership events we have planned:

Membership Skate Night - December 5th, 5:00-7:00pm

Membership Glow Party - March 9th, During the School Day

Remember, every membership not only offers great programs and activities at school, but also gives our kids a voice for their rights in our school district, state capitol, all the way to Washington D.C. as volunteers advocate for our children. Our PTA is 489,000 strong in Texas, and we want those numbers to go even higher. Invite your aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, neighbors, postal worker, and anyone else you can think of to join Beaver PTA. Everyone is welcome!

My name is Manny Diaz, I will be your VP of Membership this year. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at membership@beavertechpta.com.

Thank you!



2017-2018 Membership Form

Be a part of the 489,000 members statewide that give OUR KIDS one voice.
Membership does **NOT** obligate you to volunteer.

MEMBER INFORMATION		
Name	Email	
Phone	Check box if you do NOT want to be contacted to volunteer. <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent/Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Business		
For District awards purposes only, which best describes you: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Hungry		
STUDENT INFORMATION		
Student Name	Grade	Teacher
Student Name	Grade	Teacher
Student Name	Grade	Teacher

Dues are \$8.00 per person/per year.

Register online at www.BeaverTechPTA.com, or send cash or checks payable to "Beaver PTA".
If paying with cash, please pay exact amount due. Change will be written as a donation.

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Date:	Amt:	Cash / CC / CK#	By:	Date Entered:	By:

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Carnival	5 - 7:30	PM
Silent Auction	5 - 7:15	PM
Live Auction	7:30 - 9	PM

Hello Beaver Parents!! Welcome back. My name is Christina Craig, and I am your Carnival Chairman for this year's Annual Fall Carnival. This is my 5th year as a parent at Beaver, and my 5th year to help out with the carnival in some fashion. I was the chairman for carnival last year, and we had a spectacular carnival. My daughter will be going into the 4th grade and loves attending the carnival. My goal is to make this another fun and profitable fundraiser for our school.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
The 12th Annual Fall Carnival
Friday, October 27th
5:00pm-9:00pm.

Come dressed as your favorite space creature/person to coordinate with this year's PTA theme.

The carnival is a fun filled family event from smaller siblings to teens. There is a lot 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. Enjoy Latin Concessions, Dippin Dots, and other yummy goodies. There is also a silent auction, live auction, and raffle! This 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 email me at carnival@beavertechpta.com if you feel this is something you would like to help do. 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 the class baskets for our silent auction. Detailed flyers will be coming home soon!

SPONSOR: Do you own or work for a business that would like to donate something they sell or produce? Please let our auction chair know. Sponsors will be advertised in our newsletter.

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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 at Firewheel on Tuesday, September 5th 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 sure they bring you one (or four!!!) See you there!

E-WASTE PROJECT CONTINUES

BY SUSAN ELLIOTT

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



We challenge you!

Over the course of this school year, at least one Beaver parent or family member per student is asked to commit **3** volunteer hours. Volunteer opportunities **exist at the school, at home, and in the community.**

Details and pledge cards are coming home soon!



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IMPORTANT DATES

2016-2017

AUGUST

- 24 Porch Party 4-6pm
- 28 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Slide into Reading
- 4 Labor Day - No School
- 5 Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night 5-9pm
- 14 Meet The Teacher/Orientation
- 9 Grandparents Day, Lunch
- 19 Taco 'Bout Volunteering 6-8pm
- 26 General PTA Meeting/Technology Night/
Title I Parent meeting. 6-7:30pm

OCTOBER

- 2 Morris Brothers Assembly
- 5-21 Cyber Safety Week
- 13 Student Holiday
- 16 Fair Day - No School
- 23-27 Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Teacher Conferences/Extended Day
- 27 12th Annual Beaver Fall Carnival
- 30 Teacher Extended Day

NOVEMBER

- 9 Muffins with Mom, 7-8am
- 14 STEAM School Night
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 5 Coffee with Principals 7-8am
- 5 PTA Membership Skate Party 5-7pm
- 15 Winter Parties & Early Dismissal 1:25pm
- 16-31 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1-2 Winter Break
- 3 Return from Winter Break
- 9 Donuts with Dad, 7-8am
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- 23 Multi-cultural night

FEBRUARY

- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 19 Student Holiday
- 20 Maker Tank Night
- 22 Maker Tank Night

MARCH

- 7 Coffee with Principals 7-8am
- 9 Membership Glow Party
- 12-16 Spring Break
- 20 General PTA Meeting/ Art Showcase
- 30 Student/Staff Holiday

APRIL

- 3 STAAR Testing
- 4 STAAR Testing
- 7 Campus Clean Up
- 17 Jam the Gym
- 20 Beaver Technicolor Run
- 28 GISD STEAMposium

MAY

- 30-4 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7-9 STAAR Testing
- 18 Field Day
- 22 General PTA Meeting and Choir Performance
- 28 Memorial Day-No School

JUNE

- 8 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal 1:25pm

*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.