

Beaubien Banner

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Principal's Message

Dear Beaubien Bulldog Families,
It's that time of year when we wonder how much longer we can take winter. I'm sorry to say that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow! According to the legend we are in for another six weeks of winter. My boys are excited to hear this news. They are just waiting for a big snowstorm to go out and play in and a snow day with no school! I wish I felt their same enthusiasm for the white stuff, but I'm ready for many more days of outdoor recess ☺. Valentine's Day is around the corner. This year our Student Council is delivering student made cards to our local heroes: firemen, policemen, health care workers and the elderly. It is through these acts of kindness that we are reminded how little things have a big impact in the lives of others. If your child would like to make extra cards at home, we would love to include them.

You may have heard your child talk about Olweus over the past few years and wondered what they are talking about. At school, Olweus has become a school wide word synonymous with the time each week the teachers provide a forum for their students to talk about tough issues and collectively come to resolutions. This weekly ritual began a few years ago when we made a commitment to implement the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. We made this decision as a proactive approach to improve peer relations and make school a safer and more positive place for all students to learn and develop. We have also implemented a curriculum this year called Second Step in grades K-5. Second Step is a social-emotional learning curriculum that teaches our students to: set goals, gain confidence, make better decisions, collaborate with others in work and play and navigate the world more effectively. We are hoping to expand and include 6-8th grades next year.

A very big CONGRATULATIONS to two of our teachers, 4th Grade teacher Erica Loftus and Librarian, Paula Wyatt for achieving their National Board Certification. The NBPTC is a rigorous program that certifies that teachers have met the profession's highest standards for accomplished practice. We are so proud of them!

Warm regards,
Michelle H. Ludford

Calendar of Events

February

- 1 End of Quarter 2
- 2 No School (School Improvement Day)
- 6 Dine Out & LuLaRoe Event (see below)
- 7 PTO Meeting (6:30 pm in Auditorium)
- 9 Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 12-26 Read-A-Thon (see below)
- 13 LSC Meeting (6:30 pm in the Library)
- 14 Pajama Day
- 15 7th-8th Grade Assemblies
Wander Our World @ Beaubien
Theme: Chinese New Year
- 19 President's Day - No School
- 23 Sink Your Change Collection
Winter Dance (6th-8th grades)

Please join us February 6th for a Combo Fundraising Event

Wildwood Tavern

6480 W. Touhy
Niles, IL

11 am – 9 pm
Dine in or Carry Out



LuLaRoe Pop-Up

4:30 – 9:00 pm



Beaubien gets 10% of food sales with flyer
and a portion of clothing purchases.

Health Unit

The Beaubien P.E. Department is writing to inform you that in February and March all classes will be taking part in a Sexual Health Education Unit. Both Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Resendiz are CPS certified to teach this unit. Please keep an eye out for a letter that will be sent home with more information on the unit and an "opt out" waiver if you do not want your child to participate.



6th-8th Grade Assemblies

All are invited to join us on Feb. 15th for an afternoon of dance and music performances by our 7th and 8th grade students.

- ❖ 7th Grade World Arts- A presentation of our quarter long, Cross Cultural Arts Project. Featuring visual art, music, and dance from 12 different cultures around the world. Performance: 12:30 - 1:15 pm (approximately)
- ❖ 8th Grade Showcase- A student selected performing arts presentation, featuring music and dance selected and choreographed by our very own 8th grade students. Performance: 1:20- 2:05 pm (approximately)

Science Fair Update

Congratulations to those students who represented Beaubien at the Regional Science Fair at Northeastern Illinois University. The following students received recognition:

- ❖ Honorable Mention:
 - Jimmy Conlon
 - Stacy Markopoulos
 - Claribel Guzman
- ❖ Excellent Awards:
 - Simon Jose
 - Emmalyn Williams



We can be sure these scientists are capable of great things in the future!



Spelling Bee

After one of the most competitive spelling bees ever, a huge congratulation goes out to Mohamed A. in room 400 (3rd grade) for his unflappable and amazing performance in the school-wide bee! Mohamed is one of the youngest winners in Beaubien Bee history and will proudly represent us in the Regional Bee coming up in the next two weeks. If he advances, Mohamed would then go on to the city finals in early March!! Congrats again to all the homeroom winners, and good luck to Mohamed! Bring home the hardware!!

Geography Bee

Congratulations also goes out to Aaron G. (205) for becoming the new Beaubien Geography Bee champion! Aaron battled valiantly against his peers before moving on to the challenging final rounds against Nate D. (206) - our runner up - and Johnathan W. (Rm 207). They all gave it their best; Aaron emerged victoriously and will now take the qualifying test to represent Beaubien in the State Geography Bee. Congratulations to Aaron, and all the classroom winners for a fantastic performance!

Greetings from the Counseling Corner

There are so many things to celebrate this month, Chinese New Year, African-American History Month, and President's Day to name a few. There are couple more worth mentioning! During the week of February 5th-9th, Beaubien will celebrate both National School Counseling Week and Start With Hello Week! To improve social inclusion at Beaubien, students will participate in various activities throughout the week which help promote a culture that is welcoming of all students. For more about information about National School Counseling or Start with Hello Week, please check out:

www.schoolcounselor.org/national-school-counseling-week

www.sandyhookpromise.org/startwithhelloweek

Start With Hello Week: The Invisible Boy- YouTube

Have a wonderful month! ~Ms. Cosey

Beaubien PTO Happenings

Spring Fling

Donations

It's that time of year again! Please help Beaubien's PTO collect donations for this year's Spring Fling and Silent Auction which will be held on Saturday, April 28th at the recently renovated Biagio's Banquets in Portage Park! Any donation is welcome, big or small! Ideas for donations include: unwanted gift cards, gift baskets of any kind, service certificates and even bottles of wine! Please print the donation letter posted on the PTO Facebook page and take it along to businesses you frequent to ask for donations for the PTO sponsored event. If you have any questions or to coordinate the delivery of donated items please email beaubienspringfling@gmail.com. WE NEED YOU to please help us with this important fundraising event! Be on the lookout for ticket sale information very soon!

Events

Family Night with the Chicago Wolves

Join us on March 10th at 7 p.m. for a night of fun. The first 1,000 kids attending receive an American Girl Doll Accessory! Order forms are available on the Beaubien website. The deadline is March 2nd. Questions?

Contact petehirsch@gmail.com



Family Night with the Chicago Cubs

Save the date... Tuesday May 8th! Cubs vs. Marlins! Tickets go on sale soon! Contact petehirsch@gmail.com with any questions.

Parents Rock Music Fundraiser

Our first ever music fundraiser will be March 11th at the Irish American Heritage Center. Several Beaubien parents who play in bands with a wide range of music styles will be performing for a small entry fee donation. Bring the kids, and rock out for a good cause! More details to come VERY soon! Or contact petehirsch@gmail.com.



Read-a-Thon is Back

Back for its second year

Like a Walk-a-thon, but with reading! Our kids will be reading books at school and at home to raise money and earn prizes. Look for information to come home in your child's communicator very soon!

Sink Your Change

December's Class Winner

Room 202 collected the most money in December for a total of \$53.38...that's a lot of change! Great job! The total collected in December is \$153.79! Our next Sink Your Change collection date is Friday, February 23rd. Let's try to double our monthly total!

Reality Fair...May 4th

Every year our 7th and 8th graders participate in this classroom event. Students will come to the fair having researched and selected a career and equipped with a monthly salary amount. They will work their way through "life stations" like housing, transportation, childcare and utilities, trying to meet their pretend financial obligations without going broke. We're looking for volunteers that can commit to helping us engage our 7th and 8th graders from 7:45 a.m.-2:45. If you cannot commit to the full day, half/partial day slots are also available. No experience necessary! Contact Jenny Conlon at dots731@gmail.com to ask about this FUN event or to secure your spot.



GOTR is hosting another season of GOTR at Beaubien Elementary for 3rd and 4th grade girls. Season runs from March 19th through May 16th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00PM with a \$50 registration fee (good attendance and prompt pickup are highly encouraged!) Register online at <https://www.gotrchicago.org/> ASAP as spots are limited (GOTR will run a lottery to determine enrollment). Any questions? Please email Ms. Choi at aschoi@cps.edu.



Welcome Parents, Students and Friends to our Read-a-thon!

This year, we are excited to announce that we will hold a Read-a-thon fundraiser. Our Read-a-thon is a program that brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills.

The main focus of the Read-a-thon is for everyone to know we are committed to improving reading skills. To that end, the Read-a-thon promises to be a fun, exciting journey for all participants as they begin a personal Reading Adventure that challenges each reader to complete 10 reading sessions over our 2-week event.

Our Read-a-thon will start February 12, 2018.

Approximately 1 week before we start our first reading session we will send home paperwork with your reader explaining how you will activate their personal Read-a-thon page.

You will know that we have distributed the take home sheet because we will also place a green Read-a-thon bracelet around your child's wrist as a reminder.

We understand that, as parents, you have high expectations for the quality of your child's education but also have limited time.

That's why we chose to hold a Read-a-thon.

You will find this to be the easiest fundraiser possible. By simply activating your reader's personal page and using the promotional tools found there, friends and family anywhere in the world can show their support for your reader by making a donation to our Read-a-thon.

Your involvement in the Read-a-thon will help your child develop a lasting love of reading.

We hope each one of you will activate your child's personal page the day your child brings home their paperwork. Hopefully they will be wearing their green bracelet as well.

Beaubien Elementary