

# Refrigerator Notes

## Bean Elementary Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember

- **Nov 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break, no school
- **Nov 28-Dec 2:** Holiday Shop
- **Dec 1:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling Field Trip  
Hearing Re-Screen (**rescheduled date**)
- **Dec 2:** POP into Reading! 25¢ for popcorn
- **Dec 3:** Santa Breakfast, 8:30-11:30 am
- **Dec 5:** Grade Level Field Trip Reservations/Payments Due
- **Dec 7:** TRUE Community Credit Union Day
- **Dec 8:** Bean PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- **Dec 16:** POP into Reading, 25¢ for popcorn  
PTA Raffle Sales End
- **Dec 21:** TRUE Community Credit Union Day  
PTA Raffle Drawing
- **Dec 23:** Half-Day of School, 12:05 pm dismissal

### Arrival/Dismissal Times

Please note the following important times:

- \* Students may **enter the building at 8:15 am**
- \* School **starts at 8:30 am** every day
- \* Students are considered **Tardy at 8:40 am**
- \* Students are dismissed on **half days at 12:05 pm**
- \* Students are dismissed at **2:35 pm on Early Release Wednesdays**
- \* Students are dismissed at **3:35 pm on regular days**

### Grade Level Field Trips

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are planning their big end-of-the-year field trips. Information packets went home with all students and are available in the Links to Flyers section of this newsletter. Reservation forms for all three trips are due to the office by Monday, December 5 along with initial payments for each participant. Space is limited for adults, so be sure to return your reservation early. If we fill up, parents will be put on a wait list in case space opens up.



### Upcoming PTA Events

Our PTA is preparing for a couple upcoming holiday events. During the week after Thanksgiving, we're planning to have a Penguin Patch Holiday Shop (as long as we get volunteers to work the shop). Use the sign up in the Links section of the Refrigerator Notes to sign up.

Also, there will be a Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 3. The event will take place from 8:30-11:00 am and cost \$5/adults and \$3/child (cash only accepted for this event). Traditionally, Bean "dads" do the cooking and clean up. We need some volunteers (moms or dads) to help set up on Friday evening and we'd like parents to sign up to donate various items for the event to help make it a fundraiser for the PTA. Families will need to sign up for a timeslot to attend the event so we can keep the flow even. All these signups are available in the PTA November newsletter and on the Links section of this Refrigerator Notes issue.



### ?? DID YOU KNOW ??

Did you know that our Student Council Canned Food Drive has started? Donations will be collected until Monday, November 21. Students should bring their donations of non-perishable food items to their classroom collection box. The classroom that collects the most items will earn an extra recess! Thank you for giving what you can to help our local families.



### Supplies Needed for STEM Class



Our Specials class teachers will be rotating buildings next week, so we'll be saying good-bye to Mrs. Bickel's music class and hello to Mrs. Baker's STEM class. From November 21 – March 3 our students will alternate between physical education and STEM class during their Special class time. Mrs. Baker is in need of some donation items for upcoming building projects. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please send them to Bean beginning November 21: clean cardboard tubes/boxes, aluminum pie pans, buttons, yarn, clothespins, and plastic bottle caps. Thank you!

### PTA Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

The Bean PTA kicked-off their Raffle Ticket Fundraiser this week! Every student was given an envelope that contained two books of raffle tickets and information about the fundraiser. If your family chooses to not participate, please return the envelope with the unsold tickets. Otherwise, please sell the tickets to friends and family and return the ticket stubs along with the money. If you would like to sell more tickets, just contact Mrs. Miller in the office and we can either send more tickets home with your child or arrange to have you pick them up in the office. You may have as many books as you can sell!! Please be sure to return all sold tickets with the money by December 16 so they will be in the drawing on December 21. We also need everyone to return all unsold tickets as well as this is a licensed raffle and we must collect all unsold tickets. Provided at least 450 tickets are sold, the raffle prizes will be:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100

Students will also have an opportunity to win prizes since the overall top seller from each grade will win a \$25 Target gift card. The overall top seller for the whole school will win a \$50 Target gift card.

### Links to Flyers and SignUps

- [First Fruits](#) – the First Fruits program offers healthy food at reduced prices, orders can be placed into December
- [POP into Reading Volunteers](#) – if we have enough volunteers, we'll offer students the chance to buy popcorn once or twice per month
- [Western Youth Can-Bottle Drive](#) – help Western Youth Baseball by contributing to their fundraiser Nov 5, 12, 19 and Dec 3
- [3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Detroit Zoo Field Trip](#) – view the packet of information for this trip
- [4<sup>th</sup> Grade Greenfield Village Field Trip](#) – view the packet of information for this trip
- [5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago Field Trip](#) – view the packet of information for this trip
- [Holiday Shop Volunteers](#) – sign up here to help run the Holiday Shop
- [Santa Breakfast Volunteers](#) – sign up here to help set up or work the event
- [Santa Breakfast Donations](#) – sign up here to donate items needed for the event
- [Santa Breakfast Reservations](#) – reserve your timeslot for this fun event