



Beechwood Weekly



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Principal's Message

"The Spirit of Beechwood"



If you are ever feeling a little low, I suggest you come to the Lower Grade Assembly held each Monday morning in the Social Center. At the end of the assembly, our students sing "The Beechwood Song", led by our Fourth Grade teacher and Vice Principal, Mr. John Laurance. It is always uplifting to listen to the kids singing together and "showing their love for this great school".

The last line of the song is my favorite: "Beechwood we love you, and our spirit shines right through".

As I heard them sing today, I felt proud knowing that it is more than just words. Lately, Beechwood's spirit has been shining brighter than ever. Here are just a few examples of the spirit of Beechwood:

Spirit Week was really fun and the level of participation was higher than ever before. All of the 1st grade girls were twins on twin day! Talk about Spirit! Our 8th grade class showed great leadership in organizing this week. They carefully explained to the younger students how each day would work. They visited the classrooms each morning to gauge the level of participation. Congratulations to our graduating class and their inspirational teacher, Mrs. Taylor, who always sets them up for success.

Fright Night is one place where our parent's spirit shines brightly. After working hard all day at their jobs, our families still find the energy to volunteer and make this event a success. Putting together the haunted house, cooking the food, decorating the Social Center and cleaning up afterward takes a lot of effort. Our Moms and Dads do all of this gladly and enjoy working together to raise money for the school. Our parent group most definitely has the Beechwood spirit!

So many of our teachers show that they have the Beechwood spirit as well. We have Ms. Magid's Kindergarten publishing parties where kids can share their writing with their parents and have a party with delicious food. We have Ms. Potts celebrating the finishing of the novel *Esperanza Rising* by having the kids enjoy the foods the characters in the book ate. Our new second grade teacher, Ms. Prescott has a very spirited group this year and she has turned their classroom into a virtual art museum with all of their wonderful creations on display. Beechwood teachers most definitely have the spirit as well.

Being on the Beechwood campus for just a few minutes will tell you all you need to know about our school. Our kids, teachers and families love being here and their spirit is "shining right through". Not just during Spirit Week but every day of the year.

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