

WELCOME TO BEAUMONT



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WELCOME TO BEAUMONT!

Welcome to Beaumont Elementary School, the T.E. School District and the local area! We are so happy you and your child(ren) are joining the Beaumont family.

We have put together this handbook to try to share information some might call “wish I had known that earlier” information! Based on conversations with lots of Beaumont parents from “seasoned” to “newbies,” we focused on things that are more unique to Beaumont and useful to know as you come in. We have gathered details specific to each grade level and its unique activities, as well as school-wide events and activities. We also surveyed the whole parent community and include in here information on restaurants, day trips, extracurricular activities, “insider tips,” hidden gems and more.

This handbook is meant to supplement the very helpful BES school directory you have received or will receive. Please also see that directory for additional practical information including academics, support services, district and school policies, procedures, guidelines, etc.

We invite and encourage you to contact one of us (you will find our contact info on the back cover) with any questions whatsoever. That is why we are here! We will also be connecting you with your class and/ or grade-level Welcoming Committee representative soon.

We welcome YOU!

Your friendly Welcoming Committee,
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GRADE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

KINDERGARTEN

OCTOBER

Pumpkin Extravaganza - Following a month-long thematic unit of the fall season, with a focus on pumpkins, the children celebrate with a day of cross-curricular learning centers.

NOVEMBER

50th Day of School Sock Hop - To celebrate the 50th day of school for kindergarten, the children enjoy a day filled with a variety of fun-filled and educational activities, and also enjoy dressing as children did in the 50's.

Harvest Feast - The culminating celebration of our study of the Thanksgiving celebration results in a fun-filled day of activities that reinforce the important curricular concepts we have learned throughout the month. At each station, the children are engaged in hands-on activities that foster small motor skills, following multi-step directions and working cooperatively.

DECEMBER

Gingerbread Tea - Following a thematic literary celebration of the gingerbread man throughout the month, parents are invited into the classroom for a very special day with their child. Together, they create a stuffed gingerbread man and decorate it, and then enjoy some refreshments.

JANUARY

Dream Pillow Pajama Party - As a culminating celebration of our January literature theme, the children create a "dream" pillow case with fabric crayons and then get to bring it back to school on pajama day as we have a pajama party, complete with a related educational video and sleepover snacks.

MARCH

Planet Palooza - This culminating celebration of our study of the solar system is composed of four learning stations. In each station, the children are engaged in hands-on activities designed to reinforce and practice the skills and information we have learned throughout the unit.

JUNE

Kindergarten Fun Day (a.k.a. Parent-Child Picnic) - This end-of-the-year celebration is filled with all types of outdoor and craft activities that the children can enjoy with their parents. A picnic lunch is also enjoyed by all.

FIRST GRADE

APRIL/MAY/JUNE

Weather Show - A wonderful play and song performance by all of the first graders.

Writers' Day - Visit your child's classroom to view your child's writing from the year.

Field Trip - Field day.

SECOND GRADE

JANUARY/ FEBRUARY

China Day - This is a celebration of our Social Studies unit on Ancient China. There is a short student performance followed by classroom activities.

MAY/ JUNE

Immigration Day - This is the culmination of our Social Studies unit on Immigration. The students dress as their ancestors did and participate in mock Ellis Island inspection stations.

THIRD GRADE

NOVEMBER

Field Trip - Our fall field trip is usually to Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's summer home.

DECEMBER

Tribal Tribute - Tribal Tribute is the culminating presentation of our month-long investigation and research of Native American tribes throughout the United States and Central America. Parents are invited in to see our tribal table-top displays and to learn information regarding each tribe's cultural characteristics.

MARCH-MAY

Famous Pennsylvanian Biography Project - Each third grade student researches a famous Pennsylvanian. This 8-week project is introduced in March and ends in May with each student giving an oral biography presentation to his/her classmates. All research, note-taking, creation of visual aide displays and practice will be done at home. In school, students learn about and work with other biographies. The teachings in class assist with the preparation done at home.

SPRING (USUALLY MAY)

Field Trip - Our spring field trip is typically to historical Philadelphia where we visit the US Mint, the Liberty Bell, Franklin Court, Ben Franklin's grave, and the Constitution Center.

JUNE

Living William Penn's Dream - Third grade students perform a live play/musical titled *Living William Penn's Dream*. There are two performances—a morning show for the school and an afternoon show for parents.

FOURTH GRADE

OCTOBER

YMCA Ecosystems Field Trip – Students visit the Upper Main Line YMCA to learn about ecosystems, which aligns with our science curriculum.

Book Show Project - Students have a month to create a project and write a summary about a book they read during fourth grade. Projects are displayed in the hallway during conference time.

NOVEMBER

Book Show Projects - Due and on display in hallway.

DECEMBER

Winter-Themed Lesson – For the last day of school before Winter Break, fourth graders plan and teach a winter-themed lesson to each grade level throughout the day.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

PAL (Personal Interest Research Project) – Kicked off with a meeting that involves parents and kids to explain the project. Kids work on projects in school, but mostly at home. PAL Presentations are given in February/March within fourth-grade classrooms.

MARCH

A Day in the Life of a Continental Soldier - Volunteers from VF Park come and teach the kids about life in the 18th century. Several parents from each class are asked to help throughout the day.

PSSA Testing (may also occur in April, depending on the year) - Children are tested in the areas of Language Arts/Math/Science for a three-week window during this time.

MAY

All About Me - A scrapbook is made at home that includes at least 8 articles about the child's life from birth to present. Topics can include siblings, pets, hobbies, vacations, elementary school years, moving, etc. Final project also includes photographs of child.

Bell Ave Picnic - Beaumont fourth graders meet their Pen Pals from our partnering school, Bell Avenue, at a whole-day event at Ridley Creek State Park.

JUNE

Fourth Grade Promotion/Party - Celebrated on the last full-day of school, parents are invited to watch their children be promoted to fifth grade in the morning; pizza/dance party in the afternoon run by parents.

SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS

(as described by our recent alum!)

Fun Run Social (September): A combination of what were formerly two separate events, the Ice Cream Social and the Fun Run. Kids get together after school from all grades, run a mile, get a medal and eat some snacks. The Beaumont Bear usually makes an appearance, too! You also get to create a custom-made sundae. Visit with families and friends you haven't seen all summer.

Peace Day (September): Peace Day is when you rotate through different classrooms and do peaceful arts, crafts and activities. (Wear white!)

Pink Day (October): The whole school dresses in pink to raise awareness about breast cancer. Sometimes we hold contests to see who has the most pinkalicious outfit on that day!

Book Fairs (Fall and Spring): A good time for kids to choose from lots of different types of books to get something new to read.

Parent Social (Oct./ Nov.): A grown-up evening just for the, well, grown-ups! This fun event hosted by the HSA for Beaumont parents provides a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones while raising funds for school programs via a silent auction. Beaumont's teachers and staff also attend this enjoyable event of good food, thirst-quenching drinks and lively conversation.

Movie Night (November): Come on a Friday night to see a movie on Beaumont's big screen with your friends. Bring something comfy to sit on and enjoy a soft pretzel.

Pizza Bingo (late January): Come back to school on a Friday night to eat pizza with your friends and family, then play bingo in the gym! Fun prizes for all.

Father Daughter Dance (Spring): Girls and their Dads get dressed up and go to Beaumont for a date. On that special night they eat treats, listen and dance to music, and win prizes. A fun night for all!

Mother Son Event (April): The Mother Son Event is a fun time for boys and their moms to hang out and be involved in different types of activities like roller skating, Minute to Win It or a dance party. Activities change each year.

Play Day (May/June): You can come and play a bunch of games, even dunk a teacher in a dunk tank, win a cake at a cake walk, and enjoy awesome food like hamburgers, hot dogs and lemon sticks. Also, at the end you can win cool prizes using your tickets that you win during games.

Theme Week (Spring): With a different theme each year (e.g., space, art, music, poetry & percussion, etc...), students participate in activities and assemblies relating to the theme. Hallways are decorated by parent volunteers to reflect that year's theme.

SCHOOL-WIDE ACTIVITIES



SEPTEMBER

Back to School Night - An overview of your child's classroom and curriculum for parents only.

OCTOBER

Halloween Parties - School-wide parade and individual classroom parties.

NOVEMBER

Parent-Teacher Conferences

DECEMBER

Winter Parties - Individual winter-themed classroom parties.

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Parties - Individual classroom parties.

MARCH

Parent-Teacher Conferences



BEST OF BEAUMONT

The following information was collected from a school-wide survey of parents. This list is a great starting point to help you navigate everything our local community has to offer. We hope it will help you enjoy and explore the area and find your own local faves sooner than you may have otherwise!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BPALL little league, UMLY swimming, YMCA tennis, Tae Kwon Do at Spring Street Martial Arts, CYLAX, Conestoga youth wrestling, TEYSA soccer, UMLY dance, Boy Scouts, church chorus, Conestoga Generals football, YMCA t-ball, Malvern League basketball, after-school clubs at Beaumont, Pioneer LAX, John Pancott Gymnastics, horseback riding, ballet at Wayne Ballet, Wayne Presbyterian Church Children's Choir, Girl Scouts troop, Pinkarate, La Masion Fitness, The Little Gym, St. Monica's CYO basketball as well as track and field, the Turning Point Dance Center in Malvern, Easttown Library events, Swim Lessons-Cathi Dallot, Center on Central, ballet at International Ballet Theatre (IBT) in Malvern, Wayne Art Center, Paoli Wild Cats basketball, Quix Sticks lacrosse, Fast Flicks field hockey, YSC indoor soccer, Betsy Daily for Dance, Contempra for Dance, Bach to Rock music, Amkor Karate in Wayne, Pancott Gymnastics, George's Music for piano

FAVORITE FAMILY RESTAURANTS

McKenzies, San Nicola, Pizzeria Uno, Bertucci's, Nectar, Handel's, Christopher's, Sushi Nami (delivers), Wabi Sabi, Whole Foods, Champs, Giuseppe's on Route 3, O'Toro, White Dog, Teresa's, Bahama Breeze, Bravissimo Pizza, TJ's, Bagel Factory, Devon Donut and Bagel, LeSiagon, Teikoku, Margaret Kuo's, Classic Diner, Desert Rose in Media, Casey's, Landmark Americana, Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, Berwyn Tavern, Royal Thai Orchard, Anthony's in Malvern, MOD Pizza, Nudy's, Sushi Nami, Mesa Fresh, August Moon (Norristown), Hong Garden, SuTao-Vegan Buffet in Frazer, Chipotle, Berwyn Pizza, Hibachi, Le Pain Quotidien in Wayne, Bravo Pizza, Arde Osteria, Jules Thin Crust Pizza, Vecchia Pizza, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Em J's, Vhekoo, Taste of India, Buffalo Wild Wings, Plaza Azteca

FAVORITE DATE NIGHT SPOTS

Alfredo's, Fellini's in Berwyn, Nectar, Champs, Movies in KOP, Azie, White Manor Country Club, O'Toro, Bar/Restaurant Crawl through Wayne, Estia, Alba, White Dog, Tiramisu, Paramour at Wayne Hotel, Arde Osteria, Matador, Longwood Gardens, Teresa's, Red-box Movies, Fork, Movie Tavern in Oaks, Baxters in Paoli, Teresa's Next Door, Edgemont Movie Theatre, Spice in Edgemont, Friday's, the *After 5 on Fridays* at the Art Museum in Philadelphia (delicious appetizers with a drink are served while you are listening to a live concert outside, BUT you can go outside at the top of the stairs, still have a drink while enjoying the beautiful view of the city! It's free for members or after admission-from 5:00 pm to 8:45 pm), Bar Savona, Frassetta in Bryn Mawr, Flemings

LOCAL MEMBERSHIPS

Franklin Institute, Philadelphia Orchestra, the Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia Natural History Museum, Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia Art Museum, Camden Aquarium, UMLY (Upper Main Line YMCA), Tyler Arboretum, Brandywine Conservancy, Please Touch Museum, Elmwood Zoo, Arden Theatre, Baltimore Aquarium, Chanticleer Gardens, Overbrook Golf Club, Club La Maison, Walnut Street Theatre, Sesame Place, Rushton Farms CSA, Barnes Art Museum

LOCAL FESTIVALS

July 4th at Wilson Farm Park, Goshen Fair, Kimberton Fair, Devon Horse Show, Radnor Fall Festival, Wilson Farm Park, Wayne Memorial Day Parade, Winter 5K Series at Wilson Farm Park, Radnor Hunt, Paoli Blues Fest, Wayne Summer Festival, Malvern Fire Company Fair, Wayne Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade, First Night-Ocean City, NJ, Greek Fair in Upper Darby, St Monicas Trivia Night and Music, Chinese New Year in Radnor, Greek Festival in Audubon, Wilson Farm Park Concert Series, Sugartown Strawberries, Linvilla, July 4th Bike Parade in Berwyn, Easter Egg Hunt in Berwyn, Sugartown Festival, Malvern Christmas, July 4th Chesterbrook, July 4th in the Pathmark Shopping Center parking lot

LOCAL KIDS' FAVORITES

The Philadelphia Zoo, Bounce U, Grand Slam, Jumpers, Linvilla Orchards, Handel's, Oasis, Great Wolf Lodge, Busch Gardens, White Manor Country Club, Elmwood Park Zoo, pool, Get Air, ACAC West Chester, Wilson Park, Radnor Trail, Max and Erma's in Oaks for sundae bar, Yogorino, Chuck E. Cheese, Sky Zone, hiking at Valley Forge Park or Ridley Creek State Park, bowling at Devon Lanes, Jimmy John's in West Chester, Marsh Creek (boating), Color Me Mine, Freedom Park in Haverford, Hilltop Park, Dutch Wonderland, Philadelphia, Easttown Library, Regal Cinemas with the new seatings, East Goshen Park, swimming at UMLY, Please Touch Museum, King of Prussia Mall, Devon Lanes, Whirled Peace

FAVORITE DAY TRIPS

NJ Beaches, Valley Forge, Lancaster, Zoo, Highland Orchards for apple picking and cider donuts, Cherry Crest Adventure Farm (5 acre corn maze), Hershey Park, Great Wolfe Lodge, Philadelphia, Marsh Creek Park, canoeing on Brandywine River, Longwood Gardens, Italian Market in South Philly, Please Touch Museum, Knoble's Amusement Park, skiing, Baltimore, DC, NYC, Camden Aquarium, Poconos, Chesapeake (Rock Hill for crabs), Annapolis to sail, Six Flags Great Adventure, Hershey's Chocolate World, French Creek-Hopewell Furness, Hawk Mountain, Crayola Factory, Wyebrook Farm on Saturdays in the Summer for live music and great food, Dutch Wonderland, French Creek State Park

INSIDER TIPS ABOUT THE AREA...

Volunteer if you have time—you will meet great families; join Main Line Parent facebook group—great referrals and community information; subscribe to free newsletters to local libraries—there are great events, classes and storytimes; subscribe to Mainlineniegghors.com; pick up a copy of the monthly free magazine Metro Kids at the library or school library- it lists date-by-date family-friendly things to do in the greater Philadelphia

area; be a classroom mom to meet other moms; Berwyn United Methodist Preschool is the best preschool; great shopping at Radnor TJ Maxx; Clover Market in Bryn Mawr; Strafford Farmer's Market; King of Prussia has great summer sales while everyone is at the shore; join UMLY (the local YMCA); Storytime at Easttown Library is excellent; visit Valley Forge Park; Preschools-BUMNS, Trinity, OLA; Avoid 30—take Sugartown Rd. instead to get into Wayne; Wing Wah delivers; use the train for fun trips to Ardmore for lunch; drive around and explore the parks in the area; the MacKaig Nature Education Center in Wayne—nice place to go walk along a stream, over bridges and to listen to birds—they also offer community members an opportunity to help preserve the place by educating them while working for a few hours if interested; do after school clubs for the kids to meet more kids; do local camps and local sports leagues; read the Beaumont Blast every week!; stay on top of daily reading requirements

HIDDEN GEMS

Elmwood Park Zoo for little ones; the best tomatoes are at True Value in Paoli; Red Caboose Motel—you get to sleep in a caboose; Willows Park in Radnor; Chanticleer Gardens, Trail at Hilltop Park; Knobels Amusement Park; New Year's Eve at Longwood Gardens; Jenkins Arboretum; bike trail to Manayunk from Valley Forge; hike Mount Misery in Valley Forge Park; Pour Richards for coffee (Devon); Upper Merion has a nice shaded playground; West Goshen Park; Great Spiderman playground on Montgomery Ave. in Bryn Mawr; Smith Playground (Philadelphia); Wyebrook Farm in Honeybrook; Longview Farm and Market for pick-your own-strawberries (Collegeville); Bear Creek for mid-week ski and stay when TE is off; Nemacolin vacation is good if you have many different ages; St. Peter's Village—walk among the rocks and shallow stream (3rd grade and up only)—quarry jumping prohibited, great sandwich place and also a pinball parlor in the town; Lancaster Farmers Market (Devon); Jr. Birding club at the Rushton Woods Preserve; hiking on any of the land in the Willistown Conservation Trust; Elegance Bakery (Paoli); Ashbridge Memorial Park (playground) in Ardmore; Duck Tours in Philly; Okehiking Reserve for hiking/walks; East Goshen Park; Radnor Trail; Valley Forge Flowers (cafe and store in Wayne); Tibbar-Tibbar (Wayne); Movie Tavern (Collegeville)—a movie theater with really good food, and “breakfast and a movie” (usually a kid's flick) on Saturday and Sunday mornings

(SOME OF THE) SUMMER CAMPS LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND

BPALL baseball camp, Music for You Too camp, UMLY, Lavner camp, Wayne Art Center, Science Explorers, Sixers basketball camp, TEYSA soccer camp, White Manor Golf camp, Union soccer camp (Episcopal), Tennis camp at White Manor Country Club, Minecraft/Coding camp at Episcopal, Hilltop Park, Paoli Presbyterian, Riverbend, ESF, Thorncroft horseback riding, Handwork Studio, Home Cooked cooking camp, Philly Rock Gym in Oaks, Launfal, Girl Scout at Valley Forge, St. Matthew's United Church, VBS at Good Samaritan or OLA, ALL-Ball basketball camp, School District Summer reading camp, Sandy Hill camp, Kingsley Pines camp (Maine), Camp Tockwoogh (Maryland), Club La Maison, Herb Magee Basketball, Football Camp at Conestoga, Great Valley Nature Center, Future Stars Camp, Sky High for basketball, Camp Hideaway, Center on Central camps, Little Bear Camp-Paoli Presbyterian, TEYSA soccer camp, idTech, ACAA, Cub Scouts, EA Summer Camps, Great Valley Nature Center in Malvern, Hilltop Camp, Future Stars, Arrowhead, Camp Invention, Robotics at ESF, Phillies Baseball Camp through ESF