BEEKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Poughquag, New York

Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives.

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Beekman Elementary School Family Update #9

November 1, 2026

No School

There is no school for students on Tuesday, November 3rd for Superintendent's Conference Day. Beekman is once again a voting site for the Dutchess County Board of Elections. The polls are open from 6:00am-9:00pm

Important Morning Traffic Pattern & Parking Adjustment

To improve traffic flow and maintain a safe arrival environment for all students and neighbors, we are making a slight adjustment to our morning procedures:

- **UPK Arrival Reminders:** UPK drop-off officially begins at **9:15 AM**. To prevent traffic bottlenecks, cars should not arrive on campus before **9:05 AM**. While UPK vehicles are permitted to double-stack in the parking lot to keep our neighbors' driveways clear, we recognize this temporarily limits parking and exit access for other visitors.
- **Temporary Bus Loop Access for K–5 Families (Quick Visits Only):** Between **9:00 AM and 9:30 AM**, K–5 families needing to make a quick visit to the school (such as dropping off an item at the main office) may utilize the front bus loop. This allows vehicles to park briefly and exit smoothly through the 4-way intersection.
- **Bus Priority & Student Safety:**
    - If school buses are present or lined up in the loop, **personal vehicles may not enter the area**.
    - The chain across the loop will go back up promptly at **9:30 AM** each morning, as our classes use the sidewalk area throughout the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep morning drop-off safe and efficient for our entire school community!

Calling All Veterans

Do you have a relative or friend who is a veteran? Did you serve our country in the armed forces? If so, we would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday, November 10th for our annual Veterans Day Celebration. Even if you've joined us in the past, please consider joining us again. Guests should plan on being at school from 9:00-10:30am. A light breakfast will be provided for veterans and their guests. Veterans will be shown appreciation for their service and sacrifice through various student performances. Please consider participating in this special tradition - you may write to Ms. McGrath (emcgrath@acsdny.org) to sign up for a spot in the ceremony. The deadline to submit names of participants will be **Wednesday, November 4th**.

Special Person's Day

We are thrilled to announce that Beekman Elementary will be hosting **"Special Person's Day" on Tuesday, November 24th**, where every student is invited to welcome one (1) special adult—a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or family friend—to join them in the cafeteria during their regularly scheduled lunch period! Please note that due to cafeteria seating capacity, each student is strictly limited to one guest, and visitors will be joining for the 20-minute lunch period only (this does not include recess time). Next week's family update will include an official RSVP link where you can register the name of your child's guest, and we look forward to welcoming everyone for a wonderful lunch visit!

PTA Information and Reminders

Membership	Please consider joining the BES PTA. Click here to join digitally, or print a paper form and send it in to the school. See the flyer for more information.
Next Meeting	Thursday, November 12th @ 7:00pm
Fundraising	**Miss Chocolate Fundraiser** Miss Chocolate Fundraiser pick up is scheduled for **November 10th from 5:00-6:30pm** at the Beekman Elementary School Cafeteria. Please note that orders MUST be picked up during this time. Please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your order if you are unable to be here during the pick up time. We are unable to store any refrigerated/frozen items. Orders CANNOT be sent home on the bus with students. If you have any questions please feel free to email Alyson Ferguson at maddyandblake@yahoo.com.
Upcoming Events	PTA President Introduction Letter

School Lunch

All students enrolled in the Arlington Central School District will receive a healthy breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge. This program applies to every student, regardless of income or school building, and you won't need to take any action or submit an application for your child to participate. **While complete meals are covered, please note that snacks, second meals, and additional beverages will still be available for purchase.** A complete meal, as offered on the weekly menu, includes servings of protein, bread, a vegetable, fruit, and milk. Students can choose from several entrée options daily, along with their choice of fruit, vegetable, and milk. See the Food Services section of the district website for meal prices, menu items and additional purchasing options. MySchoolBucks is a digital platform that allows parents to manage their child's lunch account. See the Food Services FAQs for more information.

Lunch Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Meatball Parm	No School	Chicken Patty	General Tso Chicken w/Rice	Hot Dogs
*Cold cut sandwiches available upon request. Fresh fruit cups/yogurt cups & salads are available most days. Hot Lunch Menu				

Mark Your Calendars

- 11/6 - Cookies and Canva at AHS Flyer
- 11/10 - Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony
- 11/11 - No School - Veterans Day
- 11/12 - PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm in Library
- 11/13 - ½ Day Elementary Schools only
- 11/17→11/19 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/18 - Special Area Activity Night @ 6:00pm (various locations)
- 11/19→11/24 - AIS Regrouping
- 11/20 - Picture Retakes
- 11/20 - School Spirit Day - Crazy Socks
- 11/25→11/27 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess
- **No Emergency Drills This Week**

Want to look back at previous family updates? See our **Family Update** section of our website.