



The Aggie Express

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Beal City Schools announces fund and recognizes donors

Beal City Public Schools new Educational Foundation Fund is off and running. The fund has grown faster than most of us thought and it is now time to recognize the individuals, businesses, and events that have helped make it grow.

First we would like to recognize Wilson, Sharrar, and Freeze for their generous donation to cover the cost of the new Foundation Fund donor board (See Picture) in the main lobby of the school. The names of all of the individuals, families, businesses and events that have made contributions to the Foundation Fund will be engraved on name plates and placed on the board forever. All of the donors for 2009 are as follows:



Gerald & Katie Pohl	5th & 6th grade Halloween fund.	BCHS senior class	Football 4th quarter push
Terry & Julie Hutchinson	Gary & Lynn Pohl	Brock & Donna Horsley	Wilson, Sharrar & Freeze P.C.
RJ and Joyce Schafer	Bill and Tami Chilman	Rick and Mary Barz	Dave & Chris Moore
Jeff & Nancy Barnes	Rod & Julie Freeze	Chris Maniteau Mem. golf outing	Isabella Bank Corporate Sponsor

Bill Bellinger

If you are interested in helping give back to the school and community for years to come, please contact William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent of Beal City Public Schools by phone at 1-989-644-3901 or by email at wchilman@edzone.net.

Band director Jason Lowe with a handful of the students who will benefit from the Beal City Public Schools Educational Foundation Fund and the recognition for donations to the fund.

Kindergartners Ride the Polar Express

“All Aboard!” Sounds of train whistles and children’s laughter added to the excitement of the Kindergarten imaginary “Polar Express” train ride. The event was part of Mrs. Leff-Ewing’s class holiday party in December. Wally Ewing, Mrs. Leff-Ewing’s husband, assisted with the holiday cheer as he made a guest appearance as the star conductor from the famous book and movie, The Polar Express. He made “conductor” surprise visits in all three kindergarten classrooms!

The magical ride was filled with fun learning activities such as: the reading express sight word game, conductor says, and the retelling of the Polar Express. The Kindergartners highlight of the imaginary ride, was using their imaginations and having their golden tickets punched to view the movie “The Polar Express! They wrapped up their day with a cup of

hot chocolate, holiday cookies, and a special jingle bell surprise from Santa! Choo-choo to great learning fun!



2010 Aggie Baseball Camp

April 10	5th & 6th grade	8:30 – 10:30
	7th & 8th grade	11:00 – 1:00

Cost is \$20.00 for youth and includes a t-shirt
A registration form will be handed out at a later date

Baseball Spaghetti Dinner

March 19, 2010 from 5:00 – 7:00 in the Beal City Schools Cafeteria. Meal includes spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, drink (milk, lemonade or coffee) and dessert. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5 – 12 and preschoolers eat free. This event is hosted by the Beal City JV and Varsity Baseball teams.

Students Participate in Math-A-Thon

Some of Mrs. Clouse 7th grade math students participated in the St. Jude MATH-A-THON program this November. The MATH-A-THON program allows students to use math skills and to help the kids of St. Jude. The students received a Funbook that was filled with math problems and puzzles. Then the students collected pledges or donations for solving the math problems in the book. The money then was sent to St. Jude to continue its mission of finding cures and saving children with cancer and other deadly childhood diseases. The participating math students were: **Joslin Clouse, Krista Faber, Emily Hauck, Shelby Mottin, and Nick Pung.** Together they raised \$110. Way to go!!

Looking for New Pre-School Students!

The Beal City GSRP Preschool classroom is currently accepting names of preschool age children (age 4 on or before December 1, 2010) for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call the Mayes Elementary Office at 644-2740 if you are interested. Registration and enrollment information will be sent

Board Elects Officers

The following school board officers were chosen at the annual Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2010.

Terry Hutchinson	President
Rod Cole	Vice President
Kari Rojas	Secretary
Robert Pasch	Treasurer
Frank Fox	Trustee
Denise McBride	Trustee
Ed VanAvery	Trustee

The School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month unless otherwise noted. The start time for this year's meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. This year's meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 28, 2010 Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 28, 2010 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 19, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 20, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 18, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 20, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 17, 2011 Organizational Mtg	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 17, 2011 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Meeting for New Kindergarten Students

Mayes Elementary School will be holding a parent informational meeting for NEW kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Beal City Public School cafeteria. Our kindergarten teachers will be registering students and providing an overview of the kindergarten curriculum and answering questions for parents. We will also hold our annual Kindergarten/Preschool Round-Up on Wednesday, April 14. If you have any questions regarding either of these upcoming events, please call the elementary office at 644-2740.

Reading Rainbow Returns

Thanks to funding again provided by CMU Public Broadcast System and our own PTO, Reading Rainbow returns to brighten our long winter evenings. Each event begins with a light dinner served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a book sharing and craft session beginning at 6:00 p.m. The light dinner includes soup, bread, cookies and a beverage. It all takes place in the Beal City Public School cafeteria. Beal City public and private school families are invited to attend. The two remaining nights are scheduled for February 10 and March 24.

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 1	PTO meeting, 6:30 pm in Title classroom
Feb. 10	Reading Rainbow, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in school cafeteria
Feb. 12	Half day for students in the morning, 11:40 am dismissal; Valentine parties in the morning
Feb. 15	NO School-Presidents' Day Observance
Mar. 1	PTO meeting, 6:30 pm in Title classroom
Mar. 4	Spring Parent Teacher Conf., 5:00-8:00 pm
Mar. 16	New Kindergarten Student Meeting for Parents, 6:30-7:30 pm in school cafeteria
March 24	Reading Rainbow, 5:30-7:00 pm in school cafeteria

Character Counts! at Mayes Elementary

Two students from each classroom were selected to share in a first semester reward based on how well they demonstrated the six pillars of Character Counts! On January 29, these 26 students took a field trip to the Midland Center for the Arts with Mrs. Saltarelli. They were treated to a presentation entitled, “Waterworks-Soak up the Science”. This fun, interactive learning experience explored the playful, powerful and precious world of water through hands-on and virtual activities. The following students, listed by homeroom class, earned this honor and deserve recognition for being wonderful role models for all of us:

KINDERGARTEN:

Mrs. Leff-Ewing: **Carolyn Harrison and Olivia Wood**
Mrs. Maxon: **Jacob Fussman and Haiden Onstott**
Mrs. Smith: **Paige Thompkins and Hunter Miles**

FIRST GRADE:

Mrs. Farrell/Ms. Natzel: **Ethan Gott and Ellie Theisen**
Mrs. Tormanen: **Jesse Pratt and DJ Cotter**

SECOND GRADE:

Ms. Courtright: **Logan Chilman and Seth Schafer**
Mrs. Reihl: **Shea Lau and Katie Wenzlick**

THIRD & FOURTH GRADE:

Mrs. Snyder: **Katlyn Yoder and Kendyl Wilson**
Mrs. Weis: **Rebecca Hodges and Andie Loos**
Mr. Klapp: **Shelby Trevino and Lauren Turner**

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE:

Mr. King: **Andrew Harrison and Alora Vogel**
Mr. Bloniarczyk: **Nash Reeves and Chase Rollin**
Mrs. Wentworth: **Sarah Reihl and Emma Yuncker**

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REPORT to PARENTS

The Art of Giving

Schools across the country are getting children as young as kindergartners and preschoolers involved in service learning – a blend between community service and expanded instruction. Many service-learning advocates feel that by helping others, children can learn responsibility, build character and citizenship, and discover the special joys of giving.

Clearly, with benefits like these, it's no wonder that more and more schools are making service-learning part of the curriculum. But for it to really have an impact on children, it must be equally encouraged at home. Here are some ideas to try:

Start young. Encourage even the youngest children to look for ways to help others. There's almost always someone older who will, with a wink and a nod, be eager for a youngster to "help" them with a job.

Show that YOU care. Whether you can give an hour a day or an hour a month let your children see you volunteer your time to help those in need. If you can, bring them along as extra hands and let them see the smiles on the faces of the people you're helping.

Go outside of your regular areas of interest. For many families, the core of their charitable involvement is their church, temple, or mosque. If that's the case in your household, look around for occasional ways that you can step in to help others as well. "Giving times two" can help children grow up to be even more dedicated to helping others.

Use the news, but in moderation. Many children respond enthusiastically but very emotionally to crises, like hurricanes and other disasters. They hear about them on the news and feel the need to help. Talk with them about ways that they might be able to help – from making homemade cards for victims to participating in a charity drive.

Tap into their talents. Is your little one a budding chef? Encourage him to have a bake sale to help a local family who lost their home in a fire? Do you have an artist in residence? See if she/he will submit a "masterpiece" to a charity putting together a fundraising calendar. And anyone can help pick up litter, give love to pets in a shelter, or read to children who just need some extra attention.

Make it a family affair. Everyone wins when the whole household gets involved in an effort to help others. Some families even make volunteering a part of their children's weekly allowance requirements.

Cast-offs can be a first step. As your children out-grow toys, games, and clothes, make a big deal of how you're going to pass them on to others who need them – either younger relatives or charities, such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army. Encourage them to come with you when you drop the boxes off so they can hear the "thank you" too.

Trade off. Invite your friends', relatives' or neighbors' children to join you when you're working on a project for others, and encourage them to ask your children along when they do service learning.

Service learning is not about accumulating hours that can be put on an application for college or a job. It's a commitment to helping your children learn how to make the world a better place.

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students!

If you want to become healthy and active, join Fuel Up to Play 60. This is a program where we can eat healthy and be active while having fun. It was started by the NFL and The United Dairy Council to encourage students to exercise 60 minutes a day and make healthy choices when eating! Simply log in at www.fueluptoplay60.com to track your progress while earning points. The more points the better! Compete against other schools and each other! If you earn enough points and are in the top 50 in the state, you could win an iPod touch, \$50.00 gift card, or the big prize of meeting an NFL player! Plus, the school has several prizes for students who join! You can find a way to be physically active while having fun and feel energized too! So if you are ready for an exciting way to stay healthy, join Fuel Up to Play 60 today!!!

MENU

February 1 – 5, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon-glazed french toast, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – pepperoni bagel pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken nuggets or bbq beef/bun, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or egg cheese omelet, hash brown, bagels, fruit bar and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – nachos/meat and cheese or totally tacos, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – waffle sticks, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes or chicken patty/bun, dessert, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

February 8 – 12, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a biscuit, muffin, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Big Daddy's cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, french fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – spaghetti or chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – *Valentines Day* – heart-shaped chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy or meat sub, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – *Half Day* – breakfast kit with milk. **Lunch** – *No Lunch*.

February 15 – 19, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog/bun or broccoli/rice casserole, french fries, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – taco or chicken fajita, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – oatmeal, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

February 22 – 26, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit, cheese stick, muffin, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – beef stew/biscuit or turkey a la king/biscuits, cinnamon tasties, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or chicken parmesan, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Salisbury steak/mashed potatoes/gravy or pork patty/bun, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips or chili, cornmeal muffins, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.



Menus are subject to change, and no child shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.