

THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Lian Frias – Imagine Learning Math Contest Winner

Beal City Public Schools would like to congratulate sixth grader, Lian Frias, for his efforts in a recent math contest. BCPS has partnered with Imagine Learning to provide additional support to students, especially in the area of math. In a nationwide contest, sponsored by Imagine Learning, Lian was able to place in the top five, out of 5,000,000 daily users. Lian hopes to turn all of his academic hard work into a career in engineering someday.

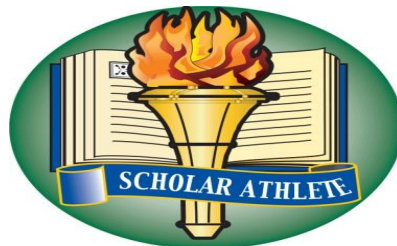


Pictured from L to R: Kris Weis (6th grade Math teacher), Lian Frias (contest winner), Cam Gatrell (Middle School Computers teacher), Karey Wentworth (5th grade Math teacher).

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award Finalists
Payton Butkovich and Jamisen Latham



The MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award is one of the top honors that a high school athlete can receive in the state of Michigan. There were 328 applicants in Class C this year and, of those applicants, 24 were selected as finalists (12 boys and 12 girls). Beal City was the only Class C school with two athletes who made the cut. Congratulations to Jamisen Latham and Payton Butkovich. Go, Aggies!





Fire Up Chips

Recently, the middle school Aggies had the opportunity to attend a CMU basketball game. Fire up, Chips! Special thanks to Mrs. Jorgensen for organizing the trip for everyone. One of the highlights of the contest was our own band director, Mr. Burns picking up a tuba and helping his former colleagues in the Pep Band.

Staff Members of the Month

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honorees are our custodial crew: Mark Bellinger, Bill Bellinger, Nate Batchelder, Connie Haley and Mackenzie Garrett.



Our custodians worked hard over the holiday break to get the school building back in excellent shape for the return of our staff and students. They resurfaced the small gym floor, did some paint touch-ups and gave each classroom a thorough cleaning. We have some of the best custodians around! We appreciate all your hard work and we thank you for all you do!

A graphic with a blue background featuring white line-art icons of school supplies like a pencil, ruler, compass, and globe. At the top, the name "DYLAN ELIAS" is written in white. Below it is a circular portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark hoodie with "MOUNT PLEASANT" and "Ohio" visible. Underneath the portrait, it says "2023-24 President". At the bottom, there is a white oval containing the text "Mt. Pleasant Area community foundation™ Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)".

DYLAN ELIAS

2023-24 President

Mt. Pleasant Area
community foundation™
Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

YAC President

Say hello to YAC's current President, Dylan Elias! Dylan, a senior at [Beal City Middle School/High School](#), is thrilled about his role as President, providing him the chance to collaborate with MPACF's board of trustees and various community organizations.

Beal City Elementary Students of the Month December



(L to R): Landen Hull, Coby Crowley, Charles Pappas, Wesley Finnerty, Ellie Shrader, Lillabelle Wheeldon



Rotary Student of the Month

Our Rotary student of the month for January is Jack Fussman. Jack is pictured with his parents Bryce and Mary Fussman. Congratulations, Jack!

Summer EBT is coming to Michigan!

This upcoming summer, eligible families will be able to receive money for select food items through the new Summer EBT program. The Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program has officially ended. However, the United States Department of Agriculture has approved a permanent Summer EBT program for eligible households and school districts.

Summer EBT benefits can be used to purchase:

- fruits and vegetables
- meat, poultry, and fish
- dairy products
- breads and cereals
- other foods (such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages)

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOW

To receive the Summer EBT benefit, every family must have an approved Education Benefit Form or the previous school meals application through their school. Household that wish to receive this money will need to make sure they fill out an Education Benefit Form to see if they qualify. If you have already completed an application for 2023-2024 school year, a new form is not needed or if you were directly certified and received a letter this year.

All families will need to turn in this form ahead of count day to receive benefits over the summer.

DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS is February 16, 2024

Eligibility Overview

Summer EBT benefits are available for eligible households based on their household income. This can be from direct certification, categorical eligibility, or from the School Meals and Summer EBT Application.

Link for the Summer EBT Application: <https://bealcity.familyportal.cloud/>

If you have any questions, please contact Marci Faber, Food Service Director
mfaber@bealcityschools.net

989-644-3901 x 2319

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Household Size - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – Skip this part

Part C: Household Size – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2023 - 2024

District: _____ School: _____

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Part C: HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$18,954	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$18,955 and \$26,973	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$26,974
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$25,636	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$25,637 and \$36,482	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$36,483
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$32,318	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$32,319 and \$45,991	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$45,992
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$39,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$39,001 and \$55,500	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$55,501
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$45,682	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$45,683 and \$65,009	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$65,010
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$52,364	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$52,365 and \$74,518	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$74,519
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$59,046	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$59,047 and \$84,027	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$84,028
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$65,728	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$65,729 and \$93,536	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$93,537

*** Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**
 Household size (# people): _____ Total annual income: _____

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

(Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)

(Address) (City) (Zip)

(Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.
 Status: F _____ R _____ N _____ Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 15, 2024:

- The December 2023 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$824,826.96, Hot Lunch payments \$12,918.82. Student Activity Account payments of \$22,265.34, Athletic Fund payments of \$2,787.95, Arbiter Sports payments of \$1,762.25, Capital Projects 2021 Checking of \$46,090.68, Capital Projects 2023 Checking of \$87,440.97 and MILAF transfers of \$40,000.00.
- Accept the bid for the sale of 5 acres of school land as presented.
- The first reading of the NEOLA PERA policy as presented.
- Schools of Choice 105 & 105C for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The purchase of a new bus as presented.
- To deny Netflix use of our facilities as presented.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.



Popcorn Fridays!

The first popcorn customer of 2024 is the lucky winner of this fine, refillable popcorn box. Sofie Gruss purchased the first bag of famous Beal City Popcorn this new year. Along with her fresh bag of corn, she won an additional popcorn box that may be refilled any and every popcorn Friday for \$1.00. This award is good for the rest of the school year.

Congratulations, Sofie!



Beal City Drama Club Presents:



The Great North Pole Bake-off

by Lavinia Roberts

Cast:

Harley Baldwin
Carleigh Breuer
Eliza Faber
Sofie Gruss
Ava Haring
Alana Harsh
Kayne Isaac
Sophia Martin
Gabriella Montini
Sam Prout
Michael Reed
Ella Strong
Karis Wolff

Director:

Mrs. Jorgensen

Stage Manager:

Addison Doyle

Pit Orchestra:

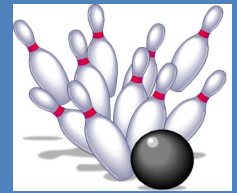
Anna Faber
Ben Gottschalk
Kiera Harsh
Brayden Schafer
Katelyn Schultz
Rosie Tovar
Molly Trommater
Music Director:
Mr. Burns





Beal City

BASEBALL



9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament

Sick of being inside with the long cold winter?!?!?! Come out of the house and have a blast while supporting the Beal City High School Baseball program while we gear up for a great 2024 spring season!!
Go Aggies!!!!

Saturday, February 24, 2024
1:00 pm at Riverwood Resort

Cost: \$30 per person

Winners are not based on bowling ability!

There will also be 50/50 drawings and lottery tree raffle.

Names: _____

Contact Number: _____ Payment: _____ Check (# _____)

*****Checks made payable to Beal City Schools**

For a chance to win entry fee back please Pre-Register by February 2, 2024

Mail bottom half of form to:

Brad Antcliff

5230 W. Beal City Rd.

Weidman, MI 48893

or put in Baseball mailbox in AD office

All proceeds will go towards Beal City High School Baseball program



Happy Valentine's Day!



Originating from ancient Roman traditions, the Valentine's Day we celebrate today has evolved from a festival that paired young individuals to a day for celebrating love in all its forms. In the present, it provides an opportunity for families to emphasize emotional well-being and the importance of nurturing relationships.

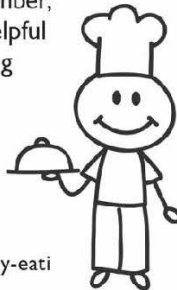
As parents and caregivers, we can use this occasion to teach our children about healthy expressions of love and affection, emphasizing gestures like kind words, acts of service, and spending quality time together. By understanding its historical roots, we can appreciate Valentine's Day not just as a commercial holiday, but as a meaningful reminder to prioritize social-emotional health, connection, and putting more love out into the world!

For more information about Valentine's Day, click here:
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/valentines-day>



Be a Savvy Snacker

Empowering our students with brain-boosting snacks not only supports their physical health, but can also help enhance their cognitive function and concentration. Let's rethink snacking, focusing on wholesome choices that fuel both body and mind. Consider pairing crunchy options like apples or celery with peanut butter or hummus. Choose lower-sugar drink alternatives like infused water or unsweetened teas. Simple swaps, such as whole-grain toast with nut butter or a fruit smoothie, can pack a powerful nutrient punch! Remember, when choosing packaged snacks, it's helpful to check the Nutrition Facts for serving sizes and ingredients. Together, let's nourish our families with snacks that energize their days and support their learning journey!



Be Heart Smart

February isn't just about celebrating love; it's also a powerful reminder to prioritize the health of our hearts! Since 1964, thanks to President Lyndon B. Johnson's proclamation, we've celebrated February as American Heart Month – a time dedicated to spotlighting heart health and the vital steps we can take to safeguard our hearts. How can you share the importance of heart health with your kids? Encourage them to embrace daily veggies, opt for whole grains, and enjoy the kinds of physical activities that make their hearts sing! Want to go even further to support heart health this month? Consider joining a CPR/AED class with the American Red Cross.



Together, as families, let's ensure that every beat counts!
For more on American Heart Month, click here:
<https://www.redcross.org/local/florida/south-florida/about-us/news-and-events/news/american-heart-month--be-prepared-to-save-a-life.html#:~:text=In%201964%2C%20President%20Lyndon%20B,to%20prevent%20this%20deadly%20disease.>

For more snack ideas, click here:
<https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/add-color/healthy-snacking>

We're rethinking school meals!
 Join us as we celebrate the good work
 in schools across the country.

rethinkschoolmeals.com

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Breakfast Logic

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on “normal” days, many students fail to eat breakfast: they’re too busy, too tired, or just don’t know what to eat.

Let’s help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: donuts, assorted cereals, (6-12) uncrustable, fruit and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2oz grain items to receive the free breakfast.

Location: Aggie Cafe

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.



IPHONE



ANDROID

Download the Nutrislice app to your smartphone to view daily breakfast and lunch options (scan the QR code for your specific device; these are hyperlinked too - if you click on them they will take you to your phone's app store).

Or you can view the full month menu at this website: <https://bealcityschools.nutrislice.com>.