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SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee champions! Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Language Arts classroom sent two champs to the big gym on Wednesday, March 19. Those students competed for the honor of representing Beal City Public Schools at the Broadway Theater on April 30 for the REMC-wide Spelling Bee. The competitors were 6th graders Easton Yuncker, Talen Neath, Jared Gottschalk, and William Methner, 7th graders Chloe Jaessing, Kyle Sandel, Emma Licina, Dexter Lynch, and Haley Mowen, and 8th graders Tyler Darnell, Madeline Steffke, Jason Clark, and Isabelle Steffke.

Our runner up is Emma Licina, and our 1st place winner is Madeline Steffke. They will be representing us on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Broadway Theater; come cheer them on!

AWARDS AND HONORS



Math Classroom Awarded Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant

Mrs. Butkovich and her math students would like to extend a huge thank you to Homeworks Tri-County Electric Cooperative for their support of \$2500 toward new graphing calculators! The Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant provided 30 TI-84 Plus Color graphing calculators for the students to use during class time. The new calculators feature a white background with color display, a rechargeable docking station, and many new features! The students at Beal City are thankful for the update and appreciate the funding! A picture will also be displayed in the *Country Lines* magazine, so be sure to check it out if you are a Tri-County member.

Important Cafeteria News

It has come to our attention that food is being stolen in the ala carte line in the cafeteria. Those students who have been identified as culprits have been dealt with. New cameras will be installed soon to assist us in ending this problem. Our cafeteria team works hard to have food available to all students at a reasonable cost. Those students who make the choice to steal from the cafeteria are stealing from all students who utilize the cafeteria. Please make sure your students understand the seriousness of this issue.

St. Jude's Math-A-Thon

This Winter, the fourth through sixth grade students had the opportunity to participate in a Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Seventeen students participated raising \$571. This money helps desperately ill children by funding research and treatments. A few sixth grade participants want to share their thoughts on the Math-A-Thon. Jourdyn explains, "I called family and asked for donations. I liked that it helps people" Seth remembers, "The book was fun. Some stuff I got stumped on and looked in my math book. I really liked the page where I had to find locations on a map." Sidney says, "I really like how the money went to something good." Thank you to all the students who participated and the community for supporting them, you really made a difference in a child's life.

Beal City Education Foundation Update

The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) board has been busy gearing up for our students and staff. The foundation was established in 2009. The BCEF has awarded four \$200 scholarships and nine teacher mini grants of \$200 since we started the fund in 2009. Donations made to the BCEF fund are never distributed, only the interest is distributed! WHAT? Seriously! That is how an endowment fund works. As the fund grows, more interest is available to provide scholarships and/or grants. This year the BCEF has decided to increase the scholarship to \$500. We are also awarding two \$200 grants to Beal City Public Schools staff. Mrs. Millerov has the applications for seniors to apply for the scholarship and the grant forms will be handed out after spring break to all school professional and support staff.

The BCEF has also been looking for ways to help our students. In our efforts to find ways to give Beal City students even more opportunities, we found a local ACT prep course offered to Beal City, Shepherd, SHA, and MPHS students. The course (for which there is a fee) runs for a week in June and more information will be sent home with your sophomore students. This course is taught by qualified instructors and we believe it could help your child increase his /her ACT score. If your child could increase their ACT score by one or two points, your child may become eligible for scholarships. It will also increase their chance of being accepted into certain colleges and universities that they may not have otherwise been eligible for. Information explaining the class will be sent home and will include scholarship opportunities, paid for by the BCEF, to help pay for the course.

We at the BCEF pride ourselves in providing our children with enrichment opportunities. We also know that is exactly what you do as parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles! The donations you make to the fund are greatly appreciated and will be forever in the fund. FOREVER.

Become part of the *legacy*... Continue our *tradition*... Donate with *pride*...

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on March 17, 2014:

- General Fund payments of \$273,339.57, Hot Lunch payments of \$9,432.31, and Athletic Fund payments of \$4,167.90.
- The recommendation to hire Jason McDonald as the Maintenance/Transportation Director.
- The budget amendments as presented.
- The tribal grant applications as presented.
- The Best Practices Resolution as presented.
- The following coaching recommendation as presented: Brandon Shirley – Voluntary Baseball.

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.

Beal City Oscars!

The senior class of 2014 is hosting the 1st annual Beal City Oscars on Sunday, May 11 at 4:00pm in the small gymnasium. Students in 9-12 grades will be given ballots in March to nominate their classmates in 51 different categories, narrowing it to the top 4. (These students will then be notified they have been nominated). A second ballot will then go around for students to nominate the Oscar winner in each category, which will be announced on stage the night of the event. Winners will receive their very own Oscar trophy to take home. Tickets are \$10 for regular seats and \$15 for VIP (Front row seating and refreshments included). Tickets will be available in advance at the school or at the door.

Attire: Dress to impress! Red carpet photos will be taken, however formal attire not required.

Join us for a night of fun and entertainment as the Beal City high school students become Oscar winners! Parents & public welcome to attend with a purchased ticket.



Senior Math Students Celebrate Pi Day

Seniors in Algebra 2B and Precalculus classes celebrated pi day and Einstein's birthday on March 14th. The number pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number is irrational, meaning that it continues on forever, but is approximately equal to 3.14. Students calculated the number pi on a pie, sang Happy Birthday to Einstein, dressed up in pi day "gear", competed in a pi trivia contest, competed in a pi reciting contest, and of course, ate pie with all the fixings. This year's pie reciting contest winner was Emily Steffke. She was able to recite 162 digits of the never-ending number.



*****Staff Member of the Month*****

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all staff 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 honoree is Bill Bellinger.

Bill has been an employee here at Beal City Schools since August of 1990. He is our head custodian and has two employees under him. He leads a crew that does an outstanding job of keeping our building in the great condition that it is in. Our administrative staff has received numerous compliments from visitors on how nice and clean our building is. Thank you Bill for all you do.

BEAL CITY ROCKET FOOTBALL & CHEER 2014 SIGN-UP

WHEN: Sunday May 18, 2014, Monday May 19, 2014

TIME: 6:00-7:30PM

PLACE: Beal City High School Lobby

COST: \$105.00 per Football Player
\$40.00 per Cheerleader

All players must be 8 years old by September 1, 2014

All players 12 years old on September 1, 2014 must sign up for Jr high football

Questions please contact

Dan Martin: (989) 600-8238

Kory Mindel: (989) 330-2398

Beal City Baseball & Softball Programs Thank the Community for Their Support

The Beal City Baseball/Softball teams would like to thank everyone who came out to the bowling tournament on Saturday, March 1st. We also want to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that made a donation for the raffle and everyone who helped to make this possible.

The Beal City Baseball Program would like to thank everyone who supported them at the spaghetti dinner on March 19th. We would especially like to thank the parents for all their donations and the Beal City Village Store for their donations.

Without your continued community support, athletics would not be possible and our programs would not have the strength that they are known for. Feel free to come out this Spring and catch us in action as we continue to strive for program excellence. Thank you again for your support, it is greatly appreciated!!!

Beal City Athletics Thanks Our Volunteers

The Athletic Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents, and community members that helped out with our Winter basketball season. Those of you who took tickets, kept the book and ran the clock are so appreciated for the countless hours of time you put in to benefit our student athletes. It takes several people to make our season run smoothly and without the many dedicated volunteers it would not be possible. We thank you again as we look forward to the start of the busy Spring sports season.

BEAL CITY BANDS



"...in harmony with the home and community..."

BACK-TO-BACK!

For the second year in a row, the Beal City HS Concert Band earns a First Division rating at District Band Festival!

MSBOA BAND FESTIVAL

Congratulations to **BEAL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND** who received an overall **Second Division** at MSBOA Band Festival in Perry. The 7th and 8th graders played their most complete performance of the year, and then, put their musical training on display in Sight-Reading where they received a **First Division**.

Congratulations to **BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND** who received an overall **First Division** at MSBOA Band Festival in Perry. Sight-Reading Judge and Grayling Band Director Matt Bishop said of the Concert Band's Sight-Reading performance that it was one of the best of the year. The consecutive **First Division** ratings are a first for the Beal City Bands and the third one in history of the program!

PRACTICE RECORDS

REMINDER TO ALL 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE BAND FAMILIES: Practice Records are a weekly graded assignment that serves as a progress report for you and your student. They account for approximately **20%** of your child's grade in band class, and provides substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments on a **weekly** basis.

CENTRAL FOUNDATION PERFORMANCE

On Friday, February 28, our 6th and 7th Graders were treated to a performance by Central Foundation, CMU's premier tuba-euphonium ensemble. Three CMU students and Dr. Mark Cox performed several selections that delighted our students, especially Dr. Cox's setting of "Bohemian Rhapsody."

STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL RESULTS

EVENT	STUDENTS	RESULT
Percussion Quintet	Brendan Carrick, James Kolb, Joe Marchiando, Shawn Mauldin, Billy Scott	SECOND DIVISION
Flute Trio	Lauren Beltinck, Emily Steffke, Hannah Steffke	FIRST DIVISION
Clarinet Quartet	Jessica Holland, Kaylee Nelson, Hannah Neyer, Rachel Schwerin	FIRST DIVISION
Flute Solo	Emily Steffke	FIRST DIVISION
Alto Sax Duet	Ryan Powell, Emily Schafer	FIRST DIVISION
Horn Solo	Melanie Schafer	SECOND DIVISION

HIGHLAND CONFERENCE ALL-STAR BAND

We are fortunate to be hosting the **Second Annual Highland Conference High School All-Star Band!** This day-long event will be held on **Friday, April 11**. We are thrilled to be having **CMU Assistant Director of Bands Dr. James Batcheller** serve as our guest conductor. Dr. Batcheller, CMU students and high school students from schools all over the conference will attend rehearsals and individual instrument sessions while at Beal City Schools. The day will be capped off by a **concert at 5PM** in the Beal City Gymnasium! Hope to see you there!

CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!



SPRING AWARDS CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 18 - 4PM



SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Varsity Softball

Tues. Apr. 8	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. Apr. 17	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 19	TBA
Tues. Apr. 22	4:30 p.m.
Fri. Apr. 25	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 29	4:30 p.m.
Wed. Apr. 30	4:00 p.m.
Sat. May 3	TBA
Tues. May 6	4:30 p.m.
Tues. May 13	4:30 p.m.
Fri. May 16	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 17	9:00 a.m.
Tues. May 20	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 24	9:00 a.m.

Varsity Baseball

Tues. Apr. 8	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. Apr. 10	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 12	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. Apr. 17	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 22	4:30 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 29	4:30 p.m.
Wed. Apr. 30	4:00 p.m.
Tues. May 6	4:30 p.m.
Fri. May 9	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 10	10:00 a.m.
Tues. May 13	4:30 p.m.
Fri. May 16	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 17	10:00 a.m.
Tues. May 20	4:30 p.m.
Wed. May 21	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 24	11:00 a.m.

Varsity Track

Mon. Apr. 14	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. Apr. 17	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 22	4:30 p.m.
Fri. Apr. 25	3:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 29	4:30 p.m.
Fri. May 2	3:00 p.m.
Tues. May 6	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 10	10:00 a.m.
Tues. May 13	4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 17	TBA
Tues. May 20	3:30 p.m.
Sat. May 24	TBA
Tues. May 27	TBA
Sat. May 31	TBA

@Sanford Meridian
Valley Lutheran
@Clare
Beaverton
@Manton
Farwell
Ewart
SHA
@Blissfield Invite
Pine River
@Marion
@Lake City
Beal City Invite
McBain
@Coleman Invite

@Sanford Meridian
Valley Lutheran
@Mt. Pleasant Invite
Shepherd
@Clare
@Manton
Ewart
SHA
Pine River
McBain NMC
@Bay City Western
@Marion
@Lake City
Beal City Invite
McBain
@Bay City Central
Chippewa Hills @
Northwood

SHA & Houghton Lake
@Fowler Invite
Pine River
@Clare Invite
McBain/Manton Tri-Meet
Great Lakes Invitational
Tri-Meet @Marion
Alma College
Tri-Meet @ Lake City
MHSAA Regionals
H.C Meet @McBain
MITCA Team State Championships
Morning Sun Meet of Champions
MHSAA State Finals @Hudsonville

JV Softball

Tues. Apr. 8	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Thurs. Apr. 10	4:00 p.m.	@Valley Lutheran
Sat. Apr. 12	10:00 a.m.	@Fulton Invite
Tues. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Thurs. Apr. 17	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Tues. Apr. 22	4:30 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Apr. 24	4:30 p.m.	Big Rapids
Tues. Apr. 29	4:30 p.m.	@Ewart
Wed. Apr. 30	4:00 p.m.	@SHA
Sat. May 3	10:00 a.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Tues. May 6	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Wed. May 7	4:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Sat. May 10	10:00 a.m.	@Shepherd
Tues. May 13	4:30 p.m.	Marion
Fri. May 16	4:30 p.m.	Lake City
Tues. May 20	4:30 p.m.	@McBain

JV Baseball

Tues. Apr. 8	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Thurs. Apr. 10	4:00 p.m.	@Valley Lutheran
Sat. Apr. 12	10:00 a.m.	@Fulton Invite
Tues. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Thurs. Apr. 17	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Tues. Apr. 22	4:30 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Apr. 24	4:30 p.m.	Big Rapids
Sat. Apr. 26	9:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite
Tues. Apr. 29	4:30 p.m.	@Ewart
Wed. Apr. 30	4:00 p.m.	@SHA
Sat. May 3	10:00 a.m.	@Clare Invite
Tues. May 6	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Wed. May 7	4:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Sat. May 10	10:00 a.m.	@Shepherd
Tues. May 13	4:30 p.m.	Marion
Tues. May 20	4:30 p.m.	@McBain

Sport Physicals Night

Where: Beal City High School

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Who: Anyone interested in participating in sports for the 2014-2015 school year.

Things to bring: \$10.00 and a completed physical form with proper signatures, emergency contact information and insurance information. You may pick up a Physical Card in the High School or Athletic Office. Failure to bring a COMPLETED physical form on Wednesday April 23rd will result in the athlete being turned away until the form is properly filled out.

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES CONTINUED

Junior High Track

Wed. Apr. 9	4:30 p.m.	Marion &SHA
Wed. Apr. 16	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Mon. Apr. 21	4:30 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Apr. 24	4:00 p.m.	@Montabella Invite
Mon. Apr. 28	4:30 p.m.	@Ewart
Thurs. May 1	4:30 p.m.	@Coleman
Wed. May 7	4:30 p.m.	@McBain
Fri. May 9	4:00 p.m.	@Breckenridge Relays
Mon. May 12	4:30 p.m.	@Manton
Wed. May 14	3:30 p.m.	Highland Conf. Meet @ Marion

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha

Mayes Elementary School 4th-6th grade students will be leaving for Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on May 5th and returning on May 9th. This outdoor educational experience has been a popular field trip for Mayes Elementary students for decades. Students are asked NOT to bring camp luggage on the school bus. All camp items should be dropped off at school by parents. Fees for this field trip are secured through fundraising activities and/or parents paying for all or part of the trip. We would like to thank the PTA for their financial support. If you have any questions regarding Camp, please call the elementary office at 644-2740. You will also want to attend the Camp Parent Information meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Sponsor a Camper

Spring is coming. What a wonderful feeling! Soon our 4th -6th graders will be heading to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for an educationally fun filled week. Students participate in many activities that teach history, science, language arts, teamwork, and self-confidence. Some of the favorite activities are Michigan Country, High Ropes, Predator Prey, Survival, Rocks and Minerals, Climbing Wall, Wetlands and Skit Night. Students' days and evenings are packed full of fun, learning, and good food.

It costs \$190 for a child to go to camp. We would love for every student to be able to benefit from this experience. But some families have come onto hard times and find it difficult to pay for camp. That's where you come in. We are looking for people to sponsor campers. A sponsor can pay the full tuition or part of it for a camper. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please fill out the form below and send it into Mayes Elementary.

Thank you so much for your generosity. The experience and memories you are giving a child will last a lifetime.

Camp Sponsor

Name: _____

Address: _____

Check one:

_____ Full tuitions \$ 190

_____ \$100

_____ \$50

_____ \$10

_____ Other \$ _____

Please make checks out to Mayes Elementary. Thank you.

BEAL CITY

JR HIGH

SIGN UP

IN THE LOBBY

IN FRONT OF BIG GYM

MONDAY MAY 19TH

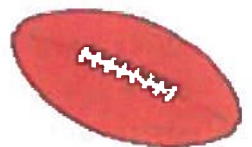
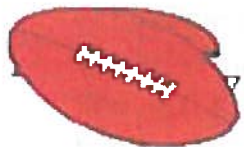
TUESDAY MAY 20TH

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7TH & 8TH

GRADES

FALL 2014



FOR INFORMATION

MICK STRAUS 644-5224

MSTRAUS63@GMAIL.COM

APRIL BREAKFAST

7 wg maple flavored waffle or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	8 egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk	9 wg nutrigrain bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk	10 wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	11 pretzel w/cheese sauce or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
14 wg cinnamon tasties or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk	15 wg pancake wrap or cereal w/ light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	16 scrambled eggs/ham or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, hash brown, fruit, juice and milk	17 wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk	18 NO SCHOOL
21 wg maple flavored waffle or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	22 egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk	23 wg nutrigrain bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk	24 wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	25 pretzel w/cheese sauce or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
28 wg cinnamon tasties or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk	29 wg pancake wrap or cereal w/ light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	30 wg muffin or wg cereal, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk		

APRIL LUNCH

7	popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: wg cheese pizza	8	breakfast pizza, hash brown, garden bar, fruit , juice and milk Weekly option: wg cheese pizza	9	hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Weekly option: wg cheese pizza	10	Chicken Patty w/wg bun, cold carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: wg cheese pizza	11	grilled cheese sandwich w/ tomato soup, baked beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: wg cheese pizza
14	sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: chicken nuggets w/ wg breadstick	15	corn dog nuggets, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick	16	twisty chicken alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick	17	scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, corn, garden bar, cookie, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: chicken nuggets w/ wg dinner roll	18	NO SCHOOL
21	tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: hamburger w/wg bun	22	hot dog w/wg bun, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: hamburger w/wg bun	23	salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, slice of bread/butter, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: hamburger w/wg bun	24	chicken strips w/ wg dinner roll, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: hamburger w/wg bun	25	chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Weekly option: hamburger w/wg bun
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Report to PARENTS

Eliminate Bullying

The latest research shows that one in three children is directly involved in bullying as a perpetrator, victim, or both. Many of those who are not directly involved witness others being bullied on a regular basis. Parents, as well as schools, have the power to help reduce bullying. Here are some tips on how you can help.

Talk with and listen to your kids.

Spend a few minutes every day asking open-ended questions about who they spend time with at school and in the neighborhood, what they do in between classes and at recess, who they have lunch with, and what happens on the way to and from school. If your children feel comfortable talking to you about their peers before they're involved in a bullying event, they'll be more likely to get you involved after.

Be an example of kindness and leadership.

When you get angry at a sales clerk, another driver on the road, or even your child, you have an opportunity to model effective communication techniques. Any time you speak to another person in a mean or abusive way, you're teaching your child that bullying is okay.

Learn the signs.

Most children don't tell anyone that they've been bullied. Learn to recognize possible signs of victimization, such as frequent loss of personal belongings, complaints of stomach aches, avoiding recess or school activities, and getting to school very late or very early. Talk to your child and the teacher about what is going on at school and find ways to observe your child's interactions to determine whether your suspicions might be correct.

Create healthy anti-bullying habits early.

Help develop anti-bullying and anti-victimization habits in your child as early as preschool. Coach your child on what not to do—hitting, pushing, teasing, or being mean to others. Help your child to focus on how such actions might feel to the child on the receiving end. Equally important, teach your children what to do—kindness, empathy, fair play, and turn-taking are critical behaviors and skills for good peer relations. Children also need to learn how to say “no” firmly if they experience or witness bullying behavior. Role play with your child about what to do if other kids are

mean. They can, for example, get an adult right away, tell the child who is teasing or bullying to “stop,” or ignore the perpetrator and find someone else to play with.



Establish household rules.

Make sure your child knows that if he or she is bullied physically, verbally, or socially, it's safe and important to tell you about it—and that you will help. Kids also need to know what bullying is (many children do not know that they are bullying others), and that such behavior is harmful to others and unacceptable.

Teach your child how to be a positive bystander.

Although it's never children's responsibility to put themselves in danger, kids can often effectively diffuse a bullying situation by yelling “Stop! You're bullying” or “Hey, that's not cool.” Kids can also help each other by providing support to the victim, not giving extra attention to the bullying behavior, and/or reporting what they witnessed to an adult.

Efforts to effectively address bullying require the collaboration of school, home, and community. Bullying is a serious problem, but if we all work together, it's one we can impact.

Web Resources

Education.com's **Bullying Special Edition** explores cyberbullying, action steps to take if your child is bullied, and more.
www.education.com/topic/school-bullying-teasing

Check NAESP's **Bullying Prevention resource page** for top resources, including articles, sample policies, and videos.
www.naesp.org/bullying-prevention-resources

Guest Editors: Shelley Hymel, Amanda Nickerson, & Susan Swearer



Elementary SUPER HEROES of the Month

Front Row, Left to Right, Aubrey Dent (Kdg) daughter of Nathaniel and Alicia Dent, Lauryn Licari (1st grade) daughter of Shawn and Kendra Licari, and Mia Gotts (3rd grade) daughter of Brian and Sandra Gotts. Back Row, Left to Right, Matt Clark (5th grade) son of Donald and Janee Clark, Wade Wilson (4th grade) son of Thad and Sue Wilson, and Raymond Mayer (6th grade) son of Darryl and Cathy Mayer. Missing from the photo was Danny Perreault (2nd grade) son of Kelly Perreault.

These seven students were chosen by their grade level teachers as the Superheroes of the Month. They not only showed great effort and enthusiasm in the classroom, but they also demonstrated positive character traits and were model students. For being selected for this award, each student received a certificate, a pencil, and their picture posted outside the office. Congratulations to our Outstanding Students!!

The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing & Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Thursday, May 15th, 2014. The Senior Citizen Reception will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the Spring Sing immediately following at 1:00 p.m. Both will take place in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!

ELEMENTARY EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 7 PTA Meeting-ALL parents invited, 6:30 p.m.
- April 11 Report Cards sent home in students' planners
- April 15 Camp Hayo-Went-Ha Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday – No School
- May 5-9 Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for 4th-6th graders
- May 15 Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception 12:30 p.m.