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Elementary SUPER HEROES of the Month

Back Row (L-R), Luke Haupt (3rd grade) son of Joe Haupt and Pam Haupt, Blake Chippewa (4th grade) son of Ryan and Erin Chippewa, Logan Chilman (6th grade) son of William and Tami Chilman, and Rosie Daniels (5th grade) daughter of John and Jennifer Daniels. Front Row (L-R), Jordan Weber (kindergarten) son of Matt and Anne Weber, Maxine Wright (1st grade) daughter of Lloyd and Charlotte Wright, and Carlie Ehler (2nd grade) daughter of Brent and Jennifer Ehler. These seven students were chosen by their teachers as the Super Heroes 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!!

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 one staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Jennifer Davis.

Mrs. Davis is a first grade teacher at Carl Mayes Elementary and a member of the PTA. The PTA just recently held their 3rd annual Apple Pie Fundraiser. Mrs. Davis has initiated and helped organize the fundraiser from the beginning and it is now their one and only fundraiser each year. On November 9th a group of PTA members, parents and students gathered in the school's cafeteria and made 922 pies. Thanks to Mrs. Davis and all the volunteers for their help with this wonderful and delicious fundraiser.

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

4.00 GPA		3.5 - 3.99 GPA		Salvatore, Keaton Miciah	9
Frayre, Kaitlynn Marie	12	Brown, Chase Aaron	12	Schafer, Hannah Lynn	9
Klumpp, Shelby Taylor	12	Carson, Jordan Austin	12	Schafer, Landon Douglas	9
Reihl, Anna Margaret	12	Fouty, Andrea Jane	12	Schafer, Nicholas Raymond	9
Rollin, Ty Michael	12	Hoogerhyde, Nicholas James	12	Schneider, Mackenzie Leigh	9
Schafer, Melanie Rose	12	Huber, Hayden Elliott	12	Smith, Tristan James	9
Schumacher, Addie Lorraine	12	Neyer, Hannah Catherine	12	Whitehead, Alec Charles	9
Scott, Elizabeth Ann	12	Salisbury, Carson Lee	12	Yuncker, Kyle Anthony	9
Steffke, Chloe Barbara	12	Schafer, Jena Kelsey	12	Zuehlke, Zoe Tian	9
Ward, Nicholas Allen	12	Schafer, Patrick Norman	12	Andrews, Mahealani Lynn	8
Bellinger, Zina Grace	11	Tilmann, Ryan Michael	12	Beltinck, Rachel Kathleen	8
Clouse, Joslin Rae	11	Burman, Makenzy Diana	11	Clouse, Spencer Earl	8
Gottschalk, Kaitlyn Rose	11	Carrick, Brendan David	11	Farrell, Dale Parker	8
Gross, Nicole Elizabeth	11	Faber, Krista Kay	11	Hodges, Rebecca Nichole	8
Hines, Mariah Sue	11	Farrell, Luke Allen	11	Lefere, Rachael Bergen	8
Horsley, Jacob Theodore	11	Fowler, Brittany Marie	11	Matthews, Caitlyn Lorraine	8
Kolb, James Charles	11	Fox, Nicole Karleen	11	McCoy, Wyatt David	8
Lorenz, Sydney Anne	11	Hauck, Cortni Irene	11	McMullen, Amanda Lee	8
Millard, Kaitlyn Emily	11	Hauck, Emily Ann	11	Natzel, Gabriel Michael	8
Pung, Nicholas Donald	11	Holland, Jessica Lynn	11	Peak, Alli Lynne	8
Steffke, Emily Elizabeth	11	Horsley, Maxwell Raymond	11	Raitz, Rebekah Sue	8
Chilman, William Charles	10	Matthews, Alexander Glen	11	Schafer, Aaron Edward	8
Gross, Tucker Joseph	10	Murphy, Nicholle Josephine	11	Schumacher, Lucas John	8
Pung, Rachel Renee	10	Natzel, Zachary Michael	11	Schwerin, Charles Thomas	8
Reihl, Sarah Marie	10	Schafer, Alexander John	11	Sharrar, Kollin Lee	8
Rollin, Chase James	10	Schafer, Emily Ann	11	Turner, Lauren Lee	8
Schafer, Apollo Alan	10	Schafer, Grace Elizabeth	11	Yuncker, Mackenzie Lee	8
Schafer, Eric Christopher	10	Schafer, Sara Rose	11	Carrier, Samantha Jo	7
Schripsema, Emily Morgan	10	Schumacher, Brittany Ann	11	Ehler, Emilie Irene	7
Steffke, Hannah Grace	10	Schwerin, Rachel Lynn	11	Fussman, Alexandria Katherine	7
Yuncker, Emma Margaret	10	Sharrar, Karleen Sue	11	Fussman, Mitchell Stephen	7
Fike, Madeline Grace	9	Baker, Bailey Donovan	10	Gottleber, J Adrian Marie	7
Garrett, Samantha Chase	9	Beltinck, Lauren Marie	10	Haynes, Keegan Avery	7
Gross, Natalie Ann	9	Carson, Hailey Luv	10	Hoover, Kylea Diane	7
Hauck, Erica Lynn	9	Esch, Andrea Jean	10	Licina, Emma Anne	7
Horsley, Nathan Wells	9	Hoogerhyde, Ian Josef	10	Mindel, Grace Ranee	7
Maxon, Eric Thomas	9	Jensen, Katelyn Lorraine	10	Powell, Elizabeth Marie	7
Powell, Ryan Charles	9	Lorenz, Paige Elizabeth	10	Pung, Adam Lee	7
Rau, Grace Elizabeth	9	Lorenz, Sarah Jane	10	Reihl, Kayla Elizabeth	7
Reihl, David Leo	9	Lynch, Alexia Noel	10	Schafer, Noel Louise	7
Clark, Jason Jess	8	Matthews, Jacob Paul	10	Schwerin, Amy Elizabeth	7
Freeze, Nicholas Arthur	8	Moore, Bradley Charles	10	Torpey, Cody Charles	7
Lorenz, Madison Jane	8	Nelson, Kaylee Rose	10	Vavzincak, Blade Gray	7
Reihl, Ashley Marie	8	Schafer, Ethan Mathias	10	Yuncker, Valerie Marie	7
Steffke, Madeline May	8	Schafer, Noah Richard	10	Zeien, Megan Marie	7
Trevino, Shelby Tiana	8	Steffke, Lilia Florence	10	3.0 - 3.49 GPA	
Clark, Joe Robert	7	Steffke, Samuel Gary	10	Bellmer, Keniesha Kaye	12
Coston, Kristen Faith	7	Straus, Curtis Anthony	10	Bleise, Kevin John	12
Daniels, Katharine Elizabeth	7	Vavzincak, Phoenix Ray	10	Finnerty, Ashley Ann	12
Fike, Kennedy Juliann	7	Aney, Maryska L	9	Flaughter, Kelsey Ann	12
Jaessing, Chloe Renae	7	Cole, Navid Guy	9	Mottin, Cody Michael	12
Lynch, Dexter James	7	Faber, Brenda Leona	9	Phillips, Sara Jean	12
Mishler, Zoey Ann	7	Finnerty, Natalie Marie	9	Straus, Kevin Michael	12
Moody, Faith Ann	7	Gott, Tristin Matthew	9	Atzert, Brianna Brooke	11
Pasch, Kelsey Rose	7	Hood, Kristen Louise	9	Cook, Austin Richard	11
Sandel, Kyle Patrick	7	Keller, Kodie Marie	9	Flaughter, Jacob Alan	11
Wilson, Kendyl Rose	7	Ley, Stephanie Marie	9	Hovey, Jacob Francis	11
Yoder, Katlyn Marie	7	McMullen, Haley Marie	9	McCoy, Brooke Elizabeth	11
Zeneberg, Zoey Meredith	7	Neyer, Heidie Noelle	9	Mottin, Shelby Amanda	11
		Salter Ariel Kurstyn	9	Neyer, Hayley Gabrielle	11

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL CONTINUED

3.0-3.49 GPA Cont.		Cotter, Courtney Kay	9	Ambs, Ryan Timothy	7
Rousseau, Emily Wolfe	11	Cotter, Nathan Jerome	9	Dodds, Erin Dannielle	7
Schneider, Jordan Elise	11	Ferguson, Trey William	9	Esch, Kolbi William	7
Theisen, Jenna Renee	11	Kotecki, Nicholas Hunter	9	Fillenworth, Jordyn Clarie	7
Woodbury, Jaclyn Marie	11	Schumacher, Darrik Logan	9	Fletcher, Katherine Dale	7
Yuncker, Makaila Marie	11	Scott, William Freeman	9	Fussman, Spencer William	7
Yuncker, Ryan William	11	Darnell, Tyler Joseph	8	Garrett, Grant William	7
Zeien, Kyle Joseph	11	Garrett, Tyler Douglas	8	Hall, Jillian Leigh	7
Baning, Katelyn Michelle	10	Hernandez, TeAnna Maria	8	Haupt, Amanda Jo	7
Bellmer, Karina Marie	10	Lambourn, William Kane	8	Lorenz, Anna Rose	7
Embrey, Trevor Scott	10	Loos, Andie Eileen	8	Lybeer, Kara Ann	7
Flaugher, Kendall Elise	10	Nelson, Max Christopher	8	Mowen, Haley Ann	7
Marchiando, Joseph Walter	10	Reihl, Nathaniel John	8	Paul, Hazel Ann	7
Mauldin, Shawn Kristopher	10	Schafer, Ryan Francis	8	Schafer, Daniel Robert	7
Plummer-Diaz, Laura Lucille	10	Seger, Hunner X	8	Small, Trevor Jonathan	7
Pung, Kayla Sue	10	Steffke, Isabelle Florence	8	Whitehead, Brennen Edward	7
Sowmick, Erin Nicole	10	Vondoloski, Miles Christopher	8		
Starr, Jessica L	10	Yoder, Zachary Michael	8		

Third Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser is a HUGE Success!

This year's PTA Apple Pie Fundraiser was a huge success. Each year it keeps on growing! A total of 922 Dutch Apple pies were made this year. The support from the community was overwhelming and each year we get even more volunteers! Your support is amazing.

The extra pies that were made are going FAST! Call the office at 644-2740 to grab a pie for \$9.00. These delicious pies are a perfect (and easy) addition to the holidays.

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday, December 2nd in Mrs. Cole's Kindergarten room starting at 6:30. We will be gearing up for Santa Shop and the Christmas Sing! Hope to see you there!

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on November 18, 2013:

- General Fund payments of \$302,748.94, Hot Lunch payments of \$20,581.91, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$15,248.53, Athletic Fund payments of \$3,601.40, Debt Retirement 2012 Fund payments of \$18,768.00, Debt Retirement Fund 2004 Fund payments of \$4,483.75 and Debt Retirement School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$15,721.50.
- The 2nd Reading of the Neola Policies as presented.
- The 2012-2013 Audit as presented.
- The hiring of Mark Pittsley as the Driver's Ed. Instructor
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Cam Gatrell – Varsity Boys Basketball, and Sue Fredrickson – Voluntary Assistant Volleyball.
- The Revised Exposure Control Plan as presented.
- The Letter of Commitment to purchase a Used Bus as presented.
- The Security Camera Upgrade as presented.
- To pay each administrator a \$500.00 flat rate wage increase.
- A sick leave incentive for all non-union staff.

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.

TEN TIPS ON HOW TO BE A WINNING STUDENT

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1. Be prepared for class. Being prepared means reading your assignments and doing your homework. It also means being rested, alert, and physically fit. When something is important, people prepare.

If learning is important to you, be prepared for class.

2. Look interested. Even if you are not interested, look interested. When you're tuned in to what the teacher is saying, the teacher will tune in to you. (How interested are you in people who aren't interested in you?)

3. Participate – ask questions/make suggestions. You get what you give. Be an active participant in class discussions. Just sitting there dampens effective teaching. It also can cheat you out of a chance to share your insights and ideas.

Ask questions, too. Questions help you think ahead and get more out of class. Remember that answers describe the present while questions define the future.

Remember also that your teacher is not a mind-reader. If you have a question or suggestion, raise your hand.

4. Give your best. When it comes to your education, "good enough" isn't good enough. Give your best and you'll do your best. No one can fault that.

5. Ask for help when your best comes up short. If you're giving your best and still not understanding, ask for help. Most of the time a simple explanation from the teacher is all that's needed to get you rolling again.

6. Volunteer. Be a classroom contributor. Volunteer a suggestion, solution, or an idea. Get engaged in what's going on in class.

7. Do your homework. Homework should reinforce your lessons. That's why it's important. And, if you think your homework isn't reinforcing your lessons or is irrelevant busy work, express your concern to your teacher. (Teachers have a lot of experience with homework. In fact, they have to do their homework to make sure that your lessons are well prepared.)

8. Show your manners. Many of the youngsters that we surveyed said that students should "be nicer." The first move is yours. Be polite. Say please and thank you and excuse me. You might even try "Yes, Mr. Brooks." and "No, Miss Jones."

Good manners should be the norm, not something saved for a special occasion.

People notice those who have good manners. And, while they'll probably never say anything to you about your good manners, you can bet that your good manners will positively influence their behavior.

9. Treat others with respect and dignity. Our Founding Fathers valued the worth and dignity of every person. In fact, they led a revolution to establish "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as a basic tenet of American life. Treating others with respect and dignity builds positive relationships and enduring friendships. Being otherwise does the opposite.

10. Read whatever you can when ever you can ... just for the fun of it. You can't "get smart" if you don't read. And, everyone agrees that reading is central to life-long learning.

But we also need to read for the fun of it. Reading lets us travel to exciting places, meet new people, and learn about new and better ways of doing things.

Not reading is like not exercising – eventually your mind turns to flab.

TEN TIPS ON HOW TO BE A WINNING PARENT

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1. Know what's going on. Remember the question that used to be asked during the evening news: "It's eleven o'clock. Do you know where your children are?" Today, being tuned in is a 24/7 proposition. You have to know what's going on in the lives of your children – from who their friends are to what they're watching on television to the language they use. And, you have to know what's going on at school. Start by asking them what they learned in school today, and don't let them get away by saying, "Nuthin'."

2. Understand how your child is doing. Know if your child's education is characterized by success, stress, or struggle. Extend congratulations on the successes, and listen to (and really hear) what they are saying about the stresses and struggles. Then act on your understanding.

3. Set learning standards, expectations, and consequences for your child. When it comes to education, tell your child what you expect. If you expect Cs, that's probably what you'll get. And if there are no consequences for Cs, stand by to see some Ds.

4. Open and maintain dialogue with teachers. Most teachers work to open dialogue with parents at the beginning of the year. You should continue the dialogue by meeting them half-way. Let them know that you value education and that you want to hear early on if your child isn't working up to classroom expectations. And, don't hesitate to call if you have a question.

5. Be there when you're needed. Most problems get solved when they're "talked through." The next time your child seems troubled, make the first move. Start by saying, "I think there's something that we should talk about." Then go somewhere quiet and talk it through.

6. Never be apathetic about learning. If you don't care what your children are (or aren't) learning in school, guess what? They won't care either.

Take an interest in what happens at school. Talk to your children about responsibility and self-motivation. And, don't let them dismiss today's lesson by saying, "I don't know and I don't care."

Contrary to popular opinion, children do value what their parents say. That makes you one of education's most important sales people. Don't be apathetic about your responsibility.

7. Understand that schools can't raise your child. For some parents, the school bus could arrive earlier and return later. They view the school day as a vacation from their kids. And, they expect the schools to house their children, feed them, counsel them, prepare them for jobs ... and teach them.

Schools are not parents. But they can be the most important partners parents can have.

8. Do things that broaden your child's horizons. No matter how rich the schools, there are limitations on the education that they can provide. You have to broaden their horizons. It's your job to talk with them, take them to a sporting event, treat them to a play, teach them responsibility, or go with them to a museum or a park. Schools can do a lot of things, but they can't do everything to broaden your child's horizons.

9. Model life-long learning. Continuous change is the norm. That's why everyone agrees that life-long learning is essential. And, that's why it's important that you give life-long learning more than lip-service.

Your children are watching how you keep learning. Let them catch you reading. Talk to them about what you have to learn to keep up on your job. Be a good model.

10. Tell your children about the importance of education ... every chance you get! No ONE says that education is useless and a waste of time. To say such a thing would be a demonstration of ignorance. Yet, saying nothing to reinforce the value of education may not be much better.

Let your children know that the old cliché is true – "You ain't goin' nowhere without an education." Don't make it a speech. Make it something you believe ... because it's true.

Freshman Boys Basketball

Tues. Dec. 10	5:30 p.m.	Fowler
Thurs. Dec. 12	4:30 p.m.	Fulton
Fri. Dec. 13	4:00 p.m.	@Big Rapids
Tues. Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Fri. Dec. 20	4:30 p.m.	@SHA
Fri. Jan. 3	4:30 p.m.	@Clare
Thurs. Jan 9	4:30 p.m.	@Fowler
Fri. Jan. 17	4:00 p.m.	Chippewa Hills
Mon. Jan. 20	4:30 p.m.	@Saginaw Nouvel
Fri. Jan. 24	6:00 p.m.	@Gladwin
Tues. Jan. 28	4:30 p.m.	Big Rapids
Thurs. Jan. 30	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Tues. Feb. 4	4:30 p.m.	SHA
Thurs. Feb. 6	4:30 p.m.	Clare
Tues. Feb. 11	4:30 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Fri. Feb. 14	4:00 p.m.	@Chippewa Hills
Mon. Feb. 17	6:00 p.m.	Gladwin

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball

Tues. Dec. 3	6:00 p.m.	Morley Stanwood
Fri. Dec. 6	6:00 p.m.	@Pewamo-Westphalia
Tues. Dec. 10	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Fri. Dec. 13	6:00 p.m.	Ewart
Mon. Dec. 16	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Wed. Dec. 18	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Fri. Jan 3	6:00 p.m.	Montabella
Tues. Jan. 7	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Fri. Jan. 10	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. Jan. 16	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Tues. Jan. 21	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Fri. Jan. 24	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Tues. Jan. 28	6:00 p.m.	@Carson City Crystal
Thurs. Jan. 30	6:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Tues. Feb. 4	6:00 p.m.	@Marion
Fri. Feb. 7	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Tues. Feb. 11	6:00 p.m.	@Clare
Thurs. Feb. 13	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Tues. Feb. 18	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Fri. Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River

JV/V Boys Basketball

Thurs. Dec. 12	6:00 p.m.	Fulton
Tues. Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Fri. Dec. 20	6:00 p.m.	@SHA
Fri. Jan 3	6:00 p.m.	@Clare
Mon. Jan. 6	6:00 p.m.	Carson City Crystal
Thurs. Jan. 9	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Tues. Jan. 14	6:00 p.m.	@Marion
Fri. Jan. 17	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Mon. Jan. 20	6:00 p.m.	@Saginaw Nouvel
Thurs. Jan. 23	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River
Tues. Jan. 28	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Jan. 30	7:15 p.m.	@McBain (JV Only)
Fri. Jan. 31	7:15 p.m.	@McBain (V. Only)
Tues. Feb. 4	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Thurs. Feb. 6	6:00 p.m.	Ewart
Tues. Feb. 11	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Fri. Feb. 14	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Tues. Feb. 18	6:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Thurs. Feb. 20	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Tues. Feb. 25	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Feb. 27	6:00 p.m.	Pine River

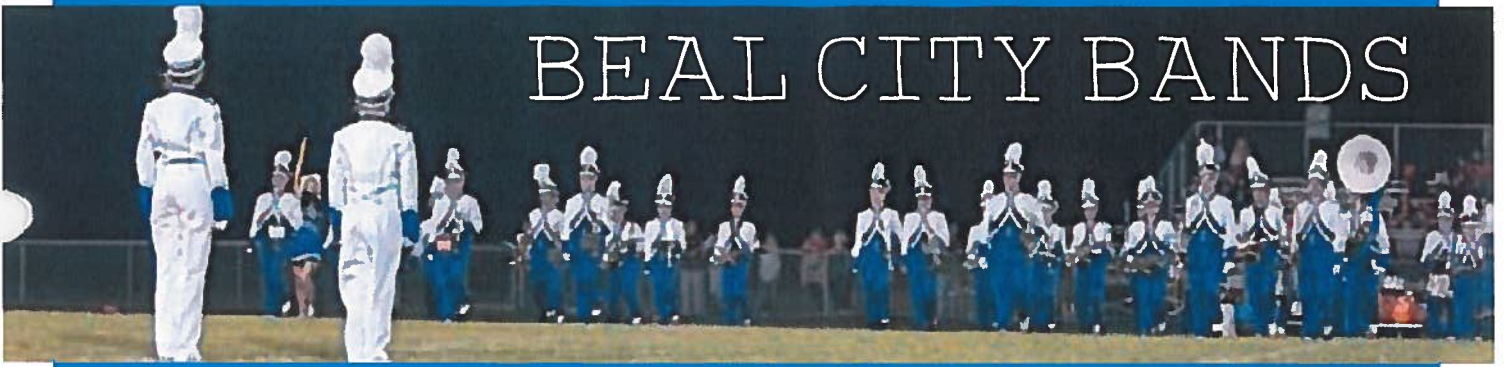
WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Michigan College Application Week

The week of November 4-8th, 2013 Beal City Jr/Sr High School participated in Michigan College Application week, a campaign designed to increase students applying to and attending college. Seniors were given time in the computer lab to sit down and complete their applications, start scholarship searches, and work on graduation portfolios with the school counselors assistance. Middle and High school staff helped promote a college-going atmosphere by sporting their alumni gear at the end of the week and speaking briefly to each of their classes about their college experience. Thirty out of 42 seniors have completed at least one college application at this time!



BEAL CITY BANDS



"...IN HARMONY WITH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY..."

COOKIE DOUGH = TASTY SUCCESS!

Thank you to our community for your support during our annual cookie dough sales! Another banner year!

SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

It's never too early to prepare for this exciting event! Our two goals for the year are to increase the number of participating students at both the middle school and high school levels and to have all high school events qualify for State Festival! Be on the lookout for information from your student!

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, in addition to providing substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments regularly.

RECYCLE YOUR OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY!

The Beal City Bands are looking to make your house less cluttered after the holidays by recycling your old or obsolete technology items, especially after Santa delivers new gaming or productivity technology. Recycled items can include:

Desktop Computer Towers & Laptop Computers
Cell Phones & Docking Stations
Old Christmas Lights & Extension Cords
Printers, Copiers & Toner/Ink Cartridges
Power Supplies, Power Strips, Surge Protectors

Network Switchers, Routers & Modems
Old Gaming Systems & Game Cartridges
House & Office Phones
Electric Motors
Cable & Satellite Converter Boxes

You can drop off these items at Ron & Chris Neyer's home or the Beal City Band Room between January 3-16 or there will be a trailer at school on January 18.

CMU VISITATIONS

Tuesday, November 19, eighteen CMU music education students visited our band room to observe the teaching and learning that occurs daily inside the Beal City Bands. This year's experience was a new one for CMU students as they were able to observe in both high school Concert Band and 8th Grade Band. While obligated for their collegiate experience only, several students stayed additional time to ask questions following their classroom observations. On the previous Thursday (November 14), Mr. Lowe traveled to CMU's School of Music and served as a guest lecturer in the class, MUS 230: Introduction to Music Education Methods. Mr. Lowe provided these students and their professor, Dr. Ashley Allen, a unique on-campus experience, sharing insights and rigors of being a public school music teacher and band director.

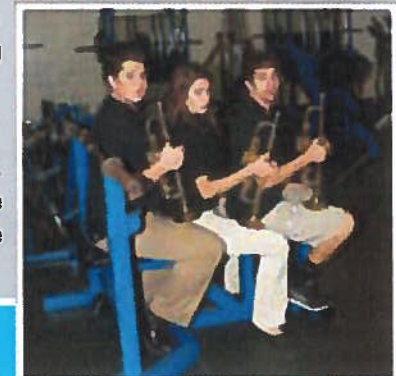
STUDENT TEACHER

The Beal City Bands cordially welcomes Mr. Matthew Vanceletta, our student teacher for the coming semester. A trombonist, Mr. Vanceletta comes to us from southern California via Lake Orion, Michigan. Mr. Vanceletta comes with highest recommendations from CMU faculty and previous mentors in the public schools. We are looking forward having his expertise in the classroom at all levels.



CAROLS AND CANDY CANES
CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC 8 - 4:00 PM



CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!
www.bealcitybands.weebly.com

2ND ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA FUNDRAISER

***To purchase a ticket in advance or for additional information please contact Chadd Fletcher (517) 881-5295 or email at cfletcher@bealcityschools.net**



- **When:** Saturday, December 7
- **Time:** 8:00-11:00 AM
- **Where:** Beal City Cafeteria
- **Cost:** \$6.00 in Advance
\$7.00 at the Door
- **Details of Event:**
 - *Breakfast catered by Penny Gross
 - *Pictures with Santa
 - *50-50 Raffle
 - *Ornament Making
 - *Silent Auction

All proceeds benefit the Beal City Girls Basketball Program

Beal City Girls Basketball Winter Youth Camp

*The Beal City Girls Basketball Program will be conducting a Winter Youth Basketball Camp. This camp will focus on the basic fundamentals of being a basketball player. Skills such as shooting, passing, ball-handling, and rebounding will be introduced and reinforced with all drills and competitions. Each camper will receive a complimentary t-shirt, team poster of our Varsity Girls Basketball Team, the opportunity to play at halftime of two JV/Varsity Girls Basketball Games, and direct instruction from Varsity Coach Chadd Fletcher along with other coaches in the basketball program, and members of Beal City JV/Varsity Girls Basketball Team. Anyone entering 2nd-6th Grade is invited to come and participate.

*Camp on Saturdays will consist of 1 hour and 15 minutes of fundamental drills and the last 45 minutes will be scrimmaging.

When: Saturday, December 7 Noon-2PM
Saturday, December 14 Noon-2PM
Saturday, January 11 Noon-2PM
Saturday, January 18 Noon-2PM
Saturday, January 25 Noon-2PM

Where: Beal City Public Schools

Cost: \$30 per camper



Beal City Girls Basketball Winter Youth Camp

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Grade: _____

T-Shirt size: (Circle one)	Youth	S	M	L	XL
	Adult	S	M	L	XL

*Please Make Checks payable to: Beal City Public Schools

*If you have any questions contact Chadd Fletcher by email: cfletcher@bealcityschools.net

*Please return all portions along with the payment to your school's office by Friday, December 6.

*Late registration will be accepted at the door.

Report to PARENTS

Boost Bus Safety

Get your child on board with school bus safety! To avoid dangerous situations and accidents, students must follow bus safety rules and procedures. First, review your school's specific bus rules and procedures with your children. Then, make sure they understand these general bus safety principles.

Board the bus safely. Students should walk, not run, to the bus stop. While waiting for the bus, children should stay in a safe spot away from the road. Remind your child never to never speak to strangers at the bus stop. When the bus arrives, students should wait their turn to board and never push or shove on the stairs. Students should ask the driver for help if they drop something while getting on or off the school bus.

Follow the driver's rules. Explain to your child that drivers have to focus on the road to keep students safe. Distracting the driver, even for a second, could put all the riders in danger. Remind students to treat drivers with respect, and always follow printed rules or the driver's procedures—especially in case of an emergency.

Keep the bus calm and quiet. Students should find a seat quickly and stay in it. Many schools have a code of conduct for the bus—go over it with your child to make sure he or she understands the behaviors that are acceptable and unacceptable. Behaviors that might seem “cool” (waving one's arms out the window, for instance) can put your child's, and other children's, safety at risk. Enforce tough punishment if your child exhibits bad bus behavior. Students should never throw things on the bus or out the windows, or play with emergency exits. Make sure students know to use their “inside voices,” and never play loud music on the bus.

Watch for bullies. Alert the bus driver if students on the bus are harassing your child. School bus drivers are not counselors, but they are there to transport students safely. You can work with them to find a solution to problems.

Avoid the “danger zone.” Children should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off, and use the handrails. When crossing in front of the bus, children should take five giant steps away from the bus, make eye contact with the driver, and cross when the driver indicates that it's safe. Teach your child to look both ways before crossing, and to stay away from the wheels of the bus.



Listen and report. Remind your child to tell you if they notice something odd or unsafe on the bus, such as the driver seeming impaired or students bullying one another. If your child tells you about any inappropriate behavior, speak to your principal.

Web Resources

The **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** has a bus safety pledge students can take.
www.nhtsa.gov/parents/parents-bus.html

Visit **SafeKids.org** for factsheets on bus accidents and safety statistics.
www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/school-bus-safety

Your state's **Department of Transportation** website may have state-specific guidelines or activities related to bus safety.

MENU

December 2 - 6, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – bagel/cream cheese stick or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/ wg breadstick.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal w/light cheesestick, hashbrown, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – rotini bake w/meat sauce, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

Thursday: Breakfast – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, cookie, corn, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg dinner roll.**

Friday: Breakfast – wg muffin or wg cereal, sausage links, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – taco w/wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg tortilla shell.**

December 9 - 13, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – wg french toast sticks w/syrup or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry, vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog w/wg bun, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – wg cereal bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – salisbury steak w/ mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, dinner roll, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Thursday: Breakfast – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips w/wg dinner roll, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

Friday: Breakfast – pretzel w/cheese sauce or wg cereal w/light cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

December 16 - 20, 2013

Monday: Breakfast – bagel/cream cheese stick or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Tuesday: Breakfast – pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or hashbrown, muffin, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal w/light cheesestick, hashbrown, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Thursday: Breakfast – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken patty w/wg bun, cold carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

Friday: Breakfast – wg muffin or wg cereal, sausage links, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch** – Winter Wonderland – holiday shaped nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, wg dinner roll, broccoli, cookies, fruit, and milk. **No Weekly Option Today.**

New federal regulation changes to our menu: *WG= Whole Grain. All students must take a fruit or vegetable with a hot lunch. This menu is based on K-8 menu guidelines. See new Federal Regulations in the Aggie Express. Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington D.S. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Tribal Grant

Thank you and Congratulations to the staff members who received tribal grants this fall.

Becky Block received two grants - Math and Reading resources

Scott Bloniarczyk - 5th grade field trip to Mackinaw Island.

Donna Horsley - Library books.

Thank you for your efforts and good luck to everyone come this spring for the spring 2% distribution. A huge thank you to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for the continued support of Beal City Public Schools.

Project PALS

A lot of Pilgrims, Native Americans, and even turkeys were spotted roaming the halls of Mayes Elementary School on Monday, November 25th! Our second grade students and their high school mentors presented their annual Project PALS Thanksgiving program and dinner. Thanks to the food service staff for a delicious home-cooked turkey dinner and the high school PALS for helping with serving the food. They served over 200 family members and students. All of this would not be possible without the outstanding efforts of the following Beal City teachers: Mrs. Rachel Leff-Ewing, Mrs. Carrie Smith and Ms. Jessi Spry.

Christmas Outreach

Mayes Elementary students and staff will again be collecting items for the Isabella County Christmas Outreach program to benefit needy families in our community. Students should have brought home a list of new toys, toiletries, and school supplies as suggested items needed to fill our classroom Christmas stockings. Please do not wrap these items. This is strictly a voluntary program. If you are able to donate items, please send them to school by Thursday morning, December 6th. We appreciate your generosity at this special time of year.

Parent Teacher Conferences – GREAT TURNOUT!!

We had an incredible turnout on Thursday, November 10th for Parent-Teacher Conferences this year. Over 95% of Mayes Elementary students' parents meet with their teachers. Many parents also did some early holiday shopping while visiting the Book Fair. Our sincere appreciation is extended to the PTA for providing this opportunity to our students and their families.

Holiday Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program to be held on Thursday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. The Senior Citizens Reception will take place in the gym before the program at 12:30 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend this spectacular songfest!