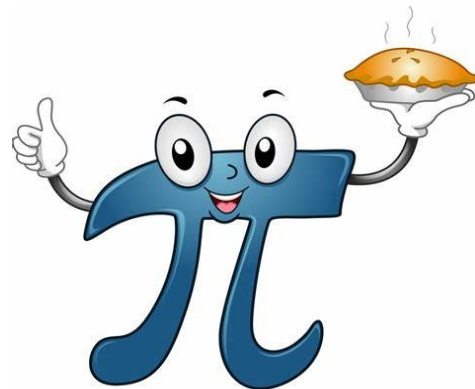
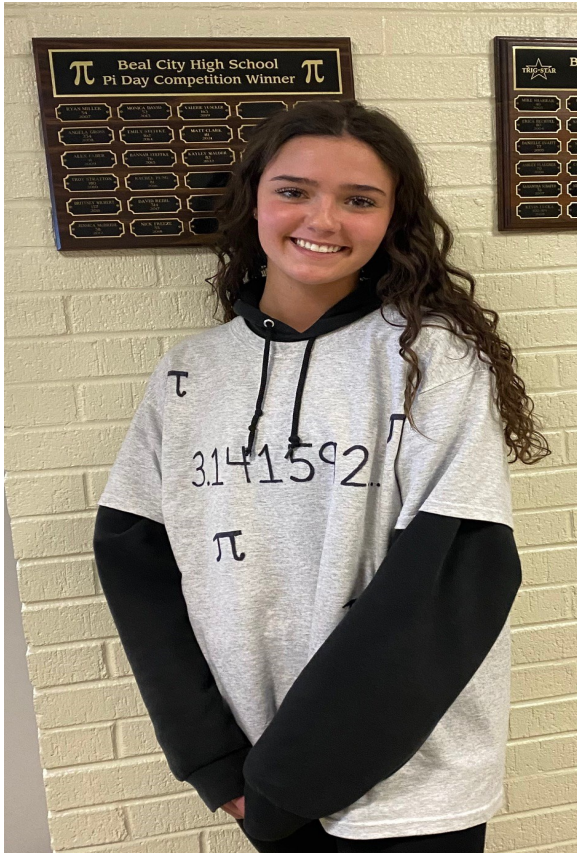


THE AGGIE EXPRESS



Senior Math Students Celebrate Pi Day

Seniors in Algebra 2B and Precalculus classes celebrated Pi Day and Einstein's birthday on Tuesday, 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 attire, competed in pi trivia and pi reciting contests, and of course, ate pie with all the fixings. This year's pi reciting contest winner was senior, Taylor Onstott. She was able to recite 96 digits of the never-ending number from memory. Congratulations, Taylor!



Mock Interview Day at Mid Michigan College!

On Friday, March 10th, the senior class was able to travel to MMC for a morning full of hands-on learning. They were able to sit down for face-to-face interviews with community members, have their resume and cover letters critiqued, and join breakout sessions. Our students were professional and learned so much!



Staff Sergeant King visits our Physical Education Classes

Recently our Aggie Physical Education classes were joined by Staff Sergeant King and his team to show our students some of the combat training exercises that they go through. Students were sprinting, dragging weights, carrying weights, and doing push ups as they competed for the best time. There were even a few friendly wagers that found Mrs. Crowley losing to one of our students, Drake Gatrell. In another fun challenge, a pair of brothers competed over who had to clean their bedroom that night. Our thanks to the National Guard for coming in and spending some time with our students and staff.

Beal City Elementary Students of the Month March



*Back Row: (L to R) Lexie Prill, Gavin Simmer, Ayden Tyron
Front Row: (L to R) Parker Randall, Zoey Flores, Xander Stephens*

Spring Sing

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The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing will take place on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!

The Aggie Approach to Social Emotional Health



Over the course of the last five years we have witnessed many changes in education, but it is in Beal City's approach to the whole student that we see the greatest impact. Five years ago, BCPS had one counselor serving the graduation, testing, social emotional, and scheduling needs of students. Today, that department has tripled in number and greatly expanded the services that they provide to our students.

While the counseling department still supports standardized testing, guiding students in class choices, coordinating Career Technical classes, and graduation audits, they do much more to support our students. Starting in elementary school, the counselors provide direct classroom instruction in social emotional skills. They use a program called Second Steps to help our youngest students learn how to control their

emotions. The teachers then support these lessons in the classroom to provide reinforcement for the students. At the secondary level, the counselors support teachers in their delivery of the SEL (socio-emotional learning) content. In 6th and 9th grade, students are exposed to an SEL curriculum called TRAILS that was produced at the University of Michigan. K-12, the counselors also use Navigate 360 to provide additional lessons for students that might be struggling in a specific area. All three of these programs teach students about growth mindset and goal setting, emotion management, empathy, kindness, and problem solving

Beal City Public Schools has also been able to add two therapy dogs to the mix, thanks to some generous donations. The elementary dog's name is Blue and can often be seen in the office or visiting students in the classroom. On the secondary level, Scout is the name of the therapy dog. Scout has a schedule that moves her around the building to various classrooms helping the students become familiar with her. Like many new tools, the therapy dogs continue to be a work in progress as our handlers, trainers, and counselors determine how and where they can have the greatest impact.

Another addition to BCPS counseling protocols has included a monthly meeting between the counseling team and the administrative team. During these meetings, administrators and counselors have the opportunity to talk through some of our biggest challenges and produce multi-team approaches to better utilize our resources to help students in crisis.

Our counseling team at BCPS consists of Sara Millerov, Staci Vessell, and Breanna Gillis. Each of the three have an area of specialization between elementary, middle, and high school, but they are not limited to their area. As many people who have sought counseling or therapy services themselves understand, the relationship is paramount. At BCPS, students have the luxury of trying a different counselor if the relationship just isn't working.

In some cases, the needs of our students may exceed what we can provide during the school day. In these cases, we coordinate services for our families. In most cases, we would invite Community Mental Health in to do an assessment of the student and the family insurance, or lack of insurance, and then they help schedule the initial intake appointment with an external counselor that fits the socio-emotional and financial needs of the family. The counseling department has also developed a relationship with 1016 Substance Abuse Counseling. This organization will come into the school and do intensive one on one counseling with students having issues with drug, alcohol, or vaping issues.

One thing that has gotten better in America, but still exists, is the feeling of there being some sort of stigma in seeking out counseling or therapy. While this is unfortunate, our counselors have recognized it and made the process extremely discrete for students. The department has placed QR codes (those funny squares that we can scan with our phones) around the building. If a student scans the code, it takes them to a short form to request a meeting. The counseling department then responds quickly to schedule the appointment at the student's convenience.

When considering topics like counseling, therapy, and social emotional learning, the work is never done. The department will remain vigilant to new trends and ideas that will help them meet students where they are and support them in a world that gets more socially complex with every new media application.



March Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to our March Rotary Student of the Month, Audree Goffnett! Audree is the daughter of Nichole and Eric Goffnett. Audree was recognized at the monthly Rotary meeting for her outstanding academic achievements and school/community involvement. Congratulations, Audree!



The Beal City Bands recently travelled to Owosso to participate in MSBOA Band Festival. The High School Concert Band earned a superior first division rating! Congratulations to all involved!!

*****Staff Member 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 honoree is Emily Socola.

Congratulations to our Band Director, Mrs. Emily Socola. Emily, a former Aggie musician, has now led our High School Band to their first Superior Division One rating under her leadership. Great job, students and Emily, for all of your hard work. We hope this is just the first of many positive ratings for the Aggies in your coming years at the helm.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting of March 20, 2023:

- The February 2023 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$613,818.71, Hot Lunch payments of \$14,490.13, Student Activity Account payments of \$10,546.04, Athletic Fund payments of \$10,644.50, Arbiter Sports payments of \$4,222.00 and Capital Projects 2021 checking payments of \$112,673.82.
- The August 2023 Bond Issue Treasury Application as presented.
- The first reading of the Sex Ed Curriculum as presented.
- The following coaches as presented: Scott Leppert – Middle School Track, Kendall Flaugher – Voluntary Assistant JV/V Baseball, Kaidan Andrews – Voluntary Assistant JV/V Baseball, Denny Bechtel – Voluntary Assistant JV/V Baseball, Jason Johnston – Varsity Softball, Kristin Schafer – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Softball, Brooke Bowlby – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Softball.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Jen Davis – Varsity Boys Track, Stefanie Locke – Varsity Girls Track, Wyatt McCoy – Boys Middle School Track, Brad Antcliff – Varsity Baseball and Dan Walcutt – JV 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 Departments, then Board of Education, then Meetings (Agenda & Minutes).



I wanted to leave my stress at home
Leave it alone
Alone with all my ghosts and unknowns
Happiness replacing its space
Replacing the place it sat with its ugly stressful face
So to leave it at home
I tied it down
Down to the ground
Burried it deep
Pushing it down
But now I'm afraid
Will it escape?

Ella Strong
10th grade



MEET OUR STAFF



Beal City Public Schools would like to welcome Robert Hopp as our Middle School Math Interventionist. Robert graduated from Rogers City High School and attended Alpena Community College and Central Michigan University. He taught high school math for 25 years at Harrison High School.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married for 23 years. Jen works at MEARS in Rosebush. Their daughter Alison is currently attending CMU and working towards an Early Elementary Teaching degree.

Robert loves sports of all types. He has enjoyed attending Detroit Tigers games and a few Detroit Lions games. He enjoys hunting and fishing whenever possible and vacationing in Florida.

We are very excited to have Robert join our team. Welcome, Robert!



Every year, the Marine Corps hosts a basic training experience for educators at their facility on Parris Island, South Carolina. This year, our very own Mrs. Crowley was invited to participate. Day two for “recruit” Crowley started with a 4:30 a.m. wake up call. She then was able to literally follow the footsteps of her father and brother, who served in the Marines, by standing on the famous yellow footprints. After PT and some rappelling, the group took a break to hear the Marine Corps Brass Band. She then finished the day with a tour of the training facilities, parts of which she could share in pictures and parts of which were off limits to cameras. On her last day of “basic training,” Mrs. Crowley saw the colors ceremony, the awarding of honors to recruits, an address from the general, as well as seeing the most recent group of young Marines graduate from their training. It was a great experience that will leave Mrs. Crowley better prepared to explain to our high school students what the first steps would be should they choose to serve their country through military service.

FFA Dairy Barn Tour

This year at the 95th annual Michigan FFA State Convention the Beal City FFA took a tour at the MSU Dairy Barns. The tour explained different college path opportunities. They explained the different paths you can take, like Michigan State University's 2 year and 4 year plan. They also talked about different job opportunities like a veterinarian or a farm manager. Then the chapter took a tour around the farm. They learned about the different things they do differently than other farms including turning slurry into methane gas and the different studies they do on the cows. The FFA had so much fun on this tour and really learned a lot about the MSU ag programs that are offered.



Audree Goffnett's Michigan FFA State Talent Performance

This year at the 95th annual state convention, our very own Audree Goffnett had the chance to sing for everyone. When Audree started, audience members started to wave their flashlights and cheer very loud. The flashlights made it seem as if the lights were still on. Audree stated, "It was a moment I will never forget". Towards the end of her performance, the audience only cheered louder and Audree even got a little emotional. After she was done singing she got to meet the State FFA president and treasurer who congratulated her. We are so proud of Audree and her accomplishments at the state convention this year.





**Beal City Elementary School
Presents**

Family Math Night at 

Coming April 11, 2023

Put it on your calendar!
More details coming after Spring Break.
Watch for the yellow flier.

Aggie Varsity Track and Field



4/8 at Clare 4:30 p.m.

4/13 at Beaverton 4:00 p.m.

4/21 at Ithaca 2:00 p.m.

4/24 at Home 4:15 p.m.

4/28 at Clare 2:30 p.m.

5/1 at Lake City 4:15 p.m.

5/9 at Home 4:15 p.m.

5/12 at Gladwin 4:30 p.m.

5/15 at Manton 5:00 p.m.

5/20 Regionals TBA

5/23 Conference Championship



What's Cooking?

There's always a meal ready to be served!

Some mornings, it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious breakfast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards. Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that supplies at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, and calories. Check your child's menu to see the variety of nutritious choices available at School Breakfast, or stop by to sample the food yourself!

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: uncrustable, donuts, benefit bar, fruit and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

Location: Aggie Cafe

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

Full pay price: \$2.25

Reduced: \$.30

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

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).



IPHONE



ANDROID

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