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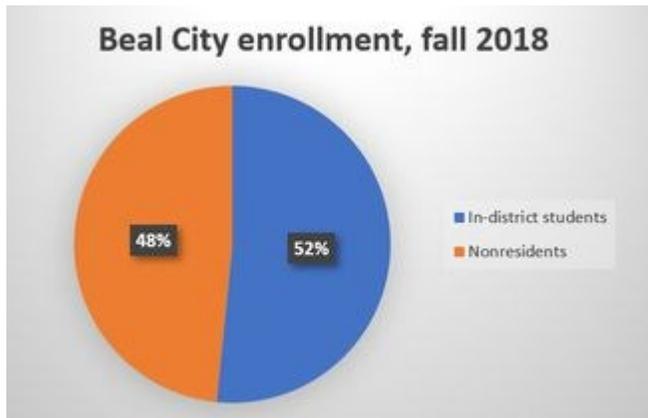
Beal City Public Schools Top 10 in the State for Schools of Choice

A Thank you from the Superintendent - Beal City Public Schools is in the top 10 in the state of Michigan for Schools of Choice.

In 1994, Michigan began the Schools of Choice program. This program allows families out of their resident school district to request the opportunity to attend a different district they do not reside in. In an Mlive news article by Julie Mack, Beal City was listed as the 8th highest school district in the state of Michigan, when it came to Schools of Choice student gains. See the attached link below to read the full article.

<https://www.mlive.com/news/g661-2019/11/ddb6967b2a5909/68-michigan-districts-with-biggest-gains-from-school-choice-in-201819.html>

The graph below is from the Mlive article. It shows Beal City's statistics for student loss and gains with the School of Choice student's enrollment.



8. Beal City Public Schools (Isabella County): 62%

The Beal City school district enrolled 62% more public-school students than lived in the district in fall 2018. The breakdown:

Number of public-schools students living in the district: 424;

District's fall 2018 enrollment: 688;

Gain from non-resident students: 333;

Loss from residents enrolled in other districts or charters: -69;

Net gain: 264.

Biggest group of non-residents: 228 live in the Chippewa Hills school district.

Making Beal City **THE** School of Choice in our area requires contributions from a wide-ranging group of people. Thank you to our Beal City community for their dedication and effort in supporting our school district. A HUGE thank you to our support and professional staff of Beal City Public Schools for helping make Beal City a high-quality educational institution. Last but not least, thank you to the hundreds of students and parents that make Beal City Public Schools their school of choice each and every day. The success that Beal City has enjoyed takes the teamwork of all of our stakeholders.

There are lots of reasons folks choose a school district. Some families are drawn to programming in the arts, athletics, and academics. Others see school size, quality of facilities, and location as important factors. The idea of tradition cannot be discounted, either. Many of our parents and/or family members were Aggies and want their kids to be Aggies too. Finally, it is not uncommon for our school of choice parents to cite school climate and academic rigor as reasons for bringing their students to Beal City. Sometimes it is best to just hear from the parents that choose Beal City for their students. Below are some quotes from a few of our school of choice parents.

“When looking for a school in the area, we were impressed with the Beal City staff’s passion for students and their investment in the Beal City community. It is clear that the people who work at Beal really love their jobs, and they are excited to work there.

We’ve also been very impressed by the school’s emphasis on the development of personal character along with academics” **Deric & Sarah Learman**

“We chose Beal City Public Schools for the small-town feel. The class sizes are kept low, which means the students get more one on one attention. The teachers and administrative staff are amazing. And we love the strong, supportive community of Beal City!” **Ann Smith**

“I chose Beal City Schools for my kids because of the community feel and the educational opportunities available.” **Angie Latham**

“We chose to send our son to Beal City Public Schools due to their commitment to student success. From their student to teacher ratio, athletic opportunities, and extra-curricular activities, Beal City provides the infrastructure for students to grow and prepare themselves for whatever their future might be.” **Denny & Kelly Berryhill**

Here is another link to a TV 9 & 10 story on the School of Choice program here at Beal City Public Schools.

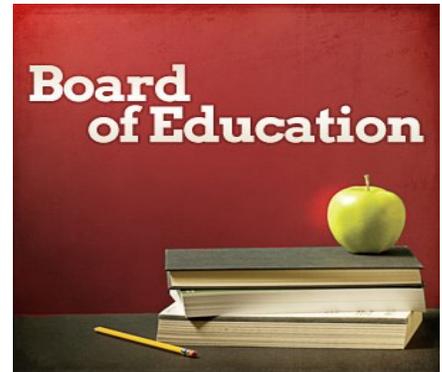
<https://www.9and10news.com/2018/09/25/beal-city-public-schools-have-almost-half-of-students-from-out-of-district/>

In conclusion, thank YOU for being part of something special. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions and/or discuss the great things going on here in Beal City Public Schools on a daily bases. Go Aggies! William Chilman, Superintendent.

School Board Officers Elected

The following school board officers were chosen at the annual organizational meeting held on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Denise McBride	President
Rod Cole	Vice President
Curt Gottschalk	Secretary
Robert Pasch	Treasurer
Ron Neyer	Trustee
Heather Curtiss	Trustee
Tom Gross	Trustee



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

Monday, February 17, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 23, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 2020 Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 2020 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 17, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 21, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 18, 2021 Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.



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

Congratulations to our employee and Mom of the month! We would like to highlight Staci Vessell's service to Beal City Public Schools. Staci has performed a wide variety of tasks during her time at Beal City. She has worked in the pre-school setting, been a substitute teacher, interned as a counselor, handled internal accounts, and never failed to be a source of positive energy for everyone around her. Staci is also our Mom of the month as she welcomes her first child, Griffin, born on 01/21/20. While Staci will be moving on with her career soon, young Griffin can be assured that he will be the beneficiary of his Mom's positive attitude for a long time to come. We will miss you Staci!

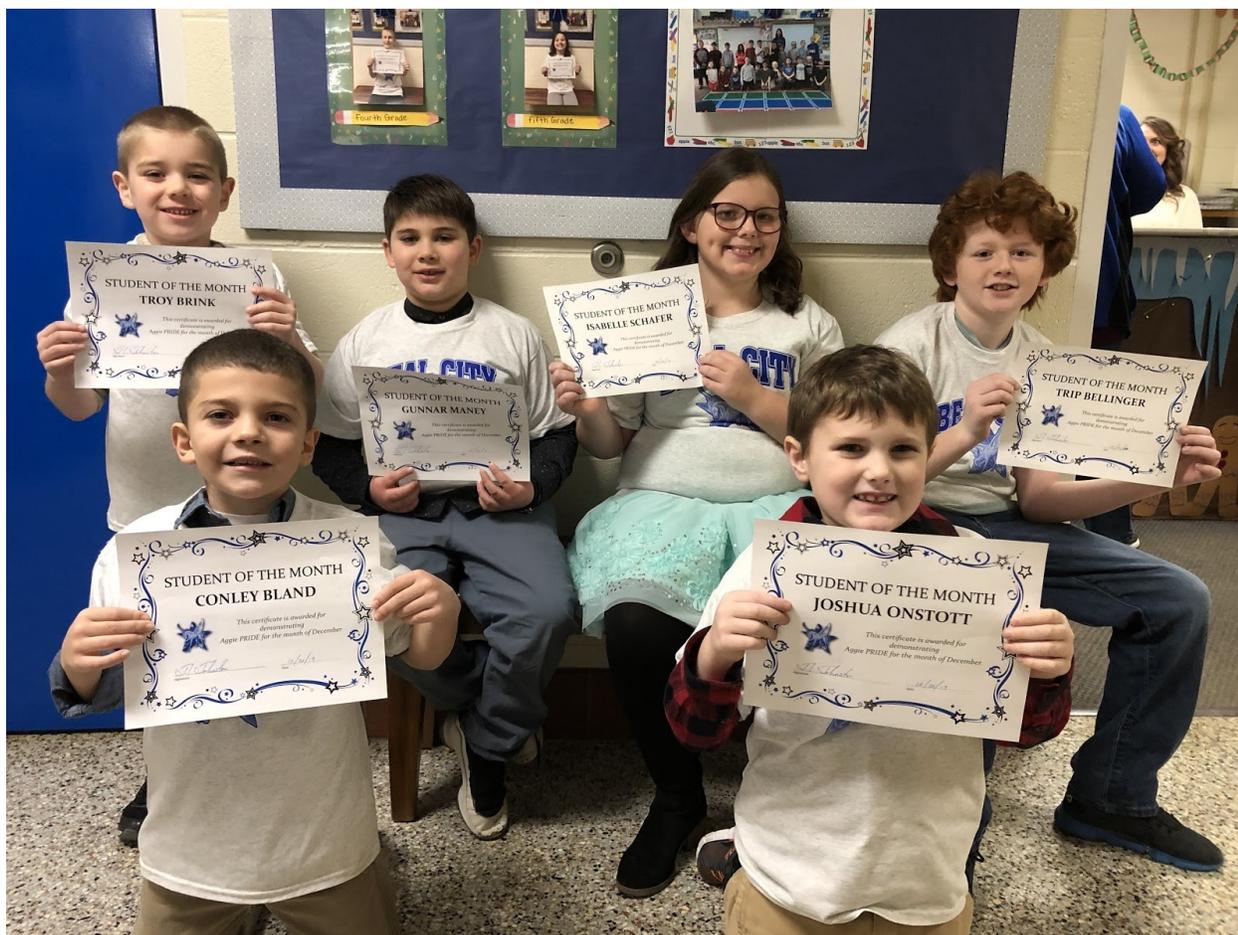


Our January Rotary Student of the Month is Olivia Nelson. Olivia has been an academic and athletic leader in her time at Beal and will be sorely missed when she moves on at the end of the year. Her parents, David and Tracy, her were able to join her at a recent recognition luncheon. Congratulations, Olivia!

Beal City Elementary



Students of the Month



Back Row (L to R): Troy Brink, Gunnar Maney, Isabelle Schafer, Trip Bellinger
Front Row (L to R): Conley Bland, Joshua Onstott

Students
OF THE
MONTH

Beal City and Mt. Pleasant Spanish Trip – Europe 2021

The Beal City Spanish trip for 2021 will be heading to Portugal, Spain, and France. We have partnered up with Mt. Pleasant High School again for another incredible trip. We are currently fundraising and getting ourselves ready for this incredible experience. We will be having an additional sign up meeting in February. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Christensen.

Check out the tour information here...

www.eftours.com/2206432dw



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 13, 2020:

- General Fund payments of \$691,884.07, Payroll Account payments of \$1,331.09, Hot Lunch payments of \$10,988.26, Student Activity Account payments of \$30,002.30, Custodial Fund payment of \$7,250.74, Athletic Fund payments of \$7,891.92, Arbitrator Sports payments of \$1,287.80, Capital Projects payments of \$975.00
- . The hiring of James Tice as the JV Baseball coach for the 2019-2020 season.

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.

Welcome to Girls on the Run!

Don't let this information



roll on by



What is Girls on the Run?

It is a team of girls that want to be happy, strong, and learn more about themselves. We have coaches to help us!

When and Where does it start?

Registration for our Spring 2020 Season will be open from December 16, 2019 - March 2, 2020

Our Spring 2020 season of Girls on the Run will be held March 2nd – May 14th. On May 14, 2020 we will be holding our Celebratory 5K at Shepherd High School @ 6 pm.

What do we do?

We meet in small teams, 2 times a week, after school for 90 minutes. Our coaches come right to the school so we don't have to travel anywhere! Practice days & times will be decided by your coach.

Coaches that are certified teach us new life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. We learn about building ourselves up as girls and understanding ourselves. We learn about confidence, being joyful, and healthy too. We workout together and have fun - we even get a snack at every practice!

What else do we need to know?

- \$135.00 per girl (scholarships are possible online)
- We get new shoes, t-shirt, water bottle and GOTR program!
- We run a Celebration 5K at the end of the 10 weeks
- We make NEW friends and most importantly - we have FUN!

For more information visit : www.gotrcentralmichigan.org

**Contact us with
any questions :**

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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 lunch item and these cold whole grain items: muffins, uncrustables, donuts, cereal, cheese stick, juice and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

Location: Aggie Cafeteria

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

Full pay price: \$1.75

Reduced: \$.30

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

Your school menu has now gone digital!

Visit: bealcityschools.nutrislice.com

to see menus!



Your menus are now more convenient and informative than ever before!

- > View images and descriptions
- > View nutrition information for each food
- > Filter the menu for specific food allergens
- > Access menus with the Nutrislice mobile app
- > Rate foods and see carb counts





Good Behavior Winners

These are the November and December winners for good behavior in the Aggie Cafe. Congratulations to our 1st and 3rd graders.





BC STREET BRAWL



Families Who Play Together, Stay together!

- ** Starting on Sunday's, there will be **PARENT** and/or **STUDENT CO-ED** open basketball (STREET)
- ** This is geared towards either or both parent(s) and guy/girl middle school and high school. Graduated Beal students are welcome as well!
- ** Serious elementary players will not be turned away! Let's get kids involved in making our programs stronger!!
- ** This is a great opportunity for parents to connect with their kid(s) and community! DO NOT let your ability prohibit you! This is going to be fun with some exercise!
- ** NO REFS!! This is a **STREET GAME!!!**
- ** Better skilled players only help improve other players!
- ** Like us on facebook **BC Street Brawl**. This is where the dates, times and any other information needed will be. You can also contact Tami Wilson (989)621-7184, Tamara Salisbury (989)576-0595 or Sabrina Leppert (989)330-4447.



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Lux Funeral Home Donation

Beal City Athletics would like to extend a thank you to Lux Funeral Homes for their generous donation of \$1,975. The donation covered the expense of the football team charter bus to Ford Field for their state final football contest, enhancing the lifetime experience and memories created from not only a special event, but a special season.

Thank you for the generous contribution!

A **Big** Thank You to our **6TH ANNUAL SNOWFEST CARNIVAL** Sponsors

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Attention!!! SAT study sessions starting soon!!

The BCEF is excited to announce SAT study sessions will begin Sunday January 26th, The BCEF will open the computer lab for students to come in and study for 2 hours. Studies have found that if a student studies for 20 hours, their SAT test scores can increase up to 115 points, This increase can mean a lot of scholarship money. However, your student needs to sincerely work at studying, not just show up and talk with their buddies or do their other homework. Below are the list of dates the computer lab will be open. Students need to sign up by the Friday before the session at 2pm and an announcement will be made if the lab will be open that Saturday or Sunday. Watch the BCEF Facebook page for cancellations due to weather or other reason. We look forward to seeing you all at these study sessions!!

Sunday Jan. 26 from 6-8 pm
Saturday Feb. 1 from 9-11 am
Sunday Feb. 9 from 6-8 pm
Saturday Feb. 15 from 9-11 am
Sunday Feb. 29 from 6-8 pm
Sunday Mar. 8 from 6-8 pm
Saturday Mar. 14 from 9-11 am
Sunday Mar. 22 from 6-8 pm
Saturday Apr. 11 from 9-11 am
Sunday Apr. 12 from 6-8 pm
SAT test day this year is Apr. 14!!!!