

# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



Beal City Public Schools would like to welcome our newest school board member: Brian Locke, DPT, AT. Brian has a Bachelors of Science degree in Sports Medicine and a minor in Exercise Science, along with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He has been with MyMichigan Health for 20 years; 8 of those years he was the athletic trainer at Beal City.

Brian's wife is Stefanie Locke. Stefanie was a Business Major at CMU with an emphasis in Marketing. She worked for Dow Chemical for 2 years prior to them starting a family. Stefanie now enjoys coaching track and cross country at Beal City. They have 6 children ranging from ages 20 to 4 years old including Ethan (20), Kaylee (18), Brianna (16), Aaron (14), JT (9) and last but certainly not least, Lizzy (4). They are an active family who very much enjoy athletic competition of pretty much all varieties. There is never a dull moment in their very busy household.

Brian enjoys coaching and working with his children to help them excel in athletics. He is an avid reader and enjoys reading God's Word, biographies and staying up on current events. Brian, Stefanie and their children volunteer at Grace Church in Children's Ministry and Construction. Brian is also currently the board president for Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County. Their family enjoys vacationing in Florida with family near Sarasota on Long Boat Key.

We are very excited to have Brian as a member of our school board. Welcome, Brian!

## School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education. This special recognition of school board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability, assuring ALL children succeed.

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members at Beal City Public Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our educational system. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy - public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member.

Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. We salute the public servants of Beal City Public Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

We would like to thank Ron Neyer for his 10 years of serving on the Beal City Public School Board of Education. His dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated. We welcome Brian Locke as our newest member of our Board of Education.

The men and women serving and their years of service are:

Robert Pasch	19 years
Rod Cole	15 years
Denise McBride	14 years
Curt Gottschalk	9 years
Tom Gross	5 years
Erin Ludwig	2 years
Brian Locke	Newly elected

## **\*\*\*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 Mack Woodbury.

Mack is a part time maintenance worker and sub custodian for the school and is very valuable. Mack has a level of dedication to Beal City Schools that is second to none and is always willing to work whenever needed. Many days Mack has worked during the day in maintenance and then come back and worked again at night when a custodian calls in sick. Mack does a wonderful job and we are lucky to have him as part of our team. Congratulations, Mack, on employee of the month as you fully deserve this honor.

## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting of December 12, 2022:

- The October 2022 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$597,253.61, Hot Lunch payments of \$9,960.85, Student Activity Account payments of \$33,980.26, Athletic Fund payments of \$8,220.67, Arbiter Sports payments of \$2,831.60, Capital Projects payment of \$11,774.66, and Capital Projects 2021 checking payments of \$254,114.51.
- Stacy Fox as unpaid Middle School/High School Assistant as presented.
- Logan Chilman as a voluntary boys basketball assistant as presented.

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

## Elementary Student Council News

Our Elementary Student Council popped into action when they realized our popcorn volunteers on Fridays needed some help. Each Friday, parent volunteers from each grade level, take turns popping popcorn with Mr. Cole in the high school concession stand. The volunteers help pop, bag, collect popcorn money and deliver the delicious popcorn to the elementary classrooms. To make their job easier, the Student Council bought popcorn boxes to collect the money, zippered money bags for the popcorn money deposits, and bags to hold the money for each classroom. This saves the volunteers time, and helps organize and streamline the process for everyone involved.



### 2022-2023 Elementary Student Council Members

5th Grade Representatives: Kolton McDonald, Aylin Reihl, Jordyn VanBlargan, Leannia Montini, Samantha Prout (not pictured Benjamin Levesque)

4th Grade Representatives: Kylee Little, Avery Balcom, Levi Sienkiewicz, Nikos Fernandez



### **Buddy Time**

Pictured above, senior Braylon Zuker is playing football and serving as all-time quarterback for a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys. Seniors Owen Kovacs and Kadin Straus are playing soccer during recess with their little buddies. These pictures were taken during the Buddy Time that has started with Mrs. Crowley's Healthy Living class. Seniors in the health elective are paired with elementary students and serve a valuable role as a "big buddy." The program has been going on for a few weeks and seems to be well received by the "little buddies."



### **Beal City NHS Brings Holiday Cheer to the Community**

Beal City National Honor Society students have been very active making the holidays brighter this December. These students spent time caroling at Schnepf Senior Care and Rehab Center in St. Louis, as well as volunteering at Christmas Outreach of Isabella County. They also organized a Christmas Outreach donation drive for the entire middle/high school that brought in over 400 winter items to donate. Beal City NHS would like to thank all of the students, staff, and community members who donated to the drive! We would also like to thank the Beal City Store for their donation of pizzas to the winning class in the Christmas Outreach competition!



### An Angel Donation

An Angel from our community walked into the Aggie Cafe to donate money to almost 50 of our Aggie families! All of our reduced students and a few others, will receive free breakfast and lunch for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year, starting Monday, December 12, 2022. Although this family wishes to remain anonymous, our Aggie Family will be forever thankful to you!



### The Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee filled staff refrigerators with some healthy refreshments in December.



**Start the Day (and the Year) Right!**

Make giving your kids a healthy breakfast every day one of your New Year's resolutions.

If you don't have much time in the morning or your kids aren't hungry when they wake up, send them to school for breakfast. Healthy food choices are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. We cannot wait to see them there!

Help your kids to make this semester a success - encourage them to eat breakfast!

**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).



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