

THE AGGIE EXPRESS



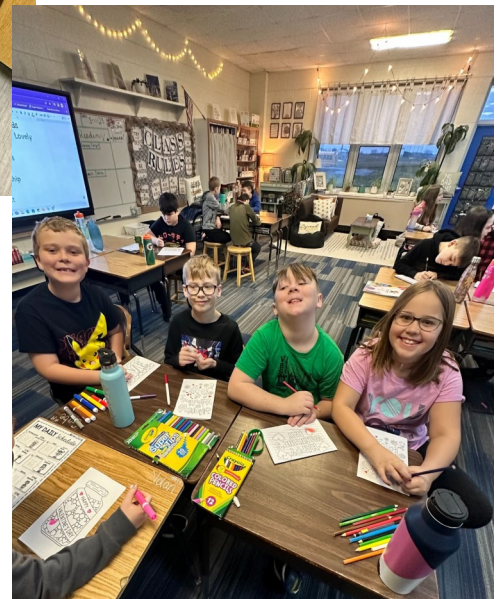
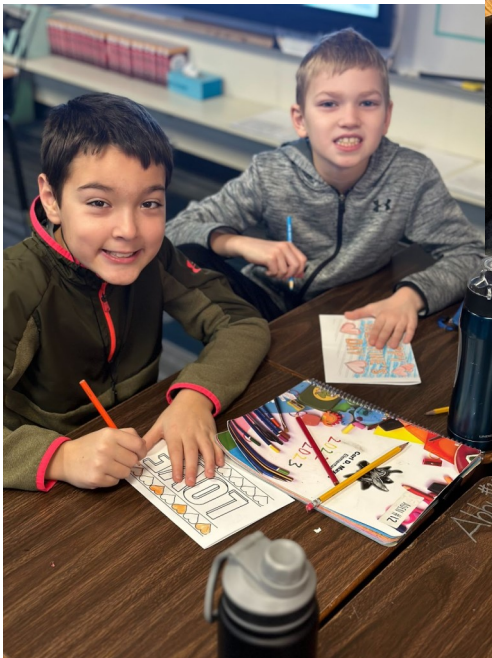
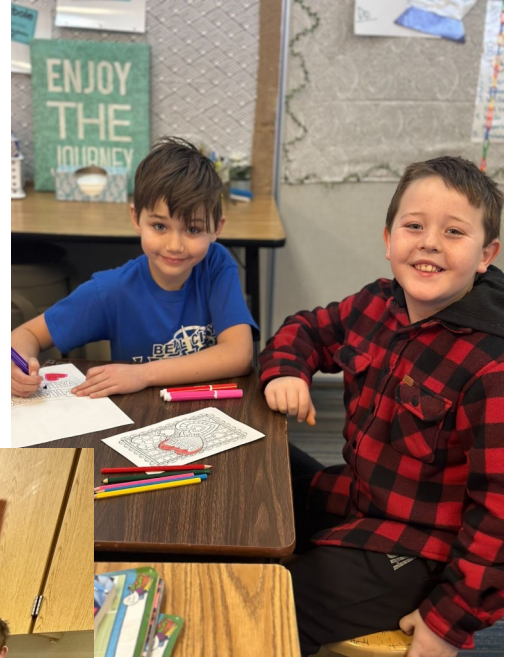
Pictured left to right: Counselor, Staci Vessell, Becky Block (Bethany's mom and a teacher at Beal City), Bethany Block and Optimist Board Member, Kim Onstott

Bethany Block Receives Shining Star Award

Bethany Block was nominated for the Sisson Shining Star Award for the month of January. Bethany is the definition of an optimist. She is strong, happy, ALWAYS smiling and looks for the bright side of every situation. She sets very high goals for herself and leads by example, encouraging those around her to want to do better for themselves. Bethany is driven, as she spends a majority of her free time trying to better herself in any area she can, especially sports. As a captain on the 7th grade volleyball team, Bethany always supported her teammates by celebrating through the highs and lifting them up during the lows. I am proud of Bethany for the kind human that she is and I hope she can continue to encourage others to see the good within themselves. - Mrs. Vessell

"A Special Kind of Love"

Beal City fourth graders participated in a lovely activity to promote friendships through kindness cards. With the support of Mallory Fernandez, our students partnered with the Isabella Commission on Aging of Mt. Pleasant to create Valentine's Day Cards for seniors in our area. The cards will be distributed throughout the month of February. A special message from our fourth graders... In a world where you can be anything, be kind!





Positive Behavior

Each marking period, the students have an opportunity to win some great prizes for positive behavior. They can stay in the drawing by not getting any discipline referrals. They can earn more entries by getting positive behavior referrals from staff in the building. This opportunity is available to students in grades 6-9.

Students blew us away this marking period with their positive behavior. This quarter, we had 30 extra entries into the drawing . Every quarter, the counseling department gives away awesome prizes to promote this behavior. This round, our winners got a brand new FitBit Versa 3. From left to right- Gavin Sisco, Dylan Gillespie, Nick Carman, Ian Martin, Nole Theisen, Brecklyn Cornell and Paisley Schumacher.

Beal City MTSS Work

Beal City Public Schools has entered into a partnership with Gratiot-Isabella RESD and Dr. Jim Harris to evaluate our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for our students here at Beal City. While we feel good about many of the things that we have in place, it never hurts to get an outside opinion on how we could make our systems even better. Our elementary team meets monthly with Amy Salogar from the RESD and Dr. Harris.

Dr. Harris was also the keynote speaker for our regional professional development in November at the Soaring Eagle conference center. Dr. Harris presented his message on the importance of building strong relationships with students and creating a positive school culture. He advocates that connections with others is what truly makes experiences meaningful and we are looking for ways to build on this idea in our school.

One program that we have started as a result of this learning is a mentoring program. Mrs. Crowley has taken the lead on this initiative by pairing up students from her Healthy Living class with students from the elementary. These mentors come down to meet with their “buddies” during lunch and recess. They check in with them to see how things are going and play games with them on the playground. While it is in the early stages, this program appears to have great promise. Being a K-12 building, we have the opportunity to do some amazing things. The program is mutually beneficial for all involved and we are very excited to see how this could grow over the next few years.

<https://vimeo.com/770017579/ac553818dd>



Kindergarten Registration

It's hard to believe that we are getting close to that time of year already! The Beal City Elementary Kindergarten Registration meeting will be held on **March 8th, at 6:30 pm** in the Aggie Cafe'. The Kindergarten age requirement is that your child must turn 5 prior to September 1, 2023. There are also waivers available for those turning 5 by December 1st. Please contact the Elementary office if you have any questions at (989) 644-2740.

*****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 Jordan Gohs.

Ms. Gohs has been an important part of the Beal City Public Schools family for the last several years. The factor that makes her our employee of the month is her versatility. We have yet to find the task that Jordan can't do. She has proved adept at keeping our library looking great and teaching courses when we have staffing issues. Jordan has taught Computers, Financial Strategies, and Astronomy in her time with us. She has also assisted students in Spanish and U.S. History, as they took those difficult classes online. Jordan is also our lead cartographer at Beal. If we need maps made, she is the person to get it done. In addition to all this, Jordan is our super substitute. Many days, Jordan doesn't know her assignment until she arrives at school and she is required to fill in for any missing staff. And, Jordan does it all with a smile on her face. Her positivity and enthusiasm for education makes all of us love our jobs more. Congratulations, Ms. Gohs!

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting of January 16, 2023:

- The December 2022 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$772,295.27, Hot Lunch payments of \$10,291.16, Student Activity Account payments of \$22,343.11, Custodial Fund payments of \$674.00, Athletic Fund payments of \$8,989.92, Arbiter Sports payments of \$3,202.00 and Capital Projects 2021 checking payments of \$39,072.53.
- The Schools of Choice 105 and 105C programs for the 2023-2024 school year 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.

Beal City Elementary Students of the Month November



*(L to R) Mia Wood, Gladys Gillespie, Kinsey Randall, Laci Malley, Cylie Tilmann
Not Pictured: Layla Latoski*



Thank you to all those who attended the elementary Holiday Sing, both in person and on Facebook. If you missed the performance, here is the link to watch it.

<https://www.facebook.com/BCEAggies/videos/684489249791866/>

Operation Hugs from Home Thank You Emails from Troops Serving Overseas

The Beal City Elementary Student Council members are excited to share thank you emails they received from troops who received our care packages. These soldiers were kind enough to take photos and send appreciation messages from thousands of miles away.

Beal City!

My name is 1LT Jeffrey Storms, we received your care packages here in Syria and are very grateful for everything your community provided. Our guys here made very quick time in distributing the boxes throughout our ranks.

I have family in Beal City and am there often, seeing the T-Shirt was a great surprise and felt like home. Thank you so much!



Here are more messages and pictures from troops overseas that received our packages from "Operation Hugs from Home". A huge thank you to Hangin' by a Thread for the generous donation of Beal City t-shirts included in our gift boxes!

Thank you and your students for all of the awesome care packages! We greatly appreciate them and all of your support.

-Bryan Abell



Dear Teachers and Students,

We received your care packages today in Syria. Thank you so much for your love and support. It really makes things easier here knowing that folk back home are thinking of us. Our platoon is from all over Michigan. I myself am from Paw Paw in Southwest Michigan.

Thanks again.

SGT Daniel S Budner
3rd platoon,
Alpha Company,
125th Michigan infantry



Beal City Students and Staff,

It is great to be a part of the Aggie family! When I heard you all planned to set up some care packages for my guys I was beyond grateful! Any time a community comes together and plans to support the uniformed services I feel great pride for the mission that we are on. It is so heartwarming knowing that we are in the hearts and minds of those back home! You all really blew my soldiers away with your care packages. I've deployed three times in my career and these boxes are by far the best I've ever received. All the items are great! To be honest I was a little worried that you may have bought out the local stores and you'd have nothing left around town :). Knowing that all of the other A Company soldiers received the same type of boxes in their locations brought me great pride. They have messaged me and wanted me to pass on their thank you. Every spot I've been in foreign lands has brought me a greater love of our nation and the place we live. Beal City is really a great place to live and raise a family. Students and Staff, Thank you and please know that we are blessed to be Americans and that is because of people like you. We opened the boxes on Christmas day and it made the day away from our families a little easier to deal with. Attached to this email are some pictures of that day and some pictures of A Company 2nd Platoon AKA Rogue Platoon. Aggies, I hope to see you next year during football season and maybe we can fly the flag I'm sending you over the field. It was flown over my compound the 31st of December and helped us ring in the New Years.

Sincerest Thanks,

SSG Timmy Fair
A Co 1-125 IN
Rogue PLT





The Beal City Education Foundation would like to thank the sponsors of the Halloween Bash we hosted in October. We also want to thank the community for coming to the event. It was a great event and everyone who attended had a good time! This event raised about \$5,000 for scholarships. The fund has approximately \$150,000 in it now, which is awesome! The foundation can never spend any of the principal, the interest is the only thing that can be spent. As the fund grows, obviously the foundation will receive more interest and we will be able to award more scholarships! Please support our sponsors whenever you can as they have supported your kids!

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We also want to thank the THREE bands that provided music at the event.

Mir and the Mongrels
The Real Deal featuring Dave Schafer
Party of One – Ron O'Neil



Beal City



BASEBALL 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament

Sick of being inside with the long cold winter?!?!?! Come out of the house and have a blast while supporting the Beal City High School Baseball program while we gear up for a great 2023 spring season!!
Go Aggies!!!!

Saturday, February 25, 2023
1:00pm at Riverwood Resort

Cost: \$30 per person

Winners are not based on bowling ability!

There will also be 50/50 drawings and lottery tree raffle.

Names: _____

Contact Number: _____ Payment: _____ Check (# _____)

***Checks made payable to Beal City Schools

For a chance to win entry fee back please Pre-Register by February 4, 2023

Mail bottom half of form to:

Brad Antcliff

5230 W. Beal City Rd.

Weidman, MI 48893

or put in Baseball mailbox in AD office

All proceeds will go towards Beal City High School Baseball program



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: \$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>.