



The Aggie Express

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Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Kelli Deters as our temporary second grade teacher. Mrs. Leff-Ewing is taking a year leave of absence and Ms. Deters will be filling in for her while she is away. Ms. Deters' significant other is Derek VanBlargan who works at Northern Logistics in Clare. She also has a 2 year old daughter named Jordyn whom she loves spending time with.

Ms. Deters graduated from Baker College with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. She has worked in a few daycares and subbed a few years at local schools. She also enjoys taking photos and is the owner/photographer at "Kelli Jo Photography".

Ms. Deters' favorite food is chips & dip and she enjoys camping and being out on her boat on Lake Isabella. She also enjoys listening to country music and her favorite sport is hockey.

Ms. Deters' travel highlight was a trip to Disney World this summer. She is looking forward to graduating this year with another degree in Language Arts and is very excited about becoming an Aggie! Welcome Ms. Deters.



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 a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Jason Lowe.

Jason has spent this summer and throughout the beginning of the school year working with the Marching Aggies to get them ready for their half time performances at the home football games. They are doing a fantastic job. Please come out and enjoy their performances during the home games on October 10th and October 17th.

2014-15 Elementary Student Council

Here are the 2014-15 Mayes Elementary Student Council Members. They were selected by their classmates to represent them at Student Council. The Council meets during lunch with their advisors; Mr. Bloniarczyk and Ms. Natzel, and help make decisions and come up with ideas for school activities.

3rd Grade Representatives:



L-R: Gracelynn Owens (Mrs. Snyder) and Madison Flaugher (Mrs. Kattreh)
Not in photo: Luke Lyon (Mrs. Snyder) and Peyton Garrett (Mrs. Kattreh)

4th Grade Representatives:



L-R: Janice Gardner and Elaina Carnes (Ms. Courtright), and Gabe Lipar and Rachel Gross (Ms. Natzel)

5th Grade Representatives:



L-R: Blake Chippewa and Hunter Miles (Mr. Bloniarczyk), and Paige Antcliff and Konnor Wilson (Mrs. Weis)

6th Grade



L-R: Treasurer Rosalie Daniels, Secretary Jesse Pratt, Vice-President Ayden Case, Trustee Nathan Coston, Trustee Faith Schuch, President Breanna Pety.

2014-15 Sixth Grade Safety Patrol

Safety Patrol Officers



Left to Right: Lieutenant Ethan Gott, Lieutenant Abby Bass, Lieutenant Ellie Theisen, Captain Rosalie Daniels, and Lieutenant DJ Cotter

Safety Patrol Deputies



Alayna Andrews, Angel Camp, Ayden Case, Myles Embs, Natalie Fussman, Hayden Garrett, Derek Gross, Lexi Hale, Jose Hernandez, Kinleigh Keller, Marcus Kent, Matthew Kolb, Sarah Koons, Angela Kotecki, Natalie Longtin, Ana Licina, Jayden Long, Jason Maxon, Ana McGuire, Aiden Mindel, Dulaney Noeker, Breanna Pety, Jesse Pratt, Brennan Powell, Abby Render, Cassidy Sandel, Faith Schuck, Bailey Torpey, Kirsten Turner, Dustin Tyler, Macy VonDoloski, Trenten Wiggins, Mya Wonch, Terrell Zuker

As an educator at Beal City High School, I have said many times throughout my career that I am very lucky to be a part of such a great community. Over the years, I have written many grants for new Agriscience textbooks to no avail. This past summer, I made the decision to reach out to the Beal City community. I contacted local agribusinesses and asked if they would be willing to sponsor textbooks for my classroom. Within two days, I had enough donations to purchase 30 Agribusiness textbooks. I would like to publicly thank the following businesses for their support of Agriculture Education in the classroom.



Rosebush



FOX DAIRY



I am still hoping to get a set of workbooks for my Agribusiness class, as well as additional educational materials for my Agriscience classes. If you are interested in donating, please make checks out to Beal City Public Schools, attention Jessi Spry/Agriscience.

Thank you, again, for your continued support of agriculture.

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Beal City Public Schools
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(989) 644-3944
Science Teacher
FFA Advisor
Project Pals Advisor

SUMMER READING CLUB - TOP READERS

At the end of last school year, Mr. Wolf challenged all of the students at Mayes Elementary to READ over the summer. His challenge was for kids going into First and Second Grade to read for 1,000 minutes and Third through Sixth Graders to read for 1,300 minutes, over the entire summer. Students had to log what books they read and for how many minutes each day. When they came back to school this Fall, students turned in their reading log sheets, and those who reached their goal were given a certificate and a prize. Congratulations to the 33 students that stepped up to the challenge and read over the summer!!



Pie-in-the Face Homecoming Fundraiser

Purchase a ticket for a chance to “pie” a coach, teacher, or administrator during the Homecoming Assembly on Friday, October 10th



\$1.00 Per Ticket

**Tickets will be sold during Spirit Week
before school & during lunch**

Sponsored by: Beal City Sports Boosters

Custodian and Bus Driver Subs Needed

Beal City Public Schools is looking for custodial and bus driver subs. All custodial subs will be paid by a third party management company but will be called by our staff to cover custodians when they need time off. Hours of work will be from 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Bus Driver subs will be used to sub for our regular route drivers and take trips when regular route drivers are not available. Please contact Jason McDonald at 644-3901 to get more information on custodial and bus driver subbing.

Student Council Sells T-shirts for a Good Cause

Each year the Beal City Student Council sells t-shirts for homecoming as a fundraiser for a specific charity. This year’s organization is The Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund of Isabella County. This organization accepts private donations to help support local families that have been affected by cancer.

To receive anonymous donations each family must have a member who has been diagnosed with cancer, demonstrate financial need, and have been a member of Isabella County for at least one year, as well as other requirements.

The t-shirt design is created by Student Council. Each class will have a different color t-shirt with Junior High having one color and elementary having another. Half of the profits go to the organization and the other half go back into Student Council to support next year’s homecoming. Order forms will be sent home with students. They will also be available in the Superintendent’s Office or can be printed from the school’s website at www.bealcityschools.net.

JH Boys Basketball

Mon. Nov. 3	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Nov. 6	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Mon. Nov. 10	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Nov. 13	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Nov. 17	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Thurs. Nov. 20	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Nov. 24	5:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Mon. Dec 1	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Dec 4	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Mon. Dec 8	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Fri. Dec. 12	4:30 p.m.	McBain NMC
Mon. Dec. 15	6:00 p.m.	@Marion

PTA APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again. Order forms will be coming home soon. They will be due back by October 24th. And as always, volunteers are greatly appreciated. Pie pick-up will be November 8th.



Give your child a healthy start!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast.

Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on September 15, 2014:

- General Fund payments of \$273,617.30, Hot Lunch payments of \$54.45, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$147,156.76 and Athletic Fund payments of \$2,963.18.
- The Tribal Grant Applications as presented.
- Brenda Rau's teacher resignation as presented.
- Dan Endres' bus driver resignation as presented.
- Marylyn Gross' secretary resignation as presented.
- The 2013-2014 Audit 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 Education Foundation Raffle

The BCEF is raising money to enrich the lives of Beal City Public School students by selling raffle tickets for one of three TV's.

First place prize - 60" LG Plasma TV

Second place prize - 42" LG LED TV

Third place prize - 32" LG LED TV

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing will take place at the "Rock the Foundation Homecoming Celebration" fundraiser on October 10, 2014, after the football game. We will be selling tickets at football games and other events this fall, or you can purchase them from, Rod Freeze, Denise McBride, Yvonne Fox, Bill Bellinger, Bill Chilman, Cindy Schumacher, Terry Hutchinson, Cay Marchiando, or Ron and Joyce Schafer,

Become part of legacy...Continue our tradition...Donate with pride...

Rock the Foundation Homecoming Celebration
Music - Dancing - Friends - Fundraiser

The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) is hosting their annual fundraiser - "Rock the Foundation Homecoming Celebration" - on October 10th after the football game. It is a great time to catch up with friends while raising money to advance the education of Beal City Public School students. Music will be provided by Sound Productions. All are welcome. Bring your friends and have some fun!

"Rock The Foundation Homecoming Celebration"
October 10, 2014 after the game
Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall

\$10 per person

Snacks provided (bring your own beverage)

Must be 21 to attend

Become part of legacy...Continue our tradition...Donate with pride...

BEAL CITY FAMILY FLU CLINIC

Central Michigan District Health Department will be holding a Family Flu Clinic at Beal City High School on Wednesday, November 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Centers for Disease Control recommends yearly flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older. Influenza disease (Flu) results in an average of 40,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations every year. In addition, 20,000 children under five years of age are hospitalized in the United States every year. Infants younger than six months of age depend on vaccinated family members and care givers to protect them against flu disease, since they are too young to be vaccinated. While flu may not be a severe illness for many, some people are at higher risk for complications from the flu such as diabetics, pregnant women, children under the age of 5, persons with chronic medical conditions, and those with immune system disorders.

Central Michigan District Health Department bills private insurances, Medicare and Medicaid. For persons paying with cash, check or credit card the cost of the vaccine this year is \$45.00, but a sliding fee scale may apply that is dependent upon income and family size, thus reducing the overall cost.

So make a healthy choice this year and protect those you love and GET A FLU SHOT! In fact, bring the family and protect them all!



Calling Everyone! Get Your Flu Shots!



Central Michigan District Health Department
Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

**Central Michigan District Health
Department will be providing Flu Shots
at this location for all ages
6 months and above**

Flu Clinic Information



Date: November 5, 2014



Time: 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.



Place: Beal City High School Media Center

Questions about your immunizations???
Please call the health department at (989)773-5921 ext. 8405.

Central Michigan District Health Department bills private insurances, Medicare and Medicaid for the full cost of the vaccine. For persons paying with cash, check or credit cards the cost of the vaccine this year is \$45.00, but a sliding fee scale may apply that is dependent upon income and family size, thus reducing the overall cost.

October 2014

Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

		1 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	2 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	3 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
6 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	7 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	8 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	9 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	10 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
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20 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	21 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	22 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	23 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	24 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
27 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	28 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	29 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	30 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	31 assorted pop tarts, cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk

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Students can take all 4 options offered but must take 3 to have a full breakfast.

Example: pop tart, muffin, fruit and milk. OR muffin, yogurt and fruit.

A fruit has to be taken with all meals.

October 2014

Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>6 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets</p>	<p>7 chili, wg cheese-its, (slice wg bread for HS) broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza</p>	<p>1 twisty chicken Alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun</p>	<p>2 scalloped potatoes/ham, dinner roll, corn, cookie, fruit, juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg dinner roll</p>	<p>3 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Friday option: wg pepperoni pizza</p>
<p>13 wg popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets</p>	<p>14 wg maple flavored waffle, hash brown, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza</p>	<p>8 Salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, wg bread, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun</p>	<p>9 hog dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick</p>	<p>10 wg chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Friday option: wg Calzone w/pepperoni</p>
<p>20 sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets</p>	<p>21 macaroni and cheese, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza</p>	<p>15 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun</p>	<p>16 hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg bread</p>	<p>17 nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, and milk Friday option: wg cheese pizza</p>
<p>27 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets</p>	<p>28 chili, wg cheese-its, (slice wg bread for HS) broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza</p>	<p>22 twisty chicken Alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun</p>	<p>23 scalloped potatoes/ham, dinner roll, corn, cookie, fruit, juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg dinner roll</p>	<p>24 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Friday option: wg pepperoni pizza</p>
<p>29 Salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, wg bread, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun</p>	<p>30 hog dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg bread stick</p>	<p>31 1/2 day NO LUNCH</p>		



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Aggie Pride Week for homecoming! October 6th-10th

Happy Halloween!

10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in School The Right Way!

Tips and advice for parents to help kids thrive in their education, offered by a veteran teacher and law expert from southeast Michigan

Mark R. Solomon



Every parent wants his or her child to do well in school. The problem is not usually that parents aren't capable of helping their child do well in school. After all, not many parents have a background or training in educational techniques or child psychology. It's just that the parent doesn't know the best way to help. Here are some tips for how you can improve the likelihood of your child's school success. Remember, these techniques take both time and patience to show results – don't expect miracles overnight.

1. Teach them that learning is their 'job.'

Parents often ask what they can do to get their child interested in a particular subject or task. Lesson No. 1 is the most important lesson a child can learn about school: No one cares whether or not a child is interested in something. Of course, children learn better when they find the subject matter interesting, but what children really need to learn is that they must also learn things that they don't find particularly interesting. That's the job children have.

2. Aim high.

You don't have to be a Tiger mom, but you have to realize that parental expectations have a huge impact when it comes to student performance. If you don't expect your child to do well, your expectations will likely be met.

3. Distinguish studying from learning.

Very often a parent asks a child if the child has done his or her studying – and the child has. Not good enough! The parent needs to verify that the child has learned the lesson. Quiz the child to be sure (this gets more difficult as the child gets older and begins to take more advanced subjects). Quiz the child again on the same material a few days later, and then again a week later. What good is learning something that is forgotten a week later? Remember that employers later in life will care less about the diplomas your child has and will care more about the skills and knowledge he or she has acquired.

4. Prioritize study time.

All children need down time, and playing both alone and with other children is good for both their intellectual and social skills. However, as a matter of priority, children should, within reason, be encouraged to work first and play second. Eventually a well-developed work ethic will result in a big pay-off. Children also should have regular study hours during which to complete their schoolwork. As the child gets older, this designated study time should get longer.

5. Provide a proper homework environment.

Be sure your child has all the tools needed to do his or her best – desk, a chair, good lighting, necessary school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, calculators, computers, rulers, compasses, protractors, paper clips, note pads, etc.) and, most important, a quiet place to work.

6. Let them figure things out on their own.

Have your children think about problems at length before asking you for help. Remember that every time you tell a student an answer to a question, you have deprived that student of the opportunity to figure out the answer on his or her own. At the same time, it is appropriate to help a student who has made a legitimate, but unsuccessful, effort to learn something without assistance.

7. Teach proper reading comprehension skills.

So many children read something without remembering what they've read or understanding what it means. To aid in that gap to learning, children should know that when reading, they should not go to the next paragraph in their reading until they have understood what they have already read; if they do, they usually won't understand the next paragraph, either. You should also teach children to take notes on what they read (or, better yet, to outline what they have read). Taking notes and writing outlines reinforces what the student has learned from reading and will allow the student to be better prepared for written examinations.

8. Have them go above and beyond.

Generally, the more students practice, the more thoroughly they learn and the more they retain. Students get more practice (and more learning) if they complete all the problems and exercises in their textbooks – not just the ones the teacher assigns. Parents who want to help their children succeed should encourage their kids to do more than the minimum.

9. Make learning a four-season endeavor.

School is out in the summer, but that should not mean that children should take three months off from learning. Summer is a good time for reviewing, for learning things that may not have been taught in school (perhaps some of those chapters that were skipped in history class), for going to the library and browsing (always a good idea) and for trying to develop new intellectual skills, such as how to play games of strategy like chess, checkers or backgammon, or how to follow recipes carefully.

10. Set a good example.

Let your child see that learning doesn't end when we leave school. Model good learning behavior in the way you deal with your job and household responsibilities and let your children know that you are still learning. Parents who are still in school, perhaps pursuing a graduate degree or finally finishing up that bachelor's, can be particularly influential. If you cut class, what do you think your children will do when given the opportunity? If you have bad study habits, you can't expect your children to do better. Be sure that you show your child – through your own action – that good educational habits yield great academic rewards.

UPDATE!

Spring 2015 Testing Schedule

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Spring 2015 testing dates for all summative assessments are included in this document.

Students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 will be assessed on Michigan’s current content standards in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies.

Since Michigan moved from fall testing in grades 3 – 9 to spring testing, students will be tested on content learned in the current school year versus prior year student knowledge. This move necessitated a change in the tested grades for science and social studies. Beginning with 2015, students in grades 4, 7, and 11 will be tested in science, while students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be tested in social studies. This is a change from last year.

The English language arts assessment consists of reading and writing, at each grade 3 – 8, and 11. This is a change from prior years when writing was assessed only at grades 4, 7, and 11. Mathematics will continue to be assessed at grades 3 – 8 and 11.

The ACT Plus Writing® and WorkKeys® have been extended for one year as the college entrance and work skills assessments for grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students. The testing schedule is:



Online Testing

has the flexibility of testing **any** time during the testing window designated for each grade level.

Paper/Pencil Testing

must be administered on the dates specified for each content area in the window designated for each grade level.

	ACT Plus Writing	WorkKeys
Initial Test Date	March 3	March 4
Makeup Date	March 17	March 18
Accommodations Testing Window	March 3 – 17	March 4 – 18

Study Tips & Study Skills

Students with better study methods and strategies score higher on their exams.

- ✓ Everyone is different. Different methods work for different people; the following are only suggestions on improving upon your current studying techniques.
- ✓ It is best to review the material right after class when it's still fresh in your memory.
- ✓ Don't try to do all your studying the night before the test. Instead space out your studying, review class materials at least several times a week, focusing on one topic at a time.
- ✓ Have all of your study material in front of you: lecture notes, course textbooks, study guides and any other relevant material.
- ✓ Find a comfortable and quiet place to study with good lighting and little distractions (try avoiding your own bed; it is very tempting to just lie down and take a nap).
- ✓ Start out by studying the most important information.
- ✓ Learn the general concepts first, don't worry about learning the details until you have learned the main ideas.
- ✓ Take notes and write down a summary of the important ideas as you read through your study material.
- ✓ Take short breaks frequently. Your memory retains the information that you study at the beginning and the end better than what you study in the middle.
- ✓ Space out your studying, you'll learn more by studying a little every day instead of waiting to cram at the last minute. By studying every day, the material will stay in your long-term memory but if you try to study at the last moment, the material will only reside in your short-term memory that you'll easily forget.
- ✓ Make sure that you understand the material well, don't just read through the material and try to memorize everything.
- ✓ If you choose to study in a group, only study with others who are serious about the test.
- ✓ Test yourself or have someone test you on the material to find out what your weak and strong areas are. You can use the review questions at the end of each chapter, practice tests that the teacher may give out or other pertinent materials.
- ✓ Listening to relaxing music such as classical or jazz on a low volume can relieve some of the boredom of studying.
- ✓ Don't study later than the time you usually go to sleep, you may fall asleep or be tempted to go to sleep, instead try studying in the afternoon or early evening. If you are a morning person try studying in the morning.

BEAL CITY BANDS



"...in harmony with the home and community..."

BAND-TASTIC!

All the Beal City Bands in concert! Sunday, October 26 @ 4PM

MARCHING AGGIES

Another exciting season is upon us! Already the Marching Aggies have performed at three home games and hosted the 2nd Annual Marching Aggie Invitational! Soon, Homecoming, MSBOA Marching Band Festival, Glow Show and CMU Band Day will be here. An action-packed 10 days of performances highlighting our outstanding Marching Aggies! Be listening for our preparation and performances!

GLOW SHOW

Our **Glow Show** will be returning to Frank A Schafer Field for the McBain game, **Friday, October 17**. Before the game, During the game members of our Color Guard will circulate through the stands taking donations to offset the costs of this incredible presentation. We hope to count on your support!

JAZZ BAND SECTIONALS

Jazz Band families: please check the website for your Tuesday morning sectional schedule. The first quarter is posted.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Reminders that students should be working out of their Fundamental Musicianship Battery folders as well as sheet music at home. Parents: ask what FMBs are and discover why they are being talked about around the state!

REMIND

Mr. Lowe is using Remind to notify students of classroom assignments and obligations. There are three easy ways to sign-up. Check out the Back To School issue of the Drumbeat for more information.

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, and provides substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments on a **weekly basis**.

RACE FOR THE BAND HOUSE CUP!

We have already begun our race for the Band House Cup! Here are the standings as we begin school!



JAZZ BAND

First Day
Tuesday, 9/2 @ 7:15



DENMARK
Nielsen
175

FINLAND
Sibelius
205

NORWAY
Grieg
270

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

ELEMENTARY CALENDARS

October 6	PTA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
October 6-10	Homecoming Week	
October 15	1 st Grade CAFÉ Night	6:00 p.m.
October 17	4 th -6 th Grade FUN ZONE	3:00-5:30 p.m.
October 22	Elementary Picture Day	
October 31	1/2 Day of School	11:50 a.m. Dismissal
October 31	Halloween Parade	10:30 a.m. – Outside
November 3	PTA Meeting	6:30 p.m.
November 6	P/T Conferences – No School	
November 10-19	Holiday Wreath Fundraiser Sale	
November 19	Picture Retakes	
November 24	2 nd Grade Project PALS	6:00 p.m.
	Turkey Dinner	
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Break	

PTA MONTHLY MEETINGS

All parents are invited to join the Beal City Elementary PTA, and help this dynamic group do great things for our kids. All meeting are at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary. Listed are the dates of this year's PTA meeting:

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st
- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th