



The Aggie Express

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Dear Parents:

Although summer is upon us, it is time to begin preparation for the upcoming school year. We are again going to have orientation for 7th grade students on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 5:00p.m. in the Cafeteria. Parents and Students will be participating in the following discussions and activities:

1. Welcome/Introduction
2. Outline of student behavioral expectations, by examining new rules/policy/procedures, and reviewing portions of the student handbook most frequently violated (handbooks will be distributed).
3. Gather information and completed forms from parents/students.
4. Inform parents/students about proposed 7th grade schedules.
5. Issue locker assignments

The emergency information card, as well as free and reduced lunch forms will be available. Please complete these accurately. It is especially important to list home, work, and emergency contact phone numbers.

Please feel free to contact the school at (989) 644-3944 or (989) 644-3901 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at orientation. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Jackson
Jr. / Sr. High School Principal
Beal City Public Schools

Dual Enrollment Meeting Scheduled

Attention dual enrolled students: there will be a short but mandatory orientation on Monday, August 26th at 10:00 am in the high school computer lab. Parents are welcome to attend."

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on June 24, 2013:

- General Fund payments of \$423,167.70, Hot Lunch payments of \$14,461.10, Capital Projects/ General Fund payments of \$560.00 and Athletic Fund payments of \$5,770.86 and Debt School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$34,906.75.
- The 2nd reading of the Neola Policies including the new wording for the Teacher Discipline, Teacher Placement and Teacher Reduction and Recall Policies as recommended by our attorney. Also, added to the policies are the Heat Index Policy and the Concussion Policy recommended by MHSAA.
- The \$.15 cent lunch price increase along with the \$.10 increase already approved.
- The Door Monitor System Installation that is being paid with a grant.
- The Board Goals and Mission Statement that were developed during the Board Workshops. The goals and Mission Statement will be what the Board will work towards through 2015.
- Move the August Board Meeting to August 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- The 2012-2013 Budget Amendments as presented.
- The 2013-2014 Budget as presented.
- To authorize the Millage Levies to support the 2013-2014 Budget.
- The first reading of the Elementary Student Handbook as presented.
- The first reading of the Secondary Student Handbook as presented.
- Transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund to Capital Projects General Fund.
- The Athletic Trainer Contract with Mid Michigan Medical Center – Midland as presented.
- Scott Leppert's resignation as Junior High Boys Track Coach. Also the following coaches have resigned through PCMI: Anna McDonald – JV Girls Basketball, Kory Stevens – JV Boys Basketball, and Chelsea Hall – Cheer.

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.

July 15, 2013

Dear Students and Parents:

The Beal City Board Of Education passed a policy that requires all students to complete a required number of hours of community service in order to receive their Diploma. All students graduating from Beal City High School will need to complete 40 hours of community service to graduate.

The Board has defined community service as “an act of assistance or benefit to another or others.” Service can be given to non-profit organizations, individuals, or groups in need of assistance. Students may begin their community service once they have completed 8th grade.

Service that does not qualify:

Paid or stipend service

Service done for academic credit

Fundraising benefiting a school club

Service benefiting a family member

Involvement in athletics and extra-curricular activities

The community service form may be picked up in the H.S. office. The completed form must be submitted to the counselor by April 30th of their senior year. Parent and student signatures must be included to confirm accuracy of the community service activities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (989) 644-3944.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Jackson

Principal

Beal City Jr. / Sr. High School



August 1, 2013

Dear Parents,

While most parents expect to donate items at the elementary level, few think about the necessity at the secondary level, and we junior high and high school teachers do not often ask. However, we need your help. In these difficult economic times, with decreasing school budgets, classroom supplies are becoming more difficult to obtain. We understand that for many of you, the economy is even tighter than for schools, but we are hoping that if everyone helps, the burden will be lightened for all. Please consider purchasing some of the items below and sending them to school with your child/student.

- pens
- pencils
- eraser caps
- colored pencils
- markers
- lined paper
- glue/glue sticks
- rulers
- index cards
- Kleenex/tissues

Thank you so much. We truly appreciate your support.

Beal City Secondary Teachers

Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Meetings **Cross Country, Football, Sideline Cheer & Volleyball**

*Reminder: your son or daughter's physical must be on file at the school. Every athlete must have a physical on file before tryouts or practice begins. The physical must have been completed no earlier than April 15, 2013.

- Meet the coaches, become aware of team procedures.
- Online Scheduling changes
- Athletic Policy updates and reminders.
- Completion of paperwork.
- Pay Participation Fees
- Purchase Season Sports Passes

Parent/Athlete Meetings

Volleyball (7-12): Wednesday, August 7 6:00pm

Football (9-12): Wednesday, August 7 6:30pm

Cross Country (7-12): Wednesday, August 7 7:00pm

Cheerleading (9-12): Wednesday, August 7 7:30pm

Beal City Technology Summer Camp!

When: August 5th - August 9th 2013

Who: 4th through 7th Grade (student grade level for fall)

Where: The Beal City High School Computer Lab
There will be a maximum of 30 students

Time: 9:30AM to 12:00PM

Cost: \$40.00 (Includes all computer needs for the week, and a T-shirt)

Checks can be made payable to Beal City Public Schools

Please return form & payment to school ASAP (Attention Mrs. Hull)

Forms and payment will be accepted until July 14th or until the class is full.

Any Questions Please call or e-mail Katie Hull:

khull@bealcityschools.net or (989)644-3901

Beal City Technology Summer Camp

August 5th through the 9th 2013

Student Name _____ Grade Level _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Please advise, if student has any allergies: _____

E-mail Address: _____ (I will send an e-mail reminder)

T-Shirt Size: (please circle) Adult Child's S M L XL XXL

Beal City Art Camp!

WHEN: August 12th – 16th 2013

WHO: 4TH THRU 8TH GRADE (STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR FALL)

TIME: 9:30A.M. - 12:00P.M.

WHERE: BEAL CITY SCHOOLS SECONDARY ART ROOM (#258)

COST: \$40.00 (ALL SUPPLIES FOR THE WEEK AND SHIRTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COST)

ART CAMP WILL TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 30 STUDENTS.

CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO BEAL CITY SCHOOLS.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL:

ANGIE HENRY @ ahenry@bealcityschools.net 989-644-3901

ART CAMP REGISTRATION – August 12th thru August 16th

STUDENT NAME _____

GRADE LEVEL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE ADVISE, IF STUDENT HAS ANY ALLERGIES: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(WE WILL SEND AN EMAIL REMINDER)

SHIRT SIZE: (PLEASE CIRCLE)

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ADULT

CHILD'S

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

ENCOURAGE, TEACH, SUPPORT-- Ways parents can encourage their children to do well in school

SENSE OF BELONGING: This is number one. Children need to feel they are a needed member of a group. Do things together as a family, and enroll the kids in after-school activities. Kids want to go to school, and see the value in school when they have a feeling of community, both at home and at school.

KIDS NEED HEROES: Children need one or two respectful, supportive people in their lives that they can look up to and admire and who influence their lives for the better. How about Mom and Dad?

SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT: It's very important in the encouragement of children to recognize and appreciate the small steps children make daily, as well as the accomplishments the larger goals they've achieved.

FUN AND EXCITEMENT: Keep learning exciting. Send kids off to school in the mornings with a hug and kiss and a word of encouragement, instead of a negative, nagging, parental lecture on what they've done wrong. Enjoyment and fun in the learning process keeps kids coming back for more.

CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY: Keep the wonders of childhood discovery, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm alive. Nourish and participate in the joy of learning that kids are born with.

INSTILLING A SENSE OF ADVENTURE: Adventure is what childhood is all about. Supporting children in healthy risk-taking and learning from their successes and failures keeps learning exciting and relevant for children.

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY: The ability to make wise decisions in one's life and to accept the consequences are skills children need to learn. Teach kids how to make wise choices in life, so they're able to grow in their personal responsibility.

CONFIDENCE TO TAKE ACTION: Exuding self-confidence shows kids how to have confidence in themselves. Show that you have confidence in your child's ability to be successful. Self-confidence and self-respect go hand in hand with setting and achieving one's goals.

Believing and participating in our children and their success is something all parents can begin today and practice