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Author Johnnie Tuitel Visits

Mayes Elementary and St. Joseph the Worker School students were treated to a presentation from a nationally known author of children's books on March 24. Johnnie Tuitel, the self-proclaimed "Handicapitalist" shared books from his unique Gun Lake Adventure series. The main character of his books uses a wheelchair, like the author himself, and enjoys adventures and solving mysteries. Mr. Tuitel's assembly also included practical tips on writing for the students. He stresses teamwork, interdependence, honesty, loyalty, responsibility, kindness, and courage. His presentation and books include themes of disability awareness, inclusion, friendship and trust. As you can tell from the quotes below, students enjoyed his presentation, especially his sense of humor.

"I thought he was one of the funniest guys ever." By Cody Gross

"He has a very good imagination." by Phoenix Vavzincak

"Mr. Tuitel's speech was awesome. He taught me how to think about my writing and how to bring up ideas for good stories." By Aaron Lay

"He would be a good stand up comedian." By Nash Reeves

"It was a lot of fun, and he was funny." By Ashtyn Thompson

"He was hilarious, and I hope he writes many more books." By Ryan Powell

"His adventures were very interesting." By Billy Chilman

"I thought that he was very descriptive and funny." By Eric Maxon



Fundraiser Night



The 1st Annual "A Night at the Theater" fundraiser will be held

in the Beal City gymnasium on April 9, 2010 starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7:00 p.m. show with performances from the Beal City Drama Club, Beal City Concert Band, and Beal City talent show participants.

This fundraiser event is presented by the Beal City Public Schools Educational Foundation Fund Advisory Board. The following Advisory board members have been selling tickets for the event; Cay Marchiando, Rod Freeze, Chris McBride, Bill Bellinger, Yvonne Fox, Dave Moore, Brock Horsley, Gary Pohl, and Mick Natzel. The cost is \$25 a ticket and the money raised will go directly to the Drama Club, Tempo Club, and the Beal

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Jump Rope For Heart

Since 1978, Jump Rope for Heart has raised more than \$703 million for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Millions of students have jumped rope and learned about heart health and how nutrition and physical activity can help prevent disease and stroke.

Participation in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart is vital to the American Heart Association's efforts to raise dollars that fund lifesaving research. Mr. Beckwith and Mrs. Sharrar, physical education teachers, organized this year's Mayes Elementary Jump Rope for Heart. They thank all the students who participated in this worthwhile event and Mrs. Fussman for all of her help. A total of \$165.00 was raised. Thanks for joining in the fight against heart disease!

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha

Mayes Elementary School 4th – 6th grade students will be leaving for Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on May 3 and returning on May 7. This outdoor educational experience has been a popular field trip for Mayes Elementary students for many years. Students are asked NOT to bring camp luggage on the school bus. All camp items should be dropped off at school by parents. Fees for this field trip are secured through fundraising activities and/or parents paying for all or part of the trip. We would like to thank the PTO for their generous contribution of \$25 per pupil to help defray some of the expense involved with attending Camp. If you have any questions regarding Camp, please call the elementary office at 644-2740. You will also want to attend the Camp Parent Information meeting scheduled for April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Reading Month Thank-You!



The staff and students at Mayes Elementary enjoyed Reading Month and would like to thank Mrs. Jan Newman, our guest reader, for sharing some of her favorite books with us. We would also like to thank the PTO for providing all of our elementary students with a free bag of popcorn for Hop on Pop day. The students also enjoyed the Reading Rainbow night the

PTO sponsored. Last, but definitely not least, we would like to give a thunderous round of applause to Mr. Jeff Klapp. Mr. Klapp entertained us with his "Duck Tales", the daily Old Time Radio Show, and everyone's favorite "I Love Reading Man" show. We love you Mr. Klapp!

The students also enjoyed pajama day, camp read-a-thon, hat day, reading buddies, and wear your words day. Many students also participated in a book exchange and Mr. Klapp's duck raffle. The students also had the opportunity to meet authors Michelle Baughman Glass and Johnnie Tuitel.



Kindergarten Round-up

Kindergarten Round Up for students entering school in the fall will be held on Wednesday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Media Center. Please call the elementary office at 644-2740 as soon as possible if you have not yet scheduled an appointment. Please bring your child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IMMUNIZATION RECORD, AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** with you. Speech, vision, and hearing tests will be conducted as part of our assessment of your child. The Brigance Kindergarten and First Grade Assessment tool will also be administered to determine your child's readiness for school. While children are being tested, parents will be completing paperwork needed for next year. Please pass the word about Kindergarten Round Up to any parents you know who have not signed up yet!

PI Day

Precalculus and Algebra 2B Students Celebrate pi (π) Day and Einstein's Birthday

On March 12, 2010, the Precalculus and Algebra 2B classes of Beal City High School celebrated pi Day and Albert Einstein's birthday.

Pi, the irrational number, beginning with the numbers 3.14, is celebrated on 3/14 of every year. Pi, represented by the Greek letter π , is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1879. Today, he would be 131 years old. Einstein made many important scientific discoveries including the formula $E = mc^2$, the theory of relativity, and proving that the speed of light is constant.

After singing happy birthday to Einstein and seeing a demonstration of the value of pi using an apple or pumpkin pie, students feasted on pie and ice cream. Students competed in a π trivia contest and a competition to see who could memorize the most digits of the number Pi. Troy Stratton was the 2010 winner, memorizing and reciting 180 digits of the never-ending number.

Keep up to date on announcements and sports schedules at www.bealcityschools.net

April Events

March 29-April 4	Spring Break
April 5	PTO Meeting-ALL parents invited, 6:30 p.m.
April 14	Kindergarten Round Up, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Camp Hayo-Went-Ha Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 16	Parent Advisory Meeting, 12:30 p.m. @ St. Joe's
April 19	DSIT Meeting, 6:00 pm and Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
April 19-22	PTO Book Fair
May 3	PTO Meeting-ALL parents invited, 6:30 p.m.
May 3-7	Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for 4th-6th graders



Spring Picnic



Come and enjoy a Hawaiian Picnic Luau with the cafeteria staff on Friday, April 23rd. Bring your blankets and towels to sit on during lunch! We will be grilling hot dogs. Let's get excited for sunshine!!

Annual Swiss Steak Dinner

Mark your calendars now! Enjoy a homemade swiss steak dinner sponsored by the Beal City Bands TEMPO Club, Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Beal City Schools cafeteria. The annual fundraiser dinner includes homemade swiss steak, real mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, beverage, and dessert. Adults \$8, youth K-6 \$5. Take out and eat in are available. Enjoy great food and support an awesome school band program.

2010 Aggie Baseball Camp

April 10	5th & 6th grade	8:30 – 10:30
	7th & 8th grade	11:00 – 1:00

Cost is \$20.00 for youth and includes a t-shirt
A registration form will be handed out at a later date

The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Thursday, May 20th, 2010. The Senior Citizen Reception will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the Spring Sing immediately following at 1:00 p.m. Both will take place in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!

Fundraiser Night, Continued

City Educational Foundation Fund to support Beal City Public School's pursuit of educational excellence. Please come support our Beal City students and the Educational Foundation and join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment, and food with fellow Aggies.



The foundation Advisory board would also like to thank Dewitt Lumber for their donation to the foundation, and those who participated in the winter 4th quarter push on March 2nd at the varsity basketball game. The Advisory board would also like to say thank you to all of the Beal City employee groups for their support of the foundation at their annual all staff party.

MPATC National Honor Society

Ten Beal City High School students were inducted into the 2009-2010 National Technical Honor Society at the Mt. Pleasant Area Technical Center in a ceremony on March 10, 2010. The ceremony took place after the Mt. Pleasant Area Technical Society's annual Open House. The National Technical Honor Society was established to celebrate career and technical education student achievement. Students were nominated by their instructors and had to meet the following criteria: a combined academic and technical GPA of 3.0 or higher, 10 or fewer absences, 4 accumulated career and technical education credits, ability to follow instructions, safety awareness, ability to work well with others, dependability, responsibility, honesty, good attitude and good leadership skills.

Our recipients for this year are: **Dustin Baning, Nathaniel Bellinger, Brittany Bliss, Alisha Chamberlain, Paul Gross, Brandon Hansen, Nichelle Holland, Sean Massey, Joshua Mead, and Leslie Mead.** Congratulations to these worthy students!

Dual Enrollment Info. Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 15, in the Media Center for anyone interested in finding out more about dual enrollment. If your child plans to dual enroll next year, it is very important that both you and your child attend the meeting. Mrs. Heintz will be sharing information along with a representative from Mid Michigan Community College. There are many things to consider when deciding whether or not to take part in dual enrollment. It doesn't work for everyone, but is an excellent opportunity if it does work. This meeting will give you the information you need in order to make an informed decision. It will begin at 6:00p.m. and should last around one hour.

Driver's

Education News

Driver's Ed Class sign up is underway for both Segment 1 and 2. You must be at least 14 years and 8 months of age as of April 1, 2010. We will not be able to schedule class times until there are at least 20 students signed up. A sign up sheet is available in the High School Office. Please call 644-3901 or 644-3944 with any questions.

Segment 2 registration is also underway. Eligible students must have had at least 90 days as of April 1, 2010 since the completion of Segment 1. A sign up sheet is available in the High School Office. Please call 644-3901 or 644-3944 with any questions.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on March 22, 2010:

☞ General Fund payments of \$261,307.74, Hot Lunch payments of \$14,165.89, Athletic Fund payments of \$7,022.47.

☞ The recommendation to eliminate preschool for the 2010/2011 school year due to budget limitations, with the plan to investigate more feasible ways of offering a preschool program in the future when possible.

☞ To reinstate the student who had been suspended due to discipline issues.

☞ The Tribal Grant Applications as presented.

☞ The following coaching recommendations as presented: Korey Stevens – JV Baseball, Scott Barnes – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Boys Track, Dan McKisson – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Track, Michael Esch – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Boys Track, Dennis Bechtel – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Baseball, and Elisha Richards – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Girls Track.

Where: Beal City High School

When: Thursday, April 29, 2010

6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Who: Anyone interested in participating in sports for the 2010-2011 school year.

Things to bring: \$10.00 and a completed physical form with proper signatures, emergency contact information and insurance information.

You may pick up a physical card in the High School or Athletic Office.

Failure to bring a COMPLETED physical form on Thursday April 29th will result in the athlete being turned away until the form is properly filled out.

Physicals

Beal City Athletic Association

Hello, we need volunteers to work the following dates for the spring outdoor concession stand. Please let me know if you are available or contact Vicki Steele (560-5887) . We need to fill every slot to ensure we have enough money to cover costs for our athletic trainer and freshman sports etc. Dates left are:

Thursday, April 8th
Thursday, April 22nd
Monday, May 10th
Friday, May 14th
Monday, May 17th
Friday, May 21st
Monday, May 24th
Tuesday, June 1st

Thanks,
Christa Clare

CMU All-American Running Back Speaks to Our Students

Brian Pruitt delivered a motivational speech to the 7-12th graders at Beal City Schools on March 23.

Brian Pruitt Motivational, formerly known as HACC Motivational Speakers was started in 1994 by its founder Brian Pruitt. Brian is a former all-American athlete, author and entrepreneur. He discovered that people could accomplish just about anything if they had the right perspective, took the right approach, lived by the right principles and walked through the appropriate process. He has traveled across the United States and other countries equipping listeners with the tools to overcome obstacles to accomplish their dreams. Audiences have been rejuvenated to run after their dreams as they discovered that those obstacles could be defeated. The response to BPM has been overwhelming! Brian Pruitt Motivational is equipped to inspire, challenge and entertain listeners on every occasion.

Brian Pruitt was a sure pick for the 1995 NFL draft before being setback by what seemed to be tragedy. Nevertheless, while faced with this obstacle, Brian Pruitt began to forge his unique message of hope and encouragement. By drawing from his own personal experiences, Brian enlightens both youth and adults alike on how to overcome obstacles.

Brian graduated from Central Michigan University in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. A gifted athlete, Brian played football for CMU and in 1994 was named First Team All-American. He has subsequently been inducted into the CMU Sports Hall of Fame. He has also been inducted into the Saginaw County Hall of Fame in Saginaw, Michigan.

In addition, he has been a regional presenter for the Youth Alive-7 Project, and has been a featured guest on several television programs. Brian has been honored as a keynote speaker for well-known ministries such as Teen Mania. He has served as a Motivational Speaker and Life Coach for youth, adults, churches, sports teams, and businesses throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Sweden.

As an author and successful entrepreneur, as well as television personality, Brian's message is reaching the world and igniting passion.

Football & Cheerleader Sign-Up

Beal City Junior High and Rocket Football sign up and equipment sizing will be Monday, April 19th and Tuesday, April 20th in front of the big gym from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The age groups are for students who will be in the 7th & 8th grades in the fall of 2010 and ages 8 – 11 in the fall of 2010. For more information please call Mick Straus at 644-5224 or Stephanie Matthews at 989-621-1021.

Rocket Football Cheerleading sign up will be Monday, April 19th and Tuesday, April 20th in front of the big gym from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cheerleaders must be at least 8 years old and still in elementary in the Fall of 2010. If you have any questions please call Stephanie Matthews at 989-621-1021

MENU

April 5 - 9, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon-glazed French toast, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – pepperoni bagel pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – chicken nuggets or bbq beef/bun, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – breakfast pizza or egg cheese omelet, hash brown, bagels, fruit bar and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch: nachos/meat and cheese or totally tacos, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a biscuit, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch: scalloped potatoes/ham or chicken patty/bun, dessert, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

April 12 - 16, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – waffle sticks, muffin, yogurt, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – Big Daddy's cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, French fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – spaghetti or chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – hot turkey sandwich and mashed potatoes and gravy or meat sub, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – hot pocket, yogurt, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – chicken quesadilla or macaroni/cheese, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

April 19 - 23, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – mini pancakes, sausage, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, cheese-filled breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – popcorn chicken or baked potato, dinner roll, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – hot dog/bun or sloppy jo/bun, French fries, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – taco or chicken fajita, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit, cheese stick, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – “Hawaiian Picnic” – grilled hot dogs, baked beans, chips, pasta salad, veggies, fruit and milk.

April 26 - 30, 2010

Monday: Breakfast – oatmeal, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – corn dog nuggets or chicken parmesan, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – Salisbury steak/mashed potatoes/gravy or pork patty/bun, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – chicken strips or chili, cornmeal muffin, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. Lunch – beef stew/biscuit or turkey a la king/biscuits, cinnamon tasties, salad bar, fruit and milk.



Menus are subject to change, and no child shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.