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Diversity and School Improvement

Beal City Public Schools annually looks at its strengths and weaknesses. This process of self-examination takes place during our monthly District School Improvement Team (DSIT) meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 6:00 p.m. in the school Media Center. This year the topic of diversity was raised during our meetings and we took a long hard look at what Beal City Public Schools is doing, or could be doing, to help create and teach diversity to our students. You do not have to spend much time in Beal City to know it is not the most diverse place in America. This is not a bad thing or a good thing, it is what it is. It is not the school's place to change the make-up of the community or the school. However, it is the school's role to help teach diversity and tolerance.

When you talk about diversity, it is important that you begin by narrowing the topic down to the specific issues you are trying to address. As we learned in the DSIT conversations on the topic, diversity is very complex. It can sometimes become overwhelming and all encompassing; (race, ethnic, economic, age, gender, cultural, etc...) and then we throw the issue of tolerance into the mix. We as a school or you as a family might expose our children to diverse people, issues and cultures, but are they tolerant of those other people, issues, and cultures.

This led us to the conversation on things we are doing at the school to help with diversity and tolerance. Most of what we do is part of our curriculum. Most of our subjects touch on diversity in one way or another. We teach things about past injustices like discrimination that brought on the civil rights movement. All of our teachers at each grade level in the elementary school and our social studies teachers in the secondary school do wonderful age appropriate lessons on the movement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., usually during the month of January and Dr. King's birthday. I received a phone call around Dr. King's birthday inquiring why we do not have that day off of school like they do in the city. This can be a tough question to answer correctly. Maybe they ask the same question in the city; "Why don't we have Deer day off?" My answer was this, we must and should teach diversity to help build tolerance, but we also have a culture of our own we must live in. If we had school and did not recognize Dr. King and the civil rights movement that would be wrong, so we had and will continue to have school on Dr. King's birthday so we can teach about this wonderful historical man and the movement he inspired. Most of the other things we do to help teach diversity and tolerance are assemblies, special events and/or field trips to places as close as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe reservation and as far as Lansing, Detroit or other big cities around the nation. We have even sent students to Germany, and Puerto Rico.

We encourage you to discuss the topics of diversity and tolerance with your student. If you do that and we continue to examine and explore diversity and tolerance at school your children will get the best well-rounded education possible. If you would like to continue to discuss topics such as this or other educational topics that affect your children here at school please come join us at our monthly DSIT meetings. Dates and times can be found on our school website @ www.bealcityschools.net.

THANKS FOR A GREAT EIGHT YEARS!

As I prepare to leave Beal City to become elementary principal at Hillcrest Elementary School and Special Education Coordinator in Alma, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed the eight years I have served as Mayes Elementary School Principal. Beal City is a phenomenal school district with an outstanding staff. I appreciate the tremendous support I received from the Board of Education, staff and community members. I will miss seeing the students' smiling faces and the welcoming atmosphere in the building. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives in my own small way. With Aggie Pride, Mrs. Diane Saltarelli

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent academic grades achieved during the fourth marking period!

Mr. King's Class

5th Graders:

Mahealani Andrews

Rachel Beltinck

Spencer Clouse

Nick Freeze

Max Nelson

Isaiah Schafer

Charlie Schwerin

Morgan Smith

Shelby Trevino

Lauren Turner

Zach Yoder

Mr. Bloniarczyk's Class

5th Graders

Hannah Carson

Jason Clark

Tyler Darnell

Rhianna Haynes

Bekah Raitz

Nate Reihl

Miles Vondoloski

6th Graders:

Nathan Cotter

McKenzie Eiseler

Stephanie Ley

Eric Maxon

Ariel Salter

Billy Scott

Ashtyn Thompson

Alec Whitehead

Mrs. Wentworth's Class

6th Graders:

Navid Cole

Tristin Gott

Daniel Hood

Kristen Hood

David Philo

Ryan Powell

Dan Smith

CHARACTER COUNTS WINNERS

Twenty-six Mayes Elementary students were selected as second semester Character Counts winners based on good character slips received and staff recommendations. Congratulations to students in the following classrooms for being selected:

Mrs. Leff-Ewing:

Hayden Armstrong

Kayden Cotter

Ms. Pickler:

Kade Keller

Marquis Mata

Mrs. Smith:

DJ Cotter

Ellie Theisen

Mrs. Davis:

Trinity Flores

Paige Thompkins

Mrs. Maxon:

Owen Ambs

Haiden Onstott

Ms. Courtright:

Logan Chilman

Seth Schafer

Mrs. Snyder:

Trey Small

Colton West

Ms. Natzel:

Erin Dodds

Zoey Mishler

Mrs. Weis: Kayla Reihl and Kyle Sandel



FANTASTIC FIELD DAY

Mayes Elementary students, staff and volunteers experienced picture perfect weather during our annual Field Day on June 13. Kindergarten through second grade students enjoyed a variety of relays, snacks, and a new fire truck station compliments of Mrs. Chilman. Third through sixth grade students participated in track and field events with Mr. Klapp providing entertainment as our announcer. Students received first, second, third, and fourth place ribbons as well as participant ribbons in their track events. Our thanks goes out to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF MEMBERS for making this a safe, successful and fun day for our students. We couldn't have done it without you!!

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA A HIT!

Local talent helps raise almost \$4000.00 for the Beal City Educational Foundation

The Beal City Educational Foundation put on a great fundraiser on May 14th, to help raise funds for the foundation. Fundraisers like this do not come around Beal City too often. High quality professional music and a fun family friendly atmosphere made the Beal City Gymnasium feel like Radio City Music Hall. These funds will be used to continue to award mini grants and scholarships to Beal City students and educators.

The Music Extravaganza was wonderful and featured local professional music acts as well as a High School rock band, At-Risk, and our own Beal City High School Jazz and Concert bands. In the words of one of the many guests "it was three and half to four hours of music bliss." It was a great show with students showing their talents and professional musicians straight from Nashville performing for the home town crowd.



The foundation would like to take this opportunity to recognize Kristen Steffke, the recipient of the second annual scholarship award for the class of 2011. We would also like to recognize Cindi Gigowski and Jennifer Davis, the winners of the spring classroom grants. Congratulations to Kristen, Cindi and Jennifer! You can find more information on Beal City Public Schools, the Beal City Educational Foundation, and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation at www.bealcityschools.net or www.mpacf.org/.

Beal City Athletic Association Call for Volunteers and Thank You

As reported in the last Aggie Express, the response to the BCAA call for volunteers last year was well received allowing us to keep the concession stand open as much as possible. We were able to raise the necessary funds to pay for freshman sports and the athletic trainer. We will be calling upon parents of athletes to work the stand again this year as we need to raise another \$25,000 to cover these expenses next year. If you or someone you know is interested in working please contact Denise Schafer at 289-1108 or 774-4373 or schaf1dr@cmich.edu, as she handles the scheduling. High school students are also welcome and the hours worked can help fulfill community service hours.

If anyone is interested in joining the BCAA as a member, please contact Cindy Schumacher at (989) 239-7556.

The BCAA would also like to thank the family of Don Hauck and all of those who gave contributions in memory of Mr. Hauck. Contributions in his memory are greatly appreciated and will be used to support our student athletes.

FREE Summertime FUN – www.studyisland.com

A great FUN way to spend a rainy afternoon in the summer is working with your child and their growing mind. Children love to show how much they know and how much they have learned. You can also have FUN learning or maybe remembering a few things as well, but you will surely have FUN watching your child's mind develop in front of your eyes.

Beal City Public Schools offers to all of its 2nd -8th grade students and their parents a FREE online study and testing tool called Study Island. Study Island really brings the four core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies) to life in an anytime anywhere online format. This tool is used during the school year at school, as well as at home to help prepare students for the types of questions they will see on the states standardized assessment (MEAP). Study Island is an excellent way to keep the concepts and skills your child has learned sharp, while exposing them to new concepts and skills they might not have learned yet. When your child logs onto the website, you will see you have access to all grade levels. Therefore when your child has mastered the concepts at their current grade level, they can move onto the next grade level to begin introducing those concepts. Some parents use Study Island in the summer to get their children ready for the next school year by working with them on the material of grade level their child is going into in the fall. Students love the challenge through the lessons, and then taking the tests. Students enjoy the game format and creating a competition with their parents. The lessons are full of great information, pictures, graphs, and wonderful materials to help your child learn the concepts and skills in a FUN, exciting way.

All of the students in 2nd – 8th grade have been given their own username and password. The website is easy to remember, www.studyisland.com. Accessing and navigating the website is very simple. If parents need help there is an online help link available to explain the concepts being taught and/or how to use the site. If you have any questions, comments, and or concerns regarding Study Island please feel free to contact Beal City Elementary at 644-2740, Junior/Senior High School at 644-3944, or Central Office at 644-3901

The Aggie Market

Beal City Public Schools will be hosting a farmer's market every Monday 4:00-7:30 p.m. If you are interested in selling, please see the announcement on our website at www.bealcityschools.net or contact Bill or Tami Chilman @ 989-878-1661 for more details.

PTO Sets Monthly Meetings

The PTO will be hard at work again this year and are always looking for new members. The meetings will at 6:30 p.m. in Ms. Davis' room. Please feel free to join them. The dates for this year's meetings are:

September 12

October 3

November 7

December 5

January 9

February 6

March 5

April 9

May 7

June 4

Free/reduced applications:

This is a free/reduced application. You only need to fill out one per family. We would like you to send these in before school starts so that we may begin processing your applications. Please mail these in by August 12, 2011 to: Beal City Public Schools, 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Students who qualified last year will start this year at that same status but are required to fill out a new application every year. If you have a new child starting school or are new to this school, your child will be full pay until their application can be processed. You are responsible for any money accumulated in your child's account until their status has been determined. This can sometimes take a week, although, we try to start processing new students first.

Applications that are not fully completed cannot be processed. Please take the time to make sure that all of the proper information is listed. If you are using food stamps make sure that you give us your case number. The state will accept no other number so please double check this to ensure a speedy verification.

NEW THIS YEAR: the person signing the application only needs the last 4 digits of their social security number and a 0 must be in the income box for ALL household members that do not contribute income to the household... even if it is your child.

Thank you,

Marci Faber

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Beal City Schools and St. Joseph the Worker offers healthy meals every school day. Students may buy lunch at Beal for \$ 1.90 at St. Joseph's \$ _____ and breakfast at Beal for \$1.20. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced price lunches for

\$.40 and breakfasts at Beal for \$.30. If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitution prescribed by a licensed physician at no extra charge. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department at your school. For further information, please call Marci Faber at 989-644-3901 or Diane Wilson at 989-644-3970.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?

No. Complete the application to apply for free and reduced price school meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Beal City Schools, 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or St. Joseph the Worker, 2091 N. Winn Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?

Children in households getting Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?

Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?

Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Jeff Jackson at 989-644-3944 or Diane Wilson at 989-644-3970, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator to see if your child(ren) qualify.

5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?

Please read the letter you got carefully and follow any instructions if provided. Call the school, Beal at 989-644-3901 or St. Joe's at 989-644-3970.

7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

8. I GET WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC). CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. An application must be filled out by WIC households.

9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE VERIFIED?

Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of any information provided on the application.

10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?

Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.

11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to:

William Chilman, 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, 989-644-3901 or Mary Hauck, 2091 N. Winn Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, 989-644-3970.

12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?

Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?

You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of the expenses), do not include them.

14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?

List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?

If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

16. WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through MICHild and Healthy Kids Program. To apply online, go to www.michigan.gov/michild or call 1-888-988-6300 for help or to request a paper application.

17. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?

No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

18. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?

To find out how to apply for Food Assistance Program (FAP) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-481-4989.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1 - If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, check the appropriate category and verify with the district/school Homeless Liaison or Migrant coordinator at _____
 Homeless _____ Migrant _____ Runaway _____
List the Child's Name, Grade, and Building in Part 3.

Part 2 - If any member of your household received Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits.
 Name: _____ Case Number: _____ Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers
If a case number is provided only students need to be listed in Part 3.

Part 3 - Household Names - List below all people living in your household, students and non-students, foster children, related or unrelated. For example, grandparents, other relatives, and/or friends, including yourself and children who live with you, *must* be listed.

Names	Circle Yes if Foster Child	Grade (if applicable)	Building Name (if applicable)	Circle if NO Income		Earnings from Work (before any deductions and taxes)		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		All Other Income	
				\$0	any other amount	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks
Example: Jane Doe	Yes			\$0	\$600	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly	\$250	monthly	monthly	monthly
1	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
2	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
3	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
4	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
5	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
6	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
7	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly
8	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly

Part 5 - Signature and Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number (Adult household member MUST sign and date.)
 If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four (4) digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a social security number box". See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the sponsor will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that sponsor officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Sign Here: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____
 I do not have a Social Security Number

Address	City	Zip Code	County
Home/Cell Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	By providing your email address you may be notified via email of your eligibility for free and reduced price school meals.

Part 6 - Child's Racial/Ethnic Identity (optional)

Check One or More Racial Identities:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- White
- Other

Check One Ethnic Identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Neither Hispanic or Latino

Privacy Act Information: Social Security Number

The Richard B. Russell School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four (4) digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, list a FAP or FIP case number or other FDP/IR identifier for your child, or indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

VERIFICATION - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Date Selected for Verification: _____		Date Follow-up/Second Notice: _____		Date of Adverse Notice Sent: _____	
Confirming Officials Signature: _____		Follow-up Official's Signature: _____		_____	
Response Due from Household: _____		Verification Official's Signature: _____		_____	
FAP/FIP/FDP/IR/Foster Eligibility: _____ Not confirmed _____ Department of Human Services _____ Notice of Eligibility		Income \$ _____ _____ Weekly _____ Every 2 weeks _____ Twice a month _____ Monthly _____ Annual		Verification Result _____ Free to Reduced _____ Free to Paid _____ Reduced to Free _____ Reduced to Paid _____ No Change	
		Wage Stubs _____ Written Documents _____ Collateral Contact _____ Agency Records _____ Other _____		Reason for Eligibility Change: _____ Income _____ Household Size _____ Refused to Cooperate _____ Other _____	

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12	
Household Size: _____ Total Gross Income: \$ _____ _____ Weekly _____ Every 2 Weeks _____ Twice a Month _____ Monthly _____ Annual	Reason for Denial: _____ Income Too High _____ Incomplete Application _____ Other (specify) _____
Number of Children Free _____ Number of Children Reduced _____ Number of Children Paid _____ Temporary Free - Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)	
Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Date Dropped/Withdrawn: _____	

PRICE CHANGES IN THE CAFETERIA AND NEW INFORMATION

As the new school year approaches, new ideas and prices are being brought to the cafeteria. Many changes have taken place including an unfortunate but slight increase in the prices of food due to Federal Government Law. The new prices for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows: Secondary and Elementary lunch is \$1.90. Milk for all students is \$.50. Breakfast stayed the same at \$1.20. The state requires that each day, the students will be given a choice between two lunches and it must consist of three of the five necessary components: meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk. If students do not choose three of these components then it will be considered ala carte. It will be more nutritious and cost effective to purchase a lunch versus ala carte.

We are adding more healthy items on a daily basis. For example, on the salad bar there will now be chopped romaine lettuce mixed with spinach leaves, more fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains. Check out our menu for more changes. New snack choices will include healthier items such as yogurt, and Kashi granola bars, etc. which will be made available through ala carte. Our theme days will continue every month this year. In October we are going to celebrate homecoming with "Aggie Pride" and that same week is "National School Lunch Week". We hope that all students will join us for our fun theme days this year. The cafeteria staff is very excited about these changes and hopes that you and your students are too. We can't wait to welcome every one back!

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be posted on the front doors of Mayes Elementary School starting the week of August 8. Elementary students will also receive their class placements and supply requests in the mail near that date. If you do not receive any information by August 12, please contact the elementary office at 644-2740.

SCHOOL HOURS

This is just a reminder that the hours of operation for Mayes Elementary School are from 8:00 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. Elementary students will be able to enter the cafeteria at 7:35 a.m. for breakfast. All other elementary students will have supervision on the playground starting at 7:35 a.m. as well. Lunch and recess will continue to be held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

MAYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House for students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and their families on Wednesday evening, August 31. This informal walk-through will take place from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., allowing families to meet with elementary teachers and visit classrooms prior to the start of school. If you have any questions regarding our Open House, please contact the elementary office at 644-2740.

STUDENT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

When dropping children off at Mayes Elementary School, please encourage them to use the crosswalk by the front entrance. It is difficult to see students when they are cutting through the parking lot and walking in between buses. We have had some close calls in the past and hope to avoid these situations in the future. Vehicles are also prohibited from parking in the yellow Bus Loading Zone in front of the building-even on a temporary basis. This, again, presents a hazard to children, bus drivers and other vehicles. We do appreciate those of you who follow these safety procedures.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all of our buildings. Based on the finding of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the main administrative office and it will be supplied to you within 5 working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our main administrative office is located at: 3180 W Beal City Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

We endeavor to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this problem reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

Dear Parents:

With summer rapidly coming to a close, it is time to begin preparation for the coming school year. We are again going to have orientation for 7th grade students on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:00p.m. in the Cafeteria. This will occur by students 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 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
M.S./H.S. Principal
Beal City Public Schools

DUAL ENROLLMENT MEETING

There will be an important orientation meeting on Monday, August 22nd in the High School Computer Lab, beginning at 10:00a.m. We will be going over how to login, begin, and prepare for the fall dual enrolled course(s) you've already registered for.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

On June 10, the class of 2023 walked across the small gym floor to receive their kindergarten diplomas. Most of the attendees agreed that the new large projection screen in the small gym made for better viewing. It made it even harder not to shed a tear when the adorable smiling faces appeared six feet tall on the screen.

SHARE YOUR PANCAKES WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

When you share your family with a high School exchange student, you are giving them a view of America that will make a profound difference in who they are and how they relate to Americans. You, in turn, get a glimpse into their life and customs. That's just the beginning of the extraordinary benefits hosting brings to families, students and the world.

Council Educational Travel needs host families for the 2011/2012 school year. High School students are 15-18 years old and eager to learn about American culture. They are fluent speakers of English, medically insured, and have spending money.

Host Families provide a safe and nurturing English speaking environment, a quiet place to sleep and study (sharing a room is fine), meals and snacks as you would provide a family member and an open heart and willingness to experience another culture.

Interested in hosting? call Andrea 989-289-8765
Visit www.cetusa.org for more information

CETUSA is a non-profit organization that is both CSIET accredited and a US Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program (J-1 Visa) sponsor

BEAL CITY SCHOOLS - ART CAMP

WHEN: AUGUST 8TH-12TH2011

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

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

WHERE: BEAL CITY SCHOOLS SECONDARY ART ROOM

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

ART CAMP WILL TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 30 STUDENTS. PLEASE RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO SCHOOL- IF YOU ARE RETURNING THE FORM AFTER SCHOOL IS OUT, IT CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO BEAL CITY SCHOOLS. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL:

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OR

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ART CAMP REGISTRATION - AUGUST 8TH THRU AUGUST 12TH

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **GRADE LEVEL** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE ADVISE, IF STUDENT HAS ANY ALLERGIES: _____

Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Meetings

Cross Country, Football, Sideline Cheer & Volleyball

*Reminder: your son or daughter's physical is 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, 2011.

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

Parent/Athlete Meetings:

Cross Country (7-12):	Wednesday, August 3 6:00pm	Big Gym
Cheerleading (9-12):	Wednesday, August 3 6:30pm	Media Center
Football (9-12):	Wednesday, August 3 7:00pm	Small Gym
Volleyball (7-12):	Monday, August 15 6:00pm	Big Gym

First Practice:

Cheerleading:	Wednesday, August 10
Cross Country:	Wednesday, August 10
Jr. High Cross Country:	Monday, August 22
Football:	Monday, August 8
Volleyball:	Wednesday, August 10
Jr. High Volleyball:	Monday, August 29

Baseball/Softball Lucky Raffle Winners

The Aggie Baseball and Softball programs would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that participated in the 2011 Home Run Raffle. Athletic programs would not thrive without the support of the community and it is truly appreciated. The winners of the raffle are as follows:

\$500 prize: Gerald Pohl

\$100 prize: Jean Thrall

\$100 prize: Kevin Makley

\$100 prize: Robert Gysin

\$100 prize: Jim Rollins

\$50 prize: Jack Nartker

\$50 prize: Bob Brzak

Another personal thank you to Gerald Pohl for donating the \$500 back to the savings for a baseball pressbox.

Fall Sports Schedule

Varsity Cross Country

Tues. Aug. 23	3:30 p.m.	@St. Charles
Wed. Aug 31	4:00 p.m.	@Clare Invitational
Wed. Sept. 7	5:00 p.m.	@Ovid
Tues. Sept 13	4:00 p.m.	Aggie Invitational
Tues. Sept. 20	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @Evert
Sat. Oct. 1	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Crystal Invitational
Tues. Oct. 4	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Lake City
Wed. Oct 12	4:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant – Oiler Invitational
Tues. Oct. 18	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Pine River
Fri. Oct. 21	4:00 p.m.	@Alma College Invitational
Sat. Oct. 29	TBA	@MHSAA Regionals
Sat. Nov. 5	TBA	MHSAA State Finals at Brooklyn

Junior High

Wed. Aug. 31	4:00 p.m.	@Clare Invitational
Wed. Sept. 7	5:00 p.m.	@Ovid Elsie
Tues. Sept. 13	4:00 p.m.	Aggie Invitational
Tues. Sept. 20	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Evert
Sat. Oct. 1	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Invitational
Tues. Oct. 4	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Lake City
Wed. Oct. 12	4:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant – Oiler Invitational
Tues. Oct. 18	4:30 p.m.	Conference Jamboree @ Pine River
Fri. Oct. 21	4:00 p.m.	@Alma College Invitational

Football

Varsity

Thurs. Aug 18	6:00 p.m.	Scrimmage @Beal City
Fri. Aug 26	7:00 p.m.	@SHA
Fri. Sept 2	7:00 p.m.	@Clare
Fri. Sept 9	7:00 p.m.	@Evert
Fri. Sept 16	7:00 p.m.	Manton
Fri. Sept 23	7:00 p.m.	Pinconning
Fri. Sept. 30	7:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Fri. Oct 7	7:00 p.m.	@McBain
Fri. Oct 14	7:00 p.m.	Marion
Fri. Oct 21	7:00 p.m.	Pine River

JV

Thurs. Aug 18	3:30 p.m.	Scrimmage at Beal City
Thurs. Aug 25	6:30 p.m.	SHA
Thurs. Sept. 1	6:30 p.m.	Clare
Thurs. Sept. 8	6:30 p.m.	Evert
Thurs. Sept 15	6:30 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. Sept 22	6:00 p.m.	@Pinconning
Thurs. Sept 29	6:30 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Oct 6	6:30 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Oct 13	6:30 p.m.	@Marion
Thurs. Oct 20	6:30 p.m.	@Pine River

Volleyball

Varsity

Sat. Aug. 20	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Invite
Thurs. Aug. 25	8:00 a.m.	SHA @Morey Courts
Tues. Aug. 30	6:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Wed. Sept. 7	6:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Sat. Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	@Montabella Invite
Tues. Sept. 13	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Sat. Sept. 17	9:00 a.m.	Beal City Invitational
Tues. Sept. 20	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Sept. 22	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Tues. Sept 27	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Thurs. Sept 29	6:00 p.m.	Mt.Pleasant
Tues. Oct. 4	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Sat. Oct 8	9:00 a.m.	@Morrice Invitational
Tues. Oct. 11	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Tues. Oct. 18	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Sat. Oct. 22	8:00 a.m.	Spirit of St Louis Invite
Tues. Oct. 25	6:00 p.m.	@Evert
Sat. Oct. 29	9:00 a.m.	Highland Conference Tourn. @Manton
Mon. Oct 31	TBA	Volleyball Districts

JV

Thurs. Aug 25	8:00 a.m.	@SHA Invite
Sat. Aug 27	9:00 a.m.	Beal City Invitational
Tues. Aug. 30	6:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Wed. Sept. 7	6:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Sat. Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	@Carson City Invite
Tues. Sept. 13	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Sat. Sept 17	9:00 a.m.	@ St Louis Invitational
Tues. Sept 20	6:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Sept 22	6:00 p.m.	SHA
Tues. Sept. 27	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Sat. Oct. 1	9:00 a.m.	@Montabella Invite
Tues. Oct 4	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Sat. Oct 8	8:30 a.m.	@Carrolton Invite
Tues. Oct. 11	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Tues. Oct. 18	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Tues. Oct 25	6:00 p.m.	@Evert
Sat. Oct 29	9:00 a.m.	H. C.Meet @ McBain NMC

Freshman

Mon. Aug. 22	9:00 a.m.	@Gladwin Invitational
Sat. Aug. 27	9:00 a.m.	Beal City Invitational
Tues. Aug. 30	6:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant
Wed. Sept. 7	6:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Sat. Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	@St. Louis Invitational
Mon. Sept. 19	5:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Thurs. Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant
Tues. Oct. 4	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Sat. Oct 8	9:00 a.m.	Beal City Invite
Tues. Oct. 18	6:00 p.m.	Big Rapids
Sat. Oct 22	9:00 a.m.	@Ithaca Tournament

Junior High

Mon. Sept. 12	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Wed. Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	Montabella
Mon. Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Sept. 22	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Sept 29	6:00 p.m.	Evert
Thurs. Oct. 3	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Wed. Oct. 5	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River
Thurs. Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Mon. Oct. 17	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Wed. Oct. 19	4:30 p.m.	@Coleman
Mon. Oct 24	5:00 p.m.	@Evert
Tues. Oct. 25	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC

All schedules are subject to change