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## Eight Graders Win Scholarship



Eighth graders Emily Steffke and James Kolb were honored this month with the Junior High Achievement Scholarship from Mid Michigan Community College. They were selected to receive this scholarship based on their outstanding academics and good character. Congratulations!!



The Beal City National Honor Society has had a very fun and successful year. It was one of the biggest groups Beal City has ever had; filled with a lot of great kids willing to help out in their community. On April 16, NHS paid a visit to Rosebush Manor for a few rounds of bingo with the folks living there. The kids and elders all had a great time during the visit, talking and enjoying each other's company. Working with the American Red Cross, NHS hosted 4 blood drives this year, helping save over 670 lives!

NHS also joined with the Mt. Pleasant Gleaners on Join Hands Day, May 7, to paint at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City and to clean up trash around the community. Most recently, NHS had their annual Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon on May 13, raising over \$2400 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help the effort to find a cure. The Beal City NHS enjoyed keeping involved in their community, and sends out a big thanks to all those who have helped make their community service projects possible this year!

Kristen Steffke  
NHS secretary

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

\*Reminder: Is your son or daughter's physical 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

#### Parent/Athlete Meetings

Cross Country (7-12): Wednesday, August 3 6:00pm

Cheerleading (9-12): Wednesday, August 3 6:30pm

Football (9-12): Wednesday, August 3 7:00pm

Volleyball (7-12): Monday, August 15 6:00pm

Big Gym

Media Center

Small Gym

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

**The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2011. 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!**

**Beal City Schools is accepting bids for a 2000 GMC ¾ ton pickup with a boss 8'2" poly plow. It is in very good condition with 91,000 miles. Bids must be marked Truck Bid and turned in by June 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m to 3180 W Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Any questions please call 644-3901 and ask for John Graham.**

## STUDY ISLAND

STUDY ISLAND is an online testing and study site for students in grades 2 – 9. All students in these grades have been given a password to work on reading, math, language arts, science and social studies skills at home ANY-TIME FOR FREE! This is an excellent way for students to keep their skills sharp over the SUMMER. Students enjoy the game format which makes learning fun. Parents like the HELP link which explains the concepts being taught. Easy access to STUDY ISLAND can be found on our school website. If you have any further questions about STUDY ISLAND, contact Mayes Elementary School (644-2740) or Beal City Junior/Senior High School (644-3944).

### FIELD DAY

On Monday, June 13 our K-6 Elementary students and staff will again take to the track and playground to enjoy physical activity in an outdoor setting. This fun event starts with “Lunch on the Lawn” (alias the playground) from 11:00 – 11:45 am. Then the games begin.

Kindergarten through second grade students will participate in a variety of race relays, a nature walk and NEW THIS YEAR fire truck demonstrations (thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Tami Chilman). The third through sixth grade students will take part in track and field events held on the track in the football stadium. All events will end around 2:30 p.m. A memo asking for volunteers and snacks was sent home with students on May 23. If you would be willing to help as a volunteer or would like more information, please call the elementary office at 644-2740. There is no rain date for Field Day.

### VACATION POWERBOOKS AND SUMMER-COUNTS! WORKBOOKS

Mayes Elementary School will again have these workbooks available for purchase for students in grades K-6 to work on over the summer. These workbooks contain both language arts and math activities in one book to help students keep up their skills during the summer months. The Vacation Powerbooks sell for \$6.00 and the Summer Counts! workbooks sell for \$9.00. A letter was sent home to elementary families in May asking for workbook orders. We do have extra copies that can still be purchased. Stop by or call the Mayes Elementary office to check on availability or to place an order (989-644-2740).

### WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

We couldn't do it without you! Our incredible volunteers have contributed materials, yummy snacks, money, time and much effort to make this another wonderful year at Mayes Elementary School. Organizations, such as the PTO, PAC (Parent Advisory Committee), Foster Grandparents, DSIT (District School Improvement Team), School Board

## PTO KUDOS

We owe our PTO members a HUGE debt of gratitude for all they have done to enhance our programs at Mayes Elementary School this year. Our marvelous PTO donated \$10.00 to each 4th-6th grade student to help defray Camp costs. Each elementary teacher received \$75.00 to help pay for classroom materials and/or field trips. They sponsored two Reading Rainbow events, two Book Fairs, a fascinating Nanoscience Night in April, and assisted with both Senior Citizen Receptions. The Mayes Elementary staff enjoyed a delicious Taco Bar luncheon provided by the PTO for Staff Appreciation Week in May. We look forward to working with next year's PTO officers:

President: Tracey Sandel  
Vice President/Secretary: Jennifer Fields  
Treasurer: Shana Puhlman  
Book Fair Co-Chairs: Rhonda Drumheller & Michelle Philo  
Teacher Representative: Mrs. Jenny Davis

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Chippewa River District Library (CRDL) is offering their 2011 Summer Reading Program FREE to all area children. Registration for the “One World, Many Stories” program starts June 6. People of all ages can have fun reading and earning prizes this summer. Enjoy the Story times, Kid Stuff crafts, and CRDL Cinema just to name a few events taking place this summer at our local library. For more information you can visit the library website at [www.crdl.org](http://www.crdl.org) or call the Youth Services Coordinator Librarian at 773-3242, extension 14.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 2	Senior Citizens Reception (12:30 pm) and Spring Sing (1:00 pm) in the Small Gym
June 6	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm in Mrs. Davis' classroom
June 9	6th Grade Picnic & Fun Day, 11:00 a.m.-end of day and I Love Reading Man returns to Mayes Elementary
June 10	Kindergarten Graduation, 12:45-2:00 pm Small Gym
June 13	K-6 Elementary Field Day (11:00 am – 2:30 p.m.)
June 14	Last Day of School-half day for students, 11:40 a.m. dismissal. NO LUNCH SERVED.

members, ESIT/SSIT (Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Teams); Field Day helpers, parents, and families need to be commended for the hours, weeks, and months spent making a difference in our school. A BIG BEAL CITY THANK YOU!!!

# THANK YOU THANK YOU

At the beginning of the year, the Beal City Athletic Association (BCAA) put out a call for volunteers because we needed to raise approximately \$25,000 to fund freshman sports and the athletic trainer. We reached out to parents, students and community members asking for volunteers to help ensure the concession stand was open as much as possible because it is our main fundraiser. We are pleased to say that the response from the Beal City community was phenomenal. When the call went out, people started asking when they could help. Thank you to those who volunteered. We have been able to have the concession stand open for all the events and have raised enough funds to pay the school for our commitments again this year. We could not have done it without all the volunteers.

The BCAA would also like to thank the Weber family and all of those who gave contributions in memory of Fuzz Weber. Mr. Weber was a well-liked, life-long member of the Beal City community and will be greatly missed. Contributions in his memory were greatly appreciated and will be used to support our student athletes.

As president of the BCAA, I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to all the dedicated parents who volunteered on the committee, putting in their time to ensure the concession stand was clean, well stocked, had volunteers and was open.

The students of Beal City are very fortunate to have the support of a community such as Beal City.

Cindy Schumacher  
BCAA President

Beal City Public Schools would again like to give a huge thank you to the Beal City Athletic Association for the continued support of Freshman Volleyball, Freshman Basketball, the Athletic Trainer, refreshments for officials and the meals for our state qualifying athletes and coaches. Many of our athletes might not have the chance to participate if it wasn't for Freshman Sports. Having Brain Locke, our Athletic Trainer, here not only for the games but for most of the practices has been very beneficial to our Athletes as well as our parents and coaches. Again, thank you to the BCAA.

The Beal City Athletic Department would like to give a huge thank you to the many volunteers that helped out with the spring sports season. Track and Field requires countless volunteers to assure that the meets run smoothly. We receive many compliments from other schools on how efficient our meets go and it's because of you, the parents and community members that give so generously of their time, that we are able to do so. We truly appreciate it and again, Thank you!

## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 16, 2011:

- General Fund payments of \$301,215.91, Hot Lunch payments of \$10,582.63, Athletic Fund payments of \$10,484.42, Debt Retirement 2002 payments of \$108,062.50, and Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$377,743.75.
- The Michigan Office Solutions presentation to upgrade our printer/copier/fax capabilities while saving the district money.
- The 2nd reading of the Fall Neola Policies as presented.
- The 2nd reading of the Dual Enrollment Policy as presented.
- The following coaching resignation as presented: Amanda Wilson – Varsity Girls Basketball
- The GIRESD Budget Resolution as presented.
- The GIRESD Election Resolution as presented.
- The 1st Reading of the Secondary Student Handbook with recommended changes as presented.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2011-2012 as presented.
- The Staff Reductions Recommendation as presented.

# Learning Solutions Tutoring

**Avoid the "summer slide" and enroll your child today.  
Lower Elementary Reading Group (up to 4 students)**

Tuesday/Thursday 9-10 AM \$25/session

**Lower Elementary Math Group (up to 4 students)**

Tuesday/Thursday 10-11 AM \$25/session

**Upper Elementary Reading Group (up to 4 students)**

Tuesday/Thursday 12-1pm \$25/session

**Upper Elementary Math Group (up to 4 students)**

Tuesday/Thursday 1-2 pm \$25/session

**Individual Sessions available Tuesday/Thursday**

8-9am, 2-3pm, or by appointment \$35/session.

All sessions are taught by Tracy Natzel a certified elementary teacher with 12 years experience. All sessions take place in my home at 1938 Oakwood Drive Mt. Pleasant, MI

**Space is limited...Call (989) 954-5153 to enroll today.**

## Beal City Summer Sports Camps

\*Please continue to check the Beal City website ([www.bealcityschools.net](http://www.bealcityschools.net)) under the "athletics" tab for updated information and copies of flyers.

### Boys' Basketball:

3rd, 4th, & 5th grade	Monday, June 27th – Thursday, June 30th	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
6th, 7th, & 8th grade	Monday, June 27th – Thursday, June 30th	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Cost for the camp will be \$25, that will include a camp t-shirt and a basketball. Flyers will be distributed in Friday folders and handed out in PE classes. Any questions please contact Kaleb House at [khouse@edzone.net](mailto:khouse@edzone.net).

### Girls' Basketball:

TBA – Pending the hiring of varsity coach.

### Football:

9th – 12th grade	Monday, July 11th – Wednesday, July 13th	6:00 pm – 8:30pm
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### Volleyball:

4th - 8th grade	Monday, July 25th – Thursday, July 28th	8:00 am – 10:00am
Varsity	Monday, July 25th – Thursday, July 28th	10:00 am – 12:00pm
9th & 10th	Monday, July 25th – Thursday, July 28th	5:30 pm – 7:30pm

# *Beal City Bands*

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

## **Year in Review**

Another remarkable year is nearly in the books for the Beal City Bands! Here are some highlights:

- *Four outstanding concert programs for our community (Oct 2010: Spook-tacular; Dec 2010: Carols & Candy Canes; Feb 2011: Festival Winds; and May 2011: Jukebox Sunday – Spring Awards)*
- *Pep Band Performance at Central Michigan University*
- *Outstanding Performance by BCHS Jazz Band at Central Michigan University Jazz Weekend*
- *Melanie Schafer, horn soloist, and Emily Steffke, piano accompaniment, receive Second Division at High School District Solo & Ensemble in February*
- *Melanie Schafer and Alyssa Thrush, horn duet, received Second Division at High School District Solo & Ensemble in February*
- *Saxophone Quartet (Jackie Bliss, Zach Brown, Jacob Christensen & Kalia Schafer) received First Division at High School District Solo & Ensemble Festival in February*
- *Clarinet Quartet (Jackie Bliss, Zach Brown, Jacob Christensen & Kalia Schafer) received First Division at High School District Solo & Ensemble Festival in February*
- *Excellent Second Division ratings by Middle School Band and Concert Band at MSBOA Festival in March*
- *Saxophone Quartet (Jackie Bliss, Zach Brown, Jacob Christensen & Kalia Schafer) received First Division at State Solo & Ensemble Festival in March*
- *Clarinet Quartet (Jackie Bliss, Zach Brown, Jacob Christensen & Kalia Schafer) receives First Division at State Solo & Ensemble Festival*
- *Ian Hoogerhyde, trombone soloist, received Second Division at Middle School District Solo & Ensemble in April*
- *Emily & Hannah Steffke, flute duet, received Second Division at Middle School District Solo & Ensemble in April*
- *Outstanding performance by BCHS Concert and Jazz Bands at Beal City Education Foundation Music Extravaganza in May*
- *Emotional and rewarding capstone performance for our seniors by BCHS Jazz Band & Concert Band at Graduation in May*

Along the way we've had some great memories and made some outstanding music that is part of the fabric of our program and school. We look forward to providing more musical moments for our school and community next school year!

## **Washington DC Bottle Drive – Saturday, June 4, 2011**

Beal City Band students will be out and about the morning of Saturday, June 4 to collect your refundable bottles and cans to support their upcoming trip to Washington DC in May 2012! Be on the lookout for our students – or if you're prepared early – leave your refundable bottles and cans clearly marked for pick-up

### **Our Seniors**

Congratulations to our eight graduating seniors who have dedicated much of the last 7 years to the Beal City Bands!

- Jackie Bliss
- Zach Brown
- Jacob Christensen
- Abby Schafer
- Andrew Schafer
- Kalia Schafer
- Joe Smith
- Jared Van Avery

Your service, musicianship and commitment to musical excellence will continue on – Each of you is a tremendous musician, an even better person and we will miss you! Congratulations and Our Very Best Wishes to you!