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MIDLAND GIGANOTOSAURUS FIELD TRIP

On January 28, a group of 24 students from kindergarten through sixth grade were selected to go on a field trip to the Midland Center for the Arts based on how well they demonstrated the six pillars of Character Counts during the first semester. The students were treated to a “Bigger Than T. Rex” dinosaur presentation and tour exploring the powerful and fascinating world of the “Killer Dinosaurs of Argentina”. Students viewed life-size skeletons, excavated fossils in a bone pit, and watched a demonstration by PaleoJoe as he cleaned dinosaur bones. Our thanks to the large number of parent volunteers chaperoning our students on this field trip. The Midland Center for the Arts awarded Mayes Elementary School a \$125 grant to help defray the cost of transportation. This excellent exhibit will be on display in Midland until May 15, 2011. The students attending all agreed that this is a trip worth taking.



MARCH IS READING MONTH!

Mrs. Farrell, our Title/RTI teacher, has planned a variety of activities to celebrate this very important month. Every Wednesday in March (except March 23) upper elementary students will be paired with younger elementary students to read books together. Mrs. MariAnne Reihl, former second grade teacher, has graciously agreed to return to school as a guest reader. Storyteller Jenifer Straus will be making presentations to our students and staff on March 15. Students will be asked to bring books from home to exchange on March 16 and 23. Students are limited to three books to bring in for the Book Exchange, and they must be in good condition. "Hats On Day" will take place every Friday this month (except March 25) with students being asked to donate \$1.00 for the privilege of wearing a hat. Money collected will be donated to the Foundation for Children with Cancer. More detailed March Reading Month activities are being sent home with students in the March Newsletter. READ ON!!!

COMPUTER LAB:

The computer lab will be open to students on Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

News From the Cafeteria

Our heart-shaped nugget for Valentine's Day was a huge hit and we had our highest lunch count of the year so far! We incorporated good character to determine the students who won. The prizes were a stuffed frog and ladybug. Congratulations and thank you to our winners: Logan Chilman and Grace Meyers.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss day on March 2nd to kick off reading month. We are having ABC nuggets and snacks for lunch. Also, March 7th-11th is "National School Breakfast Week" with a theme of "School Breakfast Detectives". We are sponsoring a book cover contest for 1st-6th grade where they draw their own original detective. Also, on March 9th we will be handing out prizes to everyone who eats breakfast. Eat school breakfast and join the search for super energy!

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING/ROUND-UP

Mayes Elementary School will be holding a parent informational meeting for NEW Kindergarten students for the 2011-2012 school year. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Our Kindergarten teachers will be providing an overview of the Kindergarten curriculum and answering questions from parents. From 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Cheryl Moe, a former kindergarten teacher, will be presenting an introduction to Zoo-phonics, our multi-sensory approach to teaching literacy skills. Parents will be asked to sign up for a Round-Up appointment, complete registration paperwork, and provide a copy of the student's birth certificate and current immunization record. Bussing will be discussed in order to plan ahead for next year. Our annual Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Tuesday, April 19. If you have any questions or cannot make it to the parent meeting, please call the office at 644-2740.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 3	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 4	2nd grade skating, 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.
March 7	PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Davis' classroom
March 11	2nd grade skating, 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.
March 1	New Kindergarten Student Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in school Cafeteria
March 18	2nd grade skating; Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, 8:00 a.m. in Mrs. Farrell's Title classroom
March 23	Reading Rainbow, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Mrs. Davis' classroom
March 25	Third Marking Period ends - half day for students with dismissal at 11:40 a.m., no lunch served; Read-a-thon, grades 3 - 6
March 28 - April 1	SPRING BREAK
April 4	Return to school from break



Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools is pleased to introduce Jason Kenney as our Liaison Officer. Jason graduated from Ithaca High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lake Superior State University. He was hired by Isabella County in 1997 and spent the last 3 ½ years with the Youth Services Unit. He has been a member of the Emergency Services Team for 11 years, and is also a Field Training Officer and an Evidence Tech.

In his spare time, Jason enjoys boating and fishing and is working on building up his photography business. Officer Kenney will be here at Beal City Schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year. Welcome Officer Kenny!!!

Beal City Media Center joins MelCat

Mrs. Rau is very excited to announce that our school library has become a member of MelCat! MelCat is a state-wide resource-sharing program. Over 400 libraries all over Michigan participate; libraries that belong to this cooperative freely borrow from and loan to any other member library! Virtually all universities and many public libraries are members, as well as many public schools. Literally millions of items - books, CDs, and movies - are now available to our local library users!

When a patron at BCHS would like to borrow material that we don't own locally, we can request it through the MelCat system. If that item is owned by any of the participating libraries, it is shipped to us, usually in about 5 - 7 days! Our patrons have a 21 day loan period and we then have a 5-7 day period to ship the item back.

Luckily, our local REMC has underwritten the expenses involved in this program. Beal City is already a REMC member, and we are able to participate at no additional expense to the district!

Students and staff interested in reading books that we don't own locally should see Mrs. Rau in the Media Center to learn more.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on February 21, 2011:

- General Fund payments of \$382,297.69, Hot Lunch payments of \$12,475.98, Athletic Fund payments of \$2,443.49.
- Increase the Driver's Education rate to \$320.00 for both Sections I & 2, but reduce the maximum number of students required to hold a Section 1 class from 20 to 15.



Baseball Spaghetti Dinner

The Beal City Baseball Program will be putting on their annual spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Beal City Schools Cafeteria. The meal includes spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, drink (milk, lemonade or coffee) and dessert. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5 – 12 and preschoolers are free. Come and enjoy!!!

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07 BAILEY BAKER
07 KATELYN BANING
07 TREVOR EMBREY
07 MIRANDA FRAYRE
07 CODY GROSS
07 KATELYN JENSEN
07 LOURA PLUMMER-DIAZ
07 JORDAN PUNG
07 NASH REEVES
07 JESSICA STARR
07 CURTIS STRAUS
07 STONE STRAUS
08 BREANNA AASVED
08 AUSTIN COOK
08 NOAH COTTER
08 HEATHER FRACZEK
08 BRANDON GUTHRIE
08 JACOB HOVEY
08 JON KLEINHANS
08 KYLE LOOS
08 BROOKE MCCOY
08 EMILY ROUSSEAU
08 BRET SCHAFFER
08 SIERRA SNYDER
08 GAVIN THEISEN
08 KYLE ZEIEN
09 DANIEL BALL
09 KEVIN BLEISE
09 ANDREA FOUTY
09 GREGORY KEISER
09 CODY MOTTIN
09 RYAN TILMANN
10 CARSON BEAVAN
10 CHARLES CLARK
10 RACHAEL LORENZ
10 CORY MEAD
10 JUSTIN PUHLMAN
10 EMILY RECKER
10 NICHOLAS REEVES
10 MIRANDA STEFFKE
10 COREY YUNCKER
11 EILEEN COTTER
11 BENJAMIN FOX
11 ALEXANDRA HALL
11 ANDREW POHL
11 TODD STEVENS
12 JODIE CLARE
12 DIANA CRANDALL
12 MARIA DAVID
12 JOSHUA EISENBACH
12 AMY FINNERTY
12 KAYCEE MAXON
12 JOSHUA MEAD
12 SHANNON MILLARD
12 NICKOLAUS PASCH
12 JOEL PUNG
12 TORY RECKER
12 CODY SCHUTT

HONOR ROLL

12 JARED VANAVERY
12 JAY WARNER
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07 ANDREA ESCH
07 KENDALL FLAUGHER
07 SARAH LORENZ
07 JOSEPH MARCHIANDO
07 JACOB MATTHEWS
07 BRADLEY MOORE
07 KAYLA PUNG
07 SARAH REIHL
07 JACOB ROBISON
07 CHASE ROLLIN
07 NOAH SCHAFFER
07 ERICA SHEAHAN
07 LILIA STEFFKE
07 SAMUEL STEFFKE
07 EMMA YUNCKER
08 BRIANNA ATZERT
08 BRENDAN CARRICK
08 KRISTA FABER
08 JACOB FLAUGHER
08 THOMAS FUSSMAN
08 MARIAH HINES
08 MAXWELL HORSLEY
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09 CHASE BROWN
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09 NICHOLAS HOOGERHYDE
09 SHELBY KLUMPP
09 HANNAH NEYER
09 TY ROLLIN
09 GARRETT SCHAFFER
09 MELANIE SCHAFFER
09 PATRICK SCHAFFER
09 ADDIE SCHUMACHER
09 ELIZABETH SCOTT
09 ALEXUS THOMPSON
09 NICHOLAS WARD
10 BO CARRICK
10 ANDREW CLARE
10 ELTON CLARK
10 MANISHA COLE
10 CHANCE CRAVEN
10 MICHAELA HOLLAND
10 MIKAYLA JONES
10 MARGARET KOLB
10 MEGAN LEY
10 REBECCA MASTER
10 JONATHAN RAU
10 JOSEPH RAU
10 OLIVIA RAU
10 MARGINI SCHAFFER
10 NATHANIEL SCHAFFER
10 SAMUEL SCHAFFER
10 MITCHELL SCHUMACHER
10 SOPHIA SCHUMACHER
10 LARISSA SCHWERIN
10 JOSHUA SHARRAR
10 OLIVIA SMITH
10 ASHLEY STEFFKE
10 ADAM ZEIEN
11 AMBER ARNDT
11 ANDREW BECHTEL
11 STONE BECKWITH
11 KORY CRAWLEY
11 RACHEL FOWLER
11 HEATHER GRIFFIS
11 LAUREN GUTHRIE
11 MIRANDA HAUCK
11 CHAZ HOOK
11 CAL SALISBURY
11 ADAM SCHAFFER
11 TRAVIS SCHAFFER
11 KERSTEN SMITH
11 CONNER STEFFKE
11 KYLEE THEISEN
11 TREVOR TILMANN
12 AMANDA BANING
12 ALYSSA BELLINGER
12 JACQUELINE BLISS
12 BREANNA BLOCK
12 JACOB CHRISTENSEN
12 RYAN FABER
12 ADAM FOX
12 RACHEL FOX
12 ALEX FUNNELL
12 MORGAN GALINSKI
12 JACOB HAHN
12 BRANDON HANSEN
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07 HAILEY CARSON
07 WILLIAM CHILMAN
07 TUCKER GROSS
07 IAN HOOGERHYDE
07 PAIGE LORENZ
07 ALEXIA LYNCH
07 KAYLEE NELSON
07 RACHEL PUNG
07 APOLLO SCHAFFER
07 ERIC SCHAFFER
07 ETHAN SCHAFFER
07 EMILY SCHRIPEMA
07 HANNAH STEFFKE
07 PHOENIX VAVZINCAK
08 ZINA BELLINGER
08 MAKENZY BURMAN
08 JOSLIN CLOUSE
08 BRITTANY FOWLER
08 NICOLE FOX
08 KAITLYN GOTTSCHALK
08 NICOLE GROSS
08 CORTNI HAUCK
08 EMILY HAUCK
08 JESSICA HOLLAND
08 JACOB HORSLEY
08 JAMES KOLB
08 SYDNEY LORENZ
08 ZACHARY NATZEL
08 NICHOLAS PUNG
08 EMILY SCHAFFER
08 GRACE SCHAFFER
08 SARA SCHAFFER
08 RACHEL SCHWERIN
08 EMILY STEFFKE
08 JACLYN WOODBURY
09 KAITLYNN FRAYRE
09 HAYDEN HUBER
09 ANNA REIHL
09 CHLOE STEFFKE
10 MONICA DAVID
10 JULIANN HANDZIAK
11 SAMANTHA FREEZE
11 LOGAN SCHAFFER
11 SHELBY SCHAFFER
11 KAREN SMITH
12 ZACHARY BROWN
12 TORI CARRICK
12 KENDRA FLAUGHER
12 SHAWN MOORE
12 EMILY PHILLIPS
12 ABIGAIL SCHAFFER
12 BRITTNEY WICHERT



BEAL CITY BANDS

“... in harmony with home and community ...”

High School Solo & Ensemble Festival

Results from a triumphant afternoon at Saginaw Heritage High School

A true departure from the last couple of High School Solo & Ensemble Saturdays, a glorious sunny February afternoon greeted our students and families as we descended on Saginaw Heritage High School. Mr. Lowe was able to switch his work assignment to a performance room where two of our ensembles played.

First to perform was Melanie Schafer accompanied by Emily Steffke. Melanie performed a transcribed aria from the 1695 Henry Purcell opera *The Indian Queen*, “I Attempt from Love’s Sickness to Fly.” Both young ladies did a marvelous job, and Melanie received a Second Division rating for her performance.

Next to perform was our Clarinet Quartet: Kalia Schafer, Eileen Cotter, Hannah Neyer and Manisha Cole. They performed Mozart’s “Ave Verum Corpus.” Some fine and helpful comments were given following their performance, which resulted in a First Division.

Not too long after the clarinets, our Saxophone Quartet returned to that same performance room with their selection: an Italian Medley of “Funiculi, Funicula,” “Mattinata,” and “Tarantella Neapoletana.” Zach Brown, Jackie Bliss, Jacob Christensen and Kalia Schafer came away with their third straight First Division at District Festival!

Our final performance of the afternoon was our horn duet of Melanie Schafer and Alyssa Thrush. They performed a Scherzando by Daniel Gottlieb Turk and an arrangement of a traditional hunting call, receiving a Second Division.

A great showing for our Aggie musicians!

By virtue of their First Division ratings, our Clarinet Quartet and Saxophone Quartet are eligible for State Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 26 at Central Michigan University!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR STUDENT PERFORMERS

MENU

Feb. 28 – Mar. 4, 2011

Monday: Breakfast – french toast sticks, cheese stick, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Big Daddy’s cheese pizza, breadstick, salad bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – macaroni & cheese or bbq beef/bun, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – “Dr. Seuss Day” – abc and 123 chicken nuggets or turkey sub, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage 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 – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham or chicken patty/bun, dessert, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

There will be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich available as a third option on Friday’s during Lent!

Mar. 7 - 11, 2011

National School Breakfast Week! “School Breakfast Detectives: The Search for Super Energy!”

Monday: Breakfast – Code-Cracker Cereal, yogurt, bagels w/cream cheese, apple slices, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken or baked potato, dinner roll, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – I Spy a Sausage Biscuit, cheese stick, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, french fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Private Eye Pancakes w/fresh blueberries, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch** – grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – Get-a-Clue Cheese Omelet Burrito with Salsa, cheese stick, muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy or meat sub, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – The Case of the Breakfast Scramble, toast w/strawberry jelly, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Mar. 14 - 18, 2011

Monday: Breakfast – french toast sticks, cheese stick, granola bar, 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** – chicken strips or chili, cornmeal muffins, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – egg and sausage on a bagel, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – french toast sticks or sausage gravy/biscuit, hash brown, bagels, fruit bar and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage 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 – pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog/bun or cheeseburger/bun, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Mar. 21 - 25, 2011

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon roll, yogurt, muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken nuggets or uncrustables, dinner roll, french fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit, cheese stick, muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Turkey BLT wrap or park patty/bun, bowl of soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – mini pancakes, yogurt, cinnamon roll, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla or chili cheese wrap, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Salisbury steak/mashed potatoes/gravy or ham/cheese sub, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – breakfast kit and milk. **Lunch** – HALF DAY NO LUNCH.

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