



# The Aggie Express

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## Millage Renewal Vote Scheduled for November

The general election on November 4, 2008 taxpayers will be asked to renew the district's operating millage. This millage was originally passed in June of 1999 and renewed in June of 2004. While the majority of school funding is received from the State in the per pupil foundation allowance, to receive full funding, schools must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property in their district. Operation millage is not paid on home or farmland. Operating millage is levied on non-homestead property only.

The 18 mills that are expiring this year generated approximately \$230,091.00 for the 2007/2008 school year. In these uncertain economic times, it is imperative that the district receive these operating revenues. The state assumes that the school collects the full 18 mills of property taxes. If the operating millage were not renewed, the school district would be facing a decrease in revenue of over \$230,000.00

Please consider supporting the millage proposal in November.

When dropping children off by 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 temporarily. This, again, presents a hazard to children, bus drivers, and other vehicles. We do appreciate those of you who follow these safety procedures.

Attention Aggies it's time once again for the "Decorate Your Yard" contest. All yards should be decorated blue and white themed. The judging will be on Friday, September 26. This is a great way for everyone to show their aggie pride and represent Beal City, and there will be a prize awarded to the best decorated yard. Good Luck to everyone!

## Kindergarten & 1st Grade Open Houses

Due to the large numbers of families excited to visit kindergarten and first grade classrooms, we have decided to hold a separate Open House for those two grade levels. This will replace the First Day of School Celebration for Kindergarten and First Grade students ONLY. This should provide a more relaxed environment for students to visit their classroom and meet their teacher before the school year begins. All other classrooms will be closed during this time. The Kindergarten and First Grade Open House takes place on Wednesday, August 27, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. We look forward to meeting with our young students and their families.

*Dear Students and Parents of Beal City Public Schools:*

Welcome to Beal City Public Schools for the 2008-2009 school year. This will be an outstanding opportunity for each of us to contribute toward elevating our school to one of the best in the state. Your commitment to this is critically important. A school's curriculum and programs can only be effective with the combined support and effort of the students, parents, staff and the community.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful newer facility that you must have respect for and take pride in. Our staff is caring, dedicated and experienced. You must provide the final and most important components (below) to ensure that teaching and learning does not stop here at Beal City Public Schools.

*Students – as you begin each day, please do the following:*

- Be FAIR, Use COMMON SENSE, good CITIZENSHIP to conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times.
- Be CARING and set high expectations and standards for yourself. Be willing and ready to LEARN.
- Treat others, as you would like to be treated, with RESPECT.
- Be willing to accept RESPONSIBILITY for your actions & your education.
- Be HONEST and TRUSTWORTHY with yourself and others.

*Parents – as your child begins each day, please do the following:*

- Give them LOVE.
- Give them support and encouragement.
- Teach them about the above components.
- Teach them how to achieve the above components.
- Be there for them.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone at 989-644-8111 or by email at wchilman@edzone.net.

Good Luck and Have a Great Year!  
With "Aggie" Pride,  
William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent  
Beal City Public School, Go Aggies

*Dear Beal City School families:*

Welcome back! We're happy to have our 330+ students returning to the M.S. /H.S. and a special welcome to the new students joining our School.

We want your son/daughter to be happy and successful at Beal City Schools and believe that you play a key role. That role is to continually show interest in and support for your son/daughter. The child who knows that his or her family is interested in and supports the school program will almost always have fewer problems in school and will enjoy greater success.

We believe in being fair and consistent which encourages students to be responsible for their own actions. At school, we try to create a safe environment where CHARACTER COUNTS and courtesy as well as kindness prevail and where there is respect for differences in other people, customs and cultures.

Please share with your child's teacher and office any information regarding his or her special needs that will help us better serve your family. We believe that communication among parents, students and staff is critical in assuring student success. We look forward to working with you so we may have a very positive and productive school year.

*Sincerely,*

**Jeffrey M. Jackson**

**H.S. Principal**

## Fall Sports Parent Meeting for Junior High Volleyball

The beginning of the 2008/2009 sports season is around the immediate corner. There is a change in the format of the team meetings from previous years. For the 2008/2009 school year each team is going to have an individual parent/athlete meeting on each programs own scheduled night, rather than, all sports teams meeting on the same night. There will no longer be an athletic policy portion to the meeting. Participation fees will still be collected at the team meetings. Any changes to the athletic policy or points of emphasis will be included during the team meeting.

The parent meeting for Junior High Volleyball will be Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Junior High Volleyball's first practice will be Tuesday, September 2nd from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

# First Day of School Celebration

Mayes Elementary School staff members would like to invite parents, families, and community members to attend our annual First Day of School Celebration on September 2, 2008 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. This celebration is an opportunity to help children in grades 2 – 6 start the school year on a positive note. Classroom visits, snacks, an assembly with skits and parent presentations are all a part of the festivities. Preschool parents are also invited to Mayes Elementary on September 2 to attend an Open House in Mrs. Natzel's classroom for her students and families.

Kindergarten and First Grade parents will have an Open House on August 27, but are invited to visit on September 2 as well. These parents may want to take this opportunity to participate in our First Day Celebration with older children they may have in grades 2 – 6.

First Day of School Celebration information and new elementary school schedule changes were sent home in the mail to families with students registered in the district with details. If you have any further questions, please call the Mayes Elementary School office at 644-2740.

It's that time of year again. The Beal City Student Council is accepting nominations for this year's Homecoming Grand Marshall. Do you know a community member that has volunteered his or her time and efforts to our community in order to help make Beal City the great place it is today? Would you like to see this person honored for all of their hard work? If so, Please submit their name and a brief explanation telling us why you believe this person should be our 2008 Grand Marshall. Grand Marshall Nominations can be given to any Student Council member or our advisors. Email nominations can be sent to [julianne\\_christensen@yahoo.com](mailto:julianne_christensen@yahoo.com). You may contact Cay Marchiando at 989.828.6898. Thanks again for your support-Beal City Student Council

## Student Government

The Student Council members for the 2008-2009 school year are:

### Freshmen

Adam Schafer  
Sam Freeze  
Heather Griffis  
Andrew Pohl

### Sophomores

Sarah Schafer  
Jake Christensen  
Karly Schafer  
Shannon Millard

### Juniors

Kelsey Antcliff-Secretary  
Nicki Smith  
Logan Steffke  
Kelly David

### Seniors

Nathan Steffke-President  
Katie Gross-Vice President  
Kevin Pohl-Treasurer  
Natalie Block  
Alex Faber

## German LINKS 2008-2009

Eight Beal City High School students will be participating in the LINKS German Exchange Program for the upcoming school year. Those students are **Alex Faber, Katie Straus, Megan McBride, Breanna Block, Mike Esch, Kevin Pohl, Nathan Steffke and Matt Prominiski.**

In October eight German students will travel from our partner school, Robert Stock Gymnasim in Hagenow, Germany. The Germans will be staying in the homes of the participating Beal City students for two weeks, and participating in many school events and everyday family life there.

Next Spring our Beal City students will travel to Hagenow and stay with their new German friends and their families. There the Michigan students will have a chance to experience German culture through school activities and everyday life.

Beal City is one of several schools in the Gratiot Isabella Intermediate District that participates in this wonderful student exchange opportunity.

# 2008/2009 School Calendar

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| August 26 – 28      | Teacher Workday/Professional Dev. Days                             |
| September 2         | First Student Day – Full Day                                       |
| October 31          | End of 1st Marking Period<br>Student ½ day – Teacher Full Work Day |
| November 6          | No Students – Parent Teacher Conferences                           |
| November 27 & 28    | Thanksgiving Break   |
| December 24 – Jan 2 | Winter Break   |
| January 16          | End of Semester<br>Student ½ day – Teacher Full Work Day           |
| February 13         | Student ½ day – Teacher Full Work Day                              |
| February 16         | President’s Day Observance – No School                             |
| March 5             | Evening Parent Teacher Conferences                                 |
| March 27            | End of 3rd Marking Period<br>Student ½ day – Teacher Full Work Day |
| March 30 – April 3  | Spring Break   |
| April 10            | Good Friday Observance – No School                                 |
| May 25              | Memorial Day Observance – No School                                |
| June 5              | End of Semester<br>Student ½ day – Teacher Full Work Day           |

# Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on August 18, 2008:

- General Fund payments of \$239,155.51, Hot Lunch payments of \$178.89, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$53,256.17, and Athletic Fund payments of \$5,266.59.
- The second reading of the Elementary Student Handbook as presented.
- The teaching resignations of Patricia Kjolhede and Jodi Carlson as well as the retirement/resignation of Jan Newman.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Lou Rau – Varsity Football, Brad Antcliff – Assistant Varsity Football, Charlie Gross – Assistant Varsity Football, Brad Gross – JV Football, Brent Peavey – Assistant JV Football, Jeff Peete – Voluntary Assistant JV Football, Dennis Lorenz – Voluntary Football Assistant, Randy Gallagher – Varsity Volleyball, Mike Kruske – JV Volleyball, Anne Weber – Freshman Volleyball, Brittney Marchiando – 8th Gr Volleyball, Angela Zeneberg – 7th Gr Volleyball, Emma Schafer – Voluntary Volleyball Assistant, Samantha Schafer – Voluntary Volleyball Assistant, Alyssa Millard – Voluntary Volleyball Assistant, Ken Hisey – Voluntary Volleyball Assistant, Dave King – JH/V Cross Country, Dave Myers – Voluntary Cross Country Assistant, Paula Dewrock – Varsity Cheer, and Tom Lavoie – Varsity Softball
- The following teaching recommendations as presented: Amanda Wilson English/Language Arts Teacher and Jennifer Courtright – Elementary Teacher.
- The following coaching resignation as presented: Scott Schafer – JV Softball.

## Notice of Nondiscrimination and Grievance Procedures

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, or handicap in the admission to, access to, participation in, benefits of, or employment in its programs or activities as provided by district policy and in compliance with federal and state law.

Further, it is the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, age, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background to learn enough through the curriculum offered in this district.

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied access to programs or services may file a complaint which shall be referred to as a grievance with the District’s Civil Rights Compliance Officer, Joe Judge by calling 644-3901, ext. 320 or emailing at judge@edzone.net

## Homecoming Week Schedule

- September 19-Tapping Assembly
- September 24-Powder Puff Football Game
- September 26-Homecoming Parade
- September 27-Alumni Breakfast
- September 27-Homecoming Dance

## 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: 3117 Elias Road, 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.



# Communicable Disease and Pest Policy

In keeping with the Michigan School Head Lice Prevention and Control Policy, a section of the elementary student handbook regarding lice, states that we do not do pre-planned "all school" head lice checks. Any student with live lice may remain in school until the end of the school day.

Children will be allowed to ride the school bus home. Immediate treatment at home is advised.

The student will be readmitted to school after treatment and examination. If, upon examination, school personnel find no live lice on the child, the child may reenter school. Parents should remove nits daily and treat if live lice are observed.

When a member of the school staff suspects a child is infested with head lice, there are specific procedures that will be followed. This policy has been approved by the Michigan Department of

Community Health (MDCH) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). If you have any questions regarding this policy, please consult the student handbook or call the elementary office at 644-2740.

# New Michigan Merit High School Graduation Requirements

Effective beginning with Students Entering 8th Grade in 2006

- 4 Credits – English Language Arts
- English Language Arts 9, English Language Arts 10, English Language Arts 11, English Language Arts 12
- 4 Credits – Mathematics
- Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, one math or math-related course in final year of high School
- 3 Credits – Science
- Biology, Chemistry or Physics, one additional science credit
- 3 Credit – Social Studies
- World History & Geography, U.S. History & Geography, .5 credits in both Civics and Economics
- 1 Credit – Physical Education & Health
- 1 Credit – Visual, Performing and Applied Arts
- Online Learning Experience
- 2 Credits – Language Other than English
- In grades 9-12; OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12 (beginning with students entering 3rd grade in 2006)

More information on "Making the Most of High School" can be found on the school's website at [www.bealcityschools.net](http://www.bealcityschools.net)

## Transportation Policy

It is the policy of Beal City Public Schools not to allow students in Pre-School, kindergarten, first, second, and third grades to be dropped off at a bus stop unless there is a parent, older sibling or caregiver visible. This includes the student's home address, as well as, group stops such as the Weidman Bait Shop and the Jordan Trailer Park. Children under fourth grade must have a parent or an identified replacement (older sibling or caregiver) present when the student is dropped off. If there is not an acceptable person in view at the stop, the student will be returned to the school where they are to be picked up before 4:00 p.m. The student will be brought into the Superintendent's Office by the bus driver and will not be allowed to leave until the sign out sheet has been signed by the caregiver who is picking them up. Bus drivers will no longer be accommodating parents by meeting them along the route. The changes in this policy will be strictly enforced as we feel it is vital for the safety of our young children that we work with each family to ensure they are not left unattended.

1st offense – written warning

2nd offense – one week loss of transportation and mandatory meeting with the Transportation Director and Principal.

3rd offense – one month loss of transportation and mandatory meeting with the Transportation Director and Principal

4th offense – loss of transportation for the remainder of the year.

Extreme emergencies may be excused. Documentation may be required. Any change in destination after school must be written on a bus pass and given to the child's teacher and/or building principal. In case of any emergency, contact the appropriate office:

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| <b>Mayes Elementary</b>      | <b>644-2740</b> |
| <b>Beal City High School</b> | <b>644-3944</b> |
| <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>  | <b>644-3970</b> |

# Summer Basketball Camp Success

The Beal City Aggies Girls Basketball Camp recently concluded a very successful week of camp. The girls worked very hard daily on fundamental skills, contests, and team games. Following are the award winners:

## **Fourth and fifth grade session:**

FREE THROW CHAMP: Andrea Esch

HOT SHOT CHAMP: Paige Lorenz

X OUT LAYUP CHAMP: Lily Steffke

ONE ON ONE CHAMP: Lily Steffke

TEAMMATE OF THE WEEK: Erica Sheahan

CAMPER OF THE WEEK: Paige Lorenz

## **Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade session:**

FREE THROW CHAMP: Melanie Schafer

HOT SHOT CHAMP: Jordan Schneider

X OUT LAYUP CHAMP: Melanie Schafer

ONE ON ONE CHAMP: Addie Schumacher

TEAMMATE OF THE WEEK: Sophia Schumacher

CAMPER OF THE WEEK: Melanie Schafer

Free and Reduced Lunch Meal applications are included with this edition of The Aggie Express. Even if you don't think you qualify, please look over and fill out the information. There are a number of families who don't realize they can get assistance through this essential

## Beal City Athletic Association

### A Big Thanks!

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 and for the Athletic Trainer. Many of our Athletes might not have the chance to participate if it wasn't for Freshman Sports and 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.

Anyone who would like to be notified when pesticides are being applied in or around the school should contact Central Office at 644-3901.

## 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. The new prices for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows: breakfast for all students is \$1.10. Secondary lunch is \$1.70 and Elementary lunch is \$1.60. Milk for all students is \$.35. Extra entrees and ala carte items will be increasing in price, ranging from fifty cents to a dollar eighty. Each day, the students will be given a choice between two lunches, which due to state requirements 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.

Thanks to a grant provided by the United Dairy Council, the cafeteria will be receiving a new stand-up milk cooler and recycling bins for the plastic milk containers we started using this past year. We are rearranging our food line to make more room and help everything flow even better. New food choices will include healthier items such as salad shakers, parfaits, 100 calorie packs, etc. which will be made available through ala carte. Our theme days will continue every month this year. September we are going to celebrate homecoming with "Aggie Pride." 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 to a newly decorated, more energy-efficient cafeteria!

Act 399 PA Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act R325.10416 Beal City Schools. To all faculty, staff, students, and parents/legal guardians: Beal City Public Schools has a water sampling compliance available for review in the Administration Office. Please contact John Graham to review it.

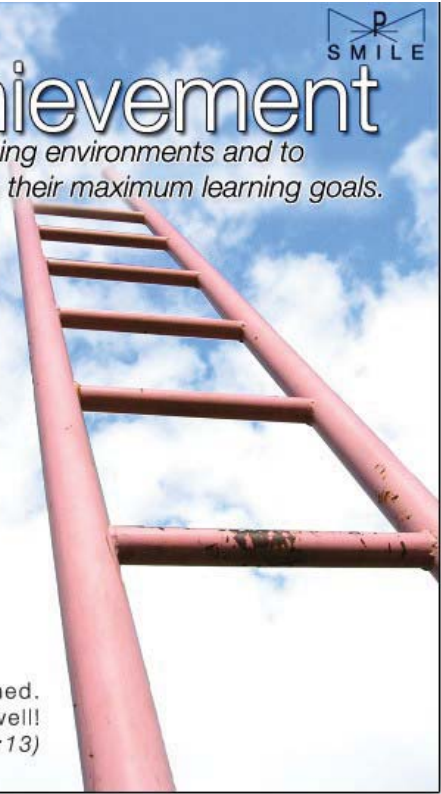
# Ladder of Achievement



To promote effective, positive learning environments and to encourage individuals to reach their maximum learning goals.

- 100% - I did.
- 90% - I will.
- 80% - I can.
- 70% - I think I can.
- 60% - I might.
- 50% - I think I might.
- 40% - What is it?
- 30% - I wish I could.
- 20% - I don't know how.
- 10% - I can't.
- 0% - I won't.

“Always remember what you have learned.  
Your education is your life. Guard it well!  
(Proverbs 4:13)



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## SUCCESS

The ladder of success was not crowded at the top. Did I set it against the right building?



# MENU

September 2 - 5, 2008

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Cinnamon-glazed french toast, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Turkey/ cheese sub, vegetable, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, muffin, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.

**Lunch** - Chef salad, breadstick, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** - Breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** -Chicken honey mustard wrap, vegetable, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** -Egg and sausage on a biscuit, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk

**Lunch** -Chicken nuggets or bbq beef/bun, corn, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit and milk

September 9 - 13, 2008

Monday: **Breakfast** - Waffle sticks, muffin, yogurt, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Chef salad, breadstick, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Beef and cheddar sub, chips, vegetable, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Ham/cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** -Bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Grilled chicken ranch wrap, vegetable, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** -Hot pocket, yogurt, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Tuna salad sandwich, vegetable, fruit and milk

September 16 - 20, 2008

Monday: **Breakfast** - Mini pancakes, sausage, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Turkey/ cheese sub, vegetable, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** - Egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** -Taco salad, tortilla chips, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, granola bar, yogurt, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** -Egg salad sandwich, vegetable, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** -Breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Meat combo sub, vegetable, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** -Sausage gravy/biscuit, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Chicken wrap, vegetable, fruit and milk.

September 23 - 27, 2008

Monday: **Breakfast** - Oatmeal, cheese stick, granola bar, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Chef salad, dinner roll, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Chef salad, dinner roll, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Turkey/ cheese sub, vegetable, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** -Bagel sausage pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** -Egg and sausage on a bagel, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Crispy chicken on a salad, dinner roll, fruit and milk

September 29 - October 3, 2008

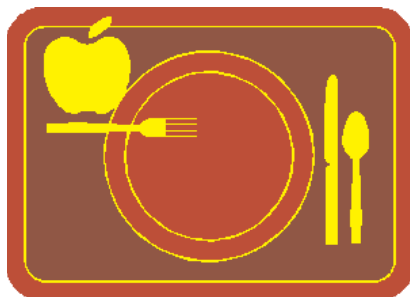
Monday: **Breakfast** - Hot pocket, yogurt, muffin, donut, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Chef salad, dinner roll, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** -Egg/cheese omelet, hash brown, muffin, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk **Lunch** - Crispy chicken on a salad, dinner roll, fruit and milk

Wednesday: **Breakfast** -Pretzel/cheese, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Beef and cheddar sub, chips, vegetable, fruit and milk

Thursday: **Breakfast** - Breakfast pizza, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** -Grilled chicken ranch wrap, vegetable, fruit and milk

Friday: **Breakfast** -Bagels, cheese stick, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** - Ham/cheese on a bun, vegetable, 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.*