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## Superintendent's Community Update

Well, we are ready for students. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 7th. We are currently negotiating with the teachers on a new teacher's contract. That process is not yet complete, but we have agreed to a 2010-2011 school calendar. The board and the union are working together as a team trying to reach an agreement during these very trying financial times in our state and across the nation. "Educational Teamwork Today Equals Educational Excellence Tomorrow" is the motto we here at Beal City go by.

We had six teachers retire last spring and we have hired five new staff members, who will be introduced to you in future newsletters. Other than that, we do not have a lot of changes for this coming school year. The breakfast and lunch prices are the same, the bus routes will be very similar to last school year, and our school schedules and calendar have very few changes.

Beal City is a school and community founded on the pursuit of excellence and that is what we are striving for here each day: academic, athletic and artistic excellence. I hope all of our parents, students, and staff, have a great school year. Please contact me anytime if you have any questions, compliments, comments, and/or concerns, at [wchilman@edzone.net](mailto:wchilman@edzone.net) or 989-644-3901.

With "Aggie" Pride  
William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent  
Beal City Public Schools, Go Aggies

## Welcome New Staff Members

Beal City Schools would like to welcome the five new staff members who will be joining us this year: Sara Millerov is the school counselor, Angie Henry is our Secondary Art and Enrichment teacher, Jennifer Davis is our new 1st Grade Teacher and Katie Pickler is our new Kindergarten Teacher. We would also like to welcome Dawn Smith to our Food Service Department as well as Veena Cole who will be a long term sub for Carrie Hoise while she is on maternity leave at the beginning of the school year. We are excited to have these new staff people on board and are looking forward to a great school year.

Dear Students and Parents of Beal City Public Schools:

Welcome to Beal City Public Schools for the 2010-2011 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 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 989-644-3901 or by email at [wchilman@edzone.net](mailto:wchilman@edzone.net).

Good Luck and Have a Great Year!

With "Aggie" Pride,

William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent  
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## **Warning Track Upgrade**

A grant received from the Dow Diamond Foundation and the Great Lakes Loons allowed for a warning track to be installed in the outfield of the baseball field for safety purposes. The warning track will pose as an alert to athletes who are tracking fly balls and approaching the outfield fence. This will give the outfielders an opportunity to avoid or brace themselves for a potential collision with an outfield fence.

In addition to the Dow Diamond Grant, Hubscher and Sons donated part of the crusher dust, Brad Malley Transportation donated the freight, Steve Ley Fencing donated equipment and fence repair, Thielen Turf and Irrigation donated equipment, and Alwoods Nursery donated part of the weed guard. Thank you to all who played a part in making this project a reality!

## The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students

### Habit 1: Be Proactive

- Assess your Learning Style and inform your professors of results
- Visit each of your teachers in his/her office before experiencing any problem
- Sit in the first three rows of every classroom in which courses are held
- Take the initiative to introduce yourself to two other good students in each class

### Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

- Identify for each class what you expect to learn by the end of the semester
- Ask each teacher to see (in her office) a copy of an old final course exam
- As you start each class session, identify your learning objectives

### Habit 3: Put First Things First

- Arrive two minutes early for every class
- Read textbook chapters the day before they are addressed in class
- Start studying for exams a week in advance

### Habit 4: Think Win/Win

- Make your teachers look good in front of the class
- Take prudent measures to accommodate your Learning Style in each class
- Form study groups with other students to prepare for assignments and exams
- Share your successful strategies with other students, ask for theirs in return

### Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

- Ask each of your teachers a little about their background
- Identify what you have in common with your teachers, rather than differences
- Thank your teacher when they do something that is really cool
- Ask teachers for informal feedback throughout each course

### Habit 6: Synergize

- Identify resources that can help you be successful in your classes, e.g. CPI lab
- Talk with students taking your course from other teachers - share approaches
- Encourage others to join your out-of-class study groups

### Habit 7: Sharpen your Saw

- Establish a mentoring relationship with a teacher
- Complete a study skills workshop
- Teach what you have learned to someone else

## VACATION POWERBOOK AND SUMMER COUNTS! REWARDS

During the first week of school starting September 8, students or parents can redeem COMPLETED Vacation Powerbooks or Summer Counts! Workbooks at the elementary school office for a reward provided by a grant. We feel students should be recognized for their diligence and hard work over the summer. Last year, students received a FREE PASS for themselves and their families to attend the Homecoming Varsity Football game.

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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| September 7  | First Day of School (full day for ALL students) |
| September 13 | PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Title Classroom         |
| September 17 | Constitution Day                                |
| October 1    | Homecoming Parade & Football Game               |
| October 12   | MEAP Tests begin for 3rd – 9th grade students   |
| October 29   | Elementary Halloween Parties                    |

## 2010-2011 School Calendar

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| September 7         | First Student Day – Full Day  |
| November 5          | End of 1st Marking Period<br>AM: Student Half Day;<br>PM: Teacher Work Day          |
| November 11         | K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences<br>8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| November 15         | Deer Day – No School  |
| November 25 – 26    | Thanksgiving Break  |
| December 23 – Jan 2 | Winter Break  |
| January 14          | End of Semester<br>AM: Student Half Day;<br>PM: Teacher Work Day                    |
| February 18         | AM: Student Half Day;<br>PM: Teacher Half Day Professional Dev.                     |
| February 21         | Presidents' Day Observance – No School  |
| March 3             | Evening Parent Teacher Conferences<br>5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.                        |
| March 25            | End of 3rd Marking Period<br>AM: Student Half Day;<br>PM: Teacher Work Day          |
| March 28 – April 3  | Spring Break  |
| April 22            | Good Friday – No School   |
| May 30              | Memorial Day Observance – No School   |
| June 10             | End of Semester<br>AM: Student Half Day;<br>PM: Teacher Work Day                    |

## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on August 16, 2010:

\*General Fund payments of \$325,658.81 and Athletic Fund payments of \$347.87.

\*The following elementary teacher recommendations: Katie Pickler – Kindergarten and Jennifer Davis – 1st grade.

\*The following secondary teacher recommendation: Angie Henry – Art/English teacher.

\*Hire Dawn Smith as a Food Service Worker.

\*Accept the resignation of Dan McKisson as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

## Grand Marshall Nominations

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 2010 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, or you may contact Cay Marchiando at 989-644-3780.

Thanks again for your support!  
Beal City Student Council

### Mrs. Cleveland Thanks The Community

I want to say Thank You to the Beal City Community for the opportunity to work with your children over the past four decades. I started teaching for Beal City Schools in the fall of 1970 and have had the privilege of working with two, and sometimes three generations of a family. The students taught me a lot about teaching; what worked and what didn't, and helped me develop skills in the classroom to help every student learn and be successful. I have watched Beal City families model the values of hard work and pride in their community and feel fortunate to have been a part of it all. Arlene Cleveland

Do you own a telescope? Is it sitting boxed up in the attic unused? Collecting dust in the corner of a room? Beal City is offering Astronomy as an elective course this year to high school students, but we need your help! If you have a telescope;

any type, size, new, used or even broken, we would love to have it for our class. Donations can be dropped off at the high school office or contact Mr. Leppert to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you for your support of Beal City Schools!



## PTO News

ALL parents are invited to join our wonderful PTO! Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Title classroom. The first meeting of the year, however, will be held on Monday, September 13. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please contact past President Terry Lambourn at 989-775-8109.

### NHS Blood Drive

The Beal City High School National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, September 22nd in the high school gym from 12:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and in good health to be eligible to donate. Donating is a great way to help those who have chronic illnesses or have been in accidents. One person who donates blood can save up to 3 lives. We hope to see you there on September 22! Help us save lives; give blood!

### **BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**

**Saturday, September 11**

**9AM – 3PM**

**Students from the Beal City Bands will circulate throughout the area collecting your returnable bottles and cans!**

**All proceeds help Beal City Bands programs and events**

#### **READY AHEAD OF TIME?**

**Place your returnables roadside with this flyer attached so we can pick them up without hassle!**

**- or - DROP-OFF LOCATION**

**Beal City Band Room – Doors open off Elias Rd**

**Sponsored by the Beal City TEMPO Club**

### **Beal City Bands – “... in harmony with the home and community ...”**

The Beal City Bands are preparing to embark on another successful school year! Following some excellent performances in Chicago, where our Concert Band took 2nd place and Jazz Band took 1st place in their respective divisions, we look to have more meaningful musical experiences in 2010-2011! Note to all members of our community – our four concert dates!

Spook-tacular on Sunday, October 31

Carols & Candy Canes on Sunday, December 12

Festival Winds on Sunday February 27

Spring Awards on Sunday, May 15

All concert performances are free of charge, open to the public, in the elementary gymnasium, and start at 4:00 P.M. What a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon – by listening to great music and supporting outstanding students in our community.

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OF 6TH GRADE STUDENTS:** You may have already received a letter regarding a change in the band enrollment and rental period. Marshall Music will be conducting in-home visits with you in order to give you a more personal approach and a better opportunity to discover which instrument is right for your child. While this is a departure from our recent approach, I have discovered that this is truly a return to our proud heritage of in-home visits when our program began nearly forty years ago! I am always available by contacting the High School Office (644-3944) for advice throughout the process – but the most important aspect of the decision is what your child wants to play!

Marshall Music will begin in-home visits during the week of September 27, but I will begin meeting 6th grade band students 4 days a week starting on September 20.

Jason Lowe

Beal City Bands

## Veena Cole - Long Term Sub



Beal City Schools would like to welcome Veena Cole as a Long Term Sub for Carrie House who will be on maternity leave for the first semester. Veena has been a substitute teacher here at Beal City Schools in nearly every classroom for every single grade.

Veena's husband, Rod Cole, is the owner of A Plus Environmental. They have two children: Manisha who is a tenth grader here at Beal City Schools and runs Cross Country, and Navid, a 6th grader in Mrs. Wentworth's class, who plays football. They have a dog named Bear, a mixed breed black lab they got from the animal shelter.

Veena just received her elementary education certification with minors in Social Studies and Integrated Science. She has also taught Sunday School for the past 6 years.

Veena loves fruit, some veggies, and all starches especially rice, pasta and bread. She likes to read anything she can get her hands on as long as it's not scary! She also likes to bike ride, cook and sew.

Veena loves traveling. She has traveled around the continental United States, as well as, Hawaii, England, Egypt, Israel, India, Africa, Spain and Nepal. The highlight of her year has been getting her teaching certificate and spending time with her family. She is embarking on her teaching career a little late in life, but plans on teaching for many years.

September 2010  
(Mr. Jackson's Message)

School is ready to begin, and it is never too late to prepare for the upcoming school year. Below is a list of Verbs that student's should be familiar with, so they may make the connection to lessons that are taught at school. By studying the Knowledge Taxonomy Verb List students will be better prepared for the Rigor and Relevance the new school year will provide. Have a GREAT year!

### KNOWLEDGE

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| arrange  | match    |
| check    | name     |
| choose   | point to |
| find     | recall   |
| group    | recite   |
| identify | repeat   |
| label    | say      |
| list     | select   |
| locate   | write    |

### COMPREHENSION

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| advance     | interpret |
| calculate   | outline   |
| change      | project   |
| contemplate | propose   |
| convert     | reword    |
| define      | submit    |
| explain     | transform |
| extrapolate | translate |
| infer       | vary      |

### APPLICATION

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| adopt         | manipulate |
| capitalize on | mobilize   |
| consume       | operate    |
| devote        | put to use |
| employ        | relate     |
| handle        | start      |
| maintain      | take up    |
| make use of   | utilize    |

### ANALYSIS

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| assay      | include    |
| audit      | inspect    |
| break down | look at    |
| canvass    | scrutinize |
| check out  | sift       |
| deduce     | study      |
| dissect    | survey     |
| divide     | test for   |
| examine    | uncover    |

### SYNYTHESIS

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| blend     | develop   |
| build     | evolve    |
| cause     | form      |
| combine   | generate  |
| compile   | make up   |
| compose   | originate |
| conceive  | produce   |
| construct | reorder   |
| create    | structure |

### EVALUATION

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| accept    | grade      |
| appraise  | judge      |
| arbitrate | prioritize |
| assess    | rank       |
| award     | rate       |
| classify  | reject     |
| criticize | rule on    |
| decide    | settle     |
| determine | weigh      |

# Parent Involvement = Student Achievement

## ENCOURAGE / TEACH / SUPPORT

(Ways parents can encourage their children to do well in school)

**SENSE OF BELONGING:** This is number one. Children need to feel they are a needed member of a group. Do things together as a family, and enroll the kids in after-school activities. Kids want to go to school, and see the value in school when they have a feeling of community, both at home and at school.

**KIDS NEED HEROES:** Children need one or two respectful, supportive people in their lives that they can look up to and admire and who influence their lives for the better. How about Mom and Dad?

**SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT:** It's very important in the encouragement of children to recognize and appreciate the small steps children make daily, as well as the accomplishments, and larger goals they've achieved.

**FUN AND EXCITEMENT:** Keep learning exciting. Send kids off to school in the mornings with a hug and

kiss and a word of encouragement, instead of a negative, nagging, parental lecture on what they've done wrong. Enjoyment and fun in the learning process keeps kids coming back for more.

**CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY:** Keep the wonders of childhood discovery, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm alive. Nourish and participate in the joy of learning that kids are born with.

**LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY:** The ability to make wise decisions in one's life and to accept the consequences are skills children need to learn. Teach kids how to make wise choices in life, so they're able to grow in their personal responsibility.

**CONFIDENCE TO TAKE ACTION:** Exuding self-confidence shows kids how to have confidence in themselves. Show that you have confidence in your child's ability to be successful. Self-confidence and self-respect go hand in hand with setting and achieving one's goals.

Believing and participating in our children and their success is something all parents can begin today and practice.

## **OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU! WE NEED YOU!**

With the start of the new school year comes the start of the fall sports season. Go Aggies!

As the president of the Beal City Athletic Association (BCAA), I am asking for your help. We need volunteers to help work concession stands and/or become new members.

As you may know, the BCAA supports Beal City Public School athletics by funding freshman sports programs including coaches, referees and transportation. We also fund the athletic trainer who helps all student athletes, purchase equipment and provide meals for teams during playoffs. In order for us to do this, we need to raise approximately \$25,000. Freshman sports cost approximately \$8,500 while the trainer costs approximately \$11,000. The additional money funds equipment requests and covers miscellaneous expenses. Raising the minimum of \$25,000 does not leave us with much excess.

In order for us to raise \$25,000, it is critical that we have the concession stand open as much as possible. That is where you come in. Although we expect and will schedule parents of the athletes to work at least one event, we are always looking for additional people to help. If you are a parent of an athlete please consider volunteering for more than the time you are assigned. If you are not a parent but like to support the students, please consider giving a few hours, it would help ensure we reach our goals. Call me at 989-239-7556 if you can spare the extra time.

Another way that you can support the BCAA is to purchase Aggie Bucks. Upon request, the BCAA has created Aggie Bucks – a gift certificate. If you have a birthday or special event that you need a gift for, consider giving Aggie Bucks. Don't forget about them for stocking stuffers during the holidays. You can buy them in increments of \$1 at the concession stands or contact me directly.

Visit the school website to find out more about the opportunities with the BCAA.

Cindy Schumacher

# MENU

Sept. 6 – 10, 2010

**Monday: Breakfast** – No School – Labor Day

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – french toast sticks, cheese sticks, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – Big Daddy's cheese pizza, breadsticks, salad bar, fruit, juice or milk.

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

**Thursday: Breakfast** – bagel sausage pizza, cheese sticks, 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.

Sept. 13 - 17, 2010

**Monday: Breakfast** – cinnamon roll, yogurt, muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken or baked potato, dinner roll, hot vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – sausage gravy/biscuit, cheese sticks, muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, french fries, salad bar, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast** – mini pancakes, yogurt, cinnamon roll, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – spaghetti or chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit and milk.

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

**Friday: Breakfast** – oatmeal, sausage links, cinnamon roll, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla or burrito, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Sept. 20 – 24, 2010

**Monday: Breakfast** – french toast sticks, cheese sticks, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, cheese-filled breadsticks, 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 sticks, 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 sloppy jo/bun, dessert, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Sept. 27 – Oct 1, 2010 SPIRIT WEEK

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

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

**Wednesday: Breakfast** – mini pancakes, yogurt, cinnamon roll, granola bar, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – salisbury steak/mashed potatoes/gravy or pork patty/bun, dinner roll, salad bar, fruit and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast** – breakfast pizza, cheese sticks, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – grilled cheese sandwich or fish/bun, tomato soup, salad bar, fruit and milk.

**Friday: Breakfast** – oatmeal, sausage links, granola bar, cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – beef stew/biscuit or chicken parmesan, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, cinnamon tasties, salad bar, fruit and milk.

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