



# The Aggie Express

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## School Board Officers Elected

The following school board officers were chosen at the annual Organizational Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Terry Hutchinson	President
Rod Cole	Vice President
Denise McBride	Secretary
Robert Pasch	Treasurer
Jane Finnerty	Trustee
Ron Neyer	Trustee*
Kari Rojas	Trustee

\*Ron Neyer submitted his letter of resignation from the School Board at the Regular Board Meeting following the Organizational Meeting. A replacement will be named at a later date.

## Monthly School Meeting Schedule

Monday, <b>January 20, 2014</b>	Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, <b>January 20, 2014</b>	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>February 17, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>March 17, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>April 21, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>May 19, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>June 23, 2014</b>	Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m.
Monday, <b>June 23, 2014</b>	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>July 21, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>August 18, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>September 15, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>October 20, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>November 17, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>December 15, 2014</b>		7:00 p.m.
Monday, <b>January 19, 2015</b>	Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, <b>January 19, 2015</b>	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.

## November 2014 School Board Election

There are two positions on the Beal City Board of Education up for election in November of 2014. Both positions are six year terms and the terms will begin January 2015. With Ron Neyer's recent resignation, his position will also be included on the election ballot for a four year term. Information on running for one of the positions will be printed in future newsletters.



## \*\*\*Staff Member of the Month\*\*\*

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all staff members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Linda Fussman.

For the past 25 years, the families and staff of the Beal City School District have known Linda Fussman for her welcoming smile, her positive outlook, and the knowledge she has acquired throughout her career. As the Mayes Elementary secretary, Linda is a key player in ensuring everything runs smoothly in the day-to-day operations of the Elementary. With her many responsibilities, that's no small task. Linda frequently interacts with the community and staff members, keeps track of everyone's busy schedules, follows reporting processes, and meets multiple deadlines.

Despite her full plate, Linda maintains a sense of calmness. She is dedicated, always happy, always positive and eager to help anyone who calls or comes into the Elementary Office. Linda also goes out of her way to promote Beal City Schools and works as long as it takes to complete the task.

## 2014-15 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Mayes Elementary School will be holding a parent informational meeting for NEW kindergarten students for the 2014-15 school year. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Beal City Public School cafeteria. Our kindergarten teachers will be registering students and providing an overview of the kindergarten curriculum and answering questions for parents. This is an informational meeting. Children are not required to attend this informational meeting. We will also hold our annual Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be scheduling for this date at the informational meeting. Incoming kindergarteners are required to attend this March 25<sup>th</sup> Round-Up meeting. If you have any questions regarding either of these upcoming events, please call the elementary office at 644-2740.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 3	PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
February 12	SMILE Mobile Dentist
February 14	Valentine's Parties
March 3	PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
March 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00pm
March 18	Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting, 6:30pm
March 25	Kindergarten Round-Up Student Testing, scheduled @ Parent Mtg.
March 28	½ Day of School/End of Marking Period
March 31	Spring Break Begins
April 7	School Resumes

## Sign ups

T-Ball/Softball /Little League Baseball/Pony League sign-ups in Beal City.

When: February 19th & February 26th 6pm – 8pm

Where: Media Center @ Beal City High School

Amount: \$30 per player or Family Max \$80. Pony is \$75 per player and this is NOT included in the Family Max.

Questions: Call Lisa Schneider @ 289-8689 (t-ball & softball) or Ed Lynch 989-415-1307 (baseball & Pony).



## Elementary SUPER HEROES of the Month

Left to Right, Ayden Case (5<sup>th</sup> grade) son of Brent Case and Melinda VanAlstine, Kelsey Staus (Kdg.) daughter of Dottie Straus, Alex Benaske (6<sup>th</sup> grade) son of Brett and Gina Benaske, Madison Flaughter (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) daughter of Brandon Flaughter and Janel Zuker, Nick Mayer (4<sup>th</sup> grade) son of Darryl and Cathy Mayer, Macy Johnston (1<sup>st</sup> grade) daughter of Jason and Jaclyn Johnston, and Rylee Sisco (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) daughter of Blake and Roni Sisco. These seven students were chosen by their grade level teachers as the Super heroes of the Month. They not only showed great effort and enthusiasm in the classroom, but they also demonstrated positive character traits and were model students. For being selected for this award, each student received a certificate, a pencil, and their picture posted outside the office. Congratulations to our Outstanding Students!!

## Notice of Board Vacancy

The Beal City Public School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest in the Board position and their qualifications for the position to the Superintendent's office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Following a review of submitted materials, the Board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. Not all applicants for the Board vacancy will be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and responsibilities of a Board member, please contact Denise McBride, Secretary of the Board of Education, at (989) 644-3901.

Please submit a brief biographical statement setting forth the reasons why you desire consideration and your interest in and ideas about public education.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, a person must be a qualified school elector. This means that the applicant must be a registered voter in the school district. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the school district.

## BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 21, 2014:

- General Fund payments of \$304,984.50, Hot Lunch payments of \$11,495.88, and Athletic Fund payments of \$4,015.71.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Updated Employee Handbooks as presented.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the New Neola Wellness Policy as presented.
- Ron Neyer's resignation as School Board Member.

# BEAL CITY BANDS



"...IN HARMONY WITH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY..."

## THANKS FOR YOUR OLD TECHNOLOGY!

**Final tallies have not yet come in - But thank you to our generous community for the support!**

### STUDENT TEACHER

The Beal City Bands cordially welcomes Mr. Matthew Vancelette, our student teacher for the coming semester. A trombonist, Mr. Vancelette comes to us from southern California via Lake Orion, Michigan. Mr. Vancelette has already taken classes for the days Mr. Lowe was attending the Michigan Music Conference. We are so pleased and lucky to have him in Beal City this semester!

### CMU JAZZ WEEKEND

If you are on the CMU campus the morning of **Friday, February 7**, please stop into the Bovee University Center to hear our outstanding Jazz Band perform at CMU Jazz Weekend. We will be performing at **9AM** at the **UC Auditorium** located on the upper level of the Bovee Center. Always great to play for a familiar and supportive audience - Hope to see you there!

### SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

High School Solo & Ensemble Festival will take place at **Owosso HS** on **Saturday, February 8**. Performance times will be posted in the band room. Participating students are reminded to sign-up for coaching times with Mr. Lowe and Mr. Vancelette as well as prepare at home.

### PRACTICE RECORDS

**Reminder to all 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Band Families:** Practice Records are a weekly graded assignment that serves as a progress report for you and your student. They account for approximately **20%** of your child's grade in band class, and provides substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments on a **weekly basis**.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

For our Festival Winds Concert, we will be featuring a guest ensemble, the **Gateway Brass Ensemble**, under the direction of Mr. Michael Wright. They are associated with the Gateway Community Band in Clare, and feature a approximately 30-40 brass players. We also hope to be welcoming back **Central Foundation**, the premier tube-euphonium ensemble to campus again this semester.

### BAND FESTIVAL

A quick reminder to all middle and high school band families that **MSBOA Band Festival** is scheduled for either **Friday, February 28** at Bay City Western HS in Auburn or **Friday, March 14** at St. Johns HS. Festival performances are important events that allow our students to have outside evaluation of our collective skills. These dates have been on our performance calendar since the beginning of the year, are a graded activity, and a logical outgrowth of the school-day experience.

### BEAL CITY FEATURED AT MUSIC CONFERENCE

Beal City's Comprehensive and Fundamental Musicianship Batteries were featured prominently in a session at the annual Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Cited by Dr. Philip Hash of Calvin College, the CMB & FMB were central examples of new tools for music educators around the state to show student achievement in the music classroom and for students to build a musical portfolio that encompasses the State Benchmarks of Music Education: Create, Perform and Analyze. Mr. Lowe has been asked by Dr. Hash to lead a session at next year's conference about the success of these tools and their affect on the success of our program.



### FESTIVAL WINDS CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEB 23 - 4:00 PM



**CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!**  
[www.bealcitybands.weebly.com](http://www.bealcitybands.weebly.com)

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time: 5:00 to 7:30

Date: March 19, 2014

Place: Beal City Cafeteria

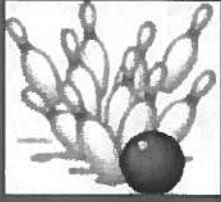
Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00  
for kids ages 5-12, and  
preschoolers free

\*All You Can Enjoy\*

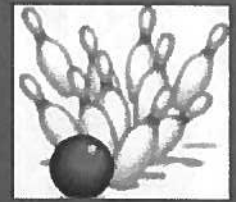


Meal includes spaghetti  
and meat sauce, salad,  
drink (milk, lemonade, or  
coffee) and dessert.

Hosted by the Beal City  
Varsity and JV baseball  
teams.



# Beal City



Baseball/Softball

## 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament

Sick of being inside with the long cold winter?!?!?! Come out of the house and have a blast while supporting the Beal City High School Softball and Baseball programs while we gear up for a great 2014 spring season!! Go Aggies!!!!

Saturday February 15, 2014

1:00pm at Riverwood Resort

Cost: \$20 per person

Winners are not based on bowling ability!

There will also be prize raffles and 50/50 drawings.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_  Check (#\_\_\_\_\_)  Cash

All proceeds will go towards Beal City High School baseball and softball programs.

# Report to PARENTS

## Setting Goals

**T**he middle of the school year is a great time for families to check in with students on goals. Setting academic and personal goals helps motivate, energize, and focus students, and it is a valuable skill that will benefit learners throughout their lives. Parents can help students set and achieve these goals.

Goal-setting can be tedious, even intimidating, for some students. Parents can support students in this process by following these steps: pick it, map it, do it, own it, and celebrate it.

**Pick it.** Encourage your child to consider his or her dreams and passions and pick goals that are important and meaningful. Guide your child to think about, "What motivates me? What would inspire me to give my best effort? What would make me feel good while I'm doing it? What achievement would make me feel proud?"

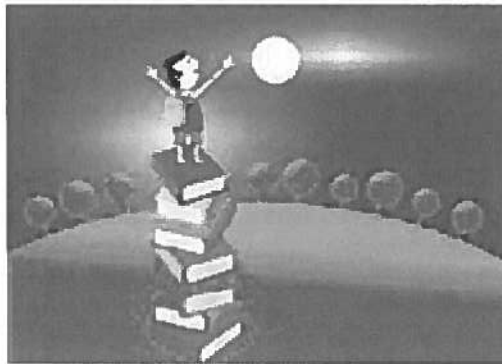
**Map it.** After your child picks a goal, help map the path from where he or she is now to where the child wants to be. Offer the following analogy: If we want to drive across the country from New York to California, we don't just get in our car and start driving—we get a map, pick a route, and follow it until we get to California.

With your child, analyze different approaches and define clear steps to reach their goal. For instance, if the goal is to get a higher test grade in a tough subject, each quiz or project is a step on the path to the higher goal: earning an A.

**Do it.** Once you and your child have mapped a path to their goal, encourage him or her to take action, focus on the first step and give it his or her best effort. Remind your child that no goal is ever reached without focused action.

**Own it.** As your child makes progress toward their goal, help him or her to take responsibility for making it happen. Teach the mantra, "If it's to be, it's up to me!" Reflect with your child. Ask, "How are you doing? What's

working? What's not working? What can you or your family change to get to this goal?" From there, analyze the map, and make changes to the plan if necessary.



Help your child keep a positive attitude and own mistakes as well as successes. Remind your child that if something comes along that holds him or her back temporarily, to look at the experience as feedback. Failures, or bumps in the road, can provide us with information we need to succeed. Reinforce the message that we can learn from our mistakes and move on with new, valuable knowledge.

**Celebrate it.** Acknowledgment and celebration are huge parts of achieving goals. Acknowledge every effort and celebrate your child's mini-successes along the way to achieving a goal. This builds his or her confidence and motivation. Your child will feel good and understand that perseverance will result in another mini-success and finally goal achievement.

Try going through the goal-setting process as a family. Pick a family goal (perhaps a charitable activity) and work together to achieve it. After the family experience, have each family member pick a personal goal. Support and acknowledge one another as you move through the above steps.

Success is assured when students believe in themselves and in their ability to achieve. Parents are key to helping them believe and succeed.

*This Report to Parents was written by Bobbi DePorter of Quantum Learning Network.*

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# MENU

February 3 – 7, 2014

**Monday: Breakfast** – wg maple flavored waffle or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

**Wednesday: Breakfast** – wg nutrigrain bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – twisty chicken alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

**Thursday: Breakfast** – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, corn, garden bar, cookie, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg dinner roll.**

**Friday: Breakfast** – pretzel w/cheese sauce or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – taco w/wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg tortilla shell.**

February 10 – 14, 2014

**Monday: Breakfast** – wg cinnamon tasties or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – wg pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog w/wg bun, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

**Wednesday: Breakfast** – scrambled eggs/ham or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, hash brown, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

**Thursday: Breakfast** – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips w/wg dinner roll, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

**Friday: Breakfast** – wg muffin or wg cereal, sausage links, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – heart-shaped chicken nuggets/mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: hamburger w/wg bun.**

February 17 - 21, 2014

**Monday: Breakfast** – wg maple flavored waffle or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza, hash brown, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

**Wednesday: Breakfast** – wg nutrigrain bar or wg cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) w/mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, garden bar, fruit juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

**Thursday: Breakfast** – wg breakfast pizza or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – chicken patty w/wg bun, cold carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

**Friday: Breakfast** – pretzel w/cheese sauce or wg cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: wg cheese pizza.**

February 24 – 28, 2014

**Monday: Breakfast** – wg cinnamon tasties or cereal w/yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

**Tuesday: Breakfast** – wg pancake wrap or cereal w/light cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets, sweet potato fries, fruit, juice and milk. **Weekly Option: chicken nuggets w/wg breadstick.**

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