



# The Aggie Express

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## ***“POINTS OF PRIDE”***

**During the past few years Beal City Jr. / Sr. High School has had many accolades come its way, and the students, staff, parents and community should be very proud of the accomplishments. For instance:**

- **The Fall of 2012 we had 3 of our 4 Varsity Athletic Teams (Girl’s X-Country / Girl’s Volleyball and Boy’s Football) make it to the state finals. We have 217 total students 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Between students that were in a uniform of some type, which would be our Band, Cheer Squad, Boy’s and Girl’s X-Country, JV and Varsity Volleyball, JV and Varsity Football the average GPA was an amazing 3.5**
- **Our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students were above the National average on the ACT-EXPLORE**
- **Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students were above the National average on the ACT-PLAN**
- **The past three years we have had a total of 142 graduates and 77 have went on to 4-year college programs with 48 attending 2-year college programs for a total of 125 students going on to college.**
- **We have been awarded 3 Bronze Medals by US News and World Report for being one of the Top Performing High Schools in the Nation.**

The Beal City Athletic Department would like to give a huge thank you to the many volunteers that helped out with our 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 are meets run 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!

Also to the students on the varsity and junior high track teams that helped out at all the meets. We couldn’t have done it without you!



Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the Beal City National Honor Society this spring for their outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character: Zina Bellinger, Krista Faber, Nicole Fox, Kaitlyn Gottschalk, Nicole Gross, Cortni Hauck, Emily Hauck, Nick Hoogerhyde, Jake Horsley, Shelby Klumpp, Sydney Lorenz, Hannah Neyer, Nick Pung, Sara Schafer, Emily Steffke, Jenna Theisen, Ryan Tilmann, Nick Ward, and Jaclyn Woodbury



### **Beal City Students Support Autism Awareness**

During the month of April, the junior high and high school peer to peer groups worked to educate the school and community on autism awareness through bulletin boards and an assembly. Peer to peer students volunteer to support a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the school, while receiving guidance and instruction from the school social worker and other staff members. Students learn to relate to people with different needs and develop an increased understanding of individual differences. Peer to peer students gain leadership skills and awareness, while students with ASD receive the support they need. Together, the peer to peer groups work to build an understanding school community.



### **Community Organizations Gather for National Join Hands Day**

The Beal City High School National Honor Society joined with the Mt. Pleasant Arbor of Gleaners and the Pony Creek 4-H Club for National Join Hands Day on May 4. The three groups worked to paint buildings, do lawn maintenance, and farm cleanup at Hopewell Ranch in Weidman.

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#### **Coaching Position Available JV Girls Basketball 2013-2014**

Please apply by sending a cover letter and resume to Aarron Butkovich, Athletic Director, Beal City Schools, 3180 W Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or call 989-644-3944 or fax to 989-644-5847, You can also email Aarron at [abutkovich@bealcityschools.net](mailto:abutkovich@bealcityschools.net). Deadline to apply is June 17, 2013. Any applicant recommended for hire for any position will be required to consent to a background/criminal history investigation.

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 20, 2013:

- General Fund payments of \$289,543.34, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,813.30, Capital Projects/ General Fund payments of \$3,065.00, Athletic Fund payments of \$3,912.05, Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$89,158.25, and Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$355,381.25.
- The Math In Focus Textbook purchase of \$37,200.00. St Joes will be going in on the purchase of these textbooks as they will be using the same curriculum.
- The GIRESD Election Resolution as presented.
- The Boiler Bid Recommendation of J.E. Johnson with a bid of \$157,705.29.
- The Track Resurfacing Bid by Current Surfaces of \$38,690.00.
- The following coaching recommendation for the 2012-2013 season: Adam Schafer – Voluntary Assistant Track.
- 1st Reading of the Neola New, Revised and Replacement Policies as presented.
- The GIRESD Budget Resolution as presented.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2013-2014 school year as presented.

## **The District School Improvement Team Needs YOU – Get Involved!**

The Beal City Public School's District School Improvement Team (DSIT) is looking for your help. The DSIT meets once a month for an hour (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) right before each School Board meeting to review staff handbooks, student/parent handbooks, policies, procedures, textbooks, curriculum and so much more. The meeting dates can be found under the Board of Education section on the school's website at [www.bealcityschools.net](http://www.bealcityschools.net). The DSIT provides direction and assistance to the Building Level School Improvement teams: the (ESIT) Elementary School Improvement Team and the (SSIT) Secondary School Improvement Team. Parent involvement in your child's school is one of the most important elements to your child's success at school. Get involved in your child's future and stay informed as to what's new and happening at Beal City Public Schools. Current DSIT members include: Bill Chilman – Superintendent, Jane Finnerty – Board Member, Denise McBride – Board Member, Ron Neyer – Board Member, Jason Wolf – Elementary Principal, Jeff Jackson – Secondary Principal, Jason Lowe – Secondary Staff Member, Julie Farrell – Elementary Staff Member, Katie Gottschalk – Student and Jason Johnson – Elementary Parent. Karen Rau and Olivia Rau will be stepping down at the end of this school year. We thank both of them for their service to the DSIT Team and to Beal City Public Schools.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Complaints? Compliments? Interested in joining the DSIT? Please contact Bill Chilman, Superintendent, at 989-644-3901 or [wchilman@bealcityschools.net](mailto:wchilman@bealcityschools.net).

### **Aggie Farmer's Market**

The Aggie Farmer's Market will be held in the school parking lot on Monday evenings starting in Mid-July.

Thinking of Selling???---Give it a try! Only \$5/night to sell your items. No commitments-----sell every week or whatever works with your schedule.

If you would like more information, please contact Tami Chilman @ 989-878-1661 or [chilly@charter.net](mailto:chilly@charter.net)

Proceeds from the farmer's market go to the Veteran's Day Luncheon.

### **Counselors Corner**

End of Year/Summer notes:

1. Schedules for grades 8-12 will be available for pick up the week before school begins in the HS office.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation will be Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the school cafeteria. 7<sup>th</sup> grade schedules will be distributed at this event. Please be in attendance.
3. Dual Enrolled students, there will be a mandatory orientation on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the HS Computer Lab.
4. Students who have failed a course and are recommended to complete credit recovery over the summer will be receiving a letter in the mail the week following school dismissal with information necessary for enrolling in credit recovery courses.
5. I will be out of the office after June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and returning August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please reference the Counselors Corner of the BC JR/SR High School webpage for counseling referrals or other information as needed.

Have a great summer vacation! Mrs. Millerov



# Elementary GOLD Medalists of the Month

FRONT ROW (L-R) Emily Cotter (1<sup>st</sup>) daughter of Kari Cotter, and Lauryn Licari (Kdg.) daughter of Shawn and Kendra Licari. BACK ROW (L-R) Morgan Wilson (3<sup>rd</sup>) daughter of Craig and Tami Wilson, Dulaney Noeker (4<sup>th</sup>) daughter of Eric and Charity Noeker, Travis Darnell (5<sup>th</sup>) son of Brian and Evelyn Darnell, and Haley Mowen (6<sup>th</sup>) daughter of Roger Mowen and Haley Mowen. Not in picture, Hadyn Armstrong (2<sup>nd</sup>) daughter of Brad and Andrea Armstrong. These seven students were chosen by their grade teachers as the May Gold Medalists 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 a gold medal. Congratulations to our Outstanding Students!!

## PTA KUDOS

We owe our PTA members a HUGE debt of gratitude for all they have done to enhance our programs at Mayes Elementary School this year. Our marvelous PTA donated \$1000.00 in scholarships to 4th-6th grade camp, which allowed 13 students who otherwise would not have been able to attend camp, the opportunity to go. Each elementary teacher received \$100.00 to help pay for classroom materials and/or field trips. They sponsored two 1<sup>st</sup> Grade CAFÉ Night reading events, two Book Fairs, and assisted with both Senior Citizen Receptions. The Mayes Elementary staff also enjoyed an Italian Oven pasta luncheon provided by the PTA for Staff Appreciation Week in May. Many of these activities and events were made possible by the PTA's annual apple pie fundraiser. Without our PTA members unending time and support, all of these events/activities would not be possible. A BIG Thank You from the staff and students of Mayes Elementary to our PTA. We couldn't do it without you☺

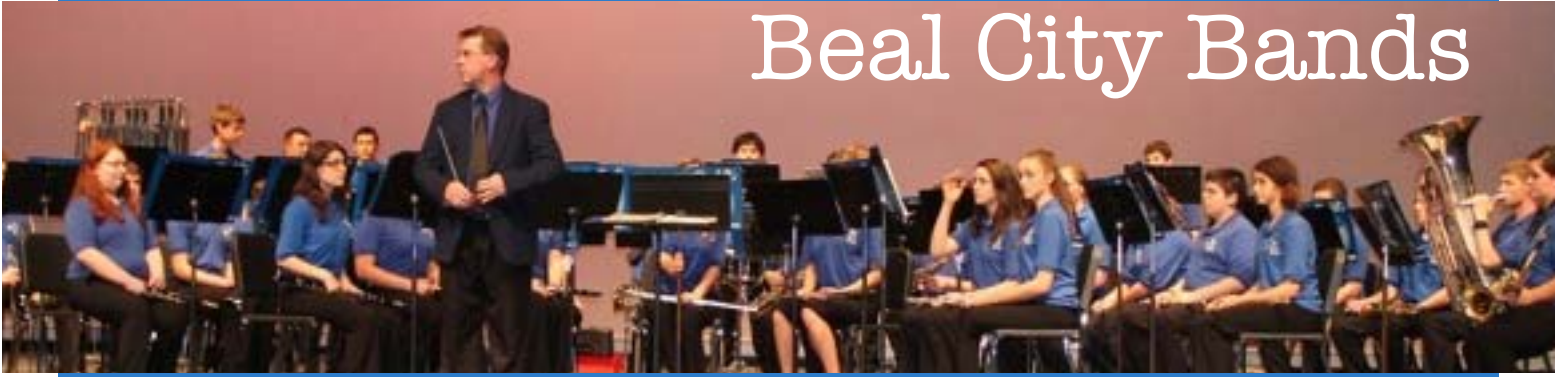
## BACK FROM CAMP

Mayes Elementary fourth through sixth grade students arrived back at school from Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on May 10 very tired, but also full of fun stories about their adventures. All the kids had a great time. Fourth graders took a day trip over to Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes to learn about dune ecology and play in the sand. Fifth graders spent time at Grass River learning about the river eco-system, and also got to do a bonfire cookout for dinner one evening. As for the sixth graders, they were able to go out on Torch Lake and do water quality tests, as well as learn wilderness survival skills in the woods. The kids learned a lot, had many new experiences, and made memories that will last a lifetime. We would like to thank the PTA and the other donors that sponsored students to attend camp. All students that wanted to were able to attend.

The Equestrian Team from Beal City (Izybel Cross, Natalie Finnerty, Ashtyn Thompson) showed in Alma on Sunday, May 19th. This was their first show of the year and they rode wonderfully. They took second place in their division for District 17. Ashtyn Thompson also received overall reserve grand champion of the day.

CONGRATULATIONS!

# Beal City Bands



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

## **WHAT A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR OUR BAND PROGRAM!**

**Thank you to our community for your steadfast support of the arts at Beal City Schools!**

### **STATE BAND FESTIVAL**

Our Concert Band kept piling up achievements this year! On Thursday, May 2. Our students gave an exceptionally spirited performance, resulting in a Second Division overall, and garnering a First Division in Sight-Reading! Congratulations to each of these 39 musicians for making an indelible mark on the history of Beal City Schools - Your musical achievements shall not be forgotten!

### **HIGHLAND ALL-STAR BAND**

No rest for the wicked! The Monday following our State Band Festival Performance, eight Concert Band students traveled to Manton HS for the First Highland Conference All-Star Band! A tremendous day was had by all - and a great performance was delivered on the evening of Monday, May 6. Students who participated were:

Brendan Carrick, percussion  
Charlie Clark, tuba  
James Kolb, percussion  
Kaylee Nelson, clarinet  
Emily Schafer, alto saxophone  
Melanie Schafer, horn  
Emily Steffke, flute  
Hannah Steffke, flute

### **SPRING AWARDS CONCERT**

We concluded our concert season with a cavalcade of music from the British Invasion on Sunday, May 19. Our award winners were recognized - and they are:

Most Improved Band 7:	Easton Straus
Director's Award Band 7:	Tyler Darnell
Most Outstanding Band 7:	Jason Clark
Most Improved Band 8:	Nick Kotecki
Director's Award Band 8:	Ryan Powell
Most Outstanding Band 8:	Nate Horsley
Most Improved Jazz Band:	James Kolb
Woody Herman Award:	Olivia Smith

Louis Armstrong Award:	Patrick Schafer
Most Improved Concert Band:	Kaylee Nelson
Patrick Gilmore Award:	Melanie Schafer
John Philip Sousa Award:	Maggie Kolb

### **THANK YOU S**

It takes so many people to make our program thrive; extraordinary people just like you! Here are some of our most ardent helpers who generously give of their time and talent throughout the school year. Apologies go to anyone who I may have inadvertently left off this list of volunteers!

**Rod Cole** - Use of his trailer to haul equipment

**Rod Cole, Conrado Flores, Korey Garrett, Nate Kolb, and Ron Schafer** - Hauling the equipment trailer to each of our performance sites

**Jane Clark, Diane Fussman, Mark & Erika Hoogerhyde, Vickey Newman, Norma Reihl, Barb Schafer, Kathleen Schafer** - Manning the many 50/50 raffle tables we sponsor

**Steve Steffke** - Providing transportation to Manton for All-Star Band

**Our Swiss Steak Dinner Crew** - an entire phalanx of band parents!

**Diane Fussman** - Baking for, coordinating and hosting our English Tea

**Vickey Newman** - Maintaining, cataloging and distributing marching uniforms

**Denise McBride & Kathleen Schafer** - For their tireless service as officers in TEMPO Club

and last but certainly not least - **Jane Clark**, who transitions to alumni status with the graduation of her sons, Elton and Charlie. Her work in nearly every capacity over the past seven years, the last three serving as TEMPO Club President, has made our program better in every way and TEMPO Club such an enjoyable part of what we do and what we are about. Thank you, Jane (and Ray) for your work on behalf of your kids and all our band students!

**Check the band website throughout the summer for updates on the MARCHING AGGIES!**  
[www.bealcitybands.weebly.com](http://www.bealcitybands.weebly.com)

# Beal City Art Camp!

**WHEN: August 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**WHO: 4<sup>TH</sup> THRU 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR FALL)**

**TIME: 9:30A.M. - 12:00P.M.**

**WHERE: BEAL CITY SCHOOLS SECONDARY ART ROOM (#258)**

**COST: \$40.00 (ALL SUPPLIES FOR THE WEEK AND SHIRTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COST)**

**ART CAMP WILL TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 30 STUDENTS.  
PLEASE RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO SCHOOL BY *JUNE 28*  
(Attention Mrs. Henry)**

**CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO BEAL CITY SCHOOLS.  
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL:  
ANGIE HENRY @ ahenry@bealcityschools.net 989-644-3901**

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**ART CAMP REGISTRATION – August 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**GRADE LEVEL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE ADVISE, IF STUDENT HAS ANY ALLERGIES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(WE WILL SEND AN EMAIL REMINDER)**

**SHIRT SIZE: (PLEASE CIRCLE)                      ADULT                      CHILD'S**  
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**Tutoring Dates:**

June 24-26,

July 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

August 5-7

All sessions are taught by Tracy Natzel a certified elementary teacher with 14 years of experience. All sessions take place in my home at 1938 Oakwood Drive Mt. Pleasant,

**Space is limited...Call (989) 954-5153 or email [tnatzel@bealcityschools.net](mailto:tnatzel@bealcityschools.net) to enroll today.**