



The Aggie Express

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Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award



The faculty and senior class of Beal City High School are proud to announce Olivia Rau as their DAR Good Citizen recipient for the 2012-2013 school year. The selection process for DAR Good Citizen is based on the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Throughout her high school career Olivia has been involved in cheerleading, Student Council, Youth Advisory Committee, National Honors Society, FFA, District School Improvement Team, her church youth group, Project Pals, Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation grant review committee & Board of Trustee's. She was also chosen as the Rotary Club Citizen of the Month by the administration, for the month of October.

Olivia was nominated by the high school faculty and then selected through a voting process by her classmates. She is the daughter of Dan and Karen Rau. Olivia hopes to be attending the University of Michigan next fall to major in International Studies.

Veterans Day Assembly

Beal City Public Schools will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony to honor Veterans and present members from all branches of the military. If you are a veteran, or a current member of the military, please attend the Veterans Day ceremony held in the Beal City High School gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2012. The whole program will only last about 30 -40 minutes. The entire community is invited and if you know of someone who is a veteran or a member of the military please let them know about the ceremony, because we would love to have all of them attend the Veteran ceremony to honor those who have fought and are fighting for our country and our way of life here in the United States of America.

After the ceremony there will be a luncheon for all veterans and their significant other in the School's Media Center. Please RSVP for the luncheon by calling the Beal City Administration Office @ 644-3901.

If you would like your military picture included in the slide show, please drop it off at the Beal City Administration Office. On the back of the photo include your name, branch of service and your years of service (the picture will be returned to you on November 12th).

Beal City Schools Welcomes New Staff



Beal City Schools welcomes Amber Champion as a new member of our teaching staff. She has been hired as a ½ time Elementary Special Education Teacher.

Ms. Champion graduated from CMU in May of 2012 with a Major in Special Education (Emotional Impairment) and a Minor in Child Development. She has subbed and worked in Mt. Pleasant and has volunteered at a variety of schools and at the Special Olympics.

Her favorite food is pasta and she enjoys cooking/baking, scrapbooking and watching movies. She also enjoys reading mysteries and listening to a variety of music.

Ms. Champion's favorite sports are football and volleyball and she enjoys riding 4-wheelers, snowmobiles and being with family and friends. Her travel highlights are trips to Florida.

Ms. Champion's future plans include taking additional classes in order to get her Masters Degree and enjoying her teaching experience at Beal City. She is very excited about getting hired at Beal City Public Schools. GO AGGIES!

Silent Auction

Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Hull's classes will again be hosting a silent auction in the cafeteria on November 8, 2012, from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. during Parent Teacher Conferences. While you are in the building for conferences,

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on October 15, 2012:

- General Fund payments of \$256,687.46, Hot Lunch payments of \$17,587.06, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$4,221.10, and Athletic Fund payments of \$3,863.84.
- The following teaching recommendation as presented: Amber Champion – ½ time Elementary Special Ed. Teacher.
- The following coaching recommendations: Cameron Gatrell – Varsity Boys Basketball (presented earlier but through PCMI), Kaley Hall - Volunteer Cheer, Brittany Miller - Volunteer Cheer, and John Hoyle - Volunteer Boys Basketball.

Four School Board Seats up for Election

There are four positions on the Beal City Board of Education up for election in November 2012. There will be a 2 year seat made vacant by the resignation of Ed VanAvery, a 4 year seat that was made vacant when Kari Rojas decided not to rerun in 2010. Jane Finnerty was appointed to fill that seat but her seat is now up for election. Frank Fox and Denise McBride's Terms are also up for election and their seats are both (6) year seats. Frank Fox has decided not to run in this election. We thank Frank for all of his years of service to the Beal City Board of Education

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 6TH

Millage Renewal Vote Scheduled

At the general election on November 6, 2012 taxpayers will be asked to renew the district's operating millage. This millage was originally passed in June of 1999, renewed in June of 2004 and renewed again in 2008. 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 \$246,202 for the 2011/2012 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 \$246,000.

Please consider supporting the millage proposal in November.

JH Boys Basketball

Mon. Nov. 5	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Nov. 8	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Mon. Nov. 12	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Wed. Nov. 14	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Mon. Nov. 19	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Nov. 26	6:00 p.m.	@Evert
Thurs. Nov. 29	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Mon. Dec. 3	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Dec. 6	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Mon. Dec. 10	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Thurs. Dec. 13	6:00 p.m.	@Marion
Mon. Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River



Elementary Gold Medalists of the Month

Left to Right, Ellie Theisen (4th grader) daughter of Mark and Lori Theisen, Destiny Walker (kdg.) daughter of Geraldine Walker, Jay Lyon (5th grade) son of Matt and Stephanie Lyon, Landon Governo (1st grade) son of Tony and Casie Governo, Jordyn Fillenworth (6th grade) daughter of Mike and Wenda Fillenworth, Tailor Onstott (2nd grade) daughter of Nick and Jodi Onstott, and Olivia Wood (3rd grade) daughter of Christopher and Becky Wood. These seven students were chosen by their grade teachers as the September 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!!

Winter Clothing

It's that time of year again! Now that colder temperatures have finally arrived, we wanted to remind parents of our "Seasonal Clothing" policy, in the Parent/Student Handbook. When the temperature is 41 – 50 degrees, coats or sweatshirts are necessary. In addition, at 40 degrees or below, boots, gloves and hats are required for all grades, and students in K-4th grade have to wear snowpants. If a student comes to school unprepared to go outside, he/she will receive a warning the first time, and remain on the blacktop. If cold weather clothing is forgotten more than one time, students will have to stand against the wall or serve lunch detention. At all times, best judgment in accordance with weather conditions is expected.

Elementary Upcoming Calendar of Events

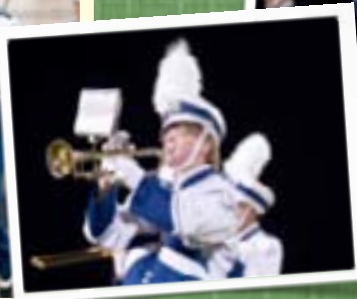
November 2	1st 9 Week Marking Period Ends, ½ day for students, no lunch
November 5	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm-Mrs. Davis Classroom
November 8	Parent Teacher Conferences, No School for Students / Book Fair
November 15	No School, Opening Day Firearms Deer Season
November 19	2nd Grade/Project Pals Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27	Elementary School Picture Retakes
December 20	Holiday Program and Senior Citizen Reception

Holiday Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program to be held on Thursday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. The Senior Citizens Reception will take place in the gym before the program at 12:30 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend.

BEAL CITY BANDS

IN HARMONY WITH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY



*Caught in the act
of the epic return!
The Marching
Aggies are back!*

Proud to be a Marching Aggie

Thirty-eight brave musicians have rekindled a treasured tradition at Beal City Schools. If you've been to any of the home football games or the pep assembly, you've witnessed the triumphant return of the Marching Aggies. Our students have really embraced this new edition as seven students visited the Midland Marching Band Showcase in hopes of participating in the coming year. We are already

looking forward to exciting performances next fall!

If you missed out, check out

the Beal City Bands Facebook page for video updates. And if you know a Marching Aggie, be certain to share your appreciation for the hard work and dedication to resurrecting this great tradition!

Band together.
Band. Together.

Band Officers

JAZZ BAND

President - Olivia Smith

Vice President - Ian Hoogerhyde

Librarians - James Kolb & Patrick Schafer

CONCERT BAND

President - Maggie Kolb

Vice President - Melanie Schafer

Librarians - Brendan Carrick, James Kolb, Apollo Schafer & Patrick Schafer

BAND 8

President - Grace Rau

Vice President - Jordan Van Avery

Librarians - Caleb Bauer, Ryan Powell & Amber Wood

BAND 7

President - Nick Freeze

Vice President - Kenny Myers

Librarians - Alex Kotecki, Catie Matthews, Max Nelson and Alli Peak

TEMPO Briefs

- Thanks to Vickey Newman for her amazing work on our marching uniforms!
- Bands to have British Music as year long theme - concert music, pop and rock music and historical relevance
- CMU MUS 230 students visit on October 11; several CMU students show interest to music coach at BCPS
- 50/50 Raffles at select basketball games
- Aggie Flags are now available from TEMPO Club - see order form in the Aggie Express

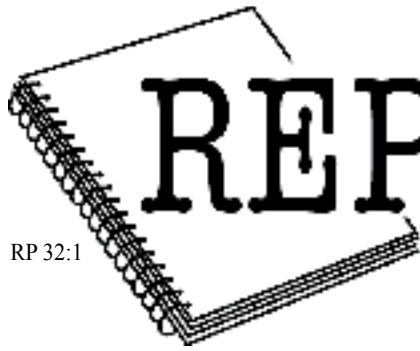
Sunday, December 9
**CAROLS & CANDY
CANES CONCERT**

4:00 PM

Elementary Gymnatorium



Join us for our next meeting!
Monday, November 12 at 7:00 PM
Beal City Band Room



REPORT to PARENTS

RP 32:1

School Attendance

Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. That's where you come in.

Report In. Schools are required to track attendance of every child in every classroom every day. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child is going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal, or will be absent.

Get the Work. When you know ahead of time your child will be missing class, give the teachers plenty of notice so they can provide your child with make-up work to do. Be sure that your child follows through—you'll need to be his or her "teacher" on those days, so be available to explain concepts or monitor the work.

If your child is out unexpectedly, due to illness or other reasons, in addition to contacting the school attendance office, make arrangements with your child's teachers to pick up a packet of work/readings from the school. If the absence will be lengthy (e.g., for surgery), alert the teachers as soon as you know and get updated assignments and work packets as the days go on.

Religious Absences. It is inevitable that some families' important religious observances will fall on school days. Let your children's teachers know early in the year precisely which days your children will not be attending or will need to leave early.

How Sick Is Too Sick? It's impossible to say categorically when a child should go to school or stay home. However, one typical guideline is that a child is usually fine to attend school if his or her fever is under 100° and there is no rash, "pink eye," nausea, or diarrhea. The decision to keep a child home from school is best

made between you and your child's health care provider. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home, find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (e.g., after 24 hours of antibiotics).

Faking It? If your child is complaining of a fever, but you're suspicious, make sure to stay in the room the entire time the child's temperature is being taken. A child complaining of nausea will probably be paler in color and slightly sweaty, and will usually need to vomit more than once. Send your child to school if you don't see a real symptom, knowing that the school nurse will contact you if things change. Also, be alert if your child seems to be "sick" on school days but always rebounds for the weekend.



Vacation Plans. It's tempting to pull your kids from school for a family trip, but it's a bad idea. Why? First, it gives your children the impression that their schooling is not your top priority. And when they miss classwork, even if you ask for make-up work to be sent home ahead of time, they can fall behind because they're missing many hours of instructional time each day. Instead of thinking of how you can miss the crowds by taking trips during the school year, think about what it could

be costing your child in the long run.

Check Those Appointments. Schedule your kids' doctor and dental appointments for after-school or weekend hours unless there's an emergency. Schedule your children's twice-yearly dental appointment during winter and summer breaks, and schedule school physicals, immunizations, and other routine care for school holidays or summer break.

Finally, remember to show and tell your children that attendance is important—whether it's as a child in school or as an adult on the job. You'll be helping them succeed, both in school and in life.

MENU

October 29 – November 2, 2012

Monday: **Breakfast** – french toast sticks or cereal, syrup, cheese stick, fruit and milk **Lunch** – bbq beef/bun or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit and milk

Tuesday: **Breakfast** – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk **Lunch** – chili or beef/cheddar on a bun, crackers, slice of bread/butter, broccoli, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** – granola bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – sausage bagel pizza or scrambled eggs/ham, hash brown, muffin, fruit, juice and milk.

Thursday: **Breakfast** – bagel sausage pizza or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – nachos/meat and cheese or totally tacos, refried beans, garden bar, fruit and milk.

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

November 5 - 9, 2012

Monday: **Breakfast** – cinnamon bun sticks w/icing or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips w/breadstick, cucumbers, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: **Breakfast** – breakfast hot pocket or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, hashbrown, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken quesadilla or chili cheese wrap, refried beans, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: – **NO SCHOOL.**

Friday: **Breakfast** – muffin or cereal, sausage links, juice and milk. **Lunch** – grilled cheese sandwich w/tomato soup or chicken patty/bun, corn, garden bar, fruit and milk.

November 12 - 16, 2012

Monday: **Breakfast** – french toast sticks or cereal, syrup, cheese stick, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, vegetable, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: **Breakfast** – egg and sausage on a bagel or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo/bun or grilled chicken sandwich, vegetable, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** – granola bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – breakfast pizza or breakfast hot pocket, hashbrown, cheese stick, fruit and milk.

Thursday: - **NO SCHOOL.**

Friday: **Breakfast** – pretzel/cheese or cereal, yogurt, juice and milk. **Lunch** – scalloped potatoes/ham w/dinner roll or fish sandwich, vegetable, garden bar, fruit and milk.

November 19 - 23, 2012

Monday: **Breakfast** – cinnamon bun sticks w/icing or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – tangerine chicken w/rice or pork patty sandwich, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: **Breakfast** – breakfast hot pocket or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog/bun or hamburger/bun, vegetable, garden bar, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: **Breakfast** – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, hashbrown, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – Thanksgiving Dinner, vegetable, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thursday: – **NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK.**

Friday: – **NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK.**

New federal regulation changes to our menu: All students must take a fruit or vegetable with a hot lunch. Changes to the menu may be occurring over the next few months. See new Federal Regulations in the Aggie Express. Note: Menus are subject to change without notice.

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AGGIE FLAG ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

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Item	Color	Quantity	Item Cost	Total
Flag (30"x48") two-sided	Blue w/ White Print		\$40	
Wooden Flag Pole			\$10	
Wall Banner (30"x48") one-sided	Blue w/ White Print		\$30	
Wall Banner (30"x48") one-sided	White w/ Blue Print		\$30	
Mini-Banner (10"x13") one-sided	Blue w/ White Print		\$15	
Mini-Banner (10"x13") one-sided	White w/ Blue Print		\$15	

Flag: two grommets on hoist side, hoist pole sleeve

Wall Banner: three grommets; two on hoist side, one top opposite length, hoist pole sleeve

Mini Banner: two grommets top length, top pole sleeve

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