



The Aggie Express

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BEAL CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-2013

August 29 & 30	Teacher Professional Days
September 4	First Student Day – Full Day
November 2	End of 1st Marking Period
	AM: Student Half Day; PM: Teacher Work Day
November 8	K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences
	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 15	Deer Day – No School
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 24 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
January 18	End of Semester
	AM: Student Half Day; PM: Teacher Work Day
March 7	K-12 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 28	End of 3rd Marking Period
March 29 – April 5	Spring Break
May 27	Memorial Day Observance – No School
June 7	End of Semester
	AM: Student Half Day; PM: Teacher Work Day

NOVEMBER 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, and another 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.

Class Banners

Instead of a Class Float, Beal City Student Council, with the help of Beal City Administration, will be having each class create a Banner.

Class Banner Requirements:

1. The purpose of the Class Banner is to build school spirit, promote the homecoming theme, and create excitement for the game
2. The class, 9-12 grades, will be responsible for making their own banners. Banners may not be purchased.
3. The Class Banner will be no larger than 3' x 10'
4. The Class Banner will be displayed in the gymnasium during the assembly. It will be transported through the parade with people or vehicles, and it will be displayed at the homecoming football game.
 - a. Having the football team run through the banners before the game was suggested. Banners would be altered so that there would not be any difficulty running through banner, i.e. if the banner were laminated, the banner would be cut in half and taped together so the team could easily run through the banner
5. Banners will be judged on effort, creativity, theme and originality
6. Classes will be given from the announcement of the theme during the Tapping Ceremony until the day of the Homecoming Football Game to create their banners.
7. Each class must submit a sketch to Mr. Jackson for approval before beginning their Class Banner
8. Material for the banner must be paper, cardboard, or canvas. Metal may not be used
9. Everything on the Banner must be school appropriate
10. Class advisors must approve of the time and place of the Banner construction. Advisors or parent supervisors must be present.

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 2012 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.

Thanks again for your support!
Beal City Student Council

Junior High Volleyball Schedule

Thurs. Sept. 13	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River
Mon. Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Sept. 27	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Mon. Oct. 1	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Oct. 4	5:00 p.m.	@Ewart
Mon. Oct. 8	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Thurs. Oct. 11	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Wed. Oct. 17	6:00 p.m.	Ewart
Thurs. Oct. 18	6:00 P.M.	@McBain
Mon. Oct. 22	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Oct. 25	6:00 p.m.	@Manton

All schedules are subject to change

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.

Pesticide Application Notification

Beal City Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level.

Beal City Public Schools is required by state regulation 637 to ask if parents would like to be notified of any pesticide application that might be needed in their child’s school during this school year. Pest control inspections for Beal City Public Schools are planned on a monthly basis. An insecticide application is only used when a problem is found at the property that cannot be corrected by other means than using insecticide. The inspections at Beal City Schools are scheduled on the 1st day of the month.

In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but parents will be provided notice following any such application. Precautions will always be taken to insure the safety of the students.

Should you have any questions or concerns about pest management within your child’s school, please contact John Graham @ 644-3901.

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: 3180 W Beal City Rd. 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.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on August 20, 2012:

- General Fund payments of \$275,350.41, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$8,914.15, and Athletic Fund payments of \$2,156.09.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Kaley Hall – Voluntary Assistant Cheer, Brittany Miller – Voluntary Assistant Cheer, and Lyndsay Boyd – Voluntary Assistant Volleyball. The PCMI coaching recommendation of Cameron Gatrell – Boys Varsity Basketball.
- The teaching resignation of Carrie House.

Drinking Water Act

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.

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, William C Chilman IV at 644-3901, or emailing him at wchilman@edzone.net.

Transportation Procedures

It is the policy of Beal City Public Schools not to allow students in 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. If it is determined that bus passes are allowed, any change in destination after school must be written on a bus pass and given to the child's teacher and/or building principal at least three days prior to the change. In case of any emergency, contact the appropriate office:

Mayes Elementary	644-2740
Beal City High School	644-3944
St Joseph the Worker	644-3970

Beal City Bands



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



MARCHING BAND

After being on hiatus for several years, the **Marching Aggies** will be returning to the field! Following a month of practices in August, be certain to witness the triumphant return of the Marching Aggies at our home football game on **Friday, September 7**.

MUSIC OF GREAT BRITAIN

This year, in addition to pursuing the normal curriculum, our band program will spend the year studying music and history of the the British Isles. It should be a great look at music from Henry Purcell and Gustav Holst to the Beatles, Rolling Stones and the Who!

6TH GRADE BEGINNING BAND

Marshall Music will be conducting family appointments 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 advise throughout the process – but the most important aspect of the decision is what your child wants to play!

Marshall Music will begin in-home during the week of August 27, and I will begin meeting 6th grade band students 4 days a week starting on September 10.

CONCERT DATES

SpookTacular: Sunday, October 28

Carols & Candy Canes: Sunday, December 9

Festival Winds: Sunday February 24

Spring Awards: Sunday, May 19

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

FUNDRAISERS

Be on the lookout during the first week of school for band students with Beal City apparel! New items include stadium blankets, quarter-zip fleece, athletic shorts and a v-neck t-shirt! Traditional hoodies and t-shirts will also be available as well.

Our Cookie Dough sale will be starting in October this year, and we will be bringing our poinsettia sales back for 2012 as well!

Proceeds from all our fundraisers go directly into classroom use, including but not limited to new marching band equipment, classroom instrument coaching, music technology updates and upgrades and uniforms purchases.



Got School Breakfast?

Does your child miss breakfast—no time or simply isn't hungry first thing in the morning?

Here's a solution:
School Breakfast!

School breakfast provides 1/4 of your child's daily nutrition needs and research shows breakfast provides fuel for school and boosts brain power. Breakfast at school is affordable, too. It's available for all students and if you qualify for free or reduced price lunch, you also qualify for the free or reduced price breakfast.

Encourage your child to join us every day for school breakfast.



Beal City Public Schools

Elementary School Price: **\$1.20**

Middle School Price: **\$1.20**

High School Price: **\$1.20**

Free and Reduced Price for Families Who Qualify: **\$0.0 - \$0.30**

Times Served: **7:35 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

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NEW FEDERAL REGULATION CHANGES FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM PLEASE SEE ATTACHED GUIDELINES. CHANGES WILL BE HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

Final Rule Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs – Jan. 2012

	Breakfast Meal Pattern			Lunch Meal Pattern		
	Grades K-5 ^a	Grades 6-8 ^a	Grades 9-12 ^a	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Meal Pattern	Amount of Food^b Per Week (Minimum Per Day)					
Fruits (cups) ^{c,d}	5 (1) ^e	5 (1) ^e	5 (1) ^e	2½ (½)	2½ (½)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ^{c,d}	0	0	0	¾ (¾)	¾ (¾)	5 (1)
Dark green ^f	0	0	0	½	½	½
Red/Orange ^f	0	0	0	¾	¾	1¼
Beans/Peas (Legumes) ^f	0	0	0	½	½	½
Starchy ^f	0	0	0	½	½	½
Other ^{f,g}	0	0	0	½	½	¾
Additional Veg to Reach Total ^h	0	0	0	1	1	1½
Grains (oz eq) ⁱ	7-10 (1) ^j	8-10 (1) ^j	9-10 (1) ^j	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (oz eq)	0 ^k	0 ^k	0 ^k	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid milk (cups) ^l	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week						
Min-max calories (kcal) ^{m,n,o}	350-500	400-550	450-600	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated fat (% of total calories) ^{n,o}	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10
Sodium (mg) ^{n,p}	≤ 430	≤ 470	≤ 500	≤ 640	≤ 710	≤ 740
Trans fat ^{n,o}	Nutrition label or manufacturer specifications must indicate zero grams of <u>trans</u> fat per serving.					

^aIn the SBP, the above age-grade groups are required beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-14). In SY 2012-2013 only, schools may continue to use the meal pattern for grades K-12 (see § 220.23).

^bFood items included in each food group and subgroup and amount equivalents. Minimum creditable serving is ⅛ cup.

^cOne quarter-cup of dried fruit counts as ½ cup of fruit; 1 cup of leafy greens counts as ½ cup of vegetables. No more than half of the fruit or vegetable offerings may be in the form of juice. All juice must be 100% full-strength.

^dFor breakfast, vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the first two cups per week of any such substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, beans and peas (legumes) or “Other vegetables” subgroups as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii).

^eThe fruit quantity requirement for the SBP (5 cups/week and a minimum of 1 cup/day) is effective July 1, 2014 (SY 2014-2015).

^fLarger amounts of these vegetables may be served.

^gThis category consists of “Other vegetables” as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii)(E). For the purposes of the NSLP, “Other vegetables” requirement may be met with any additional amounts from the dark green, red/orange, and beans/peas (legumes) vegetable subgroups as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii).

^hAny vegetable subgroup may be offered to meet the total weekly vegetable requirement.

ⁱAt least half of the grains offered must be whole grain-rich in the NSLP beginning July 1, 2012 (SY 2012-2013), and in the SBP beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014). All grains must be whole grain-rich in both the NSLP and the SBP beginning July 1, 2014 (SY 2014-15).

^jIn the SBP, the grain ranges must be offered beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014).

^kThere is no separate meat/meat alternate component in the SBP. Beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014), schools may substitute 1 oz. eq. of meat/meat alternate for 1 oz. eq. of grains after the minimum daily grains requirement is met.

^lFluid milk must be low-fat (1 percent milk fat or less, unflavored) or fat-free (unflavored or flavored).

^mThe average daily amount of calories for a 5-day school week must be within the range (at least the minimum and no more than the maximum values).

ⁿDiscretionary sources of calories (solid fats and added sugars) may be added to the meal pattern if within the specifications for calories, saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium. Foods of minimal nutritional value and fluid milk with fat content greater than 1 percent milk fat are not allowed.

^oIn the SBP, calories and trans fat specifications take effect beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014).

^pFinal sodium specifications are to be reached by SY 2022-2023 or July 1, 2022. Intermediate sodium specifications are established for SY 2014-2015 and 2017-2018. See required intermediate specifications in § 210.10(f)(3) for lunches and § 220.8(f)(3) for breakfast

MENUS

September 4 - 7, 2012

Monday: Breakfast – LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL.

Tuesday: Breakfast – french toast sticks or cereal, syrup, cheese stick, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – Big Daddy’s cheese pizza, carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

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

Friday: Breakfast – pretzel/cheese or cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch** – bbq beef/bun or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

September 10 - 14, 2012

Monday: Breakfast – cinnamon bun sticks w/icing or cereal, yogurt, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken strips or beef/cheddar on a bun, breadstick plain w/pizza sauce, cucumbers, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – corn dog nuggets or hamburger/bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit, juice 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, juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy or meat combo/bun w/cheese, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

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

September 17 - 21, 2012

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

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – sloppy jo/bun or grilled chicken sandwich, vegetable, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast – bagel sausage pizza or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – taco or chicken fajita, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

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

September 24 - 28, 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, fortune cookie, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – sausage gravy/biscuit or cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch** – hot dog/bun or cheeseburger/bun, chips, vegetable, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – scrambled eggs/ham or cereal, hashbrown, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – chicken nuggets/mashed potatoes/gravy or turkey/cheese on a bun, dinner roll vegetable, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch** – spaghetti or chicken Caesar salad, garlic bread, vegetable, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast – oatmeal or cereal, sausage links, juice and milk. **Lunch** – macaroni & cheese or bbq beef/bun, vegetable, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk.

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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REPORT to PARENTS

RP 30:6

So Many Activities, Too Little Time

It's good to keep children involved in different activities, but how do parents know how much is too much? Check out these tips on how to keep your children from being overscheduled—they might very well make your child's life, and yours, a lot less stressful.

Follow their passions. The best activities for children give them the opportunity to learn more about something they love. To make sure they keep their passion, instead of surrendering to burnout, keep their involvement to just a day or two a week, unless they absolutely beg for more. Even then, check with them periodically to make sure they still are as eager to attend as they used to be. If not, scale back.

Get their input. Parents are so eager to provide opportunities for their children that they sometimes forget the fun of just being a child. Step back before you sign up for an activity and ask your child to tell you what three things he or she most likes to do after school or in the summer. Then choose activities that meet their interests while also providing stimulation.

Broaden their horizons. Although following your child's interests is important, it's also great to introduce your child to something totally new, whether it's a new sport, a musical instrument, or a group like Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. The secret to keeping enthusiasm high is to start slowly and gauge your child's interest before committing beyond the first few sessions.

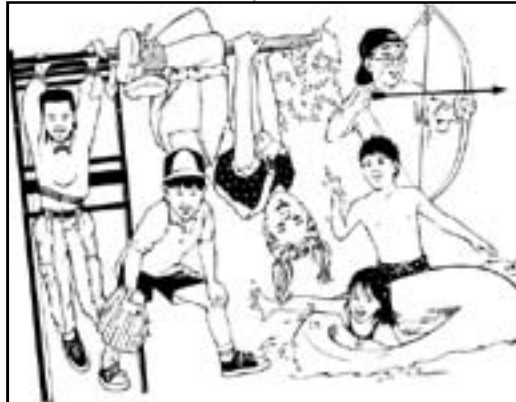
Be supportive, not critical. No matter what your child is interested in, remember that your job as a parent is to be supportive. The point of activities is to expand your child's interests and abilities, not to make him or her a child prodigy or the next athletic superstar.

Schedule down time. Creativity can't happen if every minute of a child's time is scheduled. Children

need time to ponder, explore, and play. Make sure that when the day's over and the homework's done, there's still time for your child to be a kid.

Play the field. When it comes to sports, specializing in one activity at such a young age is bad news. Not only do pediatricians discourage the kind of repetitive movements that come from concentrated work in one sport, but the kids who totally dedicate themselves to a single sport early often burn out later and regret not having learned several different sports early, so they have other options.

Mix it up. Although every family and child is different, child psychologists often suggest involving a child in no more than three activities at a time: one social activity, like Boys' Club or a church group; one physical activity, like gymnastics, swimming, or basketball; and one artistic activity, such as an art class or music lessons.



Watch for these signs. The stress of trying to keep up with too many planned activities can take a physical toll on your child. If your child is leading a very busy life, watch for signs

of stress, including stomachaches and headaches, difficulty paying attention, a drop-off in interest in activities he or she used to enjoy, and increased "clinginess" with a parent or other close adult (e.g., teacher, babysitter). If you notice any of these signs, chances are your child needs to cut back on activities and de-stress.

If you have to schedule something for your child, make it family time. Children need to have meals with their parents, hear bedtime stories, share chores, and play games. While you're scheduling all their other activities to help them learn and grow, remember that what they most need to learn is that they are special and loved.

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Good Times at the Fair

The Beal City FFA had a very successful fair this summer. Our dairy feeders were shown by Cortni Hauck and Julianne Handziak. They were purchased by Bill Hauck Painting and JBS Contracting, Inc. We also had three rabbits shown by Andrea Fouty, Miranda Steffke, and Alexis McLachlan. Our rabbits were purchased by Dave Camp, Shepherd Elevator and Unified Brands.

We would like to thank our buyers for their support! Also Finnerty Farms for all of their help! If anyone has pictures from the fair that they would like shown on our bulletin board at school, please see Ms. Spry.

PTA News

ALL parents are invited to join our wonderful PTA! Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Davis's First Grade classroom. The first meeting of the year, however, will be held on Monday, September 10. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please contact past President Tracey Sandel at tsandel@sunrisestores.com

Student Drop Off Procedures

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.

Elementary Dress Code

This is a reminder to all students and families of Mayes Elementary School. Flip flops, slippers, Wheelies/Heelies and backless sandals are not appropriate footwear in school due to safety concerns. Shoes worn to school also must not have a heel that exceeds one inch. Bare midriffs, tank tops and sleeveless shirts less than two inches wide on the shoulders are not acceptable. For further dress code guidelines, please refer to the 2012-13 Mayes Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

Elementary School Hours

This is just a reminder that the hours of operation for Mayes Elementary School are from 8:00 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. Elementary students will be able to enter the cafeteria at 7:35 a.m. for breakfast. All other elementary students will have supervision on the playground starting at 7:35 a.m. as well. Lunch and recess will continue to be held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.