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Mayes Elementary Open House There will be an Open

There will be an Open
House for students entering
Kindergarten through 6th
grade and their families on
Wednesday evening, September
2. This informal walk-through
will take place from 5:30 – 7:00
p.m. allowing families to meet
with elementary teachers and
visit classrooms prior to the
start of school on September
8. It replaces our First Day of
School Celebration. If you have
any questions regarding our
Open House, please contact the
elementary office at 644-2740.

There will be a meeting for parents of entering preschoolers on Monday evening, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Ms. Natzel will present important information to parents and there will be paperwork to fill out. Parents will also have an opportunity to sign up for a home visit.

Spring Sing

The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception took place on Thursday, May 28th, 2009. The Senior Citizen Reception started at 1:00 p.m. with the Spring Sing immediately following at 1:30 p.m. Both were held in the elementary gym. Thanks to all who came out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!



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 2009 Grand Marshall.

Grand Marshall nominations can be given to any Student Council member or our advisors. Email nominations can be sent to julieanne_christensen@yahoo.com, or you may contact Cay Marchiando at 989-644-3780.

Thanks again for your support!

Beal City Student Council

Queen for a Day

Queen for a Day Patty Carrick, Preschool Associate Teacher, had her name randomly drawn during Staff Appreciation Week in May. This entitled her to the title of Queen for a Day with PTO member Terri Lambourn volunteering to do her job for the entire day. Our thanks to Terri and the PTO for recognizing Patty for the wonderful job she performs everyday.



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.

Bus Re-Routing

We have been working this summer on rerouting our bus routes to consolidate from 8 routes to 7, due to a Bus Driver retirement. This move will help save the district money and will be done with safety as our number one priority.

Bus routes will be a little longer, but still should be under the one hour time frame the district uses as a benchmark. Busses will be a little more crowded, but will be below their capacity. This will mean that bus passes will be restricted and must be approved at least three days prior to the date they are needed. We ask that families communicate with the Elementary and Secondary Office as to your student's transportation schedule and try to stick with that schedule the best they can. Transportation will be a little less flexible than it has been in the past, so we will not be able to accommodate last minute requests. However, we will try to work with families whenever possible to be as accommodating as possible.

While our transportation department right sizes itself, it will still be one of the best and most efficient and effective school transportation departments in the state. Students may be on busses that are a little more crowded for a slightly longer time with a little less flexibility, but our students will be brought to school SAFELY and ready to LEARN!

2009-2010 CALENDAR 2009-2010 CALENDAR 2009-2010 CALENDAR

September 8 First Student Day - Full Day

November 6 End of 1st Marking Period - AM: Student Half Day

November 12 No Students Parent-Teacher Conferences

Pre K-6 8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

7-12 Staff Parent-Teacher Conferences

12:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 26-27 Thanksgiving Break

December 24-Jan 1 Winter Break

January 15 End of Semester - AM: Student Half Day

February 12 A.M. Student Half Day

February 15 Presidents' Day Observance – No School March 4 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

5:00-8:00 PM

March 26 End of 3rd Marking Period - AM: Student Half Day

March 29 – April 2 Spring Break

May 31 Memorial Day Observance - No School June 9 End of Semester - AM: Student Half Day

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Vacation Powerbook & Summer Counts Awards

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.

CHARACTER COUNTS WINNERS



Mrs. Smith: Abby Bass Matthew Kolb

Ms. Courtright:Alexandria Fussman
Blade Vavzincak

Mr. King:Kendall Flaugher
Jordan Pung

Mrs. Farrell/Natzel: Logan Chilman

Mrs. Snyder: Rachel Beltinck Jason Clark

Seth Schafer

ugher Jessica Lennox
Nicholle Murphy

Twenty-six Mayes Elementary students were selected as second semester Character Counts winners based on good character slips received and staff recommendations. These 26 students were invited to join Mrs. Saltarelli at Spinning Wheels Arena on June 3 for a morning of roller skating fun and exercise. Congratulations to students in the following classrooms for being selected:

Mrs. Leff-Ewing:Mrs. Maxon:Ben MatthewsAustin HauckNatalie SeeburgerKirsten Turner

Mrs. Tormanen: Mrs. Reihl:
Chase Smith Alex Eiseler
Chayton Wiggins Noel Schafer

Mrs. Weis: Mr. Klapp:
Morgan Smith Navid Cole
Lauren Turner Ryan Powell

Mrs. Wentworth:
Mariah Hines
Shelby Mottin

Retirements

On behalf of the Board of Education, Administration and Staff of Beal City Public Schools, we extend a thank you and congratulations to Gail Miller for her 19 years of service and John Haupt for his 14 years of service to the Beal City School District.

Gail has retired from the classroom and the girl's varsity track coach position. We wish her a bright and happy retirement. May her life during retirement be rich and full. Thank you once again Gail for all you have done for Beal City Public Schools.

John is retiring as a full time bus driver and has played an important role for our athletic teams as he has transported them safely to away events. We congratulate John on his retirement and wish him well, and look forward to him continuing to take trips as a sub bus driver.

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.

Safe Drinking Water

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

Communicable Disease & PestPolicy

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.

Price Changes in the Cafeteria & New Information

As the new school year approaches, so are new ideas and a slight increase in prices. The new prices for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows: breakfast for all students is \$1.20. Secondary lunch is \$1.80 and Elementary lunch is \$1.70. Milk for all students is \$.45. Extra entrees and ala carte items will stay the same. Each day, the students will be given a choice between two lunches, which due to state requirements must consist of three of the five necessary components: meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk. If students do not choose three of these components then it will be considered ala carte. It will be more nutritious and cost effective to purchase a lunch versus ala carte.

Our theme days will continue every month this year except September. We are having two theme weeks in October. We are celebrating spirit week with the students for homecoming October 5-9. Also, October 12-16 we are going "Around the World" for "National School Lunch Week". Monday: "Taste of Italy", Tuesday: "Oriental Day", Wednesday: "A National School Lunch Week Theme", Thursday: "Greek Day", Friday: Mexican Madness". We hope that all students will join us for our fun theme days this year. The cafeteria staff is very excited about these theme days and hopes that you and your students are too. We can't wait to welcome every one back!

Partial Fall Sports Schedule

Below is the first three weeks of the Fall Sports Schedules. The schedules are not complete as of this date, so we will include a complete schedule in our next newsletter.

@Mt. Pleasant

@Morley Stanwood

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Cross Country							
Tues. Aug 25 3:30 p.m.	<pre>@St Charles</pre>						
Wed. Sept 2 4:30 p.m.	<pre>@Carson City Crystal</pre>						
Wed. Sept 9 5:00 p.m.	@Ovid Elsie						
Football							
Varsity							
Fri. Aug 28 7:00 p.m.	@SHA						
Fri. Sept 4 7:00 p.m.	@Clare						
Fri. Sept 11 7:00 p.m.	Manton						
JV							
Thurs. Aug 27 6:00 p.m.	@SHA						
Thurs. Sept 3 6:30 p.m.	Clare						
Thurs. Sept 10 6:30 p.m.	@Manton						
Volleyball							
Varsity							
Wed. Aug 26 9:00 a.m.	<pre>@Carson City Invite</pre>						
Tues. Sept 1 6:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant						
Freshman							
Tues. Sept 1 6:00 p.m.	@Mt. Pleasant High						
JV							
Sat. Aug 22 9:00 a.m.	Lakeview Tournament						
Sat. Aug 29 9:00 a.m.	Beal City Invitational						

Thurs. Sept 1 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Sept 10 6:00 p.m.

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 Pre-School, 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. Any change in destination after school must be written on a bus pass and given to the child's teacher and/or building principal. 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

Anyone who would like to be notified when pesticides are being applied in or around the school should contact Central Office at 644-3901.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on July 20, 2009:

- General Fund payments of \$278,168.53, Hot Lunch payments of \$4,237.49, Athletic Fund payments of \$43,650.68.
- The 2nd reading of the Elementary Student Handbook as presented
- The Elementary Computer Lab purchases of \$30,421.19 or under.
- An increase of 10 cents for the breakfast, lunch and milk prices.
- The 1st reading of the Preschool Handbook as presented.
- ✓ Jeremy Thomas' resignation as Driver's Ed Instructor pending his resignation letter.
- The following coaching recommendations: Lou Rau Varsity Football, Brad Antcliff Assistant Football, Brad Gross Assistant Football, Dennis Lorenz ½ time Assistant Football, Brent Peavey ½ time Assistant Football, Jeff Peete Voluntary Assistant Football, Randy Gallagher Varsity Volleyball, Emma Schafer JV Volleyball, Anne Weber Freshman Volleyball, Brittany Marchiando 8th Gr Volleyball, Angela Zeneberg 7th Gr Volleyball, Ken Hisey Voluntary Assistant Volleyball, Dave King Cross Country, Dave Myers Voluntary Assistant Cross Country, Chelsie Hall Varsity Cheer.

Fall Sports Practices & Parent Meetings

*Reminder. Every athlete must have a physical on file before tryouts or practice begins. The physical must have been completed no earlier than April 15, 2009.

Parent/Athlete Meetings

Cheerleading (9-12): Tuesday, August 4 6:00pm; Media Center Cross Country (7-12): Monday, August 3 6:00pm; Media Center Football (9-12): Wednesday, August 5 6:30pm; Small Gym Volleyball (7-12): Monday, August 17 6:00pm; Big Gym

First Practice

Cheerleading: Wednesday, August 12
Cross Country: Wednesday, August 12
Jr. High Cross Country: Monday, August 24
Football: Monday, August 10
Volleyball: Wednesday, August 12
Jr. High Volleyball: Monday, August 24

Report to Parents - Is your child ready for school?

Many parents of preschool-age children are on edge about their child's birth date being "on the cusp." While the cut-off dates for kindergarten enrollment vary among states, the question is still the same: "If my child's birthday is close to the cut-off date, should I send my child early or wait a year?" The tips below can help you decide.

Know Your Child. Is your preschooler excited about the idea of going to school and interested in learning new things and meeting new children, or is the idea of "leaving home" to go to school frightening? Shy children may do better by waiting a year, where eager learners may risk being bored if they stay home. If your child is near the cut-off age and reluctant to start school, you may want to delay for a year and enroll him or her in activities like pre-K or Head Start, as well as group activities with other children.

Talk to Teachers. If your child is in day care, pre-K, preschool, or Head Start, ask the teacher if your child is "ready" for kindergarten. Kids behave differently when they're away from home, so the teacher will be able to give you good information on your child's ability to listen, follow directions, and play with others. It's also important to find out if your child knows basic numbers, shapes and colors. Depending on your school district, new kindergarteners also may be expected to know how to write their names and how to recognize the letters of the alphabet. Knowing what your children know will help you decide if they're ready for the next step.

Boys and Girls. There's often – but not always – a difference between boys and girls when it comes to kindergarten readiness, which is why it's more common for boys to delay kindergarten than girls. Some children whose birthdays are close to the school cut-off have a hard time sitting quietly in a classroom and focusing. These social skills are just as

important to kindergarten success as knowing the alphabet. Many times, these more active boys and girls are more successful when they delay kindergarten.

Physical 'Fitness." There are two kinds of physical skills that kindergarteners must have: "Gross motor skills" are whole-body skills, like hopping and skipping; "Fine motor skills" are things like closing a zipper or buttoning a shirt or coat, cutting out an outline from paper using safe scissors, and coloring. Add to those areas the important fact that kindergarteners need to be able to use the toilet on their own and wash their hands afterward.

Money Matters. Public Kindergarten is free. Another year of preschool or day care is not. Sometimes money can influence a parent's decision of whether to send a child to kindergarten. If your child is really not ready for school, though, either in terms of behavior or being ready to learn, it's better to try to find affordable pre-K, Head Start or other programs.

Certainly, there can be advantages for children who start school a little later. They may do better on standardized tests, especially in elementary school and may be seen as leaders among their classmates. But there are disadvantages, too. Children who are "old" for their grade are at higher risk of dropping out of high school. Sometimes these older children can use their greater size and age to bully other, younger children. And some children feel they are being punished or have done something wrong when their preschool playmates start kindergarten while they wait a year. The bottom line is parents need to think about all of the things outlined above, talk to their child's preschool teachers, and make the choice that best fits their child's individual strengths and needs.

Free & Reduced Lunch

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Beal City Pubic Schools and St. Joseph School offers healthy meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$1.70/\$1.80/\$2.25 and breakfast at the public school for \$1.20. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced price lunches for \$.40 and breakfasts for \$.30. If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitution prescribed by a licensed physician at no extra charge. For further information, please call Marci Faber (989)644-3901 or Mary Hauck (989)644-3970. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department at your school.

- Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free and reduced price school meals. <u>Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application</u> for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Beal City Public Schools, 3180 W. Beal City Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or St. Joseph School, 2091 N. Winn Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- 2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals? Please call <u>[name and phone number]</u>, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator to see if your child(ren) qualify if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines Chart shown on page two of this letter.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow any instructions if provided. Call the school at [phone number] if you have questions.
- I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. An application must be filled out by WIC households.
- Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of any information provided on the application.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?
 You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: William Chilman, 3180
 W. Beal City Rd, Mt. Plesant, MI 48858 (989)644-3901 or Mary Hauck, 2091 N. Winn Rd., Mt. Plesant, MI 48858 (989)644-3970.
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relative, or friends), including yourself and all children who live with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 13. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.
- 14. What if my child does not have health insurance?
 Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through MIChild and Healthy Kids Program. To apply online, go to www.michigan.gov/michild or call 1-888-988-6300 for help or to request a paper application.

Sincerely,

Application Instructions:

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

If you	are ap	plying	for a	FOSTER	CHILD,
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Part 1: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Use a separate application for each foster child. List the child's name, school, and grade.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A social security number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

[If you are applying for a homeless, migrant, or runaway child check the appropriate box and contact your Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator.] Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

If your entire household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

Total

Family

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<u>4</u>

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For each

additional

household

member

add:

Annual

\$20,036

\$26,955

\$33,874

\$40,793

\$47,712

\$54,631

\$61,550

\$68,469

\$6,919*

Twice

per

Month

\$835

\$1,124

\$1,412

\$1,700

\$1,988

\$2,277

\$2,565

\$2,853

\$289*

Monthly

\$1,670

\$2,247

\$2,823

\$3,400

\$3,976

\$4,553

\$5,130

\$5,706

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\$2,368

\$2,634

\$267*

Weekly

\$386

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Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: If the student is new to the district/school check "Yes." List student(s) name, school, grade, check "Yes," and list a FAP, FIP, or FDPIR case number.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A social security number is not necessary.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: If the student is new to the district/school check "Yes." List each student(s) name, school, and grade.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1- Name:

 List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relative, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Be sure to include all students listed in Part 3. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2- Gross Income:

 Next to each person's first and last name list each type of income received last month. Next to the amount circle how often the person got it (weekly, every 2 weeks, twice a month, or monthly).

 Earnings from work: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as takehome pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. Net income should ONLY be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.

All other income: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, and alimony in
the second column. List the amount each person got last month from pensions, retirement, and Social
Security in the third column. List All Other Income sources in the fourth column. All Other Income
includes Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in
your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME.

o If the person does not have any income, circle "\$0" in the last column "Circle if NO income."

Part 5: An adult household member must sign and date the form, and list a social security number or check the box "I do not have a social security number."

Part 6: Skip this part.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

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Credit Recovery Program 2009 ~ 2010

A student's future depends on creating a solid academic foundation. Students in the Central Michigan area now have the ability to make up failed or lost credits and stay on track for graduation. Through the Beal City Public School's *Credit Recovery Program*,



students can now enroll in courses that meet their district's credit requirements.

Enrolling in our Credit Recovery Program will help ensure that students stay on track towards meeting their educational goals.

High School Opportunities High School Credit Recovery \$200/ Credit ~ \$125 ½ Credit Course Offerings: English 9-12, Algebra I and II, Geometry U.S., and World History Government, Economics, Physical Science, Biology, Core Area Electives.

9th-12th grade students needing to recover core area credits will participate in direct instruction and computer-based curriculum

while being supported by a highly qualified staff.

Students will actually learn the course materials a second time around, ensuring that they progress through the program in a timely manner. All instructors



are highly qualified in their content area. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide academic support. Periodic testing will be used to verify student comprehension of the materials.

Registration General registration will begin in the offices of Beal City High School and Beal City South in August. The number of spaces available will be limited, please enroll at your earliest convenience. Cost of the credit recovery program will be \$200 per credit or \$125 for each ½ credit. **Hours of Operation** The Credit Recovery program will take place Monday – Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Transportation Students will be required to provide their own transportation to and from the Credit Recovery program.

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7th Grade Orientation

Dear Parents:

With summer rapidly coming to a close, it is time to begin preparation for the coming school year. We are again going to have orientation for 7th grade students on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 6:00p.m. in the Cafeteria. This will occur by students participating in the following discussions and activities:

- 1. Welcome/Introduction
- 2. Outline of student behavioral expectations, by examining new rules/policy/procedures, and reviewing portions of the student handbook most frequently violated (handbooks will be distributed).
- 3. Gather information and completed forms from parents/students.
- 4. Inform parents/students about proposed 7th grade schedules.
 - 5. Issue locker assignments

The emergency information card, as well as free and reduced lunch forms will be available. Please complete these accurately. It is especially important to list home, work, and emergency phone numbers.

Please feel free to contact the school at (989) 644-3944 or (989) 644-3901 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at orientation. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Jackson M.S./H.S. Principal Beal City Public Schools

Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on the front doors of Mayes Elementary School starting the week of August 10.
Elementary students will also receive their class placements and supply requests in the mail near that date. If you do not receive any information by August 14, please contact the elementary office.