

#### BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Newsletter Date June, 2018

# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



# **Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

The Beal City Board of Education served breakfast to our staff on May 16<sup>th</sup> to honor and thank them for all that they do. Pictured are Board Members; Curt Gottschalk, Bob Pasch, Denise McBride, Tom Gross and Heather Curtiss. They are serving breakfast to Amanda Pestridge and Scott Leppert.



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

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

Mrs. Davis has been teaching at Beal City Elementary for seven years. Her students absolutely adore her and she goes above and beyond on a daily basis to meet their needs.

Mrs. Davis will be leaving Beal City Elementary at the end of this school year. She will be dearly missed as she is widely respected by all of her colleagues. We wish you the best Mrs. Davis! You were a tremendous teammate at Beal City Elementary! **#HAIL #AggiePRIDE** 



#### **Women in STEM Fields**

Our 8th grade girls enjoyed a luncheon at Mid Michigan Community College on Friday, April 27th. The luncheon was for area 8th grade girls to promote Women in STEM fields of study. The young ladies got to network with other area school students, enjoy lunch, a speaker, and STEM classroom labs activities.



## **Flag Disposal Ceremony**

On Tuesday, May 1st, 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in the government and economics classes attended a flag disposal ceremony led by Mr. Chilman and Mr. McDonald. Students first learned about flag etiquette in Mr. Carter and Mrs. Davis' classes. At the ceremony, Mr. Chilman explained where people can take flags if they are tattered or torn and how to properly dispose of an American flag.





Some of the senior class sporting their college-going gear as they finished out their last week of high school!







Back Row (Left to Right): Connor Tilmann ,Ben Gottschalk, Daniel Perreault, Jordan Bailey, Lily Gross Front Row (Left to Right): Connor Clare, Hayden Helwig





## 4th-6th Grade Camp

It was another beautiful year at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha! Our students spent a week on Torch Lake again this year as they learned about ecology, conservation, survival, and themselves. This is a great experience for the youth of our community as it presents education in a natural setting.



# **Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who were awarded \$250 scholarships from Mid Michigan Community College! Zeta Zeneberg and Riley Jaessing were nominated by their teachers to receive this honor because of their outstanding grades and good character. They were honored at an awards luncheon at MMCC in May to celebrate their achievement.



#### Aggie PRIDE Incentive Program in the Aggie Café

Our elementary students have jumped on board with the new Aggie PRIDE Incentive Program and are enjoying the new atmosphere in the cafeteria. It is more relaxed, calm, fun and organized. The students have really taken to this program and the competition has helped make it a success. Everyone wants to be the top table to have bragging rights and a prize. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for giving us the money to launch this program. This would not be possible without you and we appreciate it more than you know!

# **End of the Year Calendar**

Due to our long winter and several days off we will need to make some adjustments to our 2017-2018 School calendar.

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> was our scheduled last day of school and it was a scheduled half day. We now need to have a full day of school on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and will be adding a half day of school on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is our other full day of school we need make up.

Secondary exams will be Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

# **Board Briefs**

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 21, 2018:

- General Fund payments of \$518,790.77, transfers to Payroll Acct. payments of \$716.29, Hot Lunch payments of \$9,724.47 and Athletic Fund payments of \$10,412.18, Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$91,213.50, Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$292,810.00, Debt Retirement School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$165,522.00, Debt Retirement 2017 payments of \$83,835.33 and Capital Projects 2017 Checking payments of \$2,000.00.
- The bus bid from Capital City and the Tremco roof bid as presented.
- Probationary/Tenure Teacher Recommendations as presented: Elementary Probationary Kelli VanBlargan 4<sup>th</sup> year. There were no Elementary Tenure Teacher Recommendations. Secondary Probationary Mary Claire Reynolds 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Secondary Tenure Teacher Recommendation G'ne Holt.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the NEOLA Spring Policies as presented.
- Add Competitive Cheer to the list of Varsity Sports offered at Beal City for the 2018-2019 school year.
- The Letter of Agreement for the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented.
- The GIRESD Budget Resolution as presented.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.

# Beal City Art Camp!

WHEN: July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

WHO: 4<sup>TH</sup> THRU 9<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: \$50.00 (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 July 13 (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

ART CAMP REGISTRATION –July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 3rd

STUDENT NAME				GRADE LEVEL					
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:									
PHONE:									
PLEASE ADVISE, IF STUDENT H	AS ANY ALL	ERGIES:							
EMAIL ADDRESS:				(WE WILL SEND AN EMAIL REMINDER)					
SHIRT SIZE: (PLEASE CIRCLE)	ADULT	CHILD'S	S	м	L	XL	XXL		

# June 2018



## Spring Awards

At our last concert, many students were honored with awards voted on by their peers, as well as Director's Awards. Congrats to our exemplary Aggie Musicians!

#### 7th Grade

Most Improved: Kayden Cotter Most Outstanding: Rylee Sisco Director's Award: Cece Faber

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Most Improved: Logan Mishler Most Outstanding: Morgan Wilson Director's Award: Kayley Maeder

#### Jazz Band

Most Improved: Austin Hauck Woody Herman Award: Angela Kotecki Louis Armstrong Award: Madeline Steffke

#### Concert Band

Most Improved: Greenlee Jones Patrick Gilmore Award: Nick Freeze John Philip Sousa Award: Madeline Steffke Director's Award: William Lambourn

# **Beal City Bands**

# Chicago Trip

In the beginning of May, the Concert Band took a four-day trip to Chicago, IL! The Aggie Musicians did a lot of sight-seeing and learning at the Museum of Science and Industry, Lincoln Park Zoo, the Shedd Aquarium, and on an architectural boat tour of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan! Additionally, we took part in an educational clinic with Northwestern University Associate Director of Bands, Dan Farris, and saw a performance by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra!



# **TEMPO Club**

#### Q. What is the TEMPO Club?

A. The TEMPO Club is our parent booster organization. The TEMPO Club is largely responsible for fundraising and organizing band events. Ninety percent of the money used to run the program is raised by the TEMPO Club; the Beal City Bands could not survive without this important group of parents! Without the TEMPO Club, all 107 students in the Beal City Bands would have had to pay a band fee of \$180 to match the funds that were spent this year.

#### Q. How can I help?

A. The TEMPO Club is always looking for volunteers! New members are assigned to a committee on which they can focus their efforts. Find the pinned post on the Beal City Bands Facebook page and fill out the Google Form to get more involved!



# Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

f students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

**Devise a plan.** Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

**Teach mini-lessons.** Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

**Initiate a writing project.** Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook

with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

**Strategize screen time.** Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

**Designate daily reading blocks.** Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.



**Go global.** Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that

country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

**Get moving.** Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team,

encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.

#### Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.

www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The National Summer Learning Association offers activities, tools, and links. www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity\_resource



**Report to Parents**, written to serve elementary and middle-level principals, may be reproduced by National Association of Elementary School Principals members without permission. It can be posted to school websites, blogs, or sent via email. Back issues are available to members at **naesp.org**.

RP 29:9

Beal City Public Schools 3180 W Beal City Rd Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NON PROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID SAGINAW MI PERMIT NO 269

# **Amazon Smile**

Do you shop at Amazon? Are you using Amazon Smile? Amazon Smile is a program whereby Amazon shares a little of each sale with a non-profit organization of the customer's choosing. Beal City's PTA is one of the eligible organizations! It is SO EASY to set up, and once you do you really don't need to think about it again. Just go to smile.amazon.com and (assuming you already have an Amazon account) designate your non-profit of choice (there are thousands to choose from – I had Big Brothers & Big Sisters designated before I found out our PTA was eligible). All you need to do from that point forward is remember to do your shopping at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. You'll pay the exact same prices, and if you're an Amazon Prime member all of those features will work exactly the same as before.

