



THE AGGIE EXPRESS



Ryleigh Hines



Olivia Nelson



Lyndsey Fillenworth

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Three students from Beal City Public Schools have been named local winners in the 47th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

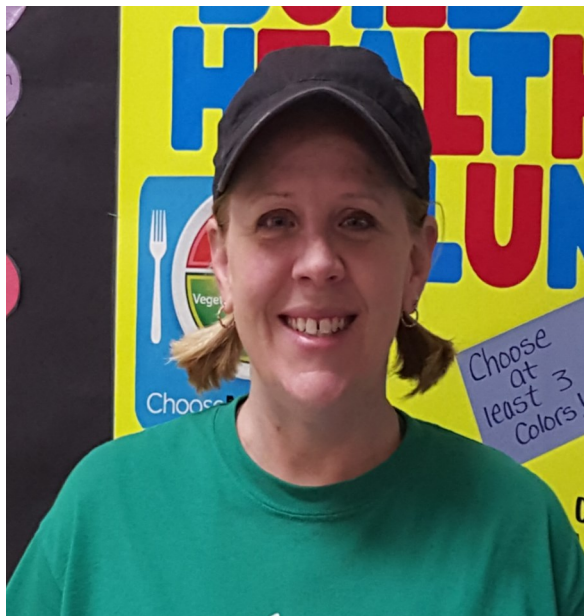
The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Ryleigh Hines, first, Olivia Nelson, second, and Lyndsey Fillenworth, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Ryleigh's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Ryleigh's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion and a cash award of \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 400 Michigan schools participated in the 2015-2016 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2015-2016 contest was "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore the greatness of America and its people. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.



*****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 Brenda Garrett.

Brenda has worked in the kitchen for 10 years. A Beal City graduate who returned to her former school to become a part of the kitchen team and feed our future graduates. Brenda is an integral part of the team and is always counted on to keep everything on track. Thank you Brenda for all that you do.

Sport Physical Night

Where: Beal City High School

When: Wednesday, April 27, 2016
6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Who: Anyone interested in participating in sports for the 2016-2017 school year.

Things to bring: \$10.00 and a completed physical form with proper signatures, emergency contact information and insurance information.

You may pick up a physical card in the High School or Athletic Office.

Failure to bring a COMPLETED physical form on Wednesday April 27th will result in the athlete being turned away until the form is properly filled out.



Last Chance – SAT Prep

The last SAT test prep sessions will be held April 9 & 10th. It has been a successful year with 14 study sessions each two hours long. The students who attended answered thousands of test prep questions with the hopes that 'practice makes perfect' and their hard work will lead to higher scores which in turn will lead to more scholarship funds. The Beal City Education Foundation would like to thank all of the teachers and other individuals who volunteered their time to proctor the SAT study sessions and we wish the students well as they sit for the test in April.

\$500 Scholarships to be provided to 6 Beal City Students

Because of the support of the community, the Beal City Education Foundation will be providing \$500 scholarships to 6 students this year. Yes, you read that right 6 students will be receiving \$500 scholarships from the BCEF. Applications are available from Mr Jackson, Mrs Millerov, Mr Chilman and on the Beal City School website under the "Community" – "BC Education Foundation" - "Grants and Scholarships" – "How to Apply: Grants and Scholarships" - "Scholarship Application" Please make sure your student is aware of this great opportunity. The completed application must be submitted by April 15th to Mrs. Millerov.

\$500 Scholarship to 6 Beal City Seniors

Deadline: April 15th

Find out more information about the BCEF on our Facebook page (search for Beal City Education Foundation).



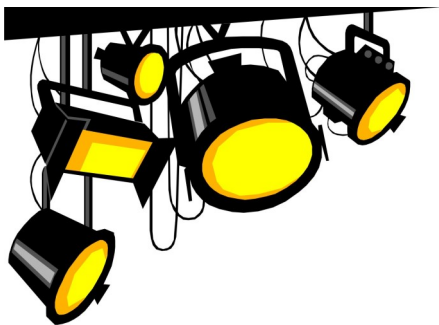
SPRING SING SENIOR CITIZENS RECEPTION

The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016. The Senior Citizen Reception will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the Spring Sing immediately following at 1:00 p.m. Both will take place in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!

The Athletic Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents, and community members that helped out with our winter basketball season. From the taking of tickets and running the clock to keeping the book and announcing. It takes several people to make our season run smoothly and without the many dedicated volunteers it would not be possible. We thank you again as we look forward to the start of the busy spring sports season.



A big thank you to all the people that came out to support the Beal City Baseball/Softball Programs on March 5th at Riverwood Bowling Alley. Hope you had a great time. We would also like to say Thank You to the numerous sponsors.



Lights, Camera, AUCTION!

Everyone is invited to the 17th annual St. Joseph the Worker school auction. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City. Admission is \$20 per person, and includes food and refreshments. The auction is the school's primary fundraiser, and a fun night out! The red carpet will be rolled out as we celebrate a night at the movies. Like

"St Joseph School Auction" on Facebook for sneak peeks and updates. The students of St. Joseph thank the Beal City community for their continued support!



Technology

Technology is a funny thing. You don't think about it until it doesn't work. To make sure that the technology at Beal City Schools continues to work for our students, faculty and staff, Technology Director Ben Eggenberger has been working with a group of CMU students to make some much needed improvements. Since October, the students under the supervision of Chris and Denise McBride, have donated **217** hours!



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on March 21, 2016:

- General Fund payments of \$295,935.69, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,645.44, and Athletic Fund payments of \$4,269.60.
- The Beal City Public Schools District Wide Strategic Plan with grammatical changes as presented.
- The 2015-2016 Budget Amendments as presented.
- The Tribal Grant Applications as presented.
- Julie Freeze's Business Manager Resignation as presented.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Jacklyn Woodbury – Voluntary Assistant Girls Track and Kurt Gross – Voluntary Assistant JV Baseball.

Dennis Lorenz has resigned as a Football Coach through PCMI

Bennett Danforth has been hired as the JH Girls Track Coach through PCMI.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the Concession Stand - Baseball, Softball and Track Events -

Contact Lisa Schneider (Lisa.Schneider@mtwfs.com or 989-289-8689)
to schedule a time to work! We appreciate your help!

Thank You!

The Beal City Sports Boosters would like to thank
the family and friends of **George Flaughter Sr**
for their recent monetary donations made in his memory.



BEAL CITY BANDS

"...in harmony with the home and community..."

FOUR YEARS RUNNING!

Beal City High School Concert Band earns its 4th consecutive First Division rating at MSBOA District V Band Festival!

QUARTER MILE DRIVE

Thanks for your recent support of the Quarter Mile Drive! In one short week we raised just over \$1000 to go toward our continuing effort of new marching percussion! Congratulations to Mrs. Davis' 2nd hour class who won a pizza party raising nearly \$200 alone - and to Mrs. Smith's 2nd Graders who won an ice cream party raising nearly \$100! We'll leave the collection jugs in the offices through the end of April. You can throw any loose change in the Drum at the Beal City General Store! Watch our progress along Winn Road!

BAND FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the Beal City Bands who performed at Freeland HS on Friday, March 4 for MSBOA District Band Festival. **Middle School Band earned a solid Second Division rating;** while our **Concert Band received its fourth consecutive First Division rating!** Overheard by Mr. Lowe as our groups were departing, not only were our student great musicians, but excellent ambassadors! Outstanding music - outstanding students!

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

With so many students participating in Solo & Ensemble, it is impossible to list all their achievements in one article! Suffice to say our participation and success is the envy of many other districts and communities in our state. Here are some quick statistics that lend an idea to the success our students have:

- 50% of the High School Band participated in District Solo & Ensemble
- 46% of the High School Band received a medal at District Solo & Ensemble
- 30% of the High School Band were eligible for State Solo & Ensemble; all those eligible received a medal at State Solo & Ensemble

ON THE ROAD

Our Concert Band and newly formed Jazz Combo will be hitting the road on Wednesday, April 20 for the Cradle of Liberty! The City of Brotherly Love! Beal City takes Philadelphia for a four-day excursion! Be on the lookout on Facebook for trip pictures and updates with our amazing students!



Spring Awards Concert

Sunday, May 22;
4 PM

CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!

bealcitybands.weebly.com

Administrative Review in the Food Service Department

In February, the Food Service Department had a State review of their Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Below is the letter we received after the review was complete:

“An Administrative Review (AR) of the School Nutrition Programs (SNP) was conducted at Beal City Public Schools on 02/01/2016, by Terri Thelen, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The Administrative Review has been completed and no further action is required by your district. **Beal City Public Schools is to be commended for its administration of the School Nutrition Program.** On behalf of MDE, I would like to express our appreciation to you and your staff for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the review.”

Congratulations to the Food Service Department Team for their constant care and dedication to run their department with success.



What's Cooking?

There's always a meal ready to be served!

Some mornings, it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious breakfast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards. Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that supplies at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, and calories. Check your child's menu to see the variety of nutritious choices available at School Breakfast, or stop by to sample the food yourself!

Every morning our breakfast consists of these whole grain items: assorted pop tarts, muffins, uncrustables, donuts, cereal, yogurt, juice, cheese stick and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

Location: Aggie Cafeteria

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

Full pay price: \$1.50

Reduced: \$.30

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.

APRIL 2016

Beal City School Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, mandarin oranges, juice and milk Daily option: corn dog nuggets	5 macaroni and cheese, (9-12 dinner roll), peas, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	6 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apples, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	7 Grilled cheese sandwich wg and tomato soup, broccoli, garden bar, peach cup, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets w/wg slice of bread	8 nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, pineapple, and milk Daily option: wg cheese pizza
11 chicken mashed potato bowl w/corn, wg dinner roll, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	12 *NEW ITEM* wg ham and cheese calzone, green beans, pears, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	13 scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, cookie, cooked carrots, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	14 twisty chicken Alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, apricot cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets w/wg garlic breadstick	15 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, oranges, juice and milk Daily option: w/wg pepperoni pizza
18 meatball sub, cauliflower, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	19 wg maple waffle w/ sausage links, hash brown, cold carrots, garden bar, mixed fruit, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	20 hot dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	21 salsbury steak w/mashed potato and gravy, broccoli, (9-12wg bread), garden bar, sliced peaches, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets, wg cin graham crackers with both	22 chicken quesadilla, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots), garden bar, grapes, juice and milk Daily option: wg pepperoni calzone
25 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, mandarin oranges, juice and milk Daily option: corn dog nuggets	26 *NEW ITEM* sausage gravy fundle w/ sausage links, sweet potato tots, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	27 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, peas, garden bar, apples, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	28 macaroni and cheese, broccoli, garden bar, peach cup, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets w/wg slice of bread	29 nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, pineapple, and milk Daily option: wg cheese pizza

News

April showers bring May flowers ☺

Happy Easter!

All grains are whole grain!

Milk choices:

Fat free chocolate

1% white

A variety of vegetable choices are offered daily on our garden bar.

6th-12th grade additional daily lunch options:

Turkey sub, Crispy

Chicken wrap, chef

salad or a strawberry

parfait!

Spring Sports Schedule

Varsity Track

Tues. Apr 12	4:30 p.m.	Tri Meet - Houghton Lake/SHA
Fri. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.	@Fowler Invite
Wed. Apr. 20	4:30 p.m.	@Coleman
Tues. Apr. 26	4:30 p.m.	@Lake City w/McBain NMC
Fri. Apr. 29	3:00 p.m.	@Clare Invite
Tues. May 3	4:30 p.m.	Pine River
Fri. May 6	3: 00 p.m.	Great Lakes Invitational
Tues. May 10	4:30 p.m.	@McBain w/Manton
Sat. May 14	10:00 a.m.	@Alma Scottie Invite
Tues. May 17	4:30 p.m.	@Evart w/Marion
Sat. May 21	TBA	MHSAA Regionals
Tues. May 24	3:30 p.m.	Conference Meet @ McBain NMC
Sat. May 28	TBA	MITCA State Meet
Tues. May 31	TBA	Meet of Champions

Junior High Track

Mon. Apr. 11	4:30 p.m.	Coleman
Wed. Apr. 13	4:30 p.m.	@Evart
Tues. Apr. 19	4:30 p.m.	Marion
Wed. Apr. 20	4:30 p.m.	@Manton
Mon. Apr. 25	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Thurs. Apr. 28	4:00 p.m.	@Montabella Invite
Wed. May 4	4:30 p.m.	Tri w/Lake City & SHA
Wed. May 11	4:30 p.m.	@McBain
Fri. May 13	4:00 p.m.	@Breckenridge Relays
Wed. May 18	3:30 p.m.	Conference Meet @ Beal City

JV Softball

Tues. Apr. 5	4:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Thurs. Apr. 7	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Mon. Apr. 11	4:00 p.m.	Bay City Central
Thurs. Apr. 14	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Mon. Apr. 18	4:00 p.m.	@Fowler
Tues. Apr. 26	4:30 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Apr. 28	4:00 p.m.	@SHA
Sat. Apr. 30	11:00 a.m.	@Coleman
Tues. May 3	4:30 p.m.	Manton
Sat. May 7	10:00 a.m.	@Clare
Tues. May 10	4:30 p.m.	@Evart
Fri. May 13	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Sat. May 14	1:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Mon. May 16	4:00 p.m.	Montabella
Wed. May 18	4:30 p.m.	Tri County
Tues. May 24	4:30 p.m.	Lake City

JV Baseball

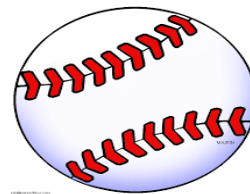
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Thurs. Apr. 7	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Mon. Apr. 11	4:00 p.m.	Bay City Central
Thurs. Apr. 14	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Sat. Apr. 16	10:00 a.m.	@ Fulton Invite
Mon. Apr. 18	4:00 p.m.	@ Fowler
Tues. Apr. 26	4:30 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Apr. 28	4:00 p.m.	@ SHA
Sat. Apr. 30	9:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite
Tues. May 3	4:30 p.m.	Manton
Sat. May 7	10:00 a.m.	@Clare Invite
Tues. May 10	4:30 p.m.	@Evart
Fri. May 13	4:30 p.m.	@Pine River
Sat. May 14	1:00 p.m.	@Shepherd Invite
Mon. May 16	4:00 p.m.	Montabella
Wed. May 18	4:30 p.m.	Tri County
Fri. May 20	4:30 p.m.	Marion
Tues. May 24	4:30 p.m.	Lake City

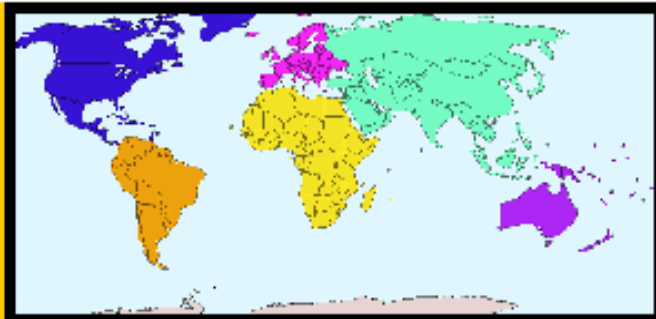
Varsity Softball

Thurs. Apr. 7	4:00 p.m.	@Sanford Meridian
Mon. Apr. 11	4:00 p.m.	@Bay City Central
Thurs. Apr. 14	4:00 p.m.	@Clare
Fri. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Mon. Apr. 18	4:00 p.m.	Fowler
Sat. Apr. 23	9:00 a.m.	@Mt. Pleasant Invite
Tues. Apr. 26	4:30 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Apr. 28	4:30 p.m.	SHA
Tues. May 3	4:30 p.m.	@Manton
Wed. May 4	4:00 p.m.	Bay City All Saints
Tues. May 10	4:30 p.m.	Evart
Fri. May 13	4:30 p.m.	Pine River
Sat. May 14	9:00 a.m.	@Saginaw Heritage
Fri. May 20	4:30 p.m.	@Marion
Sat. May 21	10:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Tues. May 24	4:30 p.m.	@Lake City
Sat. May 28	9:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite

Varsity Baseball

Thurs. Apr. 7	4:00 p.m.	@Sanford Meridian
Mon. Apr. 11	4:00 p.m.	@Bay City Central
Thurs. Apr. 14	4:00 p.m.	@Clare
Fri. Apr. 15	4:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Mon. Apr. 18	4:00 p.m.	Fowler
Thurs. Apr. 21	4:00 p.m.	DeWitt
Sat. Apr. 23	10:00 a.m.	@Kenowa Hills
Tues. Apr. 26	4:30 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Apr. 28	4:30 p.m.	SHA
Tues. May 3	4:30 p.m.	@Manton
Sat. May 7	9:00 a.m.	@Bay City Western
Tues. May 10	4:30 p.m.	Evart
Fri. May 13	4:30 p.m.	Pine River
Tues. May 17	4:30 p.m.	McBain NMC
Fri. May 20	4:30 p.m.	@Marion
Sat. May 21	10:00 a.m.	Gerald Pohl Aggie Invite
Tues. May 24	4:30 p.m.	@Lake City
Sat. May 28	1:00 p.m.	Chip Hills/Clare @ Northwood





INTERNATIONAL Night

Come out to Beal City High School for some cultural fun! On April 17, 2016, Beal City Spanish Club is hosting an International Night from 3-6 pm located in the small gym and cafeteria of the high school. There will be food, games, and activities that the whole family will enjoy!

There will also be presentations given by local community members! So, come out, have some fun, and support the Beal City Spanish Club!

When: April 17, 2016 3-6p.m.

Where: Beal City High School Cafeteria and Small Gym

Ticket Prices:

- Student : \$3
- Adult : \$5
- Family : \$10
- Kids 2 and under are free!

Beal City PTA would like to thank all of our 2nd Annual Snowfest
Carnival Sponsors. We could not have done it without you.

Ace of Diamonds
Bandit Industries
The Barn Door
Beal City Tavern
Belle Tire
Block Electric
The Blue Bar
Buckley's Mountainside Canoe
Buffalo Wild Wings
Celebration Cinema
China Garden
Christine E Photography
Cool Dip
Coyne Oil
Crest Resort Houghton Lake
Culvers
Detroit Lions
Detroit Tigers
Discovery Museum
Drop Tine Archery
Erbert & Gerberts
Family Video
Farm Bureau Brickner Insurance
The Fox Family
Grand Beach/Sugar Beach Resort
Great Lakes Loons
The Grand Rapids Griffins
Grand Rapids White Caps
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Jets Pizza
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Mountain Town Station
Mrs. Hull
Newcombe's Family Diner
Papa Johns
Paradise Salon
Pickard Street Car Wash
Red Lobster
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Sam's Club
Showtime Guns & Ammo
Snow Snake Ski Resort
Soaring Eagle Waterpark
Starbucks
Sunrise Convenience Stores
Target
Tracy Natzel
Wilson Family
Tractor Supply
University of Michigan
Unified Brands
Wal-Mart
Weber Brothers Sawmill
Wichert Trucking & Excavating

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time: 5:00 to 7:30

Date: April 8, 2016

**Place: Beal City Knights of
Columbus Hall**

**Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00
for kids ages 5-12, and
4-Under Free**



Meal includes spaghetti
and meat sauce, salad,
drink (milk, lemonade, or
coffee) and dessert.

Hosted by the Beal City
Varsity and JV baseball
teams.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

FOOTBALL SIGN UP
BEAL CITY JR HIGH
FOOTBALL
BEAL CITY ROCKET FOOTBALL AND
ROCKET CHEERLEADING

IN THE LOBBY
IN FRONT OF BIG GYM
MONDAY MAY 16TH
TUESDAY MAY 17TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7TH & 8TH
GRADES
FALL 2016



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BUS DRIVER SUBS NEEDED

Beal City Public Schools is in need of bus driver subs. No experience is necessary. If interested please contact the Superintendent's Office at 989-644-3901.