



# THE AGGIE EXPRESS

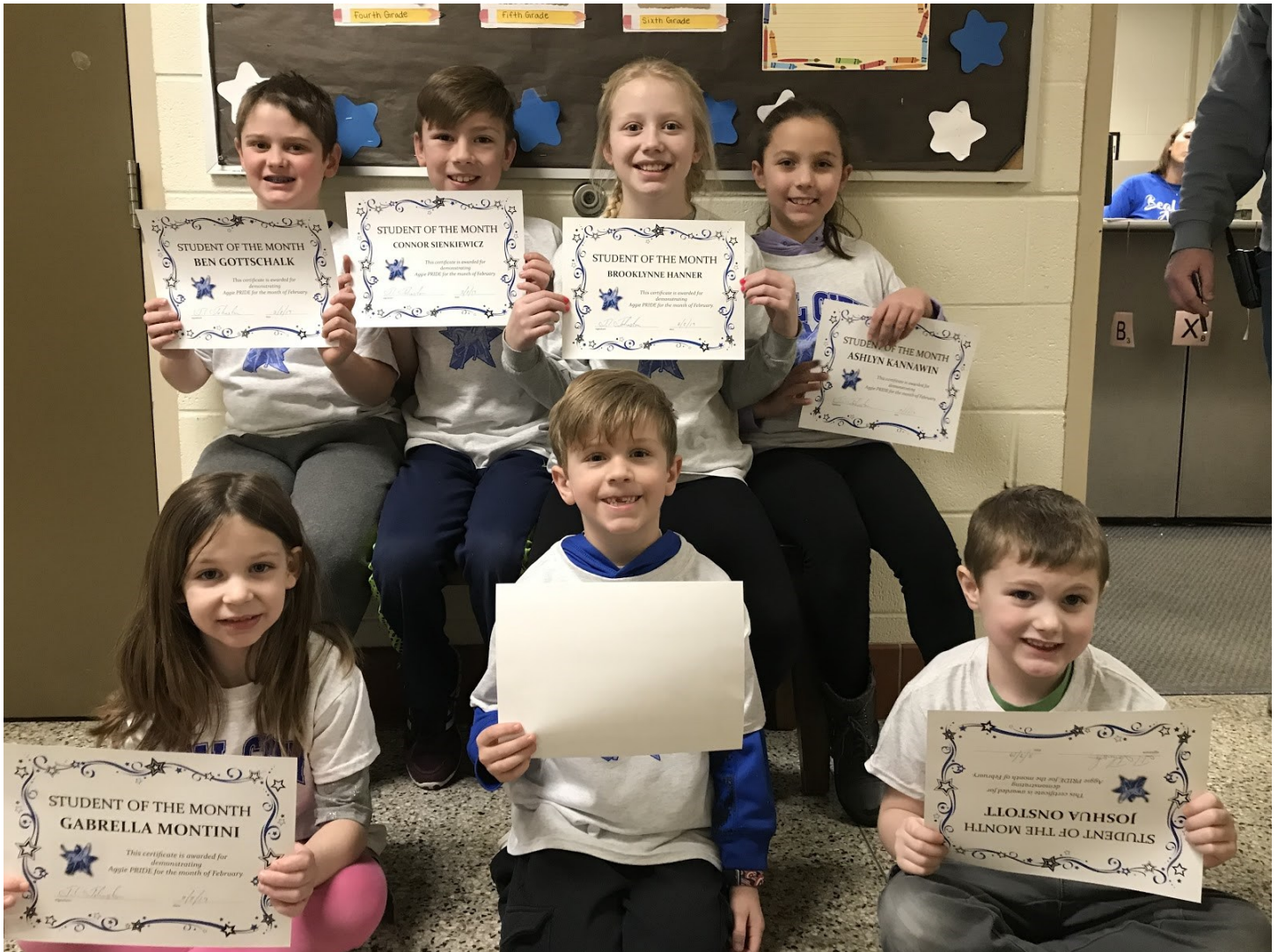


## Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Honors Academic Performance

A special thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa tribe for honoring the academic performance of one of our favorite Aggies, Mattie Seger! Mattie's award was a part of a night of great singing and dancing at the 12th annual Round Dance.

# *Beal City Elementary*

## *Students of the Month*



**Back Row (L to R):** Ben Gottschalk, Connor Sienkiewicz, Brooklynne Hanner, Ashlyn Kannawin  
**Front Row (L to R):** Gabrella Montini, Gavin Sisco, Joshua Onstott

## **Camp Meeting**

It is that time of year again! We need to begin preparing for 4th-6th grade camp. Our meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, April 16 at 6pm. Please join us to get all of the necessary information and paperwork completed. Please bring your picture ID (parents) for the notary to verify your paperwork.



### **\*\*\*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 James Tice.

While James Tice is in his first year at Beal City Public Schools, you would never know it by his involvement. Mr. Tice stepped right up last fall by volunteering to be our Student Council adviser at the high school. This left a lot of Homecoming responsibilities, that included, but were not limited to, Spirit Week, Tapping Ceremony, the Parade and the Homecoming Dance on Mr. Tice's to do list. With the help of his students he ticked off each and every responsibility. Mr. Tice also chose to get involved with our Robotics Team and has been a valuable assistant to the rest of the adults that have helped take a fledgling club and turn it into one that recently made the semi-finals, a best ever performance for them. Thanks, Mr. Tice for your many and varied contributions to Beal City Public Schools.



The Beal City Middle School and High School Bands recently performed at Festival at Bullock Creek High School. They did a great job and represented us well!

## Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Leigha Compson as a K-12 School Counselor. Leigha has an undergraduate degree (double major in psychology & business management) from Hope College and a Masters in Counseling from Western Michigan University.

Leigha and her husband of 15 years, Justin, graduated from high school together and enjoy traveling, especially to Drummond Island. They love spending time with their boys and spoiling their chocolate lab, Cooper, who is 11. Their boys, Miles age 7 and Graham age 3 love to play outside especially if there is mud for their tractors or snow to ski in... but sledding is their #1 favorite.

Leigha loves coffee, hiking, downhill & cross country skiing and spending time with her family. They have 3 alpacas and they love learning about them and taking their photos.

When Leigha was younger she had the opportunity to travel to Belize to work with youth and she studied in Austria for a semester in college. She grew up in Central Michigan but lived in Chicago & Grand Rapids for about 15 years before returning here to raise her family.

We are very excited to have Leigha working at Beal City Schools. Welcome, Leigha!!!



## Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on March 18, 2019:

- General Fund payments of \$515,197.45, transfers to Payroll Acct. of \$1,654.15, Hot Lunch payments of \$12,551.12, Athletic Fund payments of \$4,969.75.

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.





**Congratulations to the Beal City Gadget Agents who made it all the way to the semi-final round in their recent competition. They may have come up a little short, but it was a historical weekend for the Beal City Robotics Team. Great job to all involved!**



**The senior Aggies are dressed for success as they head out for a morning of mock interviews at Mid Michigan College.**

February 13, 2019

Dear Beal City Public Schools Families,

What a crazy month this has been! I have appreciated the support, understanding and patience each of you have shown as we cancelled school day after day due to unsafe conditions. I have also appreciated the support of our community, as many employers were very understanding of parents who needed to be home with their children. Beal City Public Schools is fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

The safety of our students, our families and our employees is at the forefront of every weather related decision made. All 9 Superintendents and all 9 Transportation Directors in Gratiot and Isabella Counties begin conversations about road conditions between 4:30 and 4:45 AM. Many additional conversations go into the final decision. These often include Law Enforcement, County and City authorities, County Road Commissioners, County Emergency Managers, and during the two most recent storms, have included the State of Michigan and The National Weather Service.

Our unprecedented number of weather related cancellations have reached the point where we must make some schedule adjustments. These adjustments are bulleted below. Please be sure to add these to your calendar:

It will be necessary to extend our school year beyond June 7. We do not know at this time how many days we will be required to add for make-up time, we could have additional weather days or delays in front of us. I will share the specifics about the end of the school year as soon as I am able, which should be some time near April 1st.

We made a few decisions regarding the end of the 3rd marking period. We will extend the marking period until Friday April 5th.

We will still have a 1/2 day for students and full day for staff leading up to spring break on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The days leading up to Spring break are very important concerning attendance. Please make sure your students are in attendance until the official start of Spring Break so the days may be fully counted.

In order to help the schedule at the end of the school year, we will be making the following adjustments to our school calendar.

First, we will be in session a half day of school on Good Friday, April 19. The dismissal time will be the same as any other half day of school, which is 11:45am. This should get most folks out of school in time to attend any church services they would like to attend. This will help us with the required number of days and the required number of hours.

Secondly, we will be turning the last day of school (whenever that may be), which was originally a half day into a full day of school.

These two adjustments will help us meet the clock hours and number of days of instruction we are required to be in session, by the State of Michigan.

The Seniors last day of school will be Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Graduation will NOT change. It will be Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Seniors will have their exams on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday will be the Extravaganza Celebration Day for them at the school.

Again, thank you for your patience and your understanding as we had to cancel school, then cancelled events and rescheduled (and rescheduled and rescheduled) activities, events, games, meetings, practices and more. Please know that I, along with all BCPS staff and Board of Education, appreciate the number of times you have had to rearrange your plans, make alternate day care arrangements, talk Grandma and Grandpa in-to day care service, or explain to your employer why you couldn't be at work. Our community and our families are the reason we are BEAL CITY STRONG.

Proud With "AGGIE" Pride ,

William C. Chilman IV, Superintendent  
Beal City Public Schools, Go Aggies



### 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 a hot lunch item and these cold whole grain items: muffins, uncrustables, donuts, cereal, cheese stick, juice 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: \$1.75**

**Reduced: \$.30**

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



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## Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**1** **HOT ITEM**  
Cinnamon blueberry stick  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**2** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & cheese omelet  
whash browns  
fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**3** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & sausage sandwich on a  
bagel  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**4** **HOT ITEM**  
Pancakes maple-flavored  
whash browns  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**5** **HOT ITEM**  
Freshly baked cinnamon rolls  
w/sausage paty  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**8** **HOT ITEM**  
Sliders  
(egg, sausage, cheese)  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**9** **HOT ITEM**  
Eggo chocolate chip  
french toast  
whash brown  
fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**10** **HOT ITEM**  
Sausage gravy pizza  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**11** **HOT ITEM**  
Scrambled egg/ham  
whash brown  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**12** **HOT ITEM**  
Freshly baked cinnamon rolls  
w/sausage paty  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**15** **HOT ITEM**  
Cinnamon blueberry stick  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**16** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & cheese omelet  
whash browns  
fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**17** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & sausage sandwich on a  
bagel  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**18** **HOT ITEM**  
Pancakes maple-flavored  
whash browns  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**19** **1/2 day of school**  
**COLD ITEMS ONLY**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**22** **HOT ITEM**  
Sliders  
(egg, sausage, cheese)  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**23** **HOT ITEM**  
Eggo chocolate chip  
french toast  
whash brown  
fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**24** **HOT ITEM**  
Sausage gravy pizza  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**25** **HOT ITEM**  
Scrambled egg/ham  
whash brown  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**26** **HOT ITEM**  
Freshly baked cinnamon rolls  
w/sausage paty  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**29** **HOT ITEM**  
Cinnamon blueberry stick  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**30** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & cheese omelet  
whash browns  
fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**May 1** **HOT ITEM**  
Egg & sausage sandwich on a  
bagel  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**May 2** **HOT ITEM**  
Pancakes maple-flavored  
whash browns  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

**May 3** **HOT ITEM**  
Freshly baked cinnamon rolls  
w/sausage paty  
Fruit, juice and milk  
**COLD ITEMS**  
Donuts, uncrustables, muffins,  
cereal, cheesecake,  
Fruit, juice and milk

### News

**We have a hot option available every day!**

**Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria for only: \$1.75 full pay students \$1.40 Reduced students from 7:35-8:00.**

**7-12 grade students can still take as a grab-n-go option. We will have to-go containers ready!**

Menus are subject to change. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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## Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 BBQ pork sandwich or pepperoni calzone corn fresh pears juice and milk	2 Ham & cheese calzone or corn dog nuggets potato soup green beans strawberry cups juice and milk	3 chicken and waffle bites or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots grapes juice and milk	4 Aggie Café your way Burger Bar turkey or beef Burger(chesse) whataburger or pretzel bun baked beans sweet potato fries Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	5 lasagna roll up (no meat) or chicken tenders garlic breadstick (k-5 graham cracker) broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk
8 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries apple juice and milk	9 tangerine chicken/rice zinnai crackers or corn dog nuggets stir fry vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk	10 nachos (meat, cheese, chips) or cheese pizza refried beans (g-12 cold carrots) pears juice and milk	11 hot turkey sandwich (g-12 2nd slice bread) mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken tenders w/ bread peas perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	12 grilled cheese sandwich or fish sandwich (cheese) tomato soup broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk
15 hot dog (g-12 cheese-it crackers) or hamburger (cheese) oranges baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk	16 chicken mashed potato bowl dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn appetizing applesauce cups juice and milk	17 cinn French toast w/ sausage links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots tropical fruit juice and milk	18 brixy chicken Alfredo (g-12 garlic breadstick) or chicken tenders (k-5 can graham cracker) broccoli pineapple juice and milk	19 ½ Day <b>NO LUNCH</b>
22 scalloped potatoes-ham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) cookie x-ray vision carrots fresh fruit (seasonal) juice and milk	23 hearty bowl of chili white-chi crackers (g-12 cornbread muffin) or corn dog nuggets potato smiles strawberry cups juice and milk	24 chicken quesadilla or pepperoni pizza refried beans (g-12 cold carrots) mixed fruit juice and milk	25 salsbury steak (g-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk	26 Aggie Café your way burrito Bar burrito shells two meat or grilled chicken (g-12 Mexican rice) black beans Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk
29 BBQ pork sandwich or pepperoni calzone corn fresh pears juice and milk	30 Ham & cheese calzone or corn dog nuggets potato soup green beans strawberry cups juice and milk	1 MAY 1 chicken and waffle bites or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots grapes juice and milk	2 MAY 2 lasagna roll up (no meat) or chicken tenders garlic breadstick (k-5 graham cracker) broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	3 MAY 3 Hawaiian Picnic grilled hot dogs, baked beans, chips, ice cream cup, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk No Daily option

### News

**April Showers bring  
May Flowers!**

**Hawaiian Picnic Day** is  
May 3rd! Grilled hot dogs  
and all the fixings! Please  
dress up in appropriate  
Hawaiian or beach attire  
and join us for this fun day!

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade additional  
daily lunch options:

### Fruit Smoothies!!!

Mon: Strawberry banana  
Tues: Orange creamicle  
Wed: Wild Berry

Thurs: Peach  
Fri: Orange pineapple

Turkey bacon sandwich,  
ham sub, crispy chicken  
wrap, turkey bacon wrap,  
chef salad, grilled chicken  
salad, and strawberry  
parfait.

All grains are whole grain

A vegetable salad bar is  
available daily and is  
included with all meals.

## **V. BASEBALL**

Thurs. 4/4/19	4:00 p.m.	@ Beaverton
Tues. 4/9/19	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Thurs. 4/11/19	4:00 p.m.	Fowler
Tues. 4/16/19	4:00 p.m.	Farwell
Thurs. 4/18/19	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Tues. 4/23/19	4:15 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. 4/25/19	4:00 p.m.	@SHA
Tues. 4/30/19	4:15 p.m.	@McBain
Tues. 5/7/19	4:15 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. 5/9/19	4:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Sat. 5/11/19	11:00 a.m.	@Glen Lake Invite
Tues. 5/14/19	4:15 p.m.	@Ewart
Sat. 5/18/19	10:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Tues. 5/21/19	4:15 p.m.	@Pine River
Sat. 5/25/19	10:00 a.m.	@Bay City John Glenn Invite



## **J.V. Baseball**

Thurs. 4/4/19	4:00 p.m.	Beaverton
Tues. 4/9/19	4:00 p.m.	@Clare
Sat. 4/13/19	10:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite
Tues. 4/16/19	4:00 p.m.	Farwell
Thurs. 4/18/19	4:00 p.m.	@Sanford Meridian
Mon. 4/22/19	4:15 p.m.	@Lake City
Sat. 4/27/19	TBA	@Lakeview Invite
Tues. 4/30/19	4:15 p.m.	McBain
Mon. 5/6/19	4:15 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. 5/9/19	4:15 p.m.	Shepherd
Tues. 5/14/19	4:15 p.m.	Ewart
Thurs. 5/16/19	4:00 p.m.	@Coleman
Tues. 5/21/19	4:15 p.m.	Pine River

## **V. Track**

Thurs. 4/11/19	4:00 p.m.	Clare/Coleman @ Beal City
Thurs. 4/18/19	1:00 p.m.	@Ithaca Invite
Tues. 4/23/19	4:30 p.m.	Ewart
Fri. 4/26/19	3:00 p.m.	@Clare Invite
Tues. 4/30/19	4:30 p.m.	@Lake City w/McBain
Fri. 5/3/19	3:00 p.m.	Great Lakes Invite
Tues. 5/7/19	4:30 p.m.	@McBain NMC w/Manton
Sat. 5/11/19	10:00 a.m.	@ Alma Scottie Invite
Tues. 5/14/19	4:30 p.m.	Pine River
Sat. 5/18/19	TBA	Regionals @ Breckenridge
Tues. 5/21/19	3:30 p.m.	Conference Meet @ Lake City
Sat. 5/25/19	TBA	MITCA State Team Meet @ Breckenridge
Tues. 5/28/19	TBA	@Meet of Champions
Sat. 6/1/19	TBA	MHSAA State Finals



### **V. Softball**

Thurs. 4/4/19	4:00 p.m.	@Beaverton
Tues. 4/9/19	4:00 p.m.	Clare
Thurs. 4/11/19	4:00 p.m.	Fowler
Tues. 4/16/19	4:00 p.m.	@Farwell
Sat. 4/20/19	9:00 a.m.	@Holton Invite
Tues. 4/23/19	4:15 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. 4/25/19	4:00 p.m.	@SHA
Tues. 4/30/19	4:15 p.m.	@McBain
Sat. 5/4/19	9:00 a.m.	@Alma Invite
Tues. 5/7/19	4:15 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. 5/9/19	4:00 p.m.	@Shepherd
Sat. 5/11/19	10:00 a.m.	@Saginaw Heritage Invite
Tues. 5/14/19	4:15 p.m.	@Ewart
Fri. 5/17/19	4:00 p.m.	Sanford Meridian
Sat. 5/18/19	10:00 a.m.	Aggie Invite
Tues. 5/21/19	4:15 p.m.	@Pine River
Sat. 5/25/19	9:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite



### **J.V. Softball**

Thurs. 4/4/19	4:00 p.m.	Beaverton
Tues. 4/9/19	4:00 p.m.	@Clare
Thurs. 4/11/19	4:00p.m.	@Fowler
Sat. 4/13/19	9:00 a.m.	@Coleman Invite
Mon. 4/15/19	4:00 p.m.	@ St. Louis
Tues. 4/16/19	4:00 p.m.	Farwell
Mon. 4/22/19	4:15 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. 4/25/19	4:00 p.m.	SHA
Tues. 4/30/19	4:15 p.m.	McBain
Mon. 5/6/19	4:15 p.m.	@Manton
Thurs. 5/9/19	4:00 p.m.	Shepherd
Tues. 5/14/19	4:15 p.m.	Ewart
Thurs. 5/16/19	4:00 p.m.	@Coleman
Fri. 5/17/19	4:00 p.m.	@Sanford Meridian
Tues. 5/21/19	4:15 p.m.	Pine River



### **J.H. Track**

Wed. 4/10/19	4:30 p.m.	McBain
Wed. 4/17/19	4:30 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Wed. 4/24/19	4:30 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. 4/25/19	4:00 p.m.	@Montabella Invite
Mon. 4/29/19	4:30 p.m.	Ewart
Wed. 5/1/19	4:30 p.m.	Pine River
Wed. 5/8/19	4:30 p.m.	@Lake City
Fri. 5/10/19	4:00 p.m.	@Breckenridge Invite
Wed. 5/15/19	4:00 p.m.	Conference Meet @ Manton
Wed. 5/29/19	2:45 p.m.	Mega Star Meet @ Shepherd



April 2019



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## Junior High All-Star Band

Six of our exceptional 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been selected to perform in the MSBOA District V Junior High All-Star Band. These students will join about 100 other students from 15 different schools for a weekend of music in April, concluding with a performance at Shepherd High School on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Performance times will be posted on the band Facebook page for all interested in attending. Congratulations to these fine young musicians!

Cecilia Faber

Karana Langlois

Brayden Schafer

Mattie Seger

Rylee Sisco

Ben Straus

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# Beal City Bands

## Middle School Band Trip!

Mark your calendars! The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band students will be taking a trip to Michigan's Adventure on May 31<sup>st</sup> to perform and spend a day in the park. Cost for each student will be \$35, which includes admission, transportation, and lunch. Keep an eye out for permission slips in the next few weeks. We will be seeking many chaperones, so please check to see if you can attend with your student!

This trip will cost \$35 per student. We are looking for donations to sponsor students for the trip so that all can attend. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, donations can be dropped off to Ms. Reynolds in the high school office. Checks should be made payable to *Beal City Schools*, with "band trip sponsorship" in the memo.

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## Band & Orchestra Festival

Congratulations to the Junior High School Band and the High School Concert Band for successful performances at District V Band & Orchestra Festival! Both ensembles received an overall Second Division Rating, or "Excellent", on their concert music and First Division Ratings in sight reading. The students performed well despite missing almost 3 weeks of school during our preparation for festival. Make sure to congratulate these Aggie musicians when you see them!

## Upcoming Events

4/9/19 - TEMPO Meeting

4/13/19-4/14/19 - Jr. High All-Star Weekend

5/14/19 - TEMPO Meeting

5/19/19 - Spring Awards Concert (all bands)

5/23/19 - Graduation (8<sup>th</sup>/HS Band)

5/31/19 - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Trip



### Band Karate/Olympics

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are being assessed through a new incentive program in band class! Students will earn "belts" and "medals" through successful performance of pre-determined skills. Encourage your middle school students to reach the next level! Detailed information can be found on the band website.

Congratulations to the first 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned their White Belts in recent weeks!

Maddison Blanshan

Gabby Breuer

Maxine Wright

## TEMPO Club Participation

Starting this year, the TEMPO Club will offer discounted marching band fees in exchange for service! All parents that attend at least 6 TEMPO Club meetings per school year will have one student's marching band fees waived for the following year.

To have next year's marching band fee waived, you must attend at least 4 meetings for the remainder of the current school year.

This fee reduction is not retroactive; no previous marching band fees will be refunded for TEMPO Club attendance.

## State Solo & Ensemble

Congratulations to the following students who performed in the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Faber  
Austin Hauck  
Greenlee Jones  
Logan Mishler

Students earned the opportunity to participate in this festival by receiving First Division Ratings at the District Solo & Ensemble festival. Be sure to congratulate our high school saxophone players on a job well done!



Author and animal advocate, Dalis Hitchcock, also known as “DALIS TO THE RESCUE” visited Beal City Schools for reading month. She educated our students about the importance of reading to learn about proper pet care, different kinds of animals and their needs, as well as how to be a responsible pet owner. She brought several rescue animals with her to help spread her message. Beal City Elementary students then participated in a Pet Food & Supply Drive to help Dalis with her mission of rescuing animals. Over 844 items worth of donations were collected and delivered to Dalis at her shop in St. Louis.

If you'd like to donate to Dalis' mission, her shop, “D Tails Dog & Cat Grooming”, is located at: 317 N. Mill St. Louis, MI 48880. She can also be found on Facebook at “Dalis To The Rescue”.

## Aggie of Excellence Scholarship

The Aggie of Excellence Scholarship applications are now available from Mrs. Millerov. The number of scholarships that will be given this year has not yet been determined, however, we expect the scholarship will be \$500 per recipient again this year. The scholarships can be used for a Trade School or a College. The applications are due back to Mrs. Millerov on April 19th. We look forward to reviewing the applications. The winners will be announced at graduation. Good Luck!!



## Report to PARENTS

# HELPING YOUR CHILD Test Preparation

**W**hether you've been out of school for five years or 15, the thought of taking a test probably still makes your heart race. Now imagine what it's like for your child. As a parent, you can help.

### THE PHYSICAL

**Get them fed.** The more nutritiously your children eat, the better they will do in school. Properly fueled and with stable blood sugar levels, their concentration is enhanced. Always give them a healthy breakfast while cutting back on high-sugar cereals, pastries, and undiluted juices (which can have the same sugar content as sodas.) Most kids are ravenous after school, so before they settle down to study, provide a healthful, non-junk food snack to carry them through to dinner.

**Get them moving.** Exams cause stress, but, sports, exercise, and dancing can relieve it. Physical activity that gets students completely away from academics for a few hours each day can actually help them perform better on tests.

**Get them breathing.** Teach your kids a simple breathing exercise that you'll do with them once or twice a day and in times of stress (as in right before a test): Take a deep breath, hold to the count of three, then exhale slowly through the nose to the count of 10.

**Get them to bed on time.** Elementary and middle school children need up to 10 hours of sleep each night to do their best in school. They also need to curtail the excitement from video games, television, movies, and texting for at least 30 minutes before sleep.

### THE MENTAL

**Practice their confidence.** Ask the teacher or principal if there are practice tests or worksheets your child can work on at home before the big day. These can help your children get used to how the questions are worded and how to properly fill in test sheet bubbles.

**Put piecework into action.** Pre-exam cramming does not work. In fact, four 15-minute periods of study are actually superior to one continuous hour when it comes to memory retention. Therefore, see to it that your child preps for tests in small bursts, in some small way, every day.

**Unplug already.** When it comes to distracting videos, television, telephones, or social media (basically anything with a screen or speakers that's not directly related to school work), study time is the time to turn the devices off.



### THE EMOTIONAL

**Offer super support.** As much as you value good exam grades, it's more important that kids understand that your love and respect for them is not dependent on their test scores.

**Review results together.** Once the graded exam comes back, sit with your child and review what went right, what didn't, and how to do better next time. This is not the time for you to lecture. Subtly prompted, your child should do most of the talking.



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### **The BCEF is happy to announce the winners of the 2019 \$300 grants.**

Congratulations to Becky Block on being awarded a BCEF grant for a Sensory Integration Lending Library. Becky stated, "The Sensory Integration Lending Library will be available to any student at BCPS through our Student Study Team. Sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation and enable students to be more available and receptive to learning." Congratulations, Becky!!

Congratulations to Kyle Carter on being awarded a BCEF grant for Makey Makey. Kyle stated, "The Makey Makey Invention Kit allows students to create programs using the world around them. With this kit students use their creativity to turn everyday items into input sources for their programs". Congratulations, Kyle!!

The BCEF would like to thank everyone who participated by submitting their grant applications. We had excellent grant requests and it was a difficult decision.