



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

School Board Officers Elected

The following school board officers were chosen at the annual organizational meeting held on Monday, January 21, 2019.

Denise McBride	President
Rod Cole	Vice President
Curt Gottschalk	Secretary
Robert Pasch	Treasurer
Ron Neyer	Trustee
Heather Curtiss	Trustee
Tom Gross	Trustee

The School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month unless otherwise noted. The start time for this year's meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. This year's meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 18, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 18, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 15, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 20, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 24, 2019 Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 15, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 16, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 18, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 20, 2020 Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 20, 2020 Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Beal City Elementary

Students of the Month



Back Row (L to R):Kevin Koopman, Madalyn Faber, Braden Chippewa, Matthew Johnston

Front Row (L to R):Cole Wezensky, Rylinn Pastotnik, Madison Wixson



Lego League- Coach of the Year

Beal City students participated in a new endeavor this year by starting the first-ever Beal City Lego League Team. The team was comprised of 8 members and was led by Ms. Jen Courtright. At the competition the Aggies performed very well and were recognized as being one of the top first-year teams. Further, Coach Courtright received the distinct honor of Coach of the Year. Jen has done an amazing job of getting this program started and we look forward to many successful years in the future.

*****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 Kris Weis.

Mrs. Weis is one of our 6th grade teachers at Beal City Elementary. She is passionate about education and strives to help students in any way that she can. Mrs. Weis also makes lessons fun for students, yet pushes them to be their very best. Thank you, Mrs. Weis for your incredible contributions to Beal City Elementary!



The Girls and Boys Basketball programs would like give a huge THANK YOU to the Beal City Sports Boosters for their support. They could not have purchased the basketball shooting machine —“The Gun” without you. This allows our athletes to take an endless amount of shots in a short period of time, independently. The Aggie Hoopsters appreciate it!!





Three of Beal's best and brightest have been recognized by the Mt. Pleasant Area Rotary Club as outstanding students. Dexter Lynch, Chloe Jaessing and Katie Daniels will all be missed when they graduate this year. We wish all three of them the best of luck as they move on.



Congratulations to Adam Pung, Beal City's Rotary Student of the Month for January! Adam is the son of Kelly and Paul Pung and they have a lot to be proud of with this young man. Keep up the great work Adam!



Aggies Visit Their Agricultural Roots.

A recent field trip of Ms. Spry's class took them to area dairy farms to compare and contrast the different styles of operations. Thanks to all of the area farmers that opened up their farms and hosted the next generation.



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 21, 2019:

- General Fund payments of \$605,085.70, transfers to Payroll Acct. payments of \$1,876.42, Hot Lunch payments of \$9,095.44, Athletic Fund payments of \$2,978.62, Capital Projects 2017 Checking payments of \$19,835.55, Capital Projects checking payments of \$13,627.00 and Capital Projects 2017 Money Market electronic transfer to Capital Project 2017 checking of \$5,000.00.
- The 2nd reading of the Neola Policies as presented.
- Accept Deb Martin's Retirement Resignation effective June 30, 2019 as presented.
- The Sick Bank Recommendation 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.



Breakfast Logic

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on “normal” days, many students fail to eat breakfast: they’re too busy, too tired, or just don’t know what to eat.

Let’s help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

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
4 HOT ITEM Siders (egg, sausage, cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	5 HOT ITEM Eggo chocolate chip french toast w/ hash brown fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	6 HOT ITEM Sausage gravy pizza Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	7 HOT ITEM Scrambled egg/ham w/ hash brown Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	8 HOT ITEM Freshly baked cinnamon rolls w/ sausage patty Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk
11 HOT ITEM Cinnamon blueberry stick Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	12 HOT ITEM Egg & cheese omelet w/ hash brown fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	13 HOT ITEM Egg & sausage sandwich on a bagel Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	14 HOT ITEM Pancakes maple-flavored w/ hash brown Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	15 HOT ITEM Freshly baked cinnamon rolls w/ sausage patty Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk
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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
<p>4 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries apple juice and milk</p>	<p>5 tangerine chicken/noodle animal crackers or corn dog nuggets stir fry vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk</p>	<p>6 nachos (meat, cheese, chips) or cheese pizza refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) pears juice and milk</p>	<p>7 hot turkey sandwich (9-12 slice bread) mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken tenders w/bread pears perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk</p>	<p>8 Aggie Café your way Italian bar Roini pasta meatballs w/sage sauce or grilled chicken Alfredo breadstick (K-5 cinn cracker) Broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk</p>
<p>11 hot dog (9-12 cheese crackers) or hamburger (cheese) oranges baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk</p>	<p>12 chicken mashed potato bowl dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn appealing applesauce cups juice and milk</p>	<p>13 cinn French toast w/ sausage links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots tropical fruit juice and milk</p>	<p>14 heart-shaped nuggets, dinner roll emoji potato smiles dessert broccoli juice and milk</p>	<p>15 Aggie Café your way Burrito Bar burrito shells taco meat or grilled chicken (6-12 Mexican rice) refried beans, Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk</p>
<p>18 scalloped potatoes/ham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) cookie x-ray vision carrots fresh fruit (seasonal) juice and milk</p>	<p>19 hearty bowl of chili w/cheese crackers (6-12 cornbread muffin) or corn dog nuggets potato smiles strawberry cups juice and milk</p>	<p>20 chicken quesadilla or pepperoni pizza refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) mixed fruit juice and milk</p>	<p>21 Salisbury steak (6-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk</p>	<p>22 Aggie Café your way Asian Bar noodles or rice tangerine or teriyaki chicken animal crackers stir fry vegetables Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk</p>
<p>25 BBQ pork sandwich or pepperoni calzone corn fresh pears juice and milk</p>	<p>26 Ham & cheese calzone or corn dog nuggets chicken noodle soup green beans strawberry cups juice and milk</p>	<p>27 chicken and waffle bites or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots grapes juice and milk</p>	<p>28 lasagna roll up garlic breadstick (6-5 graham cracker) or chicken tenders broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk</p>	<p>1 Aggie Café your way Burger Bar turkey or beef Burger(cheese) Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk</p>

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Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th! Celebrate with heart shaped nuggets and emoji potato smiles! ☺

All grains are whole grain

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

6th-12th grade additional daily lunch options:

FEATURING NEW: Fruit Smoothies!!! Different flavors every day!

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

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SAT Study Sessions Are Starting Soon

The cost of college is increasing all the time. The BCEF is trying to help with providing some scholarships. However, students can help themselves so much more by studying for the SAT test. Kahn Academy (our test prep software) has announced that studying for just 20 hours will increase a student's test score by 115 points!! The increase of 115 points can make a huge difference in scholarships awarded based on SAT test scores. For example Central Michigan University has four different levels of Merit Scholarships. If you could study enough to raise your score the 115 points, it could mean thousands of dollars of scholarships over your 4 year college career. Below is an example of CMU's scholarships and the scores needed to be awarded the scholarship.

1. Academic Prestige award \$6,500 per year, requires a 1250 SAT score
2. Academic Excellence award \$5,500 per year, requires a 1100 SAT score
3. Academic Success award \$3,500 per year, requires a 1040 SAT score
4. Residence Life Grant \$2,000 per year, requires a 1010 SAT score

As you can see, if you would possibly fall in between one of these brackets, and could raise your score by 115 points, it could mean a difference of possibly \$8,000 over four years if you went from the Academic Success award to the Academic Excellence award. Very much worth your time to try to achieve with just 20 hours of serious studying.

Here are the dates of the study sessions. We have also included who the proctor will be for the study sessions. Students will use Kahn Academy software while in these study sessions. The proctors are just being asked to make the study sessions available. The proctors are not being asked to "teach" unless they want to give some lessons. This really is up to the student to get ready for the test. Students can also study at home. They already have login information to Kahn Academy. The study sessions are 2 hours each and we currently only have 9 sessions. We will try to find time for another study session. In bad weather, please watch the Beal City Education Foundation Facebook page for cancellation. We will announce on Friday if the session is cancelled because no one has signed up. Then we will also post that on Facebook as well. We are only requiring 5 students sign up for the study sessions to keep them open.

Sunday, Jan. 27 (6-8 pm): BCEF Board Member

Saturday, Feb. 2 (9-11 am): Alsatia Lohr

Sunday, Feb. 10 (6-8 pm): Jen Butkovich

Saturday, Feb. 23 (9-11am): BCEF Board Member

Sunday, March 3 (6-8 pm): Jen Butkovich

Saturday, March 9 (9-11 am): Jennifer Davis

Sunday, March 17 (6-8 pm): BCEF Board Member

Saturday, April 6 (9-11 am): Sara Millerov

Sunday, April 7 (6-8 pm): Jen Butkovich

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9:00a-12:30p



Band-Cake Breakfast

featuring Chris Cakes flying pancakes!

Join the Beal City Bands on Sunday, February 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00a-12:30p for home-made pancakes served to you by Chris Cakes! We will also have a silent auction with opportunities to win gift cards, homemade goods, and even an Amazon Kindle! Pancake breakfast including orange juice and sausage links will be \$7/plate. Coffee will also be available.

All proceeds will directly impact the Beal City Bands and help with our equipment needs. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Mary Claire Reynolds (mreynolds@bealcityschools.net) with any questions.

February 2019



High School Solo & Ensemble

On February 9th, 24 high school students will participate in the District V Solo & Ensemble Festival. These students have been diligently working since our last concert to prepare additional music to what we play in class. Wish them luck, we know they'll represent our school well!

Beal City Bands

7th -12th Grade Students Prepare for District V Band & Orchestra Festival

On March 8th, the Junior High and High School Bands will travel to Bullock Creek HS to perform in Band & Orchestra Festival. Each ensemble will perform three pieces for a panel of adjudicators who will then assign the groups a rating based on their performance and interpretation. A detailed itinerary will be sent home with students soon.

Friends and family are welcome to attend! The Junior High Band performs at 3:55, and the High School Band performs at 5:40. We hope to see you there cheering our Aggie Musicians on!

Upcoming Events

2/9/19 (TBA) - HS District Solo & Ensemble
2/13/19 (6PM) - TEMPO Club Meeting (Wednesday!)
2/17/19 (9AM) - Band-Cake Breakfast
2/24/19 (4PM) - Festival Winds Concert
3/8/19 - District V Band & Orchestra Festival

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.

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