



# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



## School Board

### Recognition Month

Pictured from left to right – front row: William C Chilman IV – Superintendent, Denise McBride – School Board President, Heather Curtiss – School Board Trustee,

Left to right – back row: Curt Gottschalk – School Board Secretary, Ron Neyer – School Board Trustee, Robert Pasch – School Board Treasurer, Rod Cole – School Board Trustee, and Tom Gross – School Board Trustee

January is School Board Recognition Month—a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education. This special recognition of School Board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that ALL children succeed.

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Beal City Public Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy—public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member.

Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. We salute the public servants of Beal City Public Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

The men and women serving and their years of service are:

Robert Pasch	14 years
Rod Cole	11 years
Denise McBride	9 years
Ron Neyer	5 years
Curt Gottschalk	4 years
Heather Curtiss	1/2 year
Tom Gross	1/2 year

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



The Beal City Board of Education, the Beal City community and the staff of Beal City Public Schools would like to honor and thank our High School Principal, Jeff Jackson for his 23 years of educational service to our school and community.

Jeff began his career as a first and second grade teacher at Mayes Elementary in 1995. Over the course of the past 23 years Jeff has taught every grade but Kindergarten. He has served as an elementary principal, an assistant principal/athletic director and high school principal. Jeff also contributed to Beal City athletics in various coaching positions over the years. He coached JV football, varsity football and JV softball. The JV softball program at Beal City Schools was started by Jeff many years ago. His dedication to our school and community was evident as he chaperoned every homecoming dance and prom for the past 23 years. He has attended countless band concerts, plays, sporting events and academic ceremonies. Our school has been fortunate to have such a committed leader to assist our staff and students in many different capacities.

As Jeff looks toward his upcoming retirement in January, he will undoubtedly be spending quality time with his pride and joy; his children and grandchildren. Jeff is the proud father of Justin (Tasha) and Lindsey. He has four granddaughters, Maya, Senna, Alyssa and Ashlynn. We sincerely hope he enjoys his retirement with his family, his beloved Spartans, and his favorite golf course! We wish Jeff nothing but the best in his retirement from Beal City Schools. Thank you, Jeff – for everything!



## **Beal City Spanish Club goes to Spain**

A few months ago, 14 of our Beal City High School students set out on an incredible journey. We had fundraisers, we practiced Spanish phrases, looked up Spanish foods, google searched places we were going to visit, we even prepared for the successes and challenges we would face as travelers. All of these preparations were well worth the effort.

We spent 10 days in Spain. We visited the cities of Málaga, Granada, Sevilla, Córdoba, Madrid, and Barcelona. We tried new foods. We visited museums, cathedrals, beaches, mosques, and parks. We shopped in outdoor markets and malls. We learned about the history of Spain and we learned about some of the present day issues. We biked Barcelona and travelled by planes, trains, metros, and busses.

All of that being said, we learned about ourselves and our communities. We were able to experience first hand the joy and excitement of going to someplace new and bringing that knowledge back to our families and friends. For some of us, the first time on a plane was remarkable enough, but for others, we really tried to experience as much about the country as we could. We even were able to meet students from Minnesota and Pennsylvania as we combined tours for different events.

One of the most important aspects of this trip, is what we learned about ourselves. We learned to be patient, kind, and adventurous all at the same time. We learned that we might have to pack a few more snacks for our less daring connoisseurs. We discovered that some of us have a knack for getting around a city, while others are content with going back to our hotel. We learned that we could use our English in most places, but a little bit of Spanish goes a long way; a little bit of Arabic and French helped too. However, the most important thing that each of us learned is how much we are able to do when we put our minds to it.

Thanks to David Reihl, Dexter Lynch, Faith Moody, Mackenzie Yuncker, Ethan Wichert, David Millard, Zoey Zeneberg, Jay Lyon, Heidie Neyer, Ariel Salter, Zoey Mishler, Justine Prill, Daniel Schafer, Kayla Reihl, Toni Moody, Sam Kirklin, and our chaperones, Zach Brown and Ahmad Dabas for an incredible trip!!



# Beal City Elementary



## Students of the Month



**Back Row (L to R):** Grace Fancher , Bella Davis, Blake Jones  
**Front Row (L to R):** Sofia Gonzalez, Connor Smith, Logan Funnell  
**Not Pictured:** Rosa Marie Tovar

## Elementary NWEA Testing

Our mid-year NWEA testing will take place the week of January 8-12. This will provide us with valuable information to provide interventions to students moving forward. Please do your best to make sure that students are well rested and eat a solid breakfast during this week.





### **Christmas Outreach**

Front row - Zoey Zeneberg, Bre Pety, Kelsey Pasch, Catie Matthews, Chloe Jaessing and Shelby Trevino.

Back - Jack Schafer, Jay Lyon, Jared Gottschalk, Lore Gamboa, Seth Schafer and Aaron Schaffer

## **Student Council Members Have the Christmas Spirit**

### **Shop with a Cop**

Front Row - Shelby Trevino, Cameron Lynch and Catie Matthews

Back - Dexter Lynch, Grace Weber, Chelsea Schripsema, Lore Gamboa, Amanda McMullen, Julia Robison and Jay Lyon.



Student Council has been serving our community in multiple ways this holiday season. Recently we volunteered with Christmas Outreach and Shop with a Cop to help families in the area. We also put on a fundraiser for the United Way to collect stocking stuffers for families in need. Once again, we would like to thank the community for their continued support.

Student Council donated \$1,000 of the proceeds from the homecoming t-shirt sales to the Isabella County Animal Shelter. The money will go towards taking care of the animals and supporting their needs. We would like to thank the community for all their support and contributions that allowed us to make this donation.



Beal City Schools would like to introduce Cody Sapp as an Elementary Para-Pro. Cody graduated from Genesee High School in Genesee, MI. He has a Bachelor's Degrees from CMU in Broadcasting and in Cinematic Arts & Religion.

Cody's favorite food is pizza and his favorite books are "Into the Wild" and "On the Road". His favorite activities are listening to and playing music. We are very excited to have Cody with us at Beal City Schools. Welcome Cody!!

## Featured Staff People

Beal City Public Schools would like to welcome Staci Galgoci as a Part Time District Secretary. Staci is a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Administration from CMU and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Counseling.

Staci and her fiancé, Jimmy Vessell, are getting married in April of 2018. They don't have any kids, but they have 2 fur babies named Winston and Walter. Staci's favorite food is tacos. She loves football (Go Green!) and shopping. She spends her spare time working on house projects and planning her wedding.





# Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on December 18, 2017:

- General Fund payments of \$630,307.88, transfers to Payroll Acct. payments of \$1,120.10, Hot Lunch payments of \$16,693.86 and Athletic Fund payments of \$3,204.76.
- The following support staff recommendations: Staci Galgoci – Part Time District Secretary and Tami Wilson – Cafeteria Monitor.
- Mark Pittsley's letter of retirement contingent upon various factors as presented.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Fall 2017 NEOLA Policy Updates as presented.
- The recommendation presented for the Student Discipline Hearing.

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.

## **JH Girls Basketball**

Mon. Jan 15	6:00 p.m. McBain
Thurs. Jan 18	6:00 p.m. @Ewart
Mon. Jan. 22	6:00 p.m. @Pine River
Thurs. Jan. 25	6:00 p.m. @Marion
Mon. Jan. 29	6:00 p.m. McBain NMC
Thurs. Feb. 1	6:00 p.m. @Manton
Mon. Feb. 5	6:00 p.m. Lake City
Thurs. Feb. 8	6:00 p.m. @McBain
Mon. Feb. 12	6:00 p.m. Ewart
Thurs. Feb. 15	6:00 p.m. Pine River
Mon. Feb. 19	6:00 p.m. Marion
Thurs. Feb. 22	6:00 p.m. @McBain NMC



Beal City Drama Class Presents...

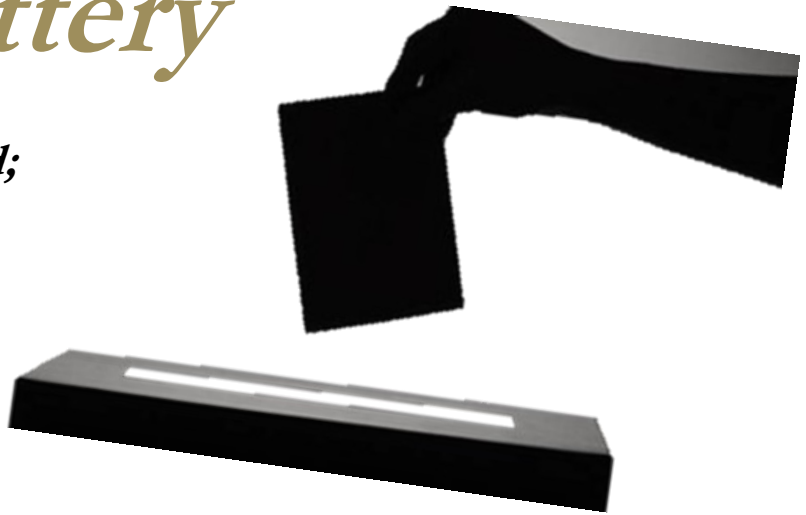
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# *The Lottery*

*By Bob Brainerd Duffield;*

*Adapted from a Story*

*By Shirley Jackson*

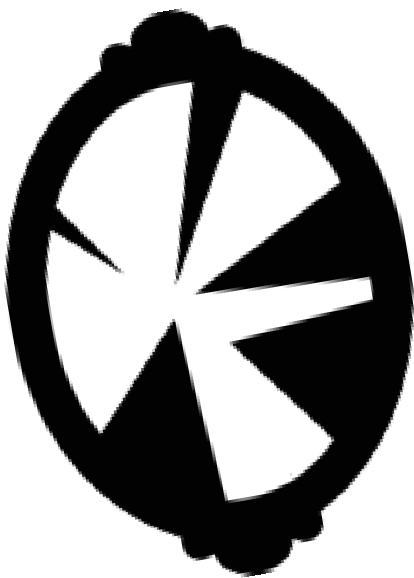


*\$3 Students!*  
*\$5 Adults!*

# *Girl in the Mirror*

*(One Act Version)*

*By Bruce Jacoby*



*January 10<sup>th</sup>*  
*@ 7:00pm*

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# JANUARY | 2018

## Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Winter Break</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Winter break</b>	<b>3</b> Donuts, uncrustables, cereal, muffins, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>4</b> Donuts, uncrustables, cereal, muffins, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>5</b> Donuts, uncrustables, cereal, muffins, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk
<b>8</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Sliders (egg, sausage, cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>9</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Eggo chocolate chip french toast whash brown fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>10</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Breakfast biscoe stick (egg, turkey bacon, cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>11</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Sausage gray pizza Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>12</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Breakfast burrito (egg, ham and cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk
<b>15</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Breakfast boat (egg & cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>16</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Freshly baked cinnamon roll w/sausage patty Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>17</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Egg & cheese omelet whash browns fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>18</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Pancakes maple-flavored whash browns Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk	<b>19</b> <b>HOT ITEM</b> Egg & sausage sandwich on a bagel Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesebick, Fruit, juice and milk
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### News

We have a **hot option** available every day starting the 8<sup>th</sup>!

Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria for only:

**\$1.50** full pay students  
**\$.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!

Did you know?

Research shows that students who skip breakfast have shorter attention spans and don't perform as well on test. Make sure your youngster gets up in time for a nutritious breakfast. If it is crazy trying to feed them breakfast in the morning, let us! ☺

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# JANUARY | 2018

## Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries pineapple juice and milk	4 tangerine chicken/rice or corn dog nuggets stir fry vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk	5 walking tacos or cheese pizza refried beans (8-12 cold carrots) fresh fruit juice and milk
8 ham&cheese calzone or pepperoni calzone green beans pleasing pears juice and milk	9 chicken mashed potato bowl dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn appealing apple sauce cups juice and milk	10 hot dog (8-12 cheer-its) or hamburger (cheese) tropical fruit baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk	11 twisty chicken alfredo (8-12 garlic breadsticks) or chicken tenders (K-5 cinn graham cracker) broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	12 Sausage pancake wrap or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots fresh fruit juice and milk
15 fish sandwich w/cheese or pepperoni calzone cauliflower oranges juice and milk	16 meatball sub or corn dog nuggets potato smiles strawberry cups juice and milk	17 scalloped potatoes/ham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) cookie x-ray vision carrots mixed fruit juice and milk	18 Salisbury steak (8-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk	19 1/2 Day NO LUNCH
22 Philly beef sub with choice of cheddar or queso cheese sauce or pepperoni calzone green or baked beans pears juice and milk	23 grilled ham & cheese sandwich or corn dog nuggets chicken noodle soup peas appealing apple sauce cups juice and milk	24 cinn French toast w/ sausage links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots fresh fruit juice and milk	25 lasagna roll up garlic breadstick (8-5 graham cracker) or chicken tenders x-ray vision cooked carrots Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	26 Aggie Café your way Asian Bar noodles or rice tangerine or teriyaki chicken broccoli tropical fruit juice and milk
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### News

**DECADES WEEK is January**

**8-12:**

**Monday-50's-Elvis**

**Tuesday-60's-hippie**

**Wednesday-70's-disco**

**Thursday-80's**

**Friday-90's**

**Please join us with fun costumes and music ☺**

**New items: walking tacos, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup. Also, this month is an Asian bar for Aggie Café your way day. Come and try the new items!**

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade additional daily lunch options:**  
Turkey sub, ham sub, crispy chicken wrap, grilled chicken wrap, chef salad, grilled chicken salad, a berry burst parfait and strawberry parfait.

**All grains are whole grain**  
**A vegetable salad bar is available daily (except breakfast for lunch day) and is included with all meals.**

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## Reinforce Math Skills With Everyday Activities

**A** solid foundation in math is essential for students to succeed in school and beyond. Incorporate math into your family's daily life—without a lot of time, effort, or expense—with these fun ideas.

**In the kitchen.** Cooking is not only a terrific way to help children understand fractions—it's also excellent family bonding time. Show younger children how measuring two half-cups of flour yields the same amount as one full cup. Ask older children to help you cut a recipe in half or double a recipe. Have them write down the new measurements and check the computations together.

**At the grocery store.** Bring a calculator with you to the store when you shop. Young children can add up how much you have spent on groceries or saved with coupons. Kids in third grade or higher can help determine which size of detergent offers the best value, or whether using a particular coupon is cost-effective.

**In the garage.** A tire gauge is one of the simplest tools for a child to use, and can help him or her learn about addition and subtraction. Show your child how to measure the pressure in your bicycle or car tires. Then, have your child help you determine how much air you need to add or release. Older children can calculate gas mileage.

**On the computer.** Find activities that reinforce math skills, from computer games like Math Blaster to apps.

**On the road.** Long car trips were made for math games. Pick a number from one to 10 and have each family member try to find a license plate with the target number. Younger children can add the numbers together. Children who have learned subtraction can try to find one that involves adding a few of the numbers and then subtracting one.

Kids who have learned multiplication and division can put those skills to use.

**At the toy store.** If your child is trying to save up to buy something special, keep a chart of how much money they will need and what they have saved to date.

**At home.** Classic games such as dominoes, cards, puzzles, or Monopoly teach math reasoning. Sewing and building projects both involve plenty of computation. Teach your child how to measure and sew fabrics together, or build basic structures out of wood (with adult supervision).

Above all, avoid passing any math phobias that you might have on to your child. It's important for children to hear at home that what they're learning is valuable—that all the work they're doing trying to comprehend division or fractions or measurement will pay off their whole lives.



### Web Resources

**Common Sense Media** provides reviews of education apps.

[www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)

**PBS Parents** has a math portal with tips, games, and everyday activities.

[www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/](http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/)

The **Figure This Family Corner** offers tips, tricks, and downloadable brochures.

[www.figurethis.org/fc/family\\_corner.htm](http://www.figurethis.org/fc/family_corner.htm)



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