



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

School Board Leaders Honored in January

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 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	10 years
Ron Neyer	6 years
Curt Gottschalk	5 years
Heather Curtiss	1 year
Tom Gross	1 year

Beal City Elementary

Students of the Month



Back Row (L to R): Logan Mcallister, Lizzy Marquiss, Macy Johnston, Grady Gatrell
Front Row (L to R): Charlie Pappas, Bryson Marshall, Logan Funnell

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*****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 Barb Wixson.

Ms. Wixson is a paraprofessional at Beal City Public Schools. She always has a positive attitude and continually goes above and beyond for our students. Barb plays a critical role in our math intervention program and has also worked to develop a check in/check out system at the elementary. We are lucky to have Barb on the team at Beal City!

Winter Assessment

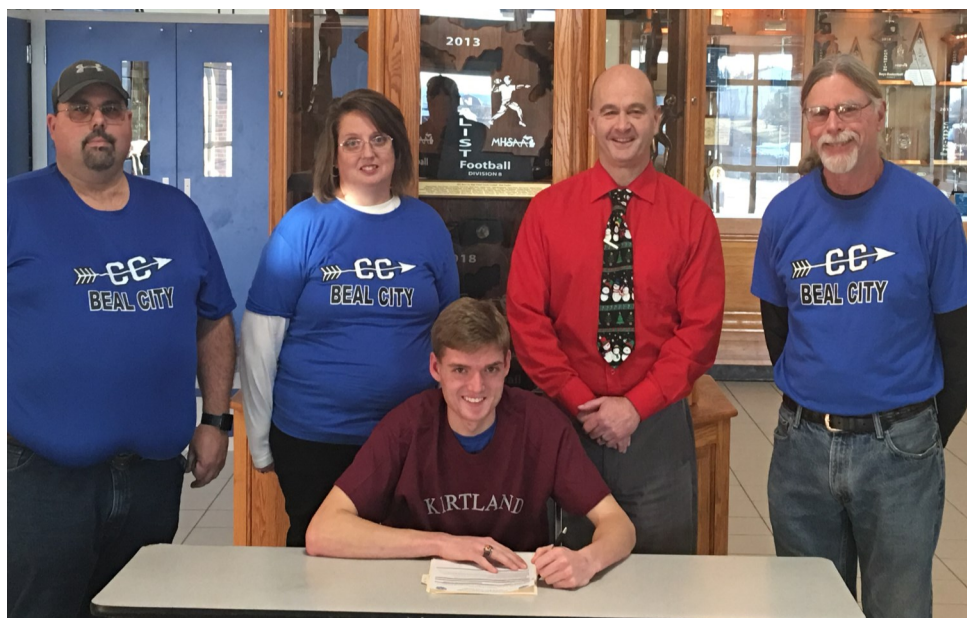
Beal City Elementary will be conducting our winter assessments (NWEA, DRA2) during the first couple of weeks in January. We will use this information to monitor student growth from the fall and determine what adjustments need to be made moving forward. This information is also critical in creating quality intervention plans (IRIP). Please encourage your student to give their very best effort on these assessments so that we have reliable information to work with.





Congratulations to Beal City's Jr/Sr High teacher of the quarter, Jen Butkovich! Mrs. Butkovich is widely considered one of the most supportive teachers at Beal City by the group whose opinion matters the most on these issues, her students. Students both past and present rave about the support that Mrs. Butkovich has given them in mathematics. Thanks to Doug Cellini and Horace Mann Financial Products for their sponsorship of the award.

*******College Signing*******



Alex Taylor recently signed a letter of intent to run Cross Country at Kirtland Community College. Congratulations, Alex!!!

Pictured: Beal City Senior Alex Taylor, parents Jason and Sara Weber, Kirtland Community College coach Dan Haskins and Beal City Cross Country Coach Dave King.

Elementary Robotics Team #37510

Lego League Team – Goose Caboose



On December 1, 2018, the Elementary Robotics Team competed in District Competition in Freeland, Michigan.

Ten students ranging from grades 4th thru 6th were allowed to compete. This year's challenge had to do with Space. The students were asked to come up with a solution to a real world problem and talk about some of the challenges that they faced.

Team Goose Caboose engineered a Solar Powered Hydroponic Grow Station complete with 4 stations with real plants. The team had to present their ideas and their solution to a panel of judges. Then, they had to work on core values and team working skills. This too was in front of a panel of judges. Finally, the team was asked to engineer a robot that could complete as many tasks in 2 ½ min. The team completed a Rookie record by completing 4 full missions. The team placed 13th out of 38 teams.

Ms. Courtright was named the 2018 First Lego League Outstanding Coach/Mentor for the District. Congratulations to team Goose Caboose on such a fantastic rookie season.

THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, parents, 7th grade mentors and Nick Finnerty for making this season a HUGE success!!!!

If you are interested in next year's competition and your 4th, 5th or 6th grade student wants to be a part of this, please feel free to email Ms. Courtright at jcourtright@bealcityschools.net

In the spring, we will send a letter home, so we know how many kids are wanting to be on a team. Parents, we will need you to become a team mentor for a team of 8 to 10 kids if the need is high. NO LEGO SKILLS NEEDED.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on December 17, 2018:

- General Fund payments of \$686,781.16, transfers to Payroll Acct. payments of \$1,280.70, Bond Account payments of \$41,131.80, Hot Lunch payments of \$18,287.70, Athletic Fund payments of \$6,781.37, Capital Projects 2017 Checking payments of \$177,680.50, Capital Projects checking payments of \$187,251.60.
- The 1st reading of the Neola Policies as presented.
- Rebecca Hodges as a Voluntary Assistant Cheer Coach.

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.



Start the Day (and the Year) Right!

Make giving your kids a healthy breakfast every day one of your New Year's resolutions.

If you don't have much time in the morning or your kids aren't hungry when they wake up, send them to school for breakfast. Healthy food choices are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. We cannot wait to see them there!

Help your kids to make this semester a success - encourage them to eat breakfast!

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
31	1	2	3	4
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
7	8	9	10	11
HOT ITEM Sliders (egg, sausage, cheese) Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	HOT ITEM Eggo chocolate chip french toast whish brown fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	HOT ITEM Sausage gravy pizza Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	HOT ITEM Scrambled egg/bacon whish brown Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk	HOT ITEM Friedly baked cinnamon rolls whish brown Fruit, juice and milk COLD ITEMS Donuts, uncrustables, muffins, cereal, cheesecake, Fruit, juice and milk
14	15	16	17	18
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News

We have a hot option available every day!

Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria for only: \$1.75 full pay students 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
31 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries apple juice and milk	1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 chicken and waffle bites or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots apple sauce cups juice and milk	4 Ham & cheese calzone or corn dog nuggets broccoli soup green beans strawberry cups juice and milk
7 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries apple juice and milk	8 tangerine chicken/rice animal crackers or corn dog nuggets stir fry vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk	9 walking tacos or cheese pizza refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) pears juice and milk	10 hot turkey sandwich (9-12 2nd slice bread) mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken tenders w/ bread peas perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	11 Aggie Café your way Italian bar Rotini pasta meatballs w/ spaghetti sauce or grilled chicken Alfredo breakfast (K-5 cinn cracker) Broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk
14 hot dog (9-12 cheese & crackers) or hamburger (cheese) oranges baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk	15 chicken mashed potato bowl dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn apple sauce cups juice and milk	16 cinn French toast w/ sausage links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots tropical fruit juice and milk	17 twisty chicken Alfredo (6-12 garlic breadstick) or chicken tenders (K-5 cinn graham cracker) green beans broccoli pineapple juice and milk	18 1/2 DAY NO LUNCH
21 scalloped potatoes/ham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) cookie x-ray vision carrots fresh fruit (seasonal) juice and milk	22 hearty bowl of chili w/ cheese & crackers (6-12 cornbread muffin) or corn dog nuggets potato smiles strawberry cups juice and milk	23 chicken quesadilla or pepperoni pizza refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) mixed fruit juice and milk	24 Salisbury steak (6-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk	25 Aggie Café your way Asian Bar noodles or rice tangerine or teriyaki chicken animal crackers stir fry vegetables Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk
28 BBQ pork sandwich or pepperoni calzone corn fresh pears juice and milk	29 Ham & cheese calzone or corn dog nuggets potato soup green beans strawberry cups juice and milk	30 chicken and waffle bites or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots grapes juice and milk	31 lasagna roll up garlic breadstick (8-9 graham cracker) or chicken tenders broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	1 Aggie Café your way Burger Bar turkey or beef Burger(cheese) with hamburger or pretzel bun baked beans sweet potato fries Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk

News
DECADES WEEK is
January 8-11:

Tuesday-50's-Elvis
Wednesday-60's-
hippie

Thursday-70's-disco
Friday-80's

Please join us with
fun costumes and
music ☺

6th-12th grade additional
daily lunch options:
Turkey bacon on pretzel
bun, ham sub, crispy
chicken wrap, turkey
bacon wrap, chef salad,
grilled chicken salad,
orange blast parfait and
strawberry parfait.

All grains are whole grain

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

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Fall Post Season Athletic Awards

Boys Cross Country:

11th Place state finals Finish

14th Overall Team Academic All State

Alex Taylor – First Team MITCA All-State and First Team Highland Conference

Derek Gross – First Team Highland Conference

Nathan Reihl – MITCA Academic All State – Additional Qualifier

Girls Cross Country:

Rachal Weber - First Team MITCA All-State and First Team Highland Conference

Emma Gross – Highland Conference Honorable Mention

Football:

Seth Schafer – Honorable Mention AP All-State and First Team Highland Conference

Logan Chilman – First Team Highland Conference

Joe Clark – First Team Highland Conference

Chase Smith – First Team Highland Conference

Brenden Shaner – Honorable Mention Highland Conference

Nate Wilson – Honorable Mention Highland Conference

Volleyball:

MHSAA Quarterfinalist and Highland Conference Champions

Sage Schumacher – Third Team MIVCA All State, All Region and First Team Highland Conference

Lyndsey Fillenworth – Honorable Mention MIVCA All State, All Region and First Team Highland Conference

Jordyn Fillenworth – All Region MIVCA and First Team Highland Conference

Bailey Torpey – First Team Highland Conference

Kara Lybeer – Honorable Mention Highland Conference

The BCEF Wants to Thank the Community

The BCEF would like to thank the community for another great annual fundraiser. We raised approximately \$8,000 at our Halloween Bash due in part to the awesome business sponsors that we had this year. Thank you all. We are increasing our endowed fund every year. The success of the BCEF is a direct reflection of the awesome community we live in. This community cares about the school and can see the opportunity that the BCEF is providing for the future of Beal City students. For the graduating class of 2016, 2017 and 2018, we awarded six \$500 scholarships. We hope that the investments generate enough this year that we will be able to award six scholarships in 2019!

If you have not heard the great news yet about the BCEF, we announced at the annual fundraiser that our fund now has more than **\$115,000 in the endowed funds**. This is a huge milestone and we are excited to see where the fund is going to go from here!!! The BCEF can only spend the interest earned on these funds, the more money we get in the fund, the more money there is available for scholarships.

Here is a list of our awesome sponsors. We could not have gotten to the point we are now without you.

Beal City Village Store	Pohl's Dairy Farm
Block Electric	JD Metalworks
Marchiando Masonry	Brickner Agency – Farm Bureau Insurance
CM Schumacher Consulting	De Vos Farms
DeWitt Lumber Co.	Esther Haupt Tax Service
Don Schumacher Farms	Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4540
Gentle Family Dental Center	Yuncker Marine LLC
Robert F Murray & Co CPAs RFM Financial Solutions, LLC	
J & J Auto	

We also had a tremendous Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. We estimate that there were about 400 children who attended the BCEF Trunk or Treat. It was a lot of fun to watch the kids go from car to car in the school parking lot and “Trunk or Treat”. A huge thank you goes out to the 20-30 families that set up their vehicle and brought treats for the kids!!

BCEF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS CLASS OF 2018

The BCEF is thrilled to announce the winners of the Aggie of Excellence Scholarship that were awarded in May of 2018 to the class of 2018. The winners were:

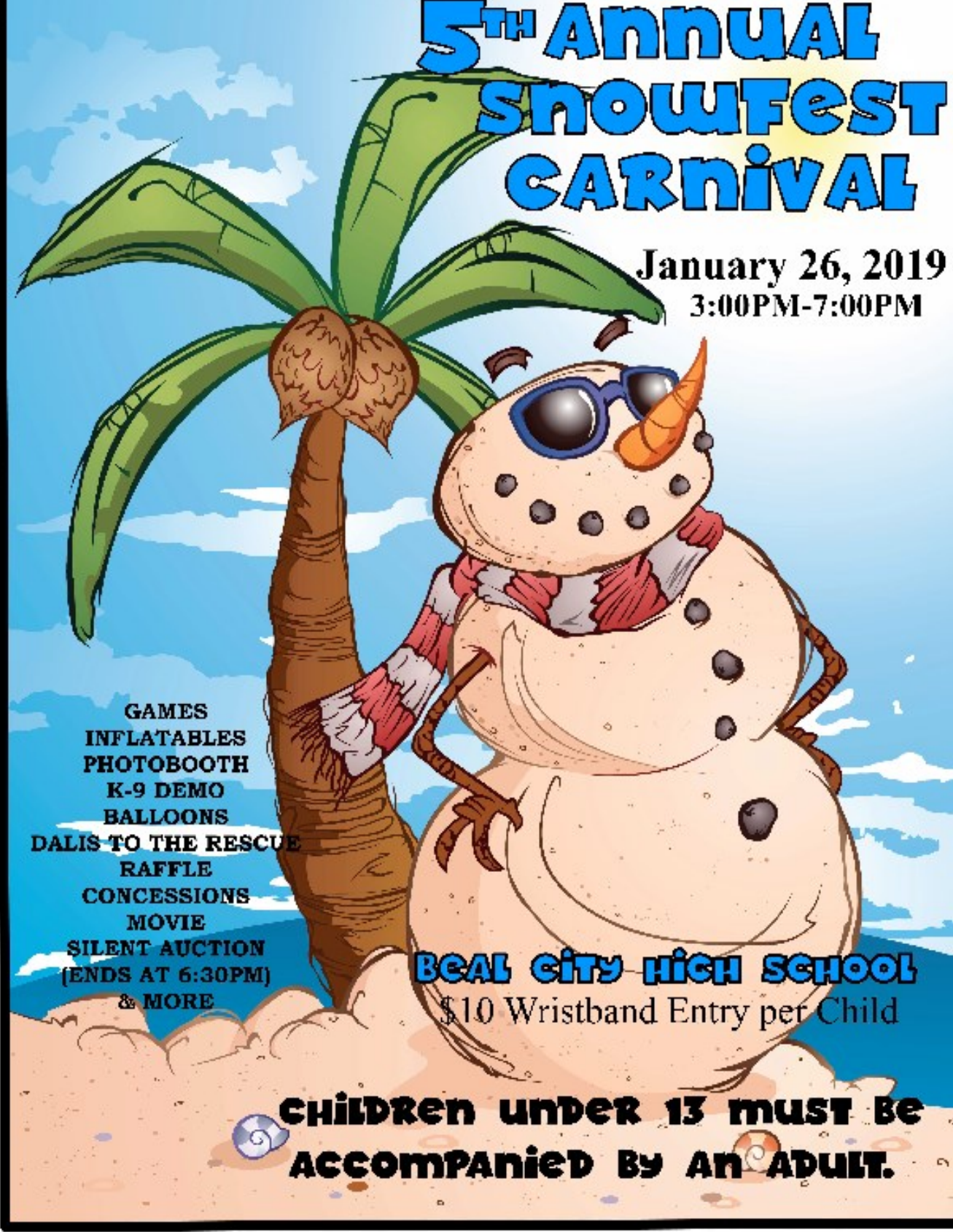
Lauren Turner - Attending Central Michigan University
Catie Matthews - Attending Central Michigan University Honors Program
Wyatt McCoy - Attending Central Michigan University
Nick Freeze - Attending Central Michigan University Honors Program
Shelby Trevino - Attending Central Michigan University
Madeline Steffke - Attending Michigan State University Honors Program

These 6 students worked very hard at Beal City Public Schools and will continue their hard work and dedication at their respective universities. Best of luck to these Aggie of Excellence Scholarship winners and to the entire 2018 graduating class.

5TH ANNUAL SNOWFEST CARNIVAL

January 26, 2019

3:00PM-7:00PM



GAMES
INFLATABLES
PHOTOBOOTH
K-9 DEMO
BALLOONS
DALIS TO THE RESCUE
RAFFLE
CONCESSIONS
MOVIE
SILENT AUCTION
(ENDS AT 6:30PM)
& MORE

BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

\$10 Wristband Entry per Child

**CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

January 8th-11th is Decades Week in the Aggie Café!



Tuesday-50's Elvis



Wednesday-60's Hippie



Thursday-70's Disco



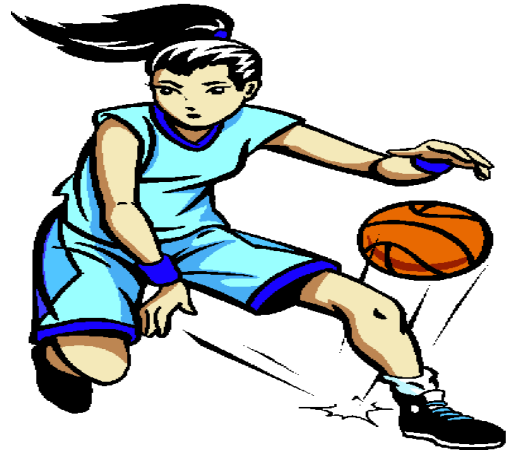
Friday-80's



Join us and dress up for some fun in January!

JH Girls Basketball

Mon. Jan. 14	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Jan. 17	6:00 p.m.	Evart
Tues. Jan. 22	5:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Jan. 28	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Thurs. Jan. 31	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Mon. Feb. 4	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Feb. 7	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Mon. Feb. 11	6:00 p.m.	@Evart
Thurs. Feb. 14	6:00 p.m.	@Pine River
Thurs. Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Fri. Feb. 22	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Tues. Feb. 26	6:00 p.m.	Lake City



Schedules are subject to change



Helping Hands

The High School and Elementary Student Councils teamed up to collect paper products for the Isabella County Restoration House. The initial goal was to collect 550 plates, napkins, foam cups, and plastic ware to supply the ICRH for the 2 weeks in December. In true Beal City fashion, we far exceeded our goal! We were able to not only provide all the requested supplies for 2 weeks in December, but we also dropped off an entire SUV full of extra donations including laundry soap, coffee and personal care items. The ICRH was impressed with the donation. Beal City is, and will always be, a generous and thoughtful community!

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Beal City Schools, in harmony with the home and community, will educate our children in a positive learning environment that meets individual needs and goals in order that all students successfully function in an ever-changing global society.

DISTRICT BELIEF STATEMENT

- We believe all children can learn
- We believe in creating independent, life-long learners
- We believe all children deserve equal opportunities and treatment
- We believe in promoting a positive self-concept
- We believe it takes a whole community to educate a child, and encourage parental involvement and participation
- We believe in ensuring a safe and positive learning environment
- We believe in and encourage diversity

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Our students are excited, responsible learners who are encouraged by home, school, community and place of worship. As leaders, they are fully confident that they will graduate well prepared to meet the challenges and high expectations of the 21st century.

As successful, life-long learners and productive citizens of high morals, they work to their fullest potential to make a positive difference.

Our children begin their discovery of knowledge in a nurturing family environment. Our schools and families work in harmony to provide a safe, supportive, and challenging learning experience. Our premier educational team enthusiastically embraces innovative teaching methods and high standards of performance. Our schools are the central point of learning. Using the latest technology, the world is truly our classroom.

Our school district and community are committed to high expectations and high standards. We proactively work together to provide skills, knowledge, and resources thus ensuring a fully supportive environment for excellence in education for all stakeholders.

Report to PARENTS

Eliminate Bullying

The latest research shows that one in three children is directly involved in bullying as a perpetrator, victim, or both. Many of those who are not directly involved witness others being bullied on a regular basis. Parents, as well as schools, have the power to help reduce bullying. Here are some tips on how you can help.

Talk with and listen to your kids.

Spend a few minutes every day asking open-ended questions about who they spend time with at school and in the neighborhood, what they do in between classes and at recess, who they have lunch with, and what happens on the way to and from school. If your children feel comfortable talking to you about their peers before they're involved in a bullying event, they'll be more likely to get you involved after.

Be an example of kindness and leadership.

When you get angry at a sales clerk, another driver on the road, or even your child, you have an opportunity to model effective communication techniques. Any time you speak to another person in a mean or abusive way, you're teaching your child that bullying is okay.

Learn the signs.

Most children don't tell anyone that they've been bullied. Learn to recognize possible signs of victimization, such as frequent loss of personal belongings, complaints of stomach aches, avoiding recess or school activities, and getting to school very late or very early. Talk to your child and the teacher about what is going on at school and find ways to observe your child's interactions to determine whether your suspicions might be correct.

Create healthy anti-bullying habits early.

Help develop anti-bullying and anti-victimization habits in your child as early as preschool. Coach your child on what not to do—hitting, pushing, teasing, or being mean to others. Help your child to focus on how such actions might feel to the child on the receiving end. Equally important, teach your children what to do—kindness, empathy, fair play, and turn-taking are critical behaviors and skills for good peer relations. Children also need to learn how to say "no" firmly if they experience or witness bullying behavior. Role play with your child about what to do if other kids are

mean. They can, for example, get an adult right away, tell the child who is teasing or bullying to "stop," or ignore the perpetrator and find someone else to play with.



Establish household rules.

Make sure your child knows that if he or she is bullied physically, verbally, or socially, it's safe and important to tell you about it—and that you will help. Kids also need to know what bullying is (many children do not know that they are bullying others), and that such behavior is harmful to others and unacceptable.

Teach your child how to be a positive bystander.

Although it's never children's responsibility to put themselves in danger, kids can often effectively diffuse a bullying situation by yelling "Stop! You're bullying" or "Hey, that's not cool." Kids can also help each other by providing support to the victim, not giving extra attention to the bullying behavior, and/or reporting what they witnessed to an adult.

Efforts to effectively address bullying require the collaboration of school, home, and community. Bullying is a serious problem, but if we all work together, it's one we can impact.

Web Resources

Education.com's **Bullying Special Edition** explores cyberbullying, action steps to take if your child is bullied, and more.

www.education.com/topic/school-bullying-teasing

Check NAESP's **Bullying Prevention resource page** for top resources, including articles, sample policies, and videos.

www.naesp.org/bullying-prevention-resources

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