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THE AGGIE EXPRESS

April 16, 2019

Dear Beal City Public Schools Families and Staff:

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Monday's two hour delay due to snow was a stark reminder of the type of winter we have had. We had hoped to provide you with the last day of school information around, April 1st. However, April 1st has come and gone and we still do not have a determination from the State Legislature regarding the possible forgiveness of additional snow days due to the State of Emergency days the Governor declared earlier this winter. We understand all of you are trying to make summer plans and need to know when school will be out for the summer. Below is the best schedule we can give you at this time.

The State Legislature currently has a bill to forgive additional days of school due to the State of Emergency days in the House and Senate, the bill has not yet passed. Our plans are as follows:

Our last day of school will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019, which will be a half day of school. However, if the State Legislature passes the bill to forgive the State of Emergency days, and the hours associated with them, our last day of school will be Friday, June 14, 2019, which will be a half day of school.

Please continue to monitor the school website and school daily announcements, as well as the Elementary and High School Facebook pages for additional information on the end of year calendar. We will keep these locations up to date as information becomes available. When we know for sure what the exact last day of school will be, we will also do a school wide phone call through our PowerSchool notification system.

With "AGGIE" Pride

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

Beal City Public Schools Class of 2019 Valedictorian



This year's valedictorian is Dexter Lynch. He will be graduating with a 4.0 GPA and an SAT score of 1570. Aside from these academic achievements, Dexter is involved with many groups throughout the school and community. He is a member of Student Council and served the last two years as co-president. He has enjoyed being the class president for the last three years and the president of the National Honors Society this year. Dexter has also been a Youth in Government delegate and a member of the robotics team for the last three years. He is a member of the Spanish National Honors Society and is the current vice president. Dexter has shown swine at the Isabella County Fair for the past 10 years and is serving his fourth year as the treasurer of the Evergreen 4-H club. He is also running track this year for the first time since eighth grade.

When Dexter isn't busy with these activities, he loves to bake, travel, read, ski, camp, and spend time with family. Dexter traveled to Spain with the Spanish Club in 2017 and to Okaya, Japan, in 2018 as a delegate for the Mount Pleasant International Relations Council. He enjoys helping around the community and has had many opportunities for service through NHS, Student Council, 4-H, and Spanish National Honors Society. He hopes to participate in a service trip this summer. Dexter will be attending Michigan State University Honors College in the fall to study engineering. Dexter is the son of Kara and Ed Lynch and the second of their four children. He will be joining his older sister, Alexia, at MSU. His younger siblings, Cameron and Eva, will try to survive in Beal City without him.

Beal City Public Schools Class of 2019 Salutatorian



This year's Salutatorian is Katharine Elisabeth Daniels. Katharine was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 2001. Shortly thereafter, her family moved to the Beal City area. Katharine became interested in playing the flute because that was what her mother had played. Little did she know this would lead to numerous band concerts, solo and ensemble festivals, and the opportunity to become the Drum Major of The Marching Aggies. Being a part of the jazz band, concert band, marching band, and pep band has taught Katharine valuable leadership skills, and the importance of teamwork.

In her spare time, Katharine has enjoyed volunteering at the Grand Rapids Ballet, National Honor Society blood drives, Christmas Outreach, and frequently visiting nursing homes. She maintained a GPA of 4.0 throughout high school, and has received numerous top and commended student awards. In addition, Katharine has taken college level Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Astronomy, and Statistics through the dual enrollment program. In her free time Katharine enjoys teaching herself how to play the guitar and ukulele, learning tricks on her trampoline, driving her younger sisters crazy, making crafts, learning to park a mini-van successfully, ice skating, and playing with her many pets. Thanks to the support of the Beal City faculty, Katharine will be attending the University of Michigan this fall and plans to major in a STEM field that is currently undecided.



Pictured from left to right: Ms. Holt, Rylee Sisco, Kaylee Locke, Addyson Zuker and Krista Brickner from Farm Bureau.

Every year, students in Ms. Holt's eighth grade class write an essay about their Michigan hero. Ms. Holt selects the top 10 essays from her class and sends them to The Krista Brickner Agency to be submitted into a statewide America and Me essay competition sponsored by Farm Bureau. Those ten essays are then returned to us with a first, second, and third placement within our school. For the 2018-2019 school year, third place was given to Addyson Zuker, for her essay about her grandpa Duane and how he was a role model and a best friend. The second place award was given to Kaylee Locke for her essay about Dr. Waun, the doctor that didn't give up on her and always stayed positive. The first place essay was awarded to Rylee Sisco for her essay titled "The Girl in the Storm;" an essay about her ambition to participate in the talent show but needing a push from a staff member to remind her of her greatness.

For the first time since Ms. Holt has been here--maybe even ever--Beal City had a student named one of the top ten statewide winners. Rylee Sisco placed 9th among thousands of 8th grade students and 400 Michigan schools that participated in the competition. This is an incredible honor. She not only earned a substantial amount of money for herself, but she also received \$1,500 for the school! In May, Rylee will be celebrated for this achievement in Lansing with the other top ten winners. She will meet the Governor at the State Capitol, attend a Lugnuts game in which she will be recognized on the field, and receive her official award on the Michigan Princess riverboat. If you see Rylee, congratulate her on this tremendous achievement. The following is her 500 word awarding-winning essay.

MY PERSONAL MICHIGAN HERO

Rylee Sisco

Beal City Public School, Mt. Pleasant

The Girl in the Storm

go. This is my story about how this all became a reality in my world it all and saves you, loving you for who you are and never letting you sorrow and despair, a warm, loving hand reaches into the hatred of you. But there is nothing. Right as you are about to give up and let a wildfire. Now, see yourself in the middle of it all, your lungs yourself drown in the storm and allow you heart to be filled with throbbing with pain as you search for something, anything to save into one another, sending water flying into the air like sparks from Imagine a giant, thrashing sea. Ten foot tall waves are crashing

beautifully for her the next day. seen potential in me that I practiced it until it was perfect. I sang it had me audition again the next day. I was so grateful that she had was lost, Ms. Holt picked me up and gave me a song to learn and shaky and I hadn't even chosen a song. But, when I thought all hope night, I was unprepared and my knees felt weak. My voice was anywhere in life, wrong. I had such a drive and motivation to put a sudden burst of fireworks in my chest as I became determined hadn't even thought twice about doing it. When I auditioned that myself out there, and to stop being the girl nobody knew, that I to prove everyone who said I was worthless and would never get In seventh grade, I saw a poster for my school's talent show. I felt

giving in to the darkness. She gave me hope and managed to bring called my name. I had gotten in! I was so proud of myself for not me out of my shell, which was not an easy process. that I was about to relinquish and leave. But, as if on cue, Ms. Holt get chosen? These thoughts were so overwhelming and negative real storm was in my head. Should I have done this? What if I don't perform. My heart was pumping like thunder in my chest, but the The next day I waited anxiously for the results of who was chosen to

> my dreams. Ms. Holt became my beacon of light in the storm. the negative side of things, to never give up, and to always strive for people have ever entrusted me with. She taught me not to look into Ms. Holt gave me a second chance, something which not many









Back Row (L to R): Jarett Latham, Cuyler Smith, Gabe Lobert Front Row (L to R): Tessa Goffnet, Kelsey Straus, Dana Gottleber Not Pictured: Cole Gross

The annual Mayes Elementary Spring Sing/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Thursday, May 16th, 2019. The Senior Citizen Reception will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the Spring Sing following at 1:00 p.m. Both will take place in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!



Congratulations to the Beal City High School Rotary Student of the Month, Zoey Mishler. Zoey was joined by her mother, Kathleen, to receive her award. Keep up the great work, Zoey!



Beal City High School would like to recognize Zoey Zeneberg as the March Rotary Student of the Month. Zoey's involvement in her school community and the wider community made her an easy choice for this honor. Marsha and Craig have done a great job supporting this young lady to get her to this point. This is one Aggie everyone will miss!

Staff Member of the Month

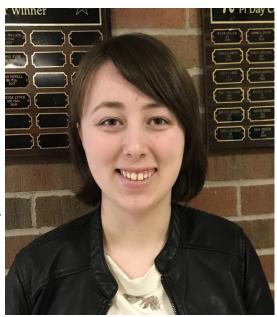


The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor one staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Deb Latham.

Deb Latham held the position of Food Service Director for 18 years at Beal City Schools. Although, other opportunities pulled her away she came back for 2 years and is retiring as a Beal City Aggie! Her dedication, knowledge and love for her alumi school have always been an asset for us all. Thank you, Deb for all you have done and we wish you the best in your retirement.

Senior Math Students Celebrate Pi Day

Seniors in Algebra 2B and Precalculus classes celebrated pi day and Einstein's birthday on March 14th. The number pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number is irrational, meaning that it continues on forever, but is approximately equal to 3.14. Students calculated the number pi on a pie, sang Happy Birthday to Einstein, dressed up in pi day "gear", competed in a pi trivia contest, competed in a pi reciting contest, and of course, ate pie with all the fixings. This year's pi reciting contest winner was Valerie Yuncker. She was able to recite 163 digits of the never-ending number.



Disconnecting for a Day

Seven students in the senior Life Skills class accepted a big challenge on April 4th. They agreed to give their phones to Mrs. Davis after school and pick them up the following morning. Students were unable to text, use social media, and be online during the challenge. The Life Skills class has been learning about the impact cell phones and social media have on relationships, mental health, and society in general.



Back Row: Chase Maxon, Samantha Carrier, Amy Schwerin

Front row: Austin Case, Jordyn Fillenworth, Kennedy Fike, Sarah Wonch





Ms. Spry's Vet Science Class had the recent opportunity to get a hands on lesson from Dr. Pol. As a part of a television show that he does, Dr. Pol brought in his cast of Veterinary Science contestants to Beal City Schools. While the contestants showed off their skills for Dr. Pol, Ms. Spry's students were able to get some valuable instruction in suturing. While the camera crew can be intimidating, the students enjoyed the special lesson from Dr. Pol!





What's all the buzz about? The Beal City Junior High Spelling Bee is right around the beehive. The community is welcome to attend this event on May 2, 2019. Please arrive before 2:00 p.m., as the event will begin promptly at 2:05 p.m. Twelve students will participate in a spelling bee that determines who will attend the 2019 Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Clare-Gladwin RESD, and 95.3 WCFX. Two of our best spellers will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on May 21, 2019. Come support our junior high students as they spell their hearts out! If you have any questions about the event, email Ms. Holt (Mrs. Jorgensen).

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING AT BEAL CITY ELEMENTARY

April 2019





Did you know that the Second Step program is being implemented within the elementary?

WHAT IS THE SECOND STFP PROGRAM?

The Second Step is a program based in well rounded social-emotional learning topics to help students grow, develop, and learn together in a safe and supportive environment. The content is presented in a fun, interactive way to make it more memorable and meaningful for students. Oftentimes props such as puppets may be used to help explain topics such as empathy, healthy coping skills, problem solving, and positive relationships.

HOW WELL HAS IT WORKED AT OTHER SCHOOLS?

Having been implemented in over 70 countries. about 14 million students participate in the program each year. The Second Step program is trusted by schools all over the world because it is grounded in research that shows positive outcomes. For example, one study of students in grades two through four found that after participating in Second Step, students were more likely to make positive goals and less likely to show aggressive behaviors. Read more at www.secondstep.org/research.

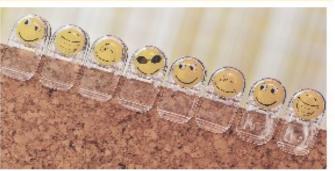
WHEN WILL IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

Beginning in Spring 2019, classroom lessons will be implemented with the plan to expand to all elementary grades over the next several. months based on student needs and teacher requests. To help reinforce key learning outcomes, related small group counseling sessions may be organized following classroom lessons. Additionally, individual short-term counseling is available for students who may benefit from one on one meetings with the K12 counselor



Why is Social-Emotional **Learning Important?**

Dr. Weissburg, the Chief Knowledge Office for the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) is dedicated to integrating Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) within K-12 schools to better prepare students for meaningful careers and to become productive citizens. In a publication from the Committee for Children, he writes that research has demonstrated that children who participate in SEL have been shown to like school more, experience higher attendance, perform better in school, and demonstrate less disruptive behaviors in the classroom when compared to students who have not been exposed to SEL programming. In the same publication, Alonda Williams, a senior director at Microsoft writes that SEL helps students learn how to focus more on classroom instruction to realize stronger academic performance. She notes that students engaged with SEL are better prepared to manage difficult emotions, improve relationships, and are equipped with more information related to overall well being and safety. To read the full publication, visit https://www.cfchildren.org/wpcontent/uploads/mission-vision/what-is-sel/docs/sel-e-book.pdf



Want to learn more?

To learn more about the Second Step curriculum and its Social-Emotional Learning focus, visit the organization's website at www.secondstep.org. A short video overview is also available by scanning the QR code to the right. v=F7UIPWgLM to watch a brief



www.voutube.com/watch?

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on April 15, 2019:

- General Fund payments of \$1,242,935.87, transfers to Payroll Acct. payments of \$1,297.72, Hot Lunch payments of \$10,435.72, Athletic Fund payments of \$6,374.15.
- Tyler Munis as the new accounting software.
- 2018-2019 Budget Amendments as presented.
- Accept William Chilman IV's resignation as a Voluntary Assistant Varsity Boys Basket-ball Coach.
- The following coaching recommendations: Brad Antcliff Voluntary Assistant Softball, Paige Lorenz Voluntary Assistant Softball, Chelsea Davis Voluntary Assistant Softball, and Kelsey Flaugher Voluntary Assistant Softball.

The following coach was hired through PCMI – William Chilman V – Assistant Varsity Boys Track.

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.



School Breakfast is Cool!

Every day is a perfect day for school breakfast!

As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help to make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. Studies show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distractible and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores!

Let's keep our students focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at the School Breakfast Program.

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.

Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu



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MAY | 2019 Beal City Schools Lunch Menu



MONDAY

Mewsilan Picnic Day is May 3rdl Grilled hot dogs and all the fixings! Please dress up in appropriate Hawailan or beach attire and join us for this fun day!	Congrats seniors you will be missed! 6º-12º grade additional dally lunch options:	Mon: Strawberry banana Tues: Orange creamsicle 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.
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Menus are subject to change. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

JH/ROCKET FOOTBALL AND ROCKET CHEER SIGN UP

Beal City JH Rocket Football sign up will be Monday, May 13^{th} and Tuesday, May 14^{th} in the lobby in front of the big gym from 6:00-8:00 p.m. JH Football - \$100.00, Rocket Football - \$100.00 and Rocket Cheerleading ($3^{rd}-6^{th}$ grade) - \$60.00. A copy of your child's birth certificate is required in order to participate. For information call Mick Straus - 644-5224 or MSTRAUS63@GMAIL.COM.

BEAL CITY JH CHEER SIGN UP

Girls entering the 7^{th} or 8^{th} grade in the 2019-2020 school year can sign up for JH Cheer on May 28 or 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the lobby in front of the big gym. The cost is \$100.00. Please pick up the registration forms in the elementary or high school offices.

BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS JOB OPENING

Beal City Public Schools has a Full Time Food Service Worker position available for the 2019 -2020 school year. Please see the school's website at www.bealcityschools.net for more information.

4TH-6TH GRADE CAMP

Our 4th-6th grade classes will be heading to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake May 6th-10th. This is an amazing learning experience that teaches students about academics and themselves. We are looking forward to our trip!

SPRING ASSESSMENT

The last couple months of school are filled with student assessment. M-STEP is wrapping up and NWEA will be taking place the week of May 20th. We will also be conducting DRA2 testing the week of May 28th. We will be using all of this assessment data to analyze student progress and write Individual Reading Intervention Plans (IRIP) for those that require them based on the *Read by Grade 3 Law*.

Sport Physical Night

Where: Beal City High School

When: Monday, May 13, 2019

6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Who: Anyone interested in participating in sports for the 2019-2020 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 will result in the athlete being turned away until the form is properly filled out.

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Thank you Rebecca Salter for taking time out of your day to visit the 3rd graders during reading month. We truly appreciate you coming in and reading Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure by Andrew J. Shoup and sharing the Four-Way Test of the Rotary with us. The students are excited to use the test to agree upon how to spend the \$100 grant that you presented to each of the two classrooms. Thank you!