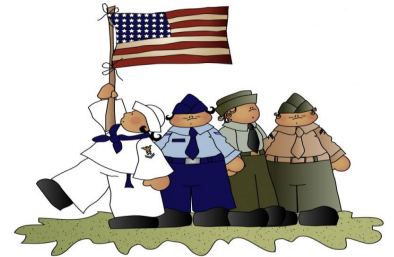




THE AGGIE EXPRESS



Veterans Day Assembly Announcement

Beal City Public Schools will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony to honor veterans and present members from each branch of the U.S. Military. If you are a veteran or a current member of the U.S. Military, please attend the Veterans Day Ceremony that will be held in the Beal City Public School's big gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2016. The whole program will last about 45 minutes to an hour. The entire community is invited and if you know of someone who is a veteran or a member of the U.S. Military please let them know about the ceremony. It would be nice to have a large crowd attend this event to honor those who have served and fought and those that are serving and fighting for our country today to preserve our way of life here in the United State of America.

If you are a veteran or a member of the U.S. Military and would like to be included in our power point presentation, please drop off a military picture with your years of service, information on where you were stationed, your rank, and the duties you performed.

After the ceremony, we will have a luncheon in the Media Center for all of the veterans and their spouses.



4th Annual-Apple Crunch Day

October 13th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. we celebrated National Food Day and Apple Crunch Day! We had close to 800 people participating this year.

This statement from a 7th grade student to his teacher is one of the main reasons we feel this is important:

“I haven’t eaten a whole apple before today, it was delicious!”

The number of participants grows every year:

2013-75,000

2014-225,000

2015-400,000

This year their goal is 1,000,000!

We were happy to add this to our Wellness Policy so we can continue to bring awareness of healthy options.

There are more pictures on the food service page of our website.

Millage Renewal Up for Vote in November

At the general election on November 8, 2016 taxpayers will be asked to renew the district's operating millage. This millage was originally passed in June of 1999, renewed in 2004, 2008 and again in 2012.

The proposal will authorize a millage rate of 19.3909. However, the district cannot levy more than 18 operating mills in any given year. Simply approving 18 mills does not allow the district to levy the 18 mills for more than one year. Due to a law called Headlee, the operating millage is often "rolled back" each year as the law is designed to limit the increase in the operating tax levy to the increase in the consumer price index.

Operating millage is not paid on home or farmland. Operating millage is levied on non-homestead property only.

You may be questioning why the district is levying any operating millage. Doesn't the state fund our schools, not local property tax? The state assumes that each school district in the state of Michigan is levying 18 mills of local property tax on all non-homestead property. Therefore, the state decreases the amount of state funding based on the levy of 18 mills of local tax. For the 2016-2017 school year the state assumes that Beal City Public Schools would have to figure out a way to operate with \$254,000 less.

We understand that you, as a taxpayer, are facing the same economic times as the school district. Costs continue to increase, putting more of a strain on the family and district budget. When considering your support for the millage proposal please keep a couple things in mind. Operating millage is levied on property classified as non-homestead. Passage of the above proposition would not affect tax bills for primary residences (homesteads) or qualified agricultural properties. Properties that would be affected include commercial/industrial property, apartment buildings, rental homes, vacation property and vacant land. In addition, this is not a new tax, rather it is a renewal of a millage approved by the voters in 2012, 2008, 2004 and 1999. This renewal will have little effect on your current taxes. For a business property with taxable value of \$200,000, the tax would cost \$3,600 ($\$200,000/1,000 \times 18$ mills), similar to what you are paying today.

It is extremely important that the district be allowed to levy this operating millage. Please consider supporting this millage proposal on November 8th





*****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 Carrie Bleise.

Carrie is our Administrative Secretary in the Superintendent's office. She wears several hats and with a new business manager starting at the end of last year; she played a huge role in the success of that transition. Carrie's constant positive attitude and smile puts everyone at ease when they enter Beal City Schools. Thank you, Carrie for all that you do!!!

Job Openings at Beal City Public Schools

Beal City Schools is looking for subs in the following areas: kitchen, custodian, bus drivers, para-pro and teachers thru PCMI/Willsub. Please apply at the Superintendent's Office at Beal City Public Schools, 3180 W Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on October 17, 2016:

- General Fund payments of \$686,874.06, Hot Lunch payments of \$21,282.79 and Athletic Fund payments of \$32,336.99.
- The Audit as presented.
- The Lunch Price Plan as presented.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Cam Gatrell – Varsity Boys Basketball, Dan Beckwith – JH Boys Basketball, Jen Courtright – JV Girls Basketball, Byron Shunk – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball, Jaime Farrell – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball, Jenna Theisen – Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball, Nichole Berry – Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball, Erin Sowmick – Voluntary Assistant Cheer, and Larissa Stevens – Voluntary Assistant Cheer.

The following coaches are being recommended through PCMI: Brad Antcliff – Varsity Girls Basketball, Kyle Gross – Freshman Boys Basketball, Todd Schafer – JV Boys Basketball, Kyle Gross – JH Boys Basketball, Anna McDonald – JH Girls Basketball and Ashley Finnerty – Cheer.

- Kyle Carter as the Credit Recovery Teacher as presented.

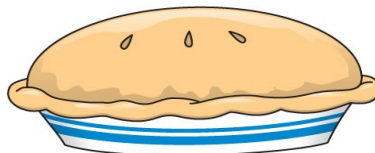
To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.



Holiday Program/Senior Citizen Reception



The annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Friday, December 2nd, 2016. The Senior Citizen Reception will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the Holiday Program following at 1:00 p.m. Both will take place in the elementary gym. Come out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment!



Beal City PTA News

The PTA Apple Pie Pick up will be November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (good or bad weather) in the school cafeteria through the elementary doors. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Amy Lehnert @ 989-289-3652 or the Elementary Office at 989-644-2740 to sign up to help.

The Fall Book Fair will be November 7 – 11, 2016. Come check out the Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences.



JH Boys Basketball

Mon. Nov. 7	6:00 p.m.	Evart
Thurs. Nov. 10	6:00 p.m.	@ McBain
Mon. Nov. 14	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Thurs. Nov. 17	5:30 p.m.	Manton
Mon. Nov. 21	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Nov. 28	6:00 p.m.	@ Marion
Thurs. Dec. 1	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.	@Evart
Thurs. Dec. 8	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Mon. Dec. 12	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Thurs. Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	@Manton
Mon. Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC



Can Drive

The family and friends of Kelly Pung are having a can drive on Sunday, November 6th beginning at 11:00 a.m. This drive is being held to assist the family with recent medical costs. Please drop off your cans at the Beal City High School parking lot. Friends will also be driving around the area to collect cans as well. Thank you for supporting the Pung family!



School Breakfast - Good for Kids and Good for Parents!

For parents with busy schedules, it can be hard to make sure that kids are eating a healthy breakfast before they go to school in the morning.

Sometimes children aren't hungry right after waking up, and it's hard to find food they like to eat that is also healthy. Also, some kids refuse breakfast at home but are hungry when they arrive at school. At school, we have a great breakfast program for all students.

If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out!

NOVEMBER 2016

Beal City Schools Lunch menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 wg csm French toast w/ sausage links, hash brown, cold carrots, garden bar, mixed fruit, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	2 hot dog w/wg bun, (9-12 wg goldfish crackers) sweet potato fries, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	3 scalloped steak, broccoli, (9-12 wg bread), garden bar, sliced peaches, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken tenders, wg csm graham crackers, mashed potatoes and gravy whole	4 ½ day NO LUNCH
7 tangerine chicken wing rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, mandarin oranges, juice and milk Daily option: corn dog nuggets	8 macaroni and cheese, (9-12 dinner roll), peas, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	9 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apples, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	10 NO SCHOOL	11 nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, pineapple, and milk Daily option: wg cheese pizza
14 chicken mashed potato bowl w/cream, wg dinner roll, garden bar, applesauce cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	15 NO SCHOOL	16 scalloped potatoes/ham wing dinner roll, cookie, cooked carrots, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun and cookie	17 twisty chicken Alfredo, (9-12 wg garlic breadstick), broccoli, garden bar, apricot cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken tenders (9-12 carne) (K-5 csm graham cracker)	18 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, oranges, juice and milk Daily option: wing pepperoni pizza
21 meatball sub, cauliflower, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	22 wg csm French toast w/ sausage links, hash brown, cold carrots, garden bar, mixed fruit, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	23 Thanksgiving Dinner hot turkey sandwich w/wg bread (9-12 2nd slice) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, garden bar, stuffing, dessert, peach cup, juice and milk NO DAILY OPTION	24 No School	25 No School
28 tangerine chicken wing rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, mandarin oranges, juice and milk Daily option: corn dog nuggets	29 macaroni and cheese, (9-12 dinner roll), peas, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	30 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apples, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun		

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

News

Happy Turkey Day!!! ☺

6th-12th 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.

School Bus Safety



REMEMBER:

When you see a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing, you must stop too. You stop whether the bus is oncoming or you are behind the bus.

When you see a bus with flashing amber lights, slow down and prepare to stop. The bus is preparing to stop or may already be stopped.

Stay stopped until the bus moves on, or the driver signals that it's safe for you to proceed, by turning off the flashing lights. (Some buses also have a stop sign that swings out from the bus or a digital display).

Be aware of signs, school buses, playgrounds and other things that indicate that children could be close by.



Be a Star!

Compete in Beal City's Annual

TALENT SHOW 2016

November 17th, 2016

7pm

Hey Aggies, can you act, sing, dance, play an instrument, or perform magic or gymnastics? Are you in a band? Maybe you mock rock, write or perform poetry, or have another cool talent we haven't thought of or seen yet! If you answered yes to any of these questions, come out and show your Talent! Beal City High School's annual talent contest is approaching fast, so get your act together! Auditions are October 24 - 27 by arrangement: See or call Ms. Holt in room 310 of the high school or email: gholt@bealcityschools.net.

DRESS REHEARSAL is November 16th, 3 -5:30 PM

PERFORMANCE is November 17th, 2016 at 7pm



BEAL CITY FAMILY FLU CLINIC

Central Michigan District Health Department will be holding a Family Flu Clinic at Beal City High School Media Center on Thursday, November 3rd, from 3pm to 6pm. We will also wel-

come Beal City Public School Employees beginning at 2pm and throughout the clinic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends yearly flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older. Influenza disease (Flu) results in an average of 40,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations every year. In addition, 20,000 children under five years of age are hospitalized in the United States. Infants younger than six months of age depend on vaccinated family members and caregivers to protect them against flu disease, since they are too young to be vaccinated. While flu may not be a severe illness for many, some people are at higher risk for complications from the flu such as diabetics, pregnant women, children under the age of 5, persons with chronic medical conditions, and those with immune system disorders. Another amazing fact about influenza is that fifty percent of persons infected can transmit influenza to others even if they DO NOT have symptoms. Everyone has some family members and close friends that may fall into one of the high risk groups who should be protected against flu. So the best advice every year is to protect those you love by getting your flu vaccination.

Central Michigan District Health Department bills private insurances, Medicare and Medicaid. For persons paying with cash, check or credit card the cost of the vaccine this year is \$45.00, but a sliding fee scale may apply that is dependent upon income and family size, thus reducing the overall cost.

Also, we will be providing vaccines for those students who may also need school entry vaccinations. Please give us a call to make sure that we bring the vaccines that your child needs. Please call 989-773-5921 ext. 1405.

So make a healthy choice this year and protect those you love and **GET A FLU SHOT!** In fact, why not make this a family event and protect them all!



Calling Everyone! Get Your Flu Shots!



Central Michigan District Health Department
Providing Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

**Central Michigan District Health
Department will be providing a Family
Flu Shot Clinic at this location for all
ages
6 months and above**

Family Flu Clinic Information



Date: November 3rd, 2016



Time: 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.



Place: Beal City High School Media Center

Questions about your immunizations????
Please call the health department at (989)773-5921 ext. 1405

Central Michigan District Health Department bills private insurances, Medicare and Medicaid for the full cost of the vaccine. For persons paying with cash, check or credit cards the cost of the vaccine this year is \$45.00, but a sliding fee scale may apply that is dependent upon income and family size, thus reducing the overall cost.

10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in School — The Right Way

Tips and advice for parents to help kids thrive in their education, offered by a veteran teacher and law expert from southeast Michigan.

Mark R Solomon



Every parent wants his or her [child to do well in school](#). The problem is not usually that parents aren't capable of helping their child do well in school. After all, not many parents have a background or training in educational techniques or child psychology. It's just that the parent doesn't know the best way to help. Here are some tips for how you can improve the likelihood of your child's school success. Remember, these techniques take both time and patience to show results – don't expect miracles overnight.

1. Teach them that learning is their 'job.'

Parents often ask what they can do to get their child interested in a particular subject or task. Lesson No. 1 is the most important lesson a child can learn about school: No one cares whether or not a child is interested in something. Of course, children learn better when they find the subject matter interesting, but what children really need to learn is that they must also learn things that they don't find particularly interesting. That's the job children have.

2. Aim high.

You don't have to be a Tiger mom, but you have to realize that parental expectations have a huge impact when it comes to student performance. If you don't expect your child to do well, your expectations will likely be met.

3. Distinguish studying from learning.

Very often a parent asks a child if the child has done his or her studying – and the child has. Not good enough! The parent needs to verify that the child has learned the lesson. Quiz the child to be sure (this gets more difficult as the child gets older and begins to take more advanced subjects). Quiz the child again on the same material a few days later, and then again a week later. What good is learning something that is forgotten a week later? Remember that employers later in life will care less about the diplomas your child has and will care more about the skills and knowledge he or she has acquired.

4. Prioritize study time.

All children need down time, and playing both alone and with other children is good for both their intellectual and social skills. However, as a matter of priority, children should, within reason, be encouraged to work first and play second. Eventually a well-developed work ethic will result in a big pay-off. Children also should have regular study hours during which to complete their schoolwork. As the child gets older, this designated study time should get longer.

5. Provide a proper homework environment.

Be sure your child has all the tools needed to do his or her best – a desk, a chair, good lighting, necessary school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, calculators, computers, rulers, compasses, protractors, paper clips, note pads, etc.) and, most important, a quiet place to work.

6. Let them figure things out on their own.

Have your children think about problems at length before asking you for help. Remember that every time you tell a student an answer to a question, you have deprived that student of the opportunity to figure out the answer on his or her own. At the same time, it is appropriate to help a student who has made a legitimate, but unsuccessful, effort to learn something without assistance.

7. Teach proper reading comprehension skills.

So many children read something without remembering what they've read or understanding what it means. To aid in that gap to learning, children should know that when reading, they should not go to the next paragraph in their reading until they have understood what they have already read; if they do, they usually won't understand the next paragraph, either. You should also teach children to take notes on what they read (or, better yet, to outline what they have read). Taking notes and writing outlines reinforces what the student has learned from reading and will allow the student to be better prepared for written examinations.

8. Have them go above and beyond.

Generally, the more students practice, the more thoroughly they learn and the more they retain. Students get more practice (and more learning) if they complete all the problems and exercises in their textbooks – not just the ones the teacher assigns. Parents who want to help their children succeed should encourage their kids to do more than the minimum.

9. Make learning a four-season endeavor.

School is out in the summer, but that should not mean that children should take three months off from learning. Summer is a good time for reviewing, for learning things that may not have been taught in school (perhaps some of those chapters that were skipped in history class), for going to the library and browsing (always a good idea) and for trying to develop new intellectual skills, such as how to play games of strategy like chess, checkers or backgammon, or how to follow recipes carefully.

10. Set a good example.

Let your child see that learning doesn't end when we leave school. Model good learning behavior in the way you deal with your job and household responsibilities and let your children know that you are still learning. Parents who are still in school, perhaps pursuing a graduate degree or finally finishing up that bachelor's, can be particularly influential. If you cut class, what do you think your children will do when given the opportunity? If you have bad study habits, you can't expect your children to do better. Be sure that you show your child – through your own action – that good educational habits yield great academic rewards.



Girls Aggie Youth Basketball Clinic



\$30 Sign-up Fee
Available to Girls in Grades 1-6

Dates, Times, and Location:

- ❖ Saturdays: December 3, 10, 17, and January 7
- ❖ Grades 1-2 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the small gym
- ❖ Grades 3-6 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the big gym

Clinic Includes:

- ❖ Instruction on the fundamentals from Beal City players and coaches
- ❖ Opportunity to play at halftime of a high school game
- ❖ Skills needed to participate in organized basketball games
- ❖ Contests and prizes
- ❖ T-shirt
- ❖ The basketball program would like to pay for the travel basketball registration fee for grades 5 and 6. There may be additional fees, but this will help ensure that we will have two teams.
 - The travel winter league for grades 5 and 6 begins in January and runs for approximately 8 weeks. Sign-up information will be available at the clinic.

Contact Information:

- ❖ Brad Antcliff at (989) 330-8037 or Jennifer Courtright at (989) 400-9047

Sign-up and Payment Information:

- ❖ Give completed form and payment to classroom teacher or elementary office by December 2
- ❖ On-site registration will be accepted the morning of the first clinic on December 3

Make checks payable to Beal City Schools

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Contact # _____ T-shirt Youth: S M L XL Adult: S M L XL

Medical/Health Issues _____



PROTECTING YOUR CHILD

Safeguarding Kids' Online Activities

The Internet is an extraordinary resource for our children. It allows them to see what the Mars Rover is up to in real time or watch video footage of animals in the wild.

However, it can be a frightening place for parents, which is why families need to be involved. Here's how to start:

Learn the lingo. In a few short years, many children will grow up far more conversant with digital technology than their parents. Your digital capacity needs to grow alongside theirs if you expect to monitor their online activities.

Limit their access. Through your Internet service provider (ISP), set up parental controls on your child's screen name to prevent him or her from venturing into inappropriate sites. Log on to getnetwise.org/tools for help.

Look beyond the computer. Install parental controls on all their devices—phones, tablets, and TVs—and protect your own with passwords your kids don't know. By keeping the family computer in a public area, you can see what sites your younger child is viewing. But once kids get to be preteens, there's very little you can do to control their portable devices unless they're preprogrammed.

Cut out spam. Install a virtual filter on all devices to prevent unsolicited email and other potentially harmful materials from being delivered. If your email service doesn't already include a spam filter, there are plenty of software programs that can do the job.

Emphasize the NEVER. Make sure your kids understand NEVER to give out any personal information for any reason to anyone, no matter how innocent the request

may seem. Unless instructed otherwise, children are too often eager to post their names and addresses to get free gifts or gain access to "fun sites."

Patrol their social media. Starting in the preteen years, kids text and post on Facebook to communicate with their peers a lot. Kids think whatever they post is private and believe that it can only be accessed by their friends. Emphasize that whatever they post online is available for anyone to read; and that includes you, their parent.



Patrol your own social media. Don't let family pride leave you and your kids vulnerable. Too many people post so much information, photos, and details about their children that they're actually endangering them. Make sure your privacy settings are strictly in place.

Beware of lurking impostors. Sexual predators are skilled at enticing children into online relationships, usually with fake identities. Strongly stress to kids that they cannot trust anyone online whom they or you do not know personally. If an online stranger tries to strike up a regular correspondence, makes a Skype request, wants to telephone them, or seeks to meet in person, ask your kids to tell you immediately.

Learn more. Visit NetSmartz.org/parents for more information on cyber bullying, inappropriate content, and gaming.

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SAVE THE DATES FOR THE BCEF HALLOWEEN BASH AND TRUNK OR TREAT!!!

The BCEF is thrilled to announce that we will again be hosting our annual "Halloween Bash" on October 29, 2016!!! The adult (21+) Halloween Party will feature "The Foolish Dreams Band" for your entertainment and costumes are welcomed.

Also, we invite all the little ghosts and goblins to come and enjoy the Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot on Monday, October 31, 2016. All school groups, community groups, and local businesses are invited to take part in the Trunk or Treat. Please contact Cay Marchiando at (989) 289-9932 for further information. Visit Facebook and "like" the Beal City Education Foundation.