



# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



Beal City Junior, Erin Dodds, the daughter of Karen and Dan Dodds, has been actively involved in band and theater for several years. During the summer of 2017, Erin was accepted and attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (BLFAC) where she majored in Art and minored in Musical Theater.

BLFAC is located on the west side of the state and has been in existence for over 50 years. The camp offers junior high and high school students opportunities to further their studies in choir, art, dance, band/orchestra and theater. While at camp, Erin auditioned for the BLFAC International Choir. She received a letter of congratulations in August informing her that she had been selected from 2,500 applicants to tour Europe as one of 200 students in the BLFAC International Program during the summer of 2018.

Members of the BLFAC International Program are chosen for their artistic ability, maturity and character. Invitations are offered to join the choir, orchestra, ballet and jazz band based on their personal interview at camp, their written application, counselor and faculty evaluations and ranking from summer camp ensembles.

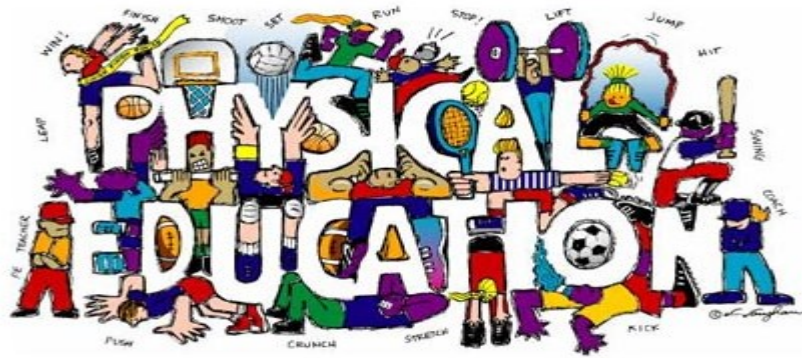
Erin will travel to Blue Lake for choir rehearsals throughout the next year. Her travel itinerary is still being confirmed at this time, but it is known that Erin will be staying with several different host families during her month of touring and performing in Europe.



### **\*\*\*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 Martin.

Mrs. Martin has been a valued member of the Beal City Public School District for the past 33 years. During her time here she has been a dedicated educator always advocating for the students. She is a valued member of the Beal City Educational Community and a respected member of the staff. She is a leader and has been involved with many activities and clubs throughout her tenure. Congratulations to Mrs. Martin for being our featured Staff Member of the Month!



### **Elementary P.E.**

The Mayes Elementary and St. Joseph The Worker students in grades 3rd through 6th have been taking the FitnessGram Test. The FitnessGram Test is administered three times a year in an effort for students to improve each time they take the test and in the process learn to monitor their own fitness level. The students take the pre-test in September, the mid-test in January and the post-test in April. The students are tested in three areas: Flexibility, 90 degree Pushups and the Pacer Test (Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run).

Students in grades K-2 are working on mastering Locomotor Movements (walking, galloping, skipping, butt kicker, jogging, scissor kicks and running form). Students in K-2 are also learning new games, gym rules and expectations, and Aggie Pride!





## Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to welcome Amanda Pestridge as a new para pro at Carl Mayes Elementary. Amanda's fiancé is Alec Schmidt. Alec is studying sports management at CMU and loves all things Detroit Tigers. Amanda has an Elementary Special Education Degree from CMU.

Amanda's favorite food is fettuccine alfredo, and her favorite book is "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper. Her favorite sport is baseball and she also enjoys hiking and spending time with her family. Amanda has family in Indiana and Colorado and travels to Indiana often to see her family.

We are very excited to have Amanda here at Beal City Public Schools. Welcome, Amanda!!!

## Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to welcome Barbara Wixson as an elementary para-pro at Carl Mayes Elementary. Barb graduated from Farwell High School. Barb and her husband, Adam Wixson have been married for 10 years this November and have 3 children that attend Beal City Public Schools.

Barb enjoys outdoor activities, camping, spending time with her family, playing guitar and sewing.

She is very excited to be joining the Beal City Team and we're very excited to have her. Welcome, Barbara!!!



## Feature Staff Person



Beal City Schools would like to welcome Maggie Hrymecki as our new kitchen employee. Maggie graduated from North Mason High School in Belfair, WA in 2000. Her husband's name is Zach Hrymecki. He is a heavy equipment operator and enjoys hunting, watching football and working on his truck

Their daughter Keara enjoys reading and writing short stories. Their son JJ, enjoys playing sports and video games. They are Maggie's world!!!

Maggie's favorite foods are Mexican and Chinese. She enjoys watching her children's band and sports performances. Other things she enjoys doing are cooking, baking, gardening, canning, crocheting, sewing, camping, hiking, and going to the beach.

Maggie was stationed on Camp Pendleton and NAS Pensacola while in the Marine Corps and lived in Georgia while Zach was stationed at Fort Stewart.

We are very excited to have Maggie working in the kitchen here at Beal City Schools. Welcome, Maggie!!

## Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to welcome Dani Formsma as an elementary para-pro at Carl Mayes Elementary. Dani earned her elementary teaching certificate from CMU where she graduated in December of 2011. Her husband Michael is a CPA. They have 2 children: Jonathan is 4 years old and in preschool, and Jamisen is 2 months old. Their family dog is Maggie.

Dani loves to read and exploring with her family. She is very excited to spend the year at Beal City and we're very excited to have her. She's spent many years subbing here and has always loved being here. Welcome, Dani!!!







## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual-Apple Crunch Day

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. we are celebrating National Food Day and Apple Crunch Day! We are joining thousands of people around the State crunching into a Michigan apple in a unifying action to raise awareness about eating better diets for our health and the environment, access and affordability of fruits and vegetables, and supporting local farmers. Hearty Harvest and the Aggie café will provide an apple for everyone. We are going to meet in the gym for a count down so the whole student body and staff will take a bite of an apple at the same time! Any community members that would like to join us are welcome. This grows every year and we were happy to add this to our Wellness Policy so we can continue to bring awareness to healthy options.

2013-75,000

2014-225,000

2015-400,000



### **Save The Date – October 28, 2017**

Annual Halloween Bash - The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) will be hosting the Halloween Bash at the K of C Hall again this year on October 28, 2017. We are raising money for scholarships for graduating Beal City students. Tickets are \$15 each for presale tickets and they can be purchased currently only at the Beal City Superintendent's office. We will let you know in the next Aggie Express newsletter where tickets will be available in October.

### **October 31, 2017**

The BCEF will also be hosting "TRUNK OR TREAT" in the high school parking lot on Halloween night. Start time will be 6 pm and will go until the candy is gone. Last year we estimated that we had 400-500 children go through the lines. Bring your car to the school and decorate it if you want to and the kids will come to your car instead of your house to Trick or Treat!!! It is a lot of fun. Please contact Cay Marchiando at 989-289-9932 if you plan to bring your car, or just show up, we will find room for you!!



#### **Give your child a healthy start!**

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast.

Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

Every morning our breakfast consists of these whole grain items: assorted pop tarts, muffins, uncrustables, donuts, cereal, yogurt, juice, cheese stick 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: \$1.50**

**Reduced: \$.30**

**Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.**



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## Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 ham&cheese calzone or pepperoni calzone green beans pleasing pears juice and milk	3 chicken mashed potato bowl/ dinner roll or corn dog nuggets corn appetizing applesauce cups/ juice and milk	4 hot dog (9-12 goldfish crackers) or hamburger (cheese) tropical fruit baked beans sweet potato fries juice and milk	5 twicy chicken Alfredo (9-12 garlic breadsticks) or chicken tenders (K-5 cinnamon graham cracker) broccoli Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	6 Sausage panicle wrap or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots fresh fruit juice and milk
9 macaroni and cheese (9-12 dinner roll) Or Pepperoni calzone peas strawberry cups juice and milk	10 tangerine chickenrice or corn dog nuggets sit by vegetables mandarin oranges juice and milk	11 chicken patty sand or hamburger (cheese) sweet potato fries pineapple juice and milk	12*hot turkey sandwich (9-12 2nd slice bread) mashed potatoes and gravy or chicken tenders w/bread broccoli perfect peaches (cup) juice and milk	13*maehos chipscheese meat or cheese pizza refined beans (9-12 cold carrots) fresh fruit juice and milk
16 fish sticks cinn graham cracker (9-12 dinner roll) Or pepperoni calzone corn oranges juice and milk	17 meatball sub or corn dog nuggets cauliflower strawberry cups juice and milk	18*scaloped potatoescham dinner roll or hamburger (cheese) cookie x-ray vision carrots mixed fruit juice and milk	19 salisbury steak (9-12 bread) Or chicken tenders cinn graham cracker mashed potatoes & gravy broccoli perfect peaches juice and milk	20 chicken quesadilla or pepperoni pizza refined beans (9-12 cold carrots) fresh fruit juice and milk
23 Philly beef sub with choice of cheddar or queso cheese sauce or pepperoni calzone green beans peas juice and milk	24 cheeseburger meatloaf dinner roll (9-12 goldfish crackers) or corn dog nuggets potato smiles appetizing applesauce cups juice and milk	25 Aggie Café your way Burrito Bar burrito shells Broccoli Black beans tropical fruit juice and milk	26 basagna roll up grits breadstick (K-5 graham cracker) or hamburger (cheese) (K-8 x-ray vision cooked carrots Aggie apples (sliced) juice and milk	27 cinn French toast w/ sausage links or breakfast pizza hash brown & cold carrots fresh fruit juice and milk
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### News

**Happy Halloween!!!!**

**Aggie Café your way this month is a Burrito Bar!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> is our Food for Thought meeting. Join us if you can!**

**Apple Crunch is 9:00 am on the 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**6<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 and is included with all meals**

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



### **Student Council 2017 - 2018**

We would like to take a moment to recognize our 2017 - 2018 Elementary Student Council Members. The fourth grade representatives include Madalyn Faber, J.J. Sheridan, Nick Boge, and Johanna Hubble. Fifth grade representatives are Jordan Bailey, Austin Small, Kyle Martin, and Macy Johnston. The sixth grade representatives include Mackenna Sellers and Kiera Harsh. The sixth grade officers are: President Jamisen Latham, Vice President Grace Schuch, Secretary Lily Methner, and Treasurer Kylis Straus. We are very excited to get to work!

### **BEAL CITY ELEMENTARY DUTCH APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER**



Beal City Elementary will be making and selling DUTCH APPLE PIES as our school's main fundraiser this year. We will be taking orders beginning the first week of October. Pies are \$10.00 each. The classroom that sells the most will earn a prize!

**We are also in need of many volunteers to assemble the pies. They are what makes this event happen! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4th as our apple pie assembly day!**

If you can help please email [bealcitypta@gmail.com](mailto:bealcitypta@gmail.com) or call Kelli at - [231.638.0507](tel:231.638.0507) with your name and phone number.  
**PLEASE LOOK FOR ORDER FORMS COMING SOON!**



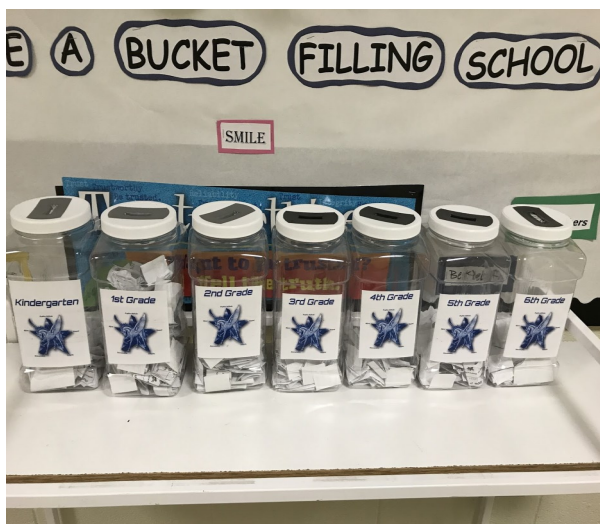
# *Beal City Elementary*



## *Aggie PRIDE*



Our Aggie PRIDE initiative is off to a great start! Students were taught the building expectations over the first few days of school and now they are acknowledged with PRIDE Passes when we “catch” them showing Aggie PRIDE. All of the PRIDE Passes go into a bucket and we draw winners each Friday. Students who are drawn get to choose a prize from the box and have their name written on one of the stars on the office door.



# Board Briefs

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

- General Fund payments of \$466,219.08, Payroll Acct. payments of \$1,912.63, Hot Lunch payments of \$7,440.78, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$59,765.00 and Athletic Fund payments of \$6,075.05.
- The Bond Authorizing Resolution as presented.
- The Superintendent Contract Extension as presented.
- Appoint Tom Gross as a new Board Member.
- The following Board Committee assignments: School Improvement/Curriculum Committee – Heather Curtiss and Tom Gross, Extra Curricular – Tom Gross, Curt Gottschalk, and Heather Curtiss, Building, Maintenance and Transportation Committee – Rod Cole, Ron Neyer and Bob Pasch, Business/Finance Committee – Bob Pasch, Curt Gottschalk and Denise McBride, Sick Bank Committee – Denise McBride and Heather Curtiss, ISD Budget Hearing Representative – Rod Cole, Personnel Committee – Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, and Denise McBride – Bob Pasch will be the alternate for Rod Cole during negotiations, Board Policy Development Committee – Heather Curtiss, Bob Pasch and Ron Neyer, Technology Committee – Tom Gross, Denise McBride and Rod Cole
- The 2016-2017 Audit as presented.
- Allow the superintendent to approve this round of Tribal Grants on behalf of the School Board. The grant deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Non-Athletic Schedule B recommendations as presented.
- The Class Size Letter of Agreement with the BCEA as presented.
- The Pitney Bowes Shipping and Mailing Lease Agreement as presented.

**\*\* There was an error in last month's Board Briefs. The Athletic payments for the month of August were \$7,613.42.\*\***

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.



# Financial Aid Night

FOR ALL COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS

October 26th @ 6:00pm in the HS Media Center

Unsure how you will cover all the costs associated with college next year? You're not alone! Join us for a presentation by a financial aid representative from CMU on all things 'Financial Aid' that all college bound students & their parents should know no matter what college you're attending.



**RSVP to Mrs. Millerov by**

**October 20th, 2017**

**smillerov@bealcityschools.net**

**989-644-3944**

**All college bound seniors and senior parents are strongly encouraged to attend!**



## **Covered topics include**

- How to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Information on grants, scholarships, loans & more
  - Helpful handouts as well as Q & A





# Central Michigan District Health Department

*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*



Jennifer E. Morse, M.D.  
Medical Director

Steve Hall, RS, MS  
Health Officer

## 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 Wednesday, November 1st, from 3pm to 6pm. We will also welcome 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 care givers 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 \$50.00, 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  
*Protecting 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 1st, 2017**



**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.

# BEAL CITY BANDS

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## TEXT REMIND

Ms. Reynolds uses Text Remind to communicate with parents and students. Class codes are listed below, be sure to subscribe and stay up-to-date!

Text the corresponding class code to the number 81010 to join.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band - @bcbegband

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band - @bcmsbands

High School Band - @bchsbands

Jazz Band - @bcjazzband

## MARCHING AGGIES

ROCK ON WITH "THE WHO"

This season at all home football games, the Marching Aggies bring you the sounds of acclaimed British rock band, The Who. The students have been working hard since late July to coordinate their drill and music for this sensational half time show. We have also added more music and drum cheers to our repertoire of stand tunes during the game. Show your support by moving and grooving along with the band at our next home football game!

We'd like to thank the Beal City Community as well as the Beal City Bands Family and TEMPO Club for your unwavering support of our program. Your generous contributions have helped with a purchase of a brand new equipment trailer for our traveling performances! Your support and donations make it possible for our students to excel in music and better serve our school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a list of our upcoming calendar events for the month of October.

10/4 – Marching Band Rehearsal (7-8:30p)

10/9 – **MSBOA Marching Festival** in Owosso

10/10 – TEMPO Meeting (7-8p)

10/11 – Marching Band Rehearsal (7-8:30p)

10/13 – **Home Football Game** (report 5:30)

10/18 – Marching Band Rehearsal (7-8:30p)

10/20 – **Home Football Game** (report 5:30)

10/25 – Marching Band Rehearsal (7-8:30p)

10/29 – **Band-Tastic Concert**

(all ensembles, report 3:00p)





## Make Every Day Count: Boost School Attendance

**T***o stay on track in school, students need to be present every day. Missing 18 or more days of school in a year puts a child's high school graduation at risk, according to BoostUp.org, a national dropout prevention campaign. Being absent for just two days every month of the school year can put a child behind academically.*

Students with regular attendance are more likely to read well by third grade and score higher on tests. They also tend to be more engaged in school and feel better about themselves.

Put your child on the path to success with these attendance strategies.

**Make school a priority.** Every absence (excused or not), can impact a child's academic achievement. Talk to your child about how important their education is. Make daily routines for homework and waking up on time for school.

Maintain communication with teachers and keep an eye on your child's academic progress. If your child seems disconnected from school or is prone to skipping class, try signing him or her up for an after-school activity. A report by the University of Minnesota found that students in an after-school program attended 18 more days of school and missed nine fewer than their peers.

**Make a plan.** If your schedule or transportation situation makes getting your child to school a challenge, ask for assistance. Make a carpool or transportation plan with other parents or family members, or ask your school principal for community programs or school initiatives that may help.

**Report in.** Know your school's attendance policies. If an absence or early dismissal is unavoidable, contact your school. If your family's religious observances fall on school days, let teachers know early in the year which days your child will miss.

**Carefully weigh sick days.** If your child is sick, talk with your health care provider to determine whether they should stay home from school. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home, find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (for example, after 24 hours of antibiotics).

Before keeping your children home, make sure they aren't faking symptoms. Regularly feigning sickness may be a sign that your child is anxious about facing a challenge at school, such as bullying.

**Schedule wisely.** Know your school's calendar, and arrange doctor and dentist appointments after school, on weekends, or during holiday breaks, if possible. Resist the urge to schedule vacations when students will miss school. This gives students the impression that school is not a priority.

**Help students complete assignments.** When your child has to miss school, make arrangements with teachers

to pick up a packet of make-up work. Ensure that your child follows through, and be available to explain concepts or monitor their work. If your child's absence will be lengthy (for surgery, for instance), alert teachers as soon as you know and pick up assignments as the days go on.



### Web Resources

**Get Schooled** has a number of attendance-related games and tools, including the Attendance Counts calculator and celebrity wake-up calls for students.  
<https://getschooled.com/>

The Children's Hospital of Colorado's **How Sick is Too Sick?** guide can help families decide which symptoms should keep students at home.  
<http://bit.ly/1860RIA>

**Attendance Works** offers research, webinars, and handouts designed with elementary and middle-level parents in mind.  
<http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/>

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Happy  
Holidays!

The annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program/Senior Citizen Reception will take place on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. 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!