



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Beal City Public Schools Calendar 2015-2016

September 8	First Day of School with students
November 6	End of 1 st Marking Period A.M. Student Half Day; P.M. Teacher Work Day
November 12	No School of Students – K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Conferences 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 – January 1	Winter Break
January 22	End of 1 st Semester A.M. Student Half Day; P.M. Teacher Work Day
March 10	Evening K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
March 24	End of 3 rd Marking Period A.M. Student Half Day; P.M. Teacher Work Day
March 28 - April 1	Spring Break
May 30	No School – Memorial Day Observance
June 9	Last Day of School – End of 2 nd Semester A.M. Student Half Day; P.M. Teacher Work Day

Flag Donation in Honor of Beal City Grad

In celebration of the commissioning of Megan McBride-Davis as a 2nd Lt in the Michigan Army National Guard, her family has donated an United States flag which is hanging in the small gym. Megan is a 2009 alumni. Her family members are also alumni: Chris-1985, Denise-1984 and Jessica-2012. Congratulations Megan! You make us proud!



Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on July 20, 2015:

- General Fund payments of \$227,514.66, Hot Lunch payments of \$3,518.97, Athletic Fund payments of \$12,944.73.
- The 2nd Reading of the Elementary Student Handbook as presented.
- The 2nd Reading of the Secondary Student Handbook as presented.
- The Recommendation to hire Tami Wilson as a full time bus driver.
- The 1st Reading of the Employee Handbooks 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.



Welcome Melissa Hall

We are excited to introduce Melissa Hall as the new Elementary secretary. Before coming to the Elementary office, Melissa worked in the kitchen here at Beal City School since 2011. Melissa has a husband (Jason Hall) and two children whom attend Beal City School (Jillian and Grant). Mrs. Hall is taking over for Linda Fussman, who retired at the end of June after 26 years as the Elementary secretary.

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be posted on the front doors of Mayes Elementary School starting Monday, August 17th. Elementary students will also receive their class placements and supply requests in the mail near that date. If you do not receive any information by August 21st, please contact the elementary office at 644-2740.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & PTA FAMILY PICNIC

Mayes Elementary will be having their annual Welcome Back to School Open House, on Thursday, September 3rd from 5:00 to 6:30pm. The Open House is informal, allowing Kindergarten through 6th graders and their families to meet their teachers and visit classrooms prior to the start of school. The PTA will also be hosting a picnic at this time, to help welcome all the kids back to school. The PTA will be asking for a \$6 donation per family for the picnic, which includes hot dogs, chips, and drinks. A donation will also give each family a membership to the Beal City Mayes Elementary PTA. If you have any questions regarding our Open House, please contact the elementary office at 644-2740.



PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On September 3rd, at 4:30pm, prior to the start of our Open House and PTA Family Picnic, students, parents, and the community is invited to join us for the official ribbon cutting ceremony of our new playground. It will be held outside on our new playground.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit **one** application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Beal City or St. Joseph Districts. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. **Full pay lunch at Beal City is \$2.50 and breakfast is \$1.50. Full pay lunch at St. Joseph is \$3.35.**

Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Beal City School, Marci Faber 989-644-3901 mfaber@bealcityschools.net or St. Joseph School, Mary Hauck 989-644-3980 stjoseph@edzone.net

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here?

When filling out this section, please include **all** members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under **and** are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending **Beal City or St. Joseph**, *regardless of age*.

A) List each child's name. For each child, print their first name, middle initial and last name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.

B) Is the child a student at [name of school/school system here]? Mark 'Yes' or 'No' under the column titled "Student" to tell us which children attend **Beal City School or St. Joseph**.

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. **Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application.** If you are *only* applying for foster children, after completing STEP 1, skip to STEP 4 of the application and these instructions.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway? If you believe any child listed in this section may meet this description, please mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and **complete all steps of the application.**

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (INCLUDING YOU) CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household participates in the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or **FAP**
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or **FIP**
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

A) IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:

- *Circle 'NO' and skip to STEP 3 on these instructions and STEP 3 on your application.*
- *Leave STEP 2 blank.*

B) IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:

- **Circle 'YES' and provide a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR.** You only need to write **one** case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: **[Beal City Schools or St Joseph]**. You **must** provide a case number on your application if you circled "YES".
- **Skip to STEP 4.**

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

A) Report all income earned by children. Refer to the chart titled "Sources of Income for Children" in these instructions and report the combined gross income for **ALL** children listed in Step 1 in your household in the box marked "Total Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household. It is optional for the household to list foster children living with them as part of the household.

What is Child Income?

Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid **directly** to your children. Many households do not have any child income. Use the chart below to determine if your household has child income to report.

Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earnings from work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child has a job where they earn a salary or wages.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Security<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Disability Payments◦ Survivor's Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.• A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives social security benefits.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income from persons <i>outside</i> the household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A friend or extended family member <i>regularly</i> gives a child spending money.

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FOR EACH ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER:

Who should I list here?

When filling out this section, please include **all** members in your household who are:

- Living with you and share income and expenses, *even if not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.*

Do **not** include people who:

- Live with you but are not supported by your household's income **and** do not contribute income to your household.
- Children and students already listed in Step 1

How do I fill in the income amount and source?

FOR EACH TYPE OF INCOME:

- Use the charts in this section to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in **gross income** ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
 - Gross income is the total income received before taxes or deductions.
 - Many people think of income as the amount they “take home” and not the total, “gross” amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a “0” in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will be counted as zeroes. If you write ‘0’ or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials have known or available information that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be verified for cause.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

B) List Adult Household member's name. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked “Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last).” **Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.** If a child listed in STEP 1 has income, follow the instructions in STEP 3, part A.

C) Report earnings from work. Refer to the chart titled “Sources of Income for Adults” in these instructions and report all income from work in the “Earnings from Work” field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.

What if I am self-employed?

If you are self-employed, report income from that work as a **net** amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.

D) Report income from Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony. Refer to the chart titled “Sources of Income for Adults” in these instructions and report all income that applies in the “Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony” field on the application. Do not report the value of any cash value public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only **court-ordered** payments should be reported here. Informal but regular payments should be reported as “other” income in the next part.

E) Report income from Pensions/Retirement/All other income. Refer to the chart titled “Sources of Income for Adults” in these instructions and report all income that applies in the “Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income” field on the application.

F) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field “Total Household Members (Children and Adults).” This number **MUST** be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household determines your income cutoff for free and reduced price meals.

G) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. The household’s primary wage earner or another adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. **You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number.** If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled “Check if no SS#.”

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/ Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses Net income from self-employment (farm or business) Strike benefits <p>If you are in the U.S. Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (<i>do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances</i>) Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Worker’s compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran’s benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Earned interest Rental income <i>Regular</i> cash payments from outside household

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. **Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.**

A) Provide your contact information. Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. **If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals.** Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

B) Sign and print your name. Print your name in the box “Printed name of adult completing the form.” And sign your name in the box “Signature of adult completing the form.”

C) Write Today’s Date. In the space provided, write today’s date in the box.

D) Share children’s Racial and Ethnic Identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children’s race and ethnicity. **This field is optional and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.**

Free/reduced applications:

This is a free/reduced application. A new application must be filled out every school year and you only need one application per family. We would like you to send these in before school starts so that we may begin processing your applications. Please mail these in by August 28, 2015 to: Beal City Public Schools, 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Students who qualified last year will start this year at that same status but are required to fill out a new application every year. If you have a new child starting school or are new to this school your child will be full pay until their application can be processed. You are responsible for any money accumulated in your child's account until their status has been determined. This can sometimes take a week, although, we try to start processing new students first.

Applications that are not fully completed cannot be processed. Please take the time to make sure that all of the proper information is listed.

All students who are receiving any state assistance or are homeless should automatically be included on our direct certification list that we receive from the state. You do **not** have to fill out a paper application if you are receiving assistance. A letter will come to your home sometime at the end of August, once we have that report, and let you know that your child has qualified. Contact me into the second week of school if you are on assistance and you didn't receive a letter.

Thank you,
Marci Faber

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

Approved for

Definition of Household Member: "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Student?	Yes	No	Foster Child	Migrant Runaway
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check all that apply

If you answered NO > Complete STEP 3. If you answered YES > Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

Please read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information. The Children section will help you with the Child Income question. The Sources of Income for Adults section will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

A. Child Income
Sometimes children listed in STEP 1 here

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	How often?				Earnings from Work	How often?				Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?				
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	

**Total Household Members
(Children and Adults)**

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of
Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member☐ Check if no SSN

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street Address (if available)	Apt #	City	State Zip
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Printed name of adult completing the form	Signature of adult completing the form		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
	Today's date		
	<input type="text"/>		
	Daytime Phone and Email (optional)		
	<input type="text"/>		

OPTIONAL

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more):

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, audits for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Verification

For School Use Only

Date Selected for Verification: _____
Confirming Officials Signature: _____
Response Due from Household: _____

Date Follow-up/Second Notice: _____
Follow-up Official's Signature: _____
Verification Official's Signature: _____

Date of Adverse Notice Sent: _____

FAP/FP/DP/IR/Foster Eligibility		Income		Verification Results		Reason for Eligibility Change	
Confirmed:	Not confirmed	\$					
			Weekly		Wage Slips	Free to Reduced	Income
	Department of Human Services		Every 2 weeks		Written Documents	Free to Paid	Household Size
	Notice of Eligibility		Twice a month		Collateral Contact	Reduced to Free	Refused to Cooperate
			Monthly		Agency Records	Reduced to Paid	Other _____
			Annual		Other _____	No Change	

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Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Date Dropped/Withdrawn: _____

Changes in the Aggie Café for 2015-2016 school year:

We have several positive changes to our lunch program for this coming school year. However, with rising food costs estimated to be high, we have raised our prices for the 2015-2016 school year. **Breakfast will be \$1.50 and lunch \$2.50.** We are very excited for the changes and new items that will now be available to our students! We tried new items last year that quickly became favorites for the students so we have added them to our menu. Plus, with the regulations easing a little, we were able to take suggestions from the students to add items that they have been missing. Here is a list of the changes:

- Meatball sub
- Chicken mashed potato bowl
- Cheese slice with hamburgers
- New and more condiment/dressing choices (honey mustard, Italian, mayo etc.)
- Sausage links with the waffle

Another big change:

6th grade will now be offered all of the daily lunch options along with the 7th-12th grades. Turkey/cheese sub, chef salad w/ ham, crispy chicken wrap, grilled chicken honey mustard wrap or a strawberry parfait w/granola. All of these options come with a fruit, milk and the daily vegetable we offer that day. Students can take one of these lunch options instead of choosing one of the hot choices we offer that day and it will cost the same as a lunch.



We Need YOU!

Would you like to make a difference in your child's school?
Well, here's how!

Every year, your family receives a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application. It is important to fill out this form and return it to school for two reasons:

1. The application lets us know if your child is eligible for free or reduced price school meals. Children from families that earn below a certain income level can receive free or reduced price lunch and breakfast at school.
2. Applications are used to match funding our school receives for resources for students such as books and classroom furniture.

The application is easy to fill out and easy to understand. Also, you do not have to worry about your information being shared with others because application information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Support the School Breakfast Program today by completing your application! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marci Faber 989-644-3901 or mfaber@bealcityschools.net.

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Beal City Schools and St. Joseph the Worker** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs [\$] **1.50/Beal** lunch costs [\$] **2.50/Beal** and **\$3.35/St. Joe's**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is [\$].**30** for breakfast and [\$].**40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **Food Assistance Program (FAP)**, **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** or **Family Independence Program (FIP)**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2015-2016			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
2	\$29,471	\$2,456	\$567
3	\$37,167	\$3,098	\$715
4	\$44,863	\$3,739	\$863
5	\$52,559	\$4,380	\$1,011
6	\$60,255	\$5,022	\$1,159
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional person:	\$7,696	\$642	\$148

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Jeff Jackson, 989-644-3901, jjackson@bealcityschools.net or Mary Hauck, 989-644-3970, stjoseph@edzone.net.
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Beal City Schools 3180 W. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48893 or St. Joseph the Worker 2091 N. Winn Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility

notification, contact Marci Faber for Beal City 989-644-3901, mfaber@bealcityschools.net or for St. Joe's Mary Hauck, 989-644-3970, stjoseph@edzone.net immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **sendmoneytoschool.com** to begin or TO learn more about the online application process. Contact **Marci Faber 989-644-3901 or email mfaber@bealcityschools.net if you have any questions about the online application.**
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. *Will the information I give be checked?* Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. *If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?* Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. *What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?* You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: WILLIAM CHILMAN, 3180 W. BEAL CITY RD. MT. PLEASANT, MI 48858, 989-644-3901, WCHILMAN@BEALCITYSCHOOLS.NET
11. *May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?* Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. *What if my income is not always the same?* List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. *We are in the military. do we REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?* Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Marci Faber or Mary Hauck if you have questions.
16. *My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?* To find out how to apply for **Food Assistance Program (FAP)** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-855-275-6424**.

If you have other questions or need help, call **Marci Faber 989-644-3901 or Mary Hauck 989-6443970**.
Sincerely, Marci Faber and Mary Hauck

SEPTEMBER 2015

Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, mandarin oranges, juice and milk Daily option: corn dog nuggets	9 macaroni and cheese, (9-12 dinner roll), peas, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	10 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apples, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	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/corn, wg dinner roll, garden bar, applesauce cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	15 sloppy jo w/wg bun, green beans, pears, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	16 scalloped potatoes/ham w/wg dinner roll, cookie, cooked carrots, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	17 twisty chicken alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, apricot cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets w/wg garlic breadstick	18 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots) garden bar, oranges, juice and milk Daily option: w/wg pepperoni pizza
21 meatball sub, cauliflower, garden bar, strawberry cups, juice and milk Daily option: wg corn dog nuggets	22 wg maple waffle w/ sausage links, hash brown, cold carrots, garden bar, mixed fruit, juice and milk Daily option: wg breakfast pizza	23 hot dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, apple, juice and milk Daily option: (cheese) hamburger w/wg bun	24 salisbury steak w/mashed potato and gravy, broccoli, (9-12wg bread), garden bar, sliced peaches, juice and milk Daily option: wg chicken nuggets, wg cinn graham crackers with both	25 chicken quesadilla, refried beans (9-12 cold carrots), garden bar, grapes, juice and milk Daily option: wg pepperoni calzone
28 tangerine chicken w/wg 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		

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Welcome Back!!!!

6th-12th grade additional daily lunch options:
Turkey sub, crispy chicken wrap, grilled chicken wrap, chef salad and a strawberry parfait.

Save the Dates

Rock the Foundation

The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) is excited to announce our annual “Rock the Foundation” fundraiser on Halloween, October 31, 2015. Join Foolish Dreams, family and friends as we celebrate Halloween at the KC Hall in Beal City. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Light snacks, water and coffee will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite beverage. We will have a few raffles and a couple 50/50 drawings. Ticket cost is \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. You can purchase your tickets in advance from the Superintendent’s office, Cay Marchiando, Bill Bellinger, Terry Hutchinson, Yvonne Fox, Bill Chilman, Cindy Schumacher, Denise McBride or Rod Freeze. We look forward to seeing you there. We will be contacting many of you as we did last year to ask for sponsors. If you were not contacted and you would be willing to sponsor the event, feel free to contact one of the board members mentioned above.

Trunk or Treat

If you only get a few trick or treaters and would like to see more ghosts and goblins, join in on the first community Trunk or Treat. It will be held in the KC parking lot from 6 p.m to 7 p.m on Halloween. Bring your candy and treats to the KC parking lot and let the local kids trick or treat out of your trunk. For more information, contact Cay Marchiando at 989-289-9932.

“Drive Ford First”

“Drive Ford First” provided by Krapohl Ford will be held before the home football game against Evart, September 25, 2015. Come out and test drive a new Ford vehicle. It doesn’t cost you anything but a little time. All you need to do is come to the school and take a short test drive (in the parking lot). The BCEF is teaming up with the TEMPO Club for this event and if we can get enough people to come to the school and test drive a new vehicle the TEMPO club could receive \$4,000 and the BCEF could receive \$4,000. That is great way to support two organizations who enrich the lives of Beal City students. Like our page on Facebook (Beal City Education Foundation) for more details and updates on these events.

The BCEF enriches the academic career of Beal City Public School students. To date, the BCEF has provided six student scholarships and 12 student enrichment grants that improve the lives of hundreds of students each year.



Cross Country Varsity

Tues. Aug. 25	10:00 a.m.
Wed. Sept. 2	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 9	4:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 15	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 22	4:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 3	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 6	4:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 16	4:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 20	4:30 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 23	4:00 p.m.

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Beal City Invite
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@Carson City Invite
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@Montabella Invite
Conference Jamboree @Evert
@Alma Scottie Invite





Varsity

Thurs. Aug. 27	8:30 a.m.
Thurs. Sept 10	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 12	8:00 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 15	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 19	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 22	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 3	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 6	6:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 17	8:30 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 20	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 22	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 24	8:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 27	6:00 p.m.

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 Tri-meet @ SHA
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Sat. Aug 22	9:00 a.m.
Thurs. Aug 27	8:30 a.m.
Wed. Sept. 9	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 12	8:00 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 15	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 22	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 3	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 6	6:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 17	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 20	6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 22	5:00 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 27	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 31	9:00 a.m.

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Freshman

Tues. Aug 25	TBA
Wed. Aug 26	12:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 1	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 9	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 12	9:00 a.m.
Sat. Sept. 19	9:00 a.m.
Thurs. Sept. 24	6:00 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 28	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 1	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 3	9:00 a.m.
Tues. Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 19	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 22	5:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.

Tri- meet @ Crossroads Academy
 @Big Rapids Invite
 Tri-meet @ Beaverton
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MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Attention 7th grade parents & students! There will be a 7th grade orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria. Please plan to attend this meeting to get lots of helpful information about your son or daughter beginning middle school, including schedules, locker assignments, books and more.

Attention 9th grade parents & students! There will be a 9th grade orientation meeting on Monday, August 31st at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria. Please plan to attend to get lots of helpful information your will need about your son or daughter beginning high school.

Students who are scheduled to dual enroll this fall, there will be a MANDATORY orientation with MID on Monday, August 31st at 10:00am in the HS Computer Lab. Please plan to be there. Parents are welcome but not required to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact MMCC Admissions to make arrangements to attend one of their orientations on their campus this summer.

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

This is a reminder to all students and families attending Mayes Elementary School. Flip flops, Wheelies/ Heelies and backless sandals are not appropriate footwear in school due to safety concerns. Shoes worn to school also must not have a heel that exceeds one inch. Bare midriffs, tank tops, and sleeveless shirts less than two inches wide on the shoulders are not acceptable. For further Dress Code guidelines, please refer to the 20014-15 Mayes Elementary Parent/ Student Handbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

When dropping children off at Mayes Elementary School, please encourage them to use the crosswalk by the front entrance. It is difficult to see students when they are cutting through the parking lot and walking in between buses. We have had some close calls in the past and hope to avoid these situations in the future. Vehicles are also PROHIBITED from stopping/parking in the yellow Bus Loading Zone in front of the building. This, again, presents a hazard to children, bus drivers and other vehicles. We do appreciate those of you who