



BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Beal City Public Schools Class of 2021 Top 10



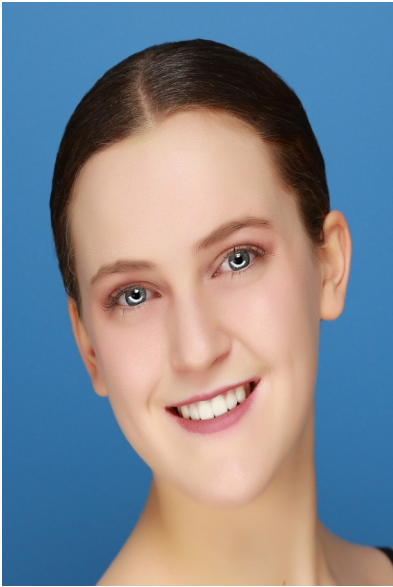
Congratulations to the Top 10 Students of the Beal City Public Schools Class of 2021.

Back row, left to right: Matthew Kolb, Nathan Coston, Sydney Soules, Sage Schumacher and Ayden Case.

Front row, left to right, Chloe Fussman, Grace Weber, Matthew Clark and Ben Matthews.

Not pictured: Rosalie Daniels

Beal City Public School's Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Rosie Daniels - Valedictorian



Nathan Coston - Salutatorian

Rosie is the daughter of Jennifer and John Daniels. She has attended Beal City since 4th grade. Rosie was born with a clubfoot, which made her parents worry that she would never walk properly. However, with the help of her wonderful surgeon, Dr. Dayle Maples, her foot was corrected. It was then that Dr. Maples recommended dancing as a form of physical therapy. Rosie began dancing at the Newman School of Dance when she was 22 months old. She was determined to dance en pointe from a young age and, with hard work, achieved her goal. Since starting dance, she has attended numerous notable institutions, including Kalamazoo Ballet, Tye Chua Dance, Grand Rapids Ballet, Michigan Ballet Academy, the Kirov Ballet Academy, and the Bolshoi Ballet Academy. In 2019, Rosie was 1 of 14 students selected nationwide to receive a full National Security Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department and the Russian American Foundation. She studied ballet and the Russian language for six weeks at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, Russia. She had the incredible opportunity to speak with foreign diplomats, stay with host families, and attend Russian ballets. She received a commendation from Senator Debbie Stabenow for her achievements.

When she is not dancing, Rosie enjoys exploring Michigan. She loves taking trips to Mackinac Island with her grandparents. She also found the time to volunteer starting when she was a Daisy Girl Scout in elementary school. Some of her favorite experiences from volunteering have been singing for the elderly, making holiday cards, and dancing at schools and nursing homes. She also likes to tutor her fellow students. In her time at Beal City, Rosie has been involved with the Beal City Bands and the National Honor Society. Rosie has enjoyed studying new languages, specifically Japanese, German, and Russian. She has thoroughly enjoyed all her classes at Beal City and has learned so much from all of her teachers. As a result of her experiences abroad, Rosie wishes to study Foreign Relations and the Russian language, while combining her interests in math and business. She hopes to continue to dance, as it has led to so many wonderful opportunities for her. Rosie aspires to become a Foreign Diplomat with the U.S. State Department and possibly work at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Nathan is the son of Greg Coston and Lora Harms. During his time at Beal City High School, Nathan has been an avid runner, participating in both cross country and track & field. He has received top student and commended student awards in many of his classes during high school as well as the Principal's Award for excellence. Nathan has maintained a 4.0 throughout high school while taking numerous dual enrollment classes through Mid Michigan College. He has also been involved in organizations such as National Honor Society and Student Council as well as serving as his class president this year.

Although he is undecided on a university at this time, Nathan plans to pursue a degree in business and economics in the fall.

Scholarship Winners



These seniors each competed for full ride scholarships to Mid Michigan College. Jessi Pratt received a 1 year full ride and Ayden Case a 2 year full ride plus book stipend. They were 2 of only 4 awarded based on their academic excellence, leadership skills, service activities, and character. Congratulations, Jessi and Ayden!!

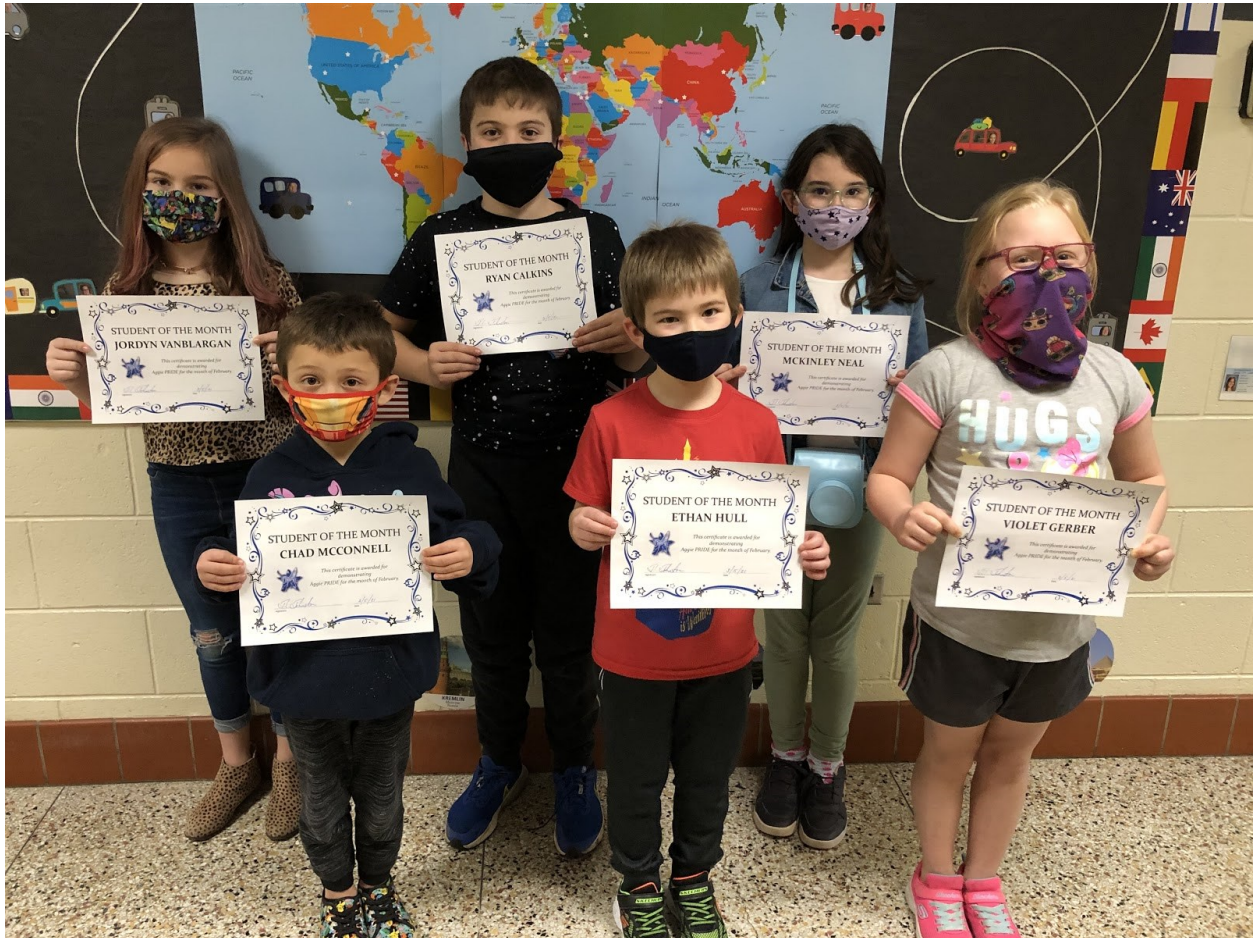
Beal City Public Schools National Technical Honor Society 2021 Inductees



Congratulations to the following students who were recently inducted in the National Technical Honor Society. Pictured in the back row from left to right are: Ayden Case, Sage Schumacher, Macy VonDoloski, Paige Antcliff, Cameron Lynch, Austin Hauck, and Jacob Gross. Front row from left to right are Owen Haupt, Grace Weber, Natalie Antcliff, Jenna Faber and Jesse Pratt. Not pictured are Hunter Conner and Breanna Onstott.

Beal City Elementary

Students of the Month



Back Row: (L to R) Jordyn VanBlargan, Ryan Calkins, McKinley Neal
Front Row: (L to R) Chad McConnell, Ethan Hull, Violet Gerber

State Assessment

As of now, we are planning on grades 3-5 taking the M-STEP test in May. Michigan has petitioned the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver of standardized testing this spring, but we are still waiting on the answer. While we expect that the pandemic will have some impact on student achievement, we are confident that our students are as prepared as anyone for the assessment.

*****Staff Members 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 Aarron Butkovich.

Going to school during a pandemic has been a challenge for everyone. While many staff members have been able to settle into a groove with safety protocols, that has not been the case for athletic directors. Beal City's athletic director, Aarron Butkovich, is our employee of the month for his diligence and dedication to keeping our athletes as safe as possible and coordinating the wide variety of rules that apply to spectators. While all the changing protocols have kept Aarron busy, athletic events have been up to the normal Aggie standard. Keep up the great work Aarron!



Aggie Varsity and JV Baseball Appreciation Memo

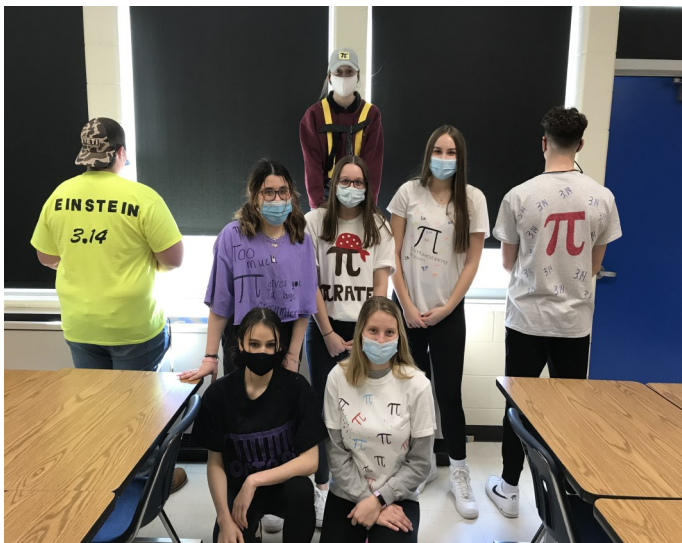
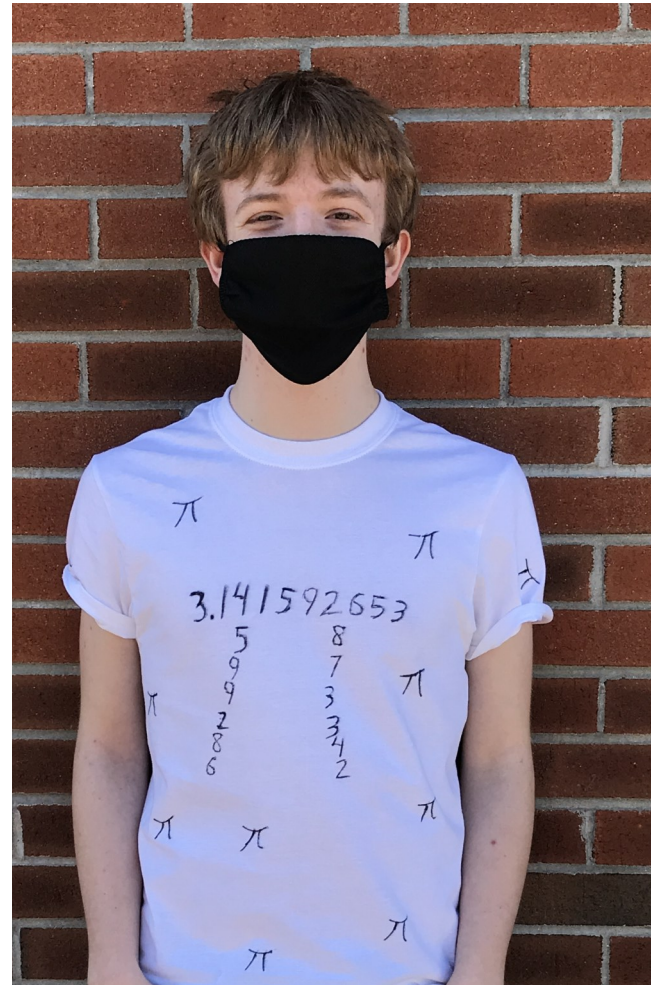
The Beal City Aggie baseball teams would like to thank those that participated as well as those that donated to the Feb. 20th fundraiser. Without your support and generosity, the event would not have been the success it was.

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus members for allowing us to use their facility the day of the event...and the parents and friends that helped put this together by volunteering their time and resources throughout the event: Kevin & Kris Wilson, Dan & Kari Martin, Ed and Kara Lynch, Korey and Sara Mindel, Kyle Andrews, Shane Gauthier, Angel Haynes and Sue Wilson.

With Many Thanks,

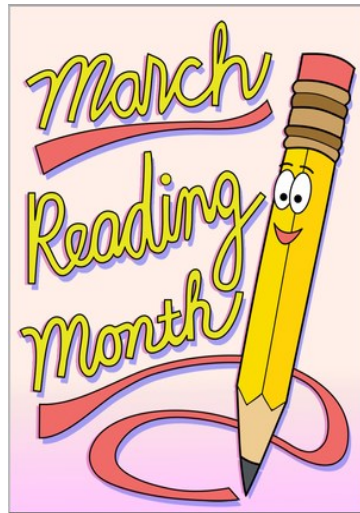
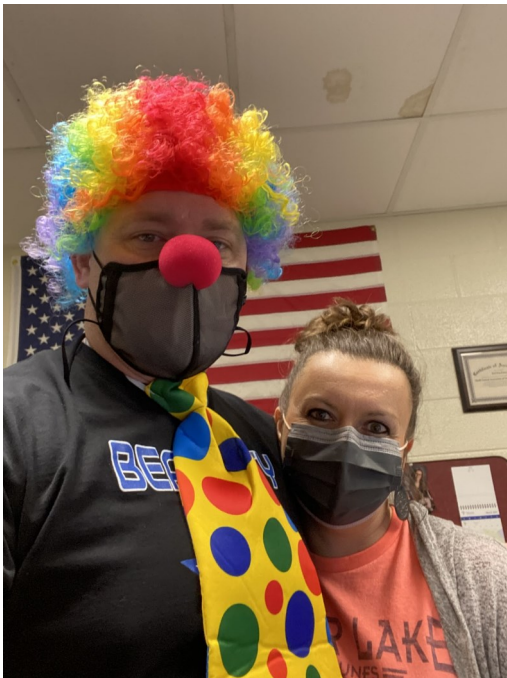
Varsity Coach: Steve Pickens

JV Coach: Matt Gross



Senior Math Students Celebrate Pi Day

Seniors in Algebra 2B and Precalculus classes celebrated Pi Day and Einstein's birthday on Friday, March 12th since Pi Day (March 14th) fell on a Sunday this year. The number pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number is irrational, meaning that it continues on forever, but is approximately equal to 3.14. Students calculated the number pi on a pie, sang Happy Birthday to Einstein, dressed up in pi day "gear", competed in pi trivia and pi reciting contests, and of course, ate pie with all the fixings. This year's pi reciting contest winner was senior, Matt Clark. He was able to recite 111 digits of the never-ending number from memory. Congratulations, Matt!



Reading Month Success

Students at Beal City Elementary had the opportunity to enjoy many reading related activities. Given that everything was virtual this year, we had to be extra creative in finding ways to make it all happen. Students were able to interact with State Senator Rick Outman, James Ross (author of multiple books), Dr. Deric Learman, and numerous guest readers using virtual meetings.



What's Cooking?

There's always a meal ready to be served!

Some mornings, it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious breakfast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards. Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that supplies at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, and calories. Check your child's menu to see the variety of nutritious choices available at School Breakfast, or stop by to sample the food yourself!

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: uncrustables, donuts, breakfast kit, bagels/cream cheese and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

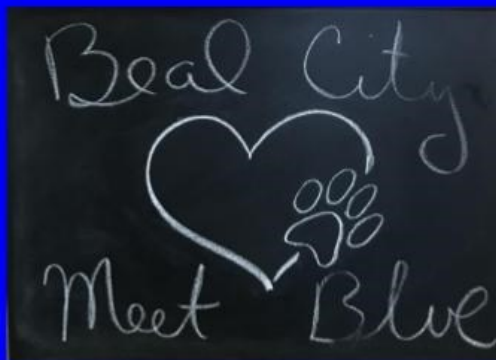
Location: Aggie Cafe

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

Full pay price: \$1.75

Reduced: \$.30

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



- ★ Blue is a male, Australian Labradoodle.
- ★ Birthday-January 30th 2021
- ★ Sire (Dad): Happy-a multigenerational Cockapoo stud
- ★ Dam (Mom): Paw-a female F3 Labradoodle
- ★ Breeder: Mindfulness Therapy Dogs
- ★ Blue is a temperament tested puppy that is training to be a social-emotional school therapy dog for our elementary.
- ★ Blue will be making his debut at Mayes Elementary in the Fall of 2021.
- ★ Mrs. Kauppi, Mrs. Hall and their families will be hosting and caring for Blue.



Blue's Crew-BC School Therapy Dog Sponsors

Elite Level **\$1500+ or Donation of lifetime maintenance care**

Pol Veterinary Clinic
Beal City PTA
MESA
Marilyn Morey, In Memory of Daisy, Honey & Buddy
McArthur Insurance Agency
In Memory of Kaylee Flachs
The Pastotnik Family
Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Cow Pleasant Dairy
J & J Auto
The De Vos Family

Gold Level **\$1000 Donation**

Coyne Oil & Propane

Silver Level **\$500 Donation**

Prout Heating & Cooling
Mark & Kimberly Hall
Hangin' By A Thread Embroidery "We Pawsitively Miss You!" Josh Wheeler 1986-2005
Anonymous
The Beal City Elementary Staff

Bronze Level **\$100 Donation**

G & S Mechanical LLC-The Schumacher Family
Johnson Door & Central Vac Systems
Pohl Dairy Farm, Inc.
In Memory of Lyla
Stone Hill Veterinary Clinic
Gray, Sowle, Iacco & Richards P.C.
Madalyn & Wesley Finnerty
Pure Plumbing

Amanda Perry
Doug & Terri Hadder
Dean & Heather Hadder
The VanHooser Family
The Pines Golf
Ed & Kara Lynch Family
Jaime Schafer
Mears Group Inc.

In Loving Memory of Susan Armstead, Linda Ashley & Rumsey Swallow

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GPA 4.0

Case, Ayden	12
Clark, Matthew	12
Coston, Nathan	12
Fussman, Chloe	12
Kolb, Matthew	12
Matthews, Ben	12
Pratt, Jesse	12
Schumacher, Sage	12
Soules, Sydney	12
Weber, Grace	12
Ambs, Owen	11
Benaske, Hannah	11
Benzinger, Izabella	11
Block, Cade	11
Bushong, Kaylee	11
Conner, Morgan	11
Fike, Rylee	11
Fussman, Jacob	11
Haynes, Brayden	11
Jaessing, Riley	11
Konwinski, Kyleigh	11
Maeder, Kayley	11
Methner, Kyleigh	11
Onstott, Haiden	11
Smith, Karly	11
Wilson, Konnor	11
Wilson, Morgan	11
Wood, Olivia	11
Zeneberg, Zeta	11
Carlson, Emma	10
Onstott, Tailor	10
Vogel, Isaak	10
Fussman, Jack	9
Garrett, Peyton	9
Gilde, Bennett	9
Gross, Ann	9
Gross, Lane	9
Kunik, Olivia	9
Latham, Jamisen	9
Lynch, Eva	9
Lyon, Luke	9
Owens, Gracelynn	9
Pappas, Jaxon	9
Rau, Caitlyn	9

GPA 4.0 Cont.

Reihl, Alida	9
Scarbrough, Adra	9
Sellers, Mackenna	9
Smith, Cayden	9
Vincent, Megan	9
Wilson, Avery	9
Block, Drew	8
Bushong, Ryan	8
Johnston, Macy	8
McKenny, Owen	8
Faber, Anna	7
Gottschalk, Benjamin	7
Ludwig, Sophie	7
Sisco, Jaylyn	7
Trommater, Molly	7
Fox, Spencer	6
Keehbauch, Taylor	6
Leppert, Novalee	6
Owens, Riley	6
Schultz, Katelyn	6
GPA 3.5 – 3.99	
Ciochetto, James	12
Faber, Travis	12
Gott, Ethan	12
Hauck, Austin	12
Jones, Greenlee	12
Maxon, Jason	12
Theisen, Ellie	12
Torpey, Bailey	12
Turner, Kirsten	12
Tyler, Dustin	12
VonDoloski, Macy	12
Ames, Samantha	11
Antcliff, Natalie	11
Antcliff, Paige	11
Bailer, Addie	11
Dempsey, Eliza	11
Faber, Jenna	11
Gamble, Megan	11
Gross, Brandon	11
Gross, Emma	11
Martin, Brendan	11
Onstott, Breanna	11
Oswald, Matthew	11

GPA 3.5 – 3.99 Cont.

Owens, Chase	11
Pritchard, Logan	11
Whitehead, Christopher	11
Wilson, Wade	11
Zuker, Donovan	11
Armstrong, Hadyn	10
Cotter, Kayden	10
Faber, Cecilia	10
Goffnett, Audree	10
Gross, Rachel	10
Haupt, Luke	10
Langlois, Karana	10
Locke, Mikayla	10
Scully, Sawyer	10
Straus, Benjamin	10
Zuker, Addyson	10
Butkovich, Payton	9
Calkins, Madison	9
Ehler, Carlie	9
Elias, Dylan	9
Fletcher, Kylis	9
Fox, William	12
Lasater, Genevieve	12
Methner, Lily	12
Pety, Emma	12
Recker, Lily	12
Schafer, Brayden	12
Wilson, Joshua	12
Breuer, Gabrielle	12
Davis, Isabelle	12
Doyle, Addison	12
Faber, Jace	12
Hulliberger, Hailey	11
Ketchen, Hailey	11
Leppert, Liliana	11
Licari, Lauryn	11
Locke, Brianna	11
Martin, Kyle	11
Martin, Olivia	11
Milett, Ava	11
Pritchard, Maxwell	11
Proton, Victoria	11
Reihl, Ava	11
Salisbury, Lydee	11

GPA 3.5 – 3.99 Cont.

Schumacher, Jody	8
Sienkiewicz, Parker	8
Weber, Sophia	8
Wernette, Joseph	8
Zeneberg, Zabrina	8
Benscoter, Chloe	7
Boge, Nicholas	7
Brown, Arryana	7
Doyle, Hayden	7
Ervin, Nicolas	7
Faber, Madalyn	7
Fletcher, Kelsey	7
Gross, Lauren	7
Higgins, Wesley	7
Hubble, Johanna	7
Longtin, Lanie	7
Schumacher, Rheid	7
Scully, Mya	7
Theisen, Nole	7
Davis, Landon	6
Gilde, Bryn	6
Gross, Lily	6
Martin, Sophia	6
Onstott, Madisyn	6
Scarbrough, Cooper	6
Sienkiewicz, Connor	6
Smith, Cuyler	6
Stack, Madyson	6
Strong, Eden	6
Weber, Jacob	6
Wixson, Carter	6
GPA 3.00-3.49	
Ambs, Hunter	12
Cotter, DJ	12
De Vos, Tijn	12
Fussman, Natalie	12
Gross, Jacob	12
Haupt, Owen	12
Keller, Kinleigh	12
Lynch, Cameron	12
Mindel, Aidan	12
Sandel, Cassidy	12
Sawmick, Alexandria	12
Zuker, Terrell	12

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GPA 3.00-3.49 Cont.

De Vos, Pepijn	11
Mishler, Logan	11
Morgenstern, Amanda	11
Natzel, Benjamin	11
Schumacher, Jackson	11
Fussman, Carter	10
Gross, Owen	10
Hall, Grant	10
Keller, Kade	10
Lipar, Gabriel	10
Vollmar, Madilyn	10
Cotter, Emily	9
Elliott, Ava	9
Fussman, Ella	9
Harmon, Chloe	9
Harsh, Kiera	9
Perreault, Daniel	9
Strong, Emalee	9
Cook, Adrianna	8
Cotter, Michelle	8
Federico, Joseph	8
Isaac, Kayne	8
Strong, Ella	8
Wilson, Khloe	8
Gatrell, Drake	7
McLachlan, Hayden	7
Pasch, Allison	7
Pierson, Elijah	7
Rau, Lily	7
Schuberg, Avery	7
Sheridan, J J	7
Upton, Jacob	7
Weber, Jordan	7
Yats, Abigail	7
Zuker, Garrison	7
Cornell, Brecklyn	6
Fancher, Grace	6
Fenton, Addison	6
McClintic, William	6
Sturm-Richmond, Keirsten	6
Wilson, Cooper	6
Wolff, Karis	6

Elementary All A's & B's

Ames, Megan	5	Reed, Michael	4
Calkins, Ryan	5	Salisbury, Brody	4
Cook, Joslyn	5	Schuberg, Emery	4
Cotter, Korinne	5	Shaner, Parker	4
Eichorn, Easton	5	Sisco, Gavin	4
Funnell, Logan	5	Snider, Natalie	4
Fussman, Addison	5	Straus, Eli	4
Garrett, Logan	5	Vore, Mackenzie	4
Gillespie, Dylan	5	Weber, Scarlett	4
Hoover, Aubrey	5	Wilson, Thomas	4
Johnston, Matthew	5	Wixson, Madison	4
Latham, Jarett	5	Backus, Jacob	3
Learman, William	5	Bland, Conley	3
Manley, Morgan	5	Breuer, Carleigh	3
Martin, Collin	5	Campbell, Elias	3
Neal, Aspen	5	Clare, Connor	3
Pastotnik, Ella	5	De Vos, Aloise	3
Smith, Shelby	5	Faber, Gabriel	3
Tilmann, Connor	5	Fair, Parker	3
Weber, Tessa	5	Finnerty, Madalyn	3
Wezensky, Chloe	5	Finney, John	3
Batenburg, Maddison	4	Frazier, Lillian	3
Beutler, Jayden	4	Funnell, Blake	3
Brown, Maycee	4	Gittus, Cole	3
Burd, Makayla	4	Graham, Ashlyn	3
Burmeister, Spence	4	Gross, Cole	3
Byberg, Aiden	4	Helmer, Paige	3
Cornell, Barrett	4	Henry, Brynleigh	3
Dodd, Rowan	4	Koutz, Mason	3
Eldridge, Jaxson	4	Little, Easton	3
Eldridge, Jaydon	4	Martin, Gregory	3
Gatrell, Grady	4	Maxon, Kenzie	3
Goffnett, Tessa	4	McCullough, Colton	3
Gottleber, Taylen	4	McDonald, Kolton	3
Gruss, Sofie	4	Millerov, Liam	3
Hadder, Landyn	4	Pastotnik, Rylinn	3
Helwig, Hayden	4	Pohl, Grayden	3
Higgins, Reagan	4	Prout, Samantha	3
Latham, Jax	4	Schultz, Avery	3
Malley, Cody	4	Simmer, Gavin	3
Maney, Gunnar	4	Tilmann, Cylie	3
Maxon, Emma	4	Tilmann, Sophia	3
Mertz, Hunter	4	VanBlargan, Jordyn	3
Milett, Carys	4		

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on March 15, 2021:

- The February payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$645,717.60, Payroll Account payments of \$1,420.84, Hot Lunch payments \$18,694.25. Student Activity Account payments of \$10,780.57, Athletic Fund payments of \$198.34, and Arbiter Sports payments of \$2,905.35.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Scott Leppert – JH Girls Track, Rod Flaughner – Voluntary Assistant Softball, Shawn Licari – Voluntary Assistant Softball, Michael Bleise – Voluntary Assistant Softball, Dave McKenny – Voluntary Assistant Baseball, Jess Spry – Voluntary Assistant Track and Field, Brian Locke – Voluntary Assistant Track and Field.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Matthew Gross – JV Baseball and Kendra Licari – JH Boys Track Coach.

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



Staff Wellness:

Our school received a grant for staff wellness in January and we have been focusing on exercise challenges. This could not have happened at a better time after our 2020 school year. We are enjoying the encouragement this has given us to move ahead stronger! We worked on a Fab Ab February workout that had us all hating sit ups by the end of the month, we purchased resistance bands for everyone to use with YouTube workout videos for March and are looking forward to seeing what we can do in April and May. We will be expanding wellness into the classrooms for our students and hosting community events in the future. Please like our Facebook page, BC Community Wellness Team, so you can see future events and meetings.

MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE ANNEXATION INFORMATION

On the May 4, 2021 ballot, voters in the Beal City School District will see two Mid Michigan College Annexation Proposals. If **BOTH** proposals pass, residents of the Beal City School District would be classified as “in-district” for Mid Michigan College and would therefore pay the in-district rate (which is 40% less than the out-district rate). Mid Michigan College did present annexation proposals on the November 2020 ballot for residents of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D). In order for annexation to pass, the entire RES D was required to pass both ballot proposals. Proposals passed in some areas of the RES D, but not in all townships, which meant that no areas were added to Mid's in-district service area. The 2021 ballot proposals will allow individual school district residents to decide if they want to join Mid's in-district service area and experience the benefits of lower tuition for their students, board representation for their residents, and lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Mid's millage rate is assessed on a home's taxable value, which is usually about half of the fair market value. For example, if you own a home with a fair market value of \$100,000, Mid's millage rate would be assessed on \$50,000. In this example, the home owner would pay Mid's millage rate of \$1.2202 for every \$1,000 up to \$50,000. It would therefore cost the home owner approximately **\$61/year**. From a different perspective, if annexation is successful, the savings from just one year of tuition (assuming full-time enrollment) would equal nearly 35 years worth of millage assessment.

If you are a college student or parent of a college student...

Annexation would lead to a 40% reduction in tuition.

If you own a business...

For every \$1 invested in higher education, \$5.50 are returned to the community, and more accessible education and training would likely lead to a larger career-ready workforce.

If you are a community member...

Mid offers lifelong learning classes, free family friendly activities, College governance opportunities, and our graduates serve your communities, helping you stay healthy and active.

Visit midmich.edu/annexation to learn more.

Estimated Savings for Students in your School District*

Based on 2019-2020 Enrollment Levels

\$196,416