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# The Aggie Express

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Seated from left to right are Jane Finnerty, Denise McBride and Kari Rojas. Back Row from left to right are Rod Cole, Curt Gottschalk, William Chilman (Supt.), Robert Pasch and Ron Neyer

## School Board Officers Elected

The following school board officers were chosen at their annual Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 19th.

Denise McBride	mcbri1dm@cmich.edu	President
Rod Cole	rod.cole@earthlink.net	Vice President
Kari Rojas	rojas1kl@cmich.edu	Secretary
Bob Pasch	robpasch@yahoo.com	Treasurer
Curt Gottschalk	curtgottschalk1@gmail.com	Trustee
Ron Neyer	ron.neyer@jdmetalworks.com	Trustee
Jane Finnerty	jane.finnerty@mclaren.org	Trustee



## **\*\*Staff Member of the Month\*\***

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

Melinda has been a part of the Beal City staff for 14 years and is head cook in the kitchen. Over this time she has been a key part of the hot lunch program's success and she starts and ends every day with a smile. She is always willing to go above and beyond not only to get the job done, but to find ways to improve. We are very thankful to have her on our team.



## **Feature Staff Person**

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Diane Fussman as our Middle School/Secondary Secretary. She is taking the place of Marylyn Gross who retired in January. Diane graduated from Beal City in 1991 and from Central Michigan University in 1995. She married her high school sweetheart, Ryan in 1996. Ryan is a self-employed mason who is also a Beal City Schools graduate. They have 3 sons: Thomas who is a Senior at Beal City Schools, Carter, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at St Joseph the Worker and Ryan Jr who is 4 years old.

Diane's favorite food is cashew chicken at Mountain Town and she enjoys watching Seinfeld re-runs and football on TV. She also enjoys attending sporting events and watching her kids and nieces and nephews participate.

Diane is looking forward to her spring break vacation in Florida and their annual family trip to Drummond Island this summer. Diane is very happy to be here. Welcome aboard Diane.



## **Lions Club Student Citizen of the Month**

Congratulations to Dexter Lynch (8th grade) who was selected as our Lion's Club "Student Citizen of The Month" for January. Dexter was honored at a Dinner at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant on Monday, January 26th.

The School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month unless otherwise noted. The start time for this year's meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. This year's meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 19, 2015	Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 19, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 16, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 16, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 2015	Budget Hearing	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 17, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 21, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21, 2015		7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 18, 2016	Organizational Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 18, 2016	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.

***PTA Gives Thanks for Snowfest Carnival Donations***

***The Beal City PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to all area businesses and individuals for their donations for our Snowfest Carnival and pancake dinner. These events could not happen without you!***

## BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 19, 2015:

- General Fund payments of \$359,318.32, Hot Lunch payments of \$11,350.24, Athletic Fund payments of \$3,706.09.
- Linda Fussman's Elementary Secretary Resignation 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.

## **Win an Ipad Mini 16 gb wifi, Kindle Fire HDX 7" 16 gb wifi or graphing calculator from the BCEF**

The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) is happy to announce that students who attend the ACT study sessions will be automatically entered into a drawing. For each hour the student spends at the ACT study session they will receive one ticket for a drawing of either a Ipad Mini 16gb wifi, Kindle Fire HDX 7" 16gb wifi, or a graphing calculator. The student will get to choose which one they would like after their name is drawn. We have had some study sessions already and look forward to the rest. These study sessions are open to any Beal City High School student in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. However, juniors, we really encourage you to take advantage of this time. These are self-study sessions giving the student an opportunity to take practice ACT tests to prepare them for the real test at the beginning of March. The computer lab will be open from 9 – 11 a.m. on most Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. on most Sundays until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you check the schedule with Mrs Millerov. We really need you to sign up with Mrs Millerov, if we don't have anyone signed up to attend, our volunteers will not come open the computer lab. If we have even one student sign up, a volunteer will be there. If you don't sign up, but are available and the lab is open, you are welcome to come. We will try to post the computer lab openings on our Facebook page, Look for the Beal City Education Foundation page on Facebook. If students sign up and don't get to the lab on time, we are leaving it up to the volunteer as to how long they are willing to wait before they lock the doors and go home. Please respect our volunteers time, these are Beal City teachers and community members taking time away from their families to help the students! The BCEF looks forward to seeing students get higher ACT scores! Thank you volunteers, for your time so the kids can come and study.

### **2015-16 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mayes Elementary School will be holding a parent informational meeting for NEW kindergarten students for the 2015-16 school year. This meeting will take place on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Beal City Public School cafeteria. Our kindergarten teachers will be registering students and providing an overview of the kindergarten curriculum and answering questions for parents. This is an informational meeting. Children are not required to attend this informational meeting. We will also hold our annual Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be scheduling for this date at the informational meeting. Incoming kindergarteners are required to attend this March 24<sup>th</sup> Round-Up meeting. If you have any questions regarding either of these upcoming events, please call the elementary office at 644-2740.

### **ELEMENTARY CALENDAR**

February 2	PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
February 4	SMILE Mobile Dentist
February 7	PTA Carnival, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
February 13	Valentine's Parties
March 2	PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
March 12	Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 24	Kindergarten Round-Up Student Testing, scheduled @ Parent Mtg.
March 27	½ Day of School/End of Marking Period
March 28	Spring Break Begins
April 6	School Resumes



It's that time of the year for Summer Ball sign ups.....

T-Ball/Softball/Baseball & Pony League sign-ups will be held on Feb 18 & Feb 25 in the Media Center from 6:00 -8:00 P.M. Sign up forms will be going home in Friday folders, please keep an eye out for them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ed Lynch @ 989-415-1307 about baseball, Lisa Schneider @ 989-289-8689 about softball and Mark Upton 989-644-6690 about Pony league.

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> semester Rotary Student of the Month recipients!  
The following students were chosen and honored at the Mt Pleasant Rotary Club's monthly luncheon for their outstanding commitment to service and academics.

October – Kaitlyn Gottschalk

November – James Kolb

December – Nicole Gross



### Breakfast Logic

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on “normal” days, many students fail to eat breakfast: they're too busy, too tired, or just don't know what to eat.

Let's help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Every morning our breakfast consists of: assorted pop tarts, muffins, uncrustables, cereal, yogurt, juice, cheese stick and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 other items.

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

Full pay price: \$1.30

Reduced: \$.30

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



# February 2015

## Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**2** sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets

**3** chili, wg cheez-its, ( slice wg bread for HS) broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza

**4** scalloped potatoes/ham, wg breadstick, corn, cookie, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun

**5** twisty chicken alfredo, cooked carrots, wg garlic breadstick, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick

**6** taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Friday option: wg pepperoni pizza

**9** tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets

**10** macaroni and cheese, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza

**11** hog dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit juice and milk  
Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun

**12** Salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, wg bread garden bar, fruit juice and milk  
Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick

**13** wg chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk  
Friday option: wg Calzone w/pepperoni

**16** wg popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets

**17** wg maple flavored waffle, hash brown, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza

**18** grilled cheese sandwich w/tomato soup, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun

**19** nachos/meat/cheese,, refried bean, garden bar, fruit juice and milk  
Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick

**20** fish sandwich, broccoli, French fries, garden bar, fruit, and milk  
Friday option: wg cheese pizza

**23** sloppy jo w/wg bun, baked beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets

**24** chili, wg cheez-its, ( slice wg bread for HS) cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza

**25** scalloped potatoes/ham, wg breadstick, corn, cookie, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun

**26** twisty chicken alfredo, cooked carrots, wg garlic breadstick, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick

**27** macaroni and cheese, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk  
Friday option: wg pepperoni pizza

### News

**We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with Shaped chicken nuggets on the 13<sup>th</sup>!**

**Our Food for Thought meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 2:00 on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome to join us! ☺**

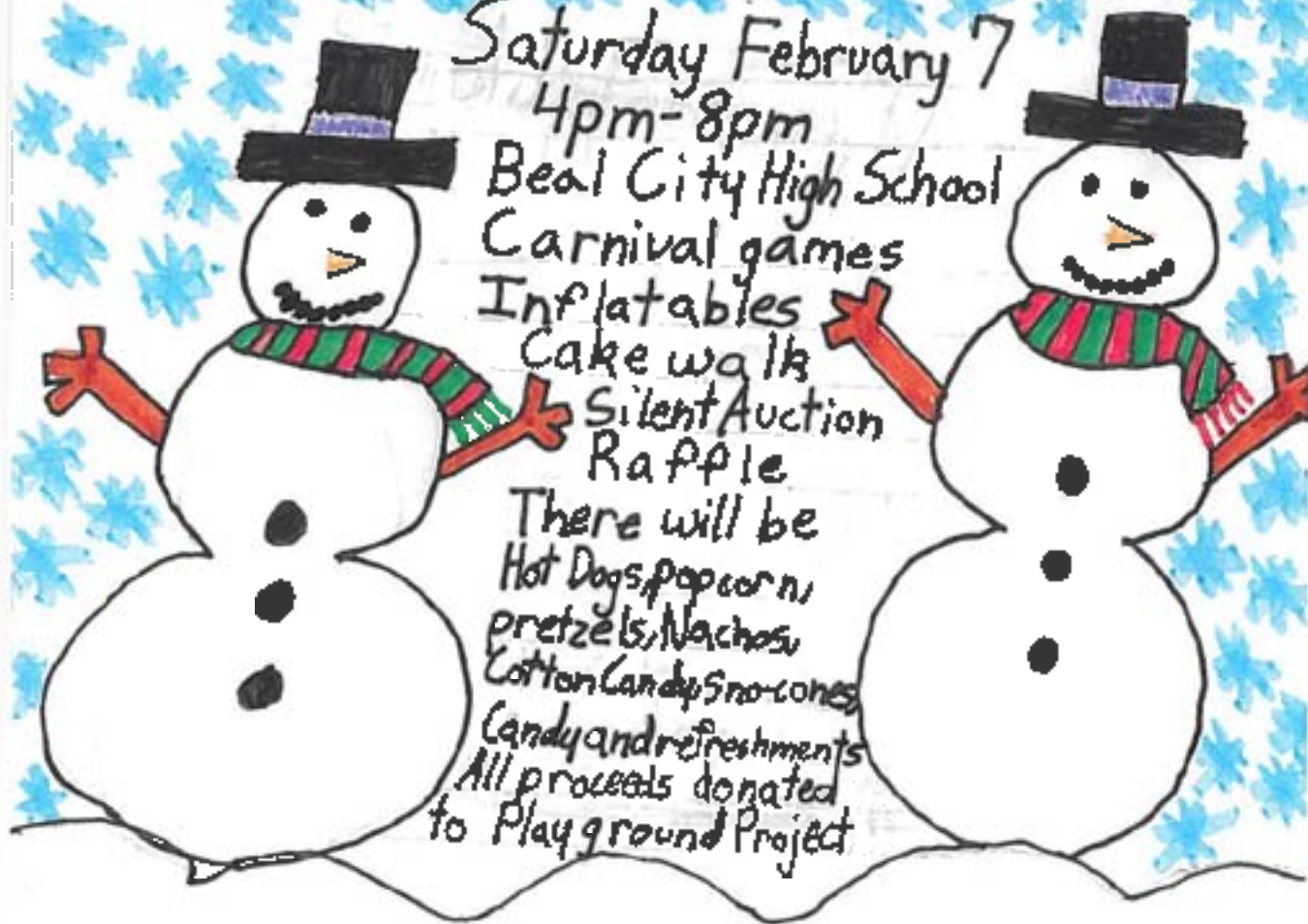


# 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SNOWFEST CARNIVAL

Saturday February 7  
4pm-8pm

Beal City High School  
Carnival games  
Inflatables  
Cake walk  
Silent Auction  
Raffle

There will be  
Hot Dogs, popcorn,  
pretzels, Nachos,  
Cotton Candy, Snow cones,  
Candy and refreshments  
All proceeds donated  
to Playground Project



by: Morgan Wilson





# Beal City



Baseball/Softball

## 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament

Sick of being inside with the long cold winter?!?!?! Come out of the house and have a blast while supporting the Beal City High School Softball and Baseball programs while we gear up for a great 2015 spring season!! Go Aggies!!!!

Saturday, March 7, 2015

1:00p.m. at Riverwood Resort

Cost: \$20 per person

Winners are not based on bowling ability!

There will also be prize raffles and 50/50 drawings.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check (#\_\_\_\_\_) ☐ Cash

All proceeds will go towards Beal City High School baseball and softball programs.



# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Time: 5:00 to 7:30**

**Date: March 19, 2015**

**Place: Beal City Cafeteria**

**Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00  
for kids ages 5-12, and  
preschoolers free**



**Meal includes spaghetti  
and meat sauce, salad,  
drink (milk, lemonade, or  
coffee) and dessert.**

**Hosted by the Beal City  
Varsity and JV baseball  
teams.**

# BEAL CITY BANDS



"...in harmony with the home and community..."

## THANK YOU!

Ten boxes of sweatshirts sent to Mr Vancelette's school in CA!

### SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD!

On Wednesday, January 28, the Beal City Bands hosted a Scandinavian Smorgasbord, a traditional meal that resembles a buffet. Ham, Swedish meatballs, potato and summer sausages, limpa bread, traditional Danish pastries, Swedish pepparkokar and other foods were enjoyed throughout the day. Students also got to see vintage footage of Mr. Lowe's visit to Scandinavia many years ago!

### CMU JAZZ WEEKEND PERFORMANCE

Please consider taking some time out of your morning to listen to our outstanding jazz musicians when they perform at the 41st Annual CMU Jazz Weekend. Our performance will occur at **Plachta Auditorium** in Warriner Hall on **Friday, February 6 at 8:45AM**. It would be great to see some friendly faces in the audience on a chilly February morning!

### PRACTICE RECORDS

**REMINDER TO ALL 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE BAND FAMILIES:** Practice Records are a weekly graded assignment that serves as a progress report for you and your student. They account for approximately **20% of your child's grade** in band class, and provides substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments on a **weekly basis**.

### HIGH SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Our high school students will be participating in MSBOA District **Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 7**. Participating students have received their performance times and continue to work hard to showcase their talents in **Owosso**.

### BAND FESTIVAL

Our bands will travel to **Bay City Western HS** for District **Band Festival on Friday, February 27**. Our **Middle School Band** will perform at **4:00PM**; our **Concert Band** will perform at **7:40PM**. See the band website for more information.

### REMIND

Mr. Lowe is using Remind to notify students of classroom assignments and obligations. There are three easy ways to sign-up. Check out the recent issue of the Drumbeat on the band website for more information.



### FESTIVAL WINDS CONCERT

Sunday, February 22  
4PM & 5PM



CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!  
[www.bealcitybands.weebly.com](http://www.bealcitybands.weebly.com)



## Report to PARENTS

# Setting Goals

**T**he middle of the school year is a great time for families to check in with students on goals. Setting academic and personal goals helps motivate, energize, and focus students, and it is a valuable skill that will benefit learners throughout their lives. Parents can help students set and achieve these goals.

Goal-setting can be tedious, even intimidating, for some students. Parents can support students in this process by following these steps: pick it, map it, do it, own it, and celebrate it.

**Pick it.** Encourage your child to consider his or her dreams and passions and pick goals that are important and meaningful. Guide your child to think about, “What motivates me? What would inspire me to give my best effort? What would make me feel good while I’m doing it? What achievement would make me feel proud?”

**Map it.** After your child picks a goal, help map the path from where he or she is now to where the child wants to be. Offer the following analogy: If we want to drive across the country from New York to California, we don’t just get in our car and start driving—we get a map, pick a route, and follow it until we get to California.

With your child, analyze different approaches and define clear steps to reach their goal. For instance, if the goal is to get a higher test grade in a tough subject, each quiz or project is a step on the path to the higher goal: earning an A.

**Do it.** Once you and your child have mapped a path to their goal, encourage him or her to take action, focus on the first step and give it his or her best effort. Remind your child that no goal is ever reached without focused action.

**Own it.** As your child makes progress toward their goal, help him or her to take responsibility for making it happen. Teach the mantra, “If it’s to be, it’s up to me!”

Reflect with your child. Ask, “How are you doing? What’s

working? What’s not working? What can you or your family change to get to this goal?” From there, analyze the map, and make changes to the plan if necessary.



Help your child keep a positive attitude and own mistakes as well as successes. Remind your child that if something comes along that holds him or her back temporarily, to look at the experience as feedback. Failures, or bumps in the road, can provide us with information we need to succeed. Reinforce the message that we can learn from our mistakes and move on with new, valuable knowledge.

**Celebrate it.** Acknowledgment and celebration are huge parts of achieving goals. Acknowledge every effort and celebrate your child’s mini-successes along the way to achieving a goal. This builds his or her confidence and motivation. Your child will feel good and understand that perseverance will result in another mini-success and finally goal achievement.

Try going through the goal-setting process as a family. Pick a family goal (perhaps a charitable activity) and work together to achieve it. After the family experience, have each family member pick a personal goal. Support and acknowledge one another as you move through the above steps.

Success is assured when students believe in themselves and in their ability to achieve. Parents are key to helping them believe and succeed.

*This Report to Parents was written by Bobbi DePorter of Quantum Learning Network.*



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## ACT Test Prep Weekends for Students!

As you know, Beal City has implemented a new program through Career Cruising, called Method Test Prep. All Beal City students 6-12 grade have access to this new program and have received cards with their passwords, etc. The Beal City Education Foundation, together with the Beal City Education Association, would like to open up our computer lab on select weekends in January and February for students to have the opportunity to come in and work on ACT test prep. The dates are listed below. We strongly encourage our current **juniors** to utilize this time as they prepare for the ACT this March; however doors will be open to any high school student who wants to begin ACT prepping. Staff will be present to assist and supervise. Contact Mrs. Millerov at [smillerov@bealcityschools.net](mailto:smillerov@bealcityschools.net) with questions or for more information. Students **MUST** sign up prior to attending—there will be a sign up sheet posted on the Guidance Office door or you may email Mrs. Millerov to have your child's name put on the list. If no one signs up by the preceding Friday, the lab will not be open.

**Saturday's 9-11am and Sunday's 6-8pm**

February 7/8  
February 15  
February 21/22  
February 28/1<sup>st</sup>

