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The Beal City Education Foundation would like to say, Congratulations! to the winner of the 2015 Aggie of Excellence scholarship, Nichole Murphy. The winner of the “Aggie of Excellence” scholarship represents excellence academically, artistically, and athletically and has a commitment to community involvement. The student must show respect to school and community and respect for others, they must demonstrate a positive attitude and leadership skills in the classroom and life, they must be polite, caring, honest and trustworthy.

Nichole will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall. Nichole has put in many hours of community service both in the Beal City community and outside of the community. She has also been very active in multiple groups and organizations in school and still maintained a very high GPA. She is currently the vice president of the class of 2015 and holds the Fundraising Committee Chair position for the Beal City National Honor Society. Congratulations Nichole from the Beal City Education Foundation.



****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 Linda Fussman.

Linda has been the secretary at Carl D. Mayes Elementary for 26 years, and will be retiring at the end of this month. Over the years Mrs. Fussman has been much more than a secretary; she has been a custodian, a nurse, a peace maker, a teacher, a friend, and a surrogate mom to thousands of students and staff members who have come through the halls of the Elementary. For all of those years she has brought unity and structure to Beal City Schools. We will miss her dearly and wish her and her husband Steve the best in her retirement.



Congratulations to Phoenix Vavzincak, Emma Yuncker, Mackenzie Schneider, Natalie Gross, Grace Rau, Erica Hauck, Samantha Garrett, Stephanie Ley, Madeline Fike, Ariel Salter, David Reihl, Kyle Yuncker, Nate Horsley, Ethan Schafer, Eric Maxon, and Kaylee Nelson for their induction into the Beal City National Honor Society!

National Honor Society Service Project



The National Honor Society got together on April 26th to bring some spring life to Beal City through a new service project. The group divided to get different projects done around the school property. Some of the group planted trees by the sports complex to hopefully create shade and block wind for the future generations to come. Along with the trees, lilac bushes were planted along the sidewalk to bring some color to the grounds when they grow. While some students planted trees and bushes, the other students worked on cleaning up around the school and town. NHS members picked weeds, swept sidewalks, picked up trash, and brought some color and fun to the sidewalks with sidewalk chalk. A special thank you to Block Electric for the financial donation to help NHS “Beautify Beal City”.

School Board Members Give Thanks



The School Board Members honored our school staff by making breakfast for them for Staff Appreciation Week. The School Board members understand and are aware of the hard work and dedication our staff members give day in and day out and this was their way of saying “Thank You”.

Technology Education Derby



Mr. Fletcher's Jr. High Technology Education Classes took part in the First Annual Technology Education Derby. Prior to the Technology Education Derby students learned about important Physics concepts such as force, mass, friction, resistance, speed, and Newton's Three Laws of Motion. Using these concepts, each student designed, engineered, and built a balloon powered cardboard vehicle. The Technology Education Derby consisted of students calculating their average distance traveled and average speed. Beal City 7th Grade student Seth Schafer built a car named "The Beast" that traveled the farthest distance of 40 feet and 2 inches. Congratulations to all the Jr. High Technology Education students who took part in the Technology Education Derby for a successful class project!

THANK YOU to our PTA!!

We owe our PTA members a HUGE debt of gratitude for all they have done to enhance our programs at Beal City Elementary School this year. Our marvelous PTA donated \$1000.00 in scholarships to 4th-6th grade camp, which allowed 15 students to attend camp who otherwise would not have been able to. Each Elementary teacher received \$100.00 to help pay for classroom materials and/or field trips. They sponsored a kindergarten and 1st Grade CAFÉ Night reading event, held two Book Fairs, and assisted with both Senior Citizen Receptions during our music programs. The Elementary staff also enjoyed a luncheon provided by the PTA for Staff Appreciation Week in May. Many of these activities and events were made possible by the PTA's annual apple pie fundraiser. Without our PTA members unending time and support, all of these events/activities would not be possible. A BIG Thank You from the staff and students of Beal City Elementary to our PTA. We couldn't do it without you☺

CAMP HAYO-WENT-HA WEEK 2015

Beal City Elementary fourth through sixth grade students arrived back at school from Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on May 8th very tired, but also full of fun stories about their adventures. All the kids had a great time. Fourth graders took a day trip over to Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes to learn about dune ecology and play in the sand. Fifth graders spent time at Grass River learning about the river eco-system. As for the sixth graders, they were able to climb the pamper-pole, and build their own shelters in the woods. The kids learned a lot, had many new experiences, and made memories that will last a lifetime. We would like to thank the PTA and the other community members who made donations for camp. All students that wanted to were able to attend.

A/B Honor Roll Addition

We would like to apologize to Faith Schuch. Due to a grading error she was excluded from the Quarter 3 Honor Roll. Congratulations Faith for making the 6th Grade all A/B Honor Roll!!!

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 18, 2015:

- General Fund payments of \$317,027.78, Hot Lunch payments of \$11,613.12, Athletic Fund payments of \$6,228.29 and the Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$98,353.50.
- The nomination of Anmari Andrews and Roger Trudell for the GRIESD Board Election.
- The GRIESD Board Election Resolution as presented.
- Accept Karen Faber's Para-Pro Resignation as presented.
- The GRIESD Budget Resolution as presented.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2015-2016 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.

THANK YOU!

The Beal City Sports Boosters
would like to thank all the
volunteers who spent their
time helping this past school
year - we appreciate you!!!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO RANDY FROM
MARTIN'S KOUNTRY KORNER
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE
BEAL CITY SPORTS BOOSTERS PROGRAM**



Beal City Football



Golf Outing



*A four-person scramble
Presented By
The Aggie Football Team*

*Pre-Pay by July 31st
For a chance to win your
individual entry fee back.*



Entry Fee is \$60 per person

Includes 18 holes with a cart, and Lunch.

There will be 50/50 and raffle drawings.

Registration 8:00am – 8:30am shotgun start

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2015

Eagle Glen Golf Course-Farwell

***To register your team & secure your spot TODAY contact
Deb at (989) 400-6406 or email me at gross1ds@cmich.edu***



BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

"Building Champions Football Camp"

July 20, 2015 – July 22, 2015

CAMP LOCATION: Beal City High School

Football camp is open to any football player entering grades 7 – 12 in 2015/2016

Monday, July 20th

Tuesday, July 21st

Wednesday, July 22nd

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*Introduction of Coaching Staff *Competition and Team Building Drills *Tackling fundamentals – Heads up

*Warm-up and Stretching *Weight Room Instruction *Offensive and Defensive Fundamentals *Ball Skills

*7th and 8th Grade Coaches Welcome

Make checks payable to: BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Contact: BRAD GROSS (989) 289-6814

\$25.00 PRE CAMP REGISTRATION

\$30.00 DAY OF CAMP REGISTRATION

FREE T-SHIRTS FOR ALL CAMPERS

Player's Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Player's 2015/2016 Grade
Level: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (Please Circle): 2XL XL L M S Y

Paid by Check #: _____

Waiver and release: In consideration for allowing the Participant to participate in the Activity, I agree not to sue and I hereby release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Camp, its employees, staff, volunteers, agents, directors, affiliates, sponsors, representatives, and Beal City High School from any and all liability, losses, damages, claims, actions, and causes of action of every nature for any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, bodily or personal injuries, property damage, or other loss relating in any way to the Participants' involvement in the Camp.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____

Learning Solutions Tutoring

Avoid the "summer slide" and enroll your child in summer tutoring today.

Lower Elementary Math/Reading Group
(Maximum of 6 students)

Tuesday & Thursday 10-11 AM \$25/session

Upper Elementary Math/Reading Group
(Maximum of 6 students)

Tuesday & Thursday 11-12 PM \$25/session

Individual Sessions

**Available Tuesday & Thursday
by appointment \$35/session.**

2 sessions per week are recommended for best results

Tutoring Dates:

6/16, 6/18, 6/23, 6/25, 6/30

7/2, 7/7, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16, 7/21, 7/23, 7/28, 7/30

8/4, 8/6, 8/11, 8/13

All sessions are taught by Tracy Natzel, a certified elementary teacher with 16 years of experience. All sessions take place in my home at 1938 Oakwood Drive Mt. Pleasant. Materials are provided for each student.

**Space is limited...Call (989) 954-5153 or email
tnatzel@bealcityschools.net to enroll today.**

BEAL CITY BANDS

“...in harmony with the home and community...”

YEAR IN REVIEW - 2014-2015

**One of the most important years our bands will have!
CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES!**

FESTIVAL SUCCESS

- Congratulations to the Middle School Band who have earned Second Division marks at District Band Festival for six years in a row!
- Our High School Concert Band earned First Division marks at District Band Festival for the third consecutive year, unmatched in BCPS history! And add to that, the FIRST DIVISION at State Band Festival - the first ever!
- The Marching Aggies received their second Second Division rating at Marching Band Festival, receiving a First Division in the General Effect category!
- Three middle school students - Emma Licina, Elizabeth Powell and Noel Schafer - participated in Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival, receiving a First Division and Second Divisions, respectively. Excellent work by some fine young ladies!
- Our high school students sent 15 events to District Solo & Ensemble in Owosso; and eight more to State Solo & Ensemble in East Lansing. Excellent performances by hard-working students!

COLOR GUARD

If you are in grades 7-11 this school year and are interested in providing a colorful visual impact on the largest student organization, see Mr. Lowe about becoming a member of the Marching Aggie Color Guard.

THANK YOU

There are many people beyond the classroom who help in various ways to make our program special. Special thanks go to the following people for exceptional assistance in making our band experience unique! If your name was left out, it was not out of malice! It may be our list is incomplete!

- **Rod Cole**, for the use of his trailer to haul our equipment
- **Ron Neyer, Toni Moody** and **Ron Schafer** for hauling our equipment to Owosso, Bay City Western, Belding and any points in between; and for **Cay Marchiando, Tracey Sandel, Toni Moody, Brock and Donna Horsley, Steve Steffke** and **Jake Lubbers** who served as chaperones
- **Ron Schafer**, for the construction of new percussion storage with more to come
- **Vickey Newman**, for her spectacular care, maintenance and record-keeping of our uniforms
- **Diane Fussman, Carol Green, Vickey Newman, Chris Neyer, Lauren Beltinck, Donna Horsley and Shari Lowe** for your culinary prowess in making our special Scandinavian Smorgasbord
- **YOU!** Our wonderfully supportive community who attend concerts, football games, marching band events, band festivals, dinners, and other fundraising activities! Our program is not the same without the special support and words of encouragement each of you provide each day! THANK YOU!

2015 GRADUATES

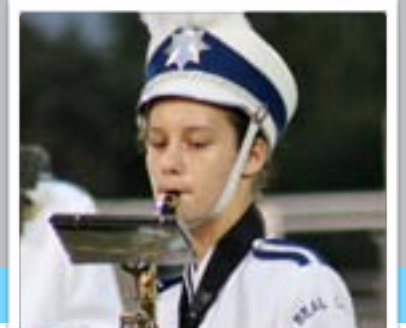
Thank you to our tremendous graduates of 2015! For seven years, the fourteen of you have provided musicianship, innovation, and leadership that have moved our band program to the next level. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors and hope you return to share your successes with us!

BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE: BEALCITYBANDS.WEBBLY.COM



MARCHING AGGIE BAND WEEK

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3 -
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**



Report to PARENTS

Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If students laze away the days of summer without using their minds, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Stem the summer slide and keep your child engaged with these fun, brain-friendly activities.

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Teach mini-lessons. Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Or, start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Find reading recommendations by grade level on the American Library Association's book lists (see Web Resources). Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book club.

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Get moving. Build physical activity into your child's summer days. Even if he or she can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team,

encourage activities such as jumping rope, playing catch, and taking family walks.

For more resources, look to your child's school and your local library or community center for ideas to keep kids' brains buzzing during the dog days of summer.



Web Resources

The **American Library Association** compiles grade-level book lists.

www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist

The **National Summer Learning Association** offers activities, tools, and links.

www.summerlearning.org/?page=activity_resource

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Beal City Public Schools

District Mission Statement

Beal City Schools, in harmony with home and community, will educate our children in a positive environment that meets individual needs and goals in order that all students successfully function in an ever-changing global society.

District Belief Statements

- We believe all children can learn
- We believe in creating independent, life-long learners
- We believe all children deserve equal opportunities and treatment
- We believe in promoting a positive self-concept
- We believe it takes a whole community to educate a child, and encourage parental involvement and participation
- We believe in ensuring a safe and positive learning environment
- We believe in and encourage diversity