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Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.



BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Eagle Examiner

**A MESSAGE FROM
SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG**



As you celebrate Valentine’s Day this year, I would love for you to send words of encouragement to our staff. After about 100 weeks of educating our students through a pandemic– while experiencing the fatigue that we all feel– our staff members are still going strong. Please join me in thanking them for all they do for our kids.

In this edition, I hope you enjoy the look at District Goal 2: Promote Whole-Child Development. Please take a moment to watch our video with an open mind, as I know many of the terms in this goal have been politically hijacked. Thank you to Director of Student Services Ross Linscott and his team for leading our efforts in this area. I am very proud of the work all staff members do to remove barriers to learning for our children, and will continue to be an advocate for these much-needed services.

Finally, February is the perfect time to show kindness in general. I don’t know too many people right now who are not exhausted and doing the best they can. Let’s all show each other some grace and make kindness and appreciation the new normal.



Coming soon...

We're starting a podcast:
Inspire and Guide from The Eagles' Nest.
Stay tuned!



BIG WALNUT INSPIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS & GUIDE

Big Walnut is excited to welcome the class of... **2035**

February 22 - March 25
For students turning 5 years old on or before August 1
To enroll, visit the Big Walnut website or click the following link:
bwls.net/Enrollment.aspx

PLEASE BE PREPARED WITH:

✦ Birth Certificate
✦ Photo ID of Parent/Guardian
✦ Proof of Residency
✦ Custody Documents (if applicable)
✦ Immunization Records

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Parents have the option of half-day kindergarten or full-day tuition-based kindergarten.

**Based on enrollment, half-day kindergarten may not be offered at all elementary buildings. Transportation will be provided if your child is not assigned to their home school.*

HALF-DAY

- Students will attend school from either 8:45-11:30 or 12:50-3:35.
**Times may vary slightly as transportation schedules are not yet finalized.*
- Students will attend one related arts class (Art, Music, PE., or STEM) every 4 days, in order to optimize the limited classroom instructional time.
- Students will receive high quality instruction to meet academic standards. Academic interventions will be a priority to remediate and keep students on track.

FULL-DAY

- Students will attend school from 8:45 - 3:35 each day and have a scheduled lunch and recess break mid-day.
- Students will attend one related arts class (Art, Music, PE., or STEM) each day, in addition to the core curriculum.
- Students will receive high quality instruction to meet academic standards, and will have more time and opportunities for increased personalization, intervention, and enrichment.

FULL-DAY TUITION

\$200 per month

** Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch/fees will be offered free or reduced tuition. Find out if you qualify for free or reduced lunch/fees by filling out a form during enrollment!*

Please note: One month’s advanced tuition and a signed Tuition Agreement form will be due as a deposit by April 8.





Don't miss this fun-filled, high flying & interactive community event featuring the world famous **Harlem Wizards basketball team** as they take on the Big Walnut Shooting Stars, **a team of teachers** from all of the Big Walnut Local schools and a Sunbury **First Responder**. Learn more about the Wizards now in their 56th season at www.harlemwizards.com. Come cheer on your favorite teachers!

Date & Time:	Mon March 7. Doors open for dinner at 4:30pm, Gym open at 5, Game Starts @ 6pm
VENUE:	Big Walnut High School 713 North Miller Drive
Fundraiser for:	Sunbury, Galena, BWLS
Proudly Sponsored by:	Big Walnut Grill & Sunbury Galena Rotary Club

GENERAL ADMISSION (4 & under free)			
Students:	\$10	advance	\$15 door
Adults:	\$12	advance	\$15 door

RESERVED	
\$25	Includes up close reserved seats and a free poster voucher

COURTSIDE PLUS	
\$35	Includes courtside reserved seating, an exclusive 10 minute meet & greet with 2-3 Wizards, free team poster and \$10 discount on Wizards replica jerseys. VERY Limited. First come, first serve.

Warm Up with the Wizards!

Buy and wear this year's new Wizards jersey and you can be a Wiz Kid!

- The Fun begins soon after doors open. Our MC will introduce you as a Wiz Kid!
- 30 mins. prior to show, you will be on the court warming up with the Wizards



*First 75 purchased

ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Visit <http://www.harlemwizards.com> and click "Buy Tickets" or fill out ticket order form on reverse side

FREE AUTOGRAPH SESSION AFTER THE GAME!

We will be selling Dinner, catered by the **Big Walnut Grill** (thanks to the owner, a Rotarian,) including Sandwiches, Sides & Drinks PLUS Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc) to help raise money

www.harlemwizards.com Buy tickets now! Wizard games sell out all over the country!

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January's STUDENTS & ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



Student of the Month:
Sophia Oakes, from Hylen Souders Elementary School, is pictured with her family



Artist of the Month:
Nataleigh Mullins, from Hylen Souders Elementary School



Student of the Month:
Cabella McClary, from Big Walnut Middle School, is pictured with her family



Artist of the Month:
Caroline Lust, from Big Walnut Middle School, is pictured with her family



COLUMBUS STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In last month's Quality Profile edition, the Columbus State logo was incorrect. We sincerely apologize for the mix-up. The correct logo is pictured here.



FINALIZING THE BWHS

AUDITORIUM



After dealing with multiple challenges, including shipping delays on seats and a sound system on back order, our auditorium is just about ready for students.



DISTRICT CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON GOALS

In an effort to continue to educate our community on our District goals, we have created videos for each area. You can read more about Goal 2 on page 5, or check out the July edition of *The Eagle Examiner* at bwls.net for more information.

Please scan below for our overview video on Goal 2. Thank you to parent and community member Joey Thomas for creating all of the goals videos.



GOAL 2:
PROMOTE
WHOLE-CHILD
DEVELOPMENT



BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION
2020-2030

MISSION

Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.

VISION

Provide a personalized and engaging experience that leads to student growth



GOAL 1: IMPROVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Work collaboratively to personalize instruction, engage students, and grow minds

Objective 1.1

Increase programming to provide students with a competitive, well-rounded education

Objective 1.2

Prepare students to be enlisted (military), enrolled (college), or employed (job) after graduation



GOAL 2: PROMOTE WHOLE-CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Support students' social, emotional, and physical well-being

Objective 2.1

Add programming and training to strengthen social-emotional learning and mental health

Objective 2.2

Provide staff to meet ongoing student needs



GOAL 3: OPTIMIZE CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Provide capital and human resources to foster student growth

Objective 3.1

Add staff, equipment, and facilities to accommodate district growth

Objective 3.2

Maintain existing facilities and equipment



GOAL 4: DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Maintain a fiscally-stable district that is accountable to our community

Objective 4.1

Maintain our strong credit rating to optimize financial opportunities for the District

Objective 4.2

Obtain financial resources to implement our mission and vision for students

The District strives to engage in effective and high-quality, two-way communication with our community.



ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES CONTINUE TO FUND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS



**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

Overall, I believe it is the desire of Big Walnut to challenge our students and provide a well-rounded school experience that includes academic and extracurricular activities. It is our goal to help students learn and grow to be good people in an environment that is safe and welcoming. To provide this experience, it may require differing levels and kinds of academic, physical, and mental health support for students.

With the noted funding sources, we have been able to help with physical needs with increased nursing help in our buildings. These funds have been used to provide extra-curricular activities and opportunities that hopefully promote building character, increasing confidence, and respecting one another. We have been able to provide additional mental health support, such as a mental health specialist and counselors, as well as training for our staff.

As we try to help our students become the best they can be academically and as young people, we appreciate when we receive funds from State and Federal programs that allow us to supplement the cost of a desired additional support because it helps to increase services while stretching our operating dollars.



Calling BW Seniors & Grads

You can apply for 2-year, 4-year, and trade program scholarships.

Learn more at the Big Walnut Guidance Office or at bigwalnuteducationfoundation.org

Thanks to donor support, we awarded \$93,000 to 75 Big Walnut students and alumni in 2021.

Help us do even more in 2022.

The Big Walnut Education Foundation is a tax-exempt, charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, contributions are tax deductible for income, estate, gift and tax savings purposes.

Further, the BWEF is volunteer driven, so you know 100% of your gift benefits BW students and alumni. Any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Applications Due April 6th



DISTRICT CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON GOALS: GOAL 2



Ross Linscott
Director of
Student Services

Stress and anxiety, as well as physical and emotional health concerns are at an all-time high. Our community is not immune to this issue, which is why a focus on District Goal 2, Promoting Whole Child Development, is so important. In 2020, the Ohio Department of Education developed the Whole Child Framework, which provides schools a comprehensive blueprint to help address a variety of basic needs of our students that are foundational for students to fully engage in their learning. The main tenets of the framework are that students must be healthy, feel safe, be supported through positive relationships, be challenged and experience success, and be engaged in their learning.

Putting the Whole Child at the center of the framework and working to actively assist the academic, social, physical, and safety needs of our students is not new to Big Walnut Local Schools. For years, the district has been implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Systems have been and continue to be in place to provide for a positive school culture in all of our buildings and classrooms. Many students thrive with the universal social and emotional learning instruction that has been provided for many years.



Some of our students require an additional layer of support in one or more areas, which is where the resources within the Student

Services Department become even more important. Students may need some additional academic intervention to meet their grade-level benchmarks, short-term counseling to address anxiety brought on by any number of school or home factors, language instruction for students who are English Language Learners, therapies that address speech, fine or gross motor skills, and more intensive behavioral interventions. There is no question that the specialties provided within the Student Services Department help to address the comprehensive, wrap-around services and needs that are detailed within the Ohio Department of Education's Whole Child Framework.



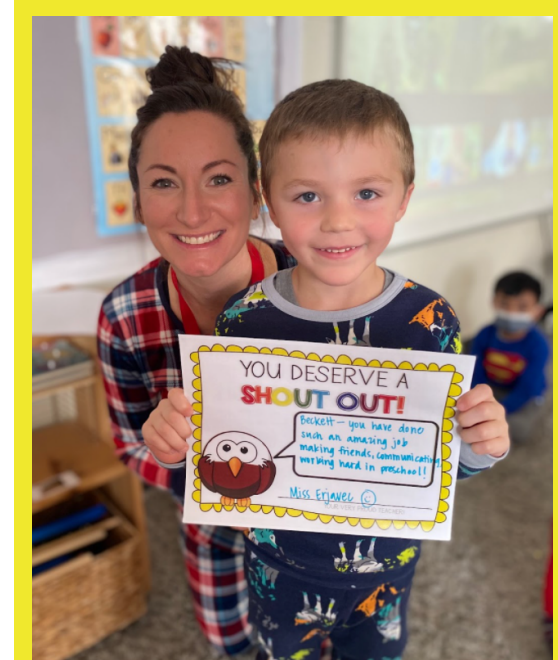
The Whole Child Framework (pictured above) also emphasizes the importance of the family, which surrounds all of the components that impact the student. It is important that families are as engaged in the services for their children and their children's

education as much as possible. To that end, I am committed to establishing a local parent group within Big Walnut for families of students with special needs. There are many benefits in joining in this opportunity, including having the opportunity to share your story, to gather resources on how to best support your student at home,



to provide feedback to the District on the level of effectiveness of the resources that are being provided to your child, and many more.

If you are interested in participating in a parent group that is facilitated by the district and will begin later this spring, or you are simply interested in learning a little more about this opportunity, please reach out to Ross Linscott, Director of Student Services at rosslinscott@bwls.net



AGE-FRIENDLY

Delaware County

2021 PROGRESS REPORT

Small Steps. Big Impact.

HOUSING

Collaborative Discussion

- ✓ The Delaware County Housing Alliance earned its nonprofit status.
- ✓ Drafted RFP for a consultant to do a professional assessment in the county.

TRANSPORTATION

Mobility Manager Services

- ✓ SourcePoint continues to evolve partnership with Delaware County Transit.
- ✓ In 2022, we will increase access to demand-response transportation by subsidizing the cost of trips for older adults.



OUTDOOR SPACES & BUILDINGS

Age-Friendly Benches

- ✓ Preservation Parks replaced and modified 25 benches with age-friendly design.

Dementia-Friendly Business

- ✓ Created framework and employee training.
- ✓ Recruited first Champion Business to increase awareness of program.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT, HEALTH & SAFETY

Food Insecurity

- ✓ Created a community garden at St. Michael's apartments with United Church Homes and funding from AARP, an anonymous foundation, and Delaware County Master Gardener Program.
- ✓ Installed a fence, laid an accessible crushed-gravel path, constructed 6 elevated cedar-garden beds, and engaged community members.



Safety Awareness

- ✓ Hosted Senior Safety Day, which provided free education on scams, identity theft, mental health resources, severe weather preparedness, fire prevention, home safety checks, and driving.

Mental Health Awareness

- ✓ Created a mental health PSA with Delaware Area Career Center.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Positive Aging Campaign

- ✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created a positive aging video.
- ✓ Launched a social media campaign that defined ageism and highlighted ageist language, ageism in the media, and at work.

Intergenerational Opportunities

- ✓ Expanded Sages & Seekers program to two local schools.

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

Age-Friendly Awareness

- ✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created an introductory video to Age-Friendly Delaware County.

Information Technology

- ✓ SourcePoint added accessibility features to website, including ability to increase font size, contrast, and readability.



BOOKSHELF SUBSCRIPTIONS



Chauncey Montgomery
Director/ Fiscal Officer

Are there certain authors that you love and can't wait to read their latest books? Sometimes it's hard keeping track of when new titles are going to be released or whether an author has a new title out. You have better things to do with your time than to monitor websites waiting for your favorite author's next book to drop.

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**PREGNANCY
RESOURCES**
of DELAWARE COUNTY

Join us this February in **SPREADING THE LOVE!!!** When you come to give your spine some love, you can also help us "spread the love" during our annual **Spread the Love** campaign by donating to Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County. Throughout February 2022, we will be collecting baby wipes and size 6 & 7 diapers to donate to The CORE Center. They are the only Pregnancy Resource Center in Delaware County and serve those in our community with unexpected pregnancies. Your donation goes directly to supporting people in need in your community! Help us spread the love!

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