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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG



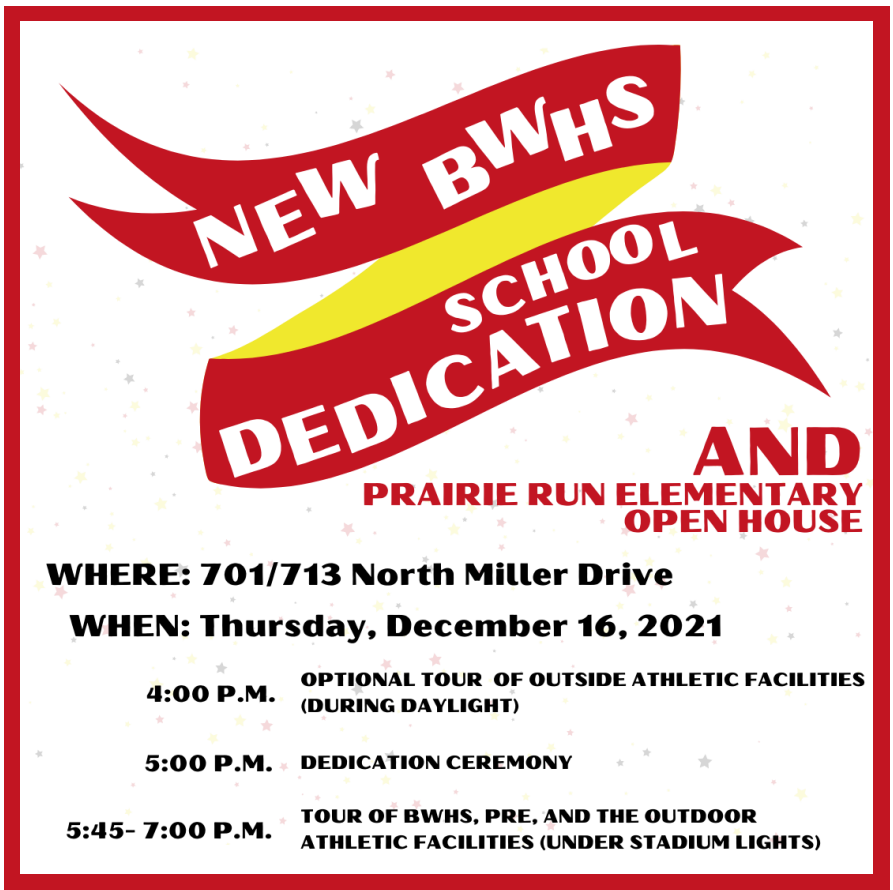
Each November, I try to take a step back from the chaos in life and count my blessings. Regardless of how well (or badly) any given year is going, there is always so much to appreciate. In addition to being beyond grateful for the love and support of my husband, the health of our children and extended family, and the devotion of my dogs, I am grateful to have been a part of this district for the past 13 years. Many of my most gratifying moments have involved the success of our kids, and I will always be proud of the role our team has played in leading this District.

Because we all can use some positivity right now, I wanted to share with you some awesome pictures and stories from the first couple of months of this school year. From our littlest learners to our HS kids, we have much to celebrate. Enjoy reading more about our students and some of their successes in this edition.

Next, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our hardworking, caring staff members, who continue to inspire and guide our students. From our cafeterias to our classrooms, our stages to our sick clinics, and our buses to our ball fields, our staff members continue to do everything they can to serve our students. As a superintendent and a mom, I am truly grateful for all that they do for my boys and for all of our kids in Big Walnut. Now that I have a child in college (even though I can't possibly be that old), it is so rewarding to hear my daughter and her friends talk about the experiences they had at Big Walnut that prepared them for success after high school. It is especially gratifying to hear them talk fondly about the staff members who taught them to think and understand others' perspectives.

I hope you are able to catch your breath for a moment this fall and reflect on your own gratitudes. In a previous edition, I shared the research around the health benefits of practicing gratitude. This is the perfect time of year to begin implementing a gratitude journal or sharing family gratitudes at the dinner table!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season for you and your family.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Brad Schneider

This edition of *The Eagle Examiner* is one that has been a long time in the making. For many of the students and staff featured here, these accomplishments are getting some ink today. But in nearly every case, you are reading examples of the ongoing and consistent work that happens in our district daily.

I hope you enjoy reading about members of our community who are achieving excellence. Oftentimes in this space, we are working to inform you of happenings in the District. Sometimes the news is good news. Sometimes the topics are somber and gravity-filled.



Doug Crowl, Vice President Liana Lee, President Brad Schneider, Sherri Dorsch, Stephen P. Fujii

A healthy thing to do, in the hectic world we live in, is to pause and celebrate the accomplishments we are achieving every day. If we constantly focus on the problems and challenges around us, it can be hard to maintain a balanced view of the world.

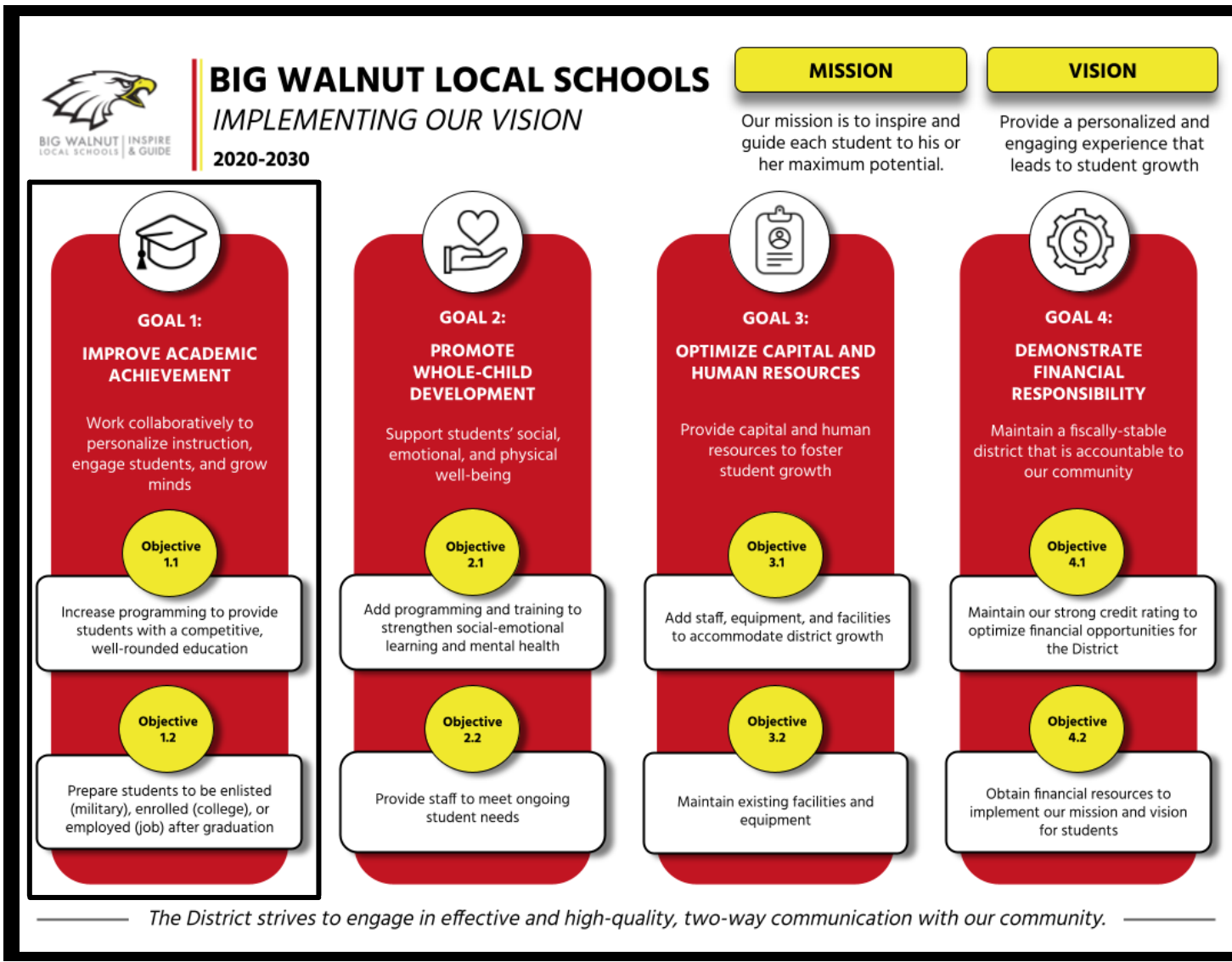
If you see someone you know highlighted in this edition, I would encourage you to reach out and let them know that you see and appreciate them. If you know of others who are achieving things, both big and small, that we weren't able to capture in this issue, please take a moment to let them know you see them and you care about the great things they are doing.

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. Please scan below for videos on Goal 1: Improve Academic Achievement and The Eagle Profile. Thank you to parent and community member, Joey Thomas, for creating all of the goals videos. See the July edition of *The Eagle Examiner* for more information on Goal 1.

GOAL 1: IMPROVE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT VIDEO

EAGLE PROFILE VIDEO



October's
STUDENT & ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Student of the Month: Kennedy Reed, from Big Walnut Intermediate School, is pictured with her family



Artist of the Month: Dakota White, from Big Walnut Intermediate School, is pictured with her family



Student of the Month: Carlie McGann, from General Rosecrans Elementary, is pictured with her family



Artist of the Month: Elliana Hilton, from General Rosecrans Elementary, is pictured with her family

FIVE-YEAR FORECAST CONTINUES TO BE A KEY PLANNING TOOL



Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk

Big Walnut is required to prepare a five-year forecast in November and an updated forecast in May every school year. As I research and analyze our district finances for our five-year forecast, I am always reminded of what an important planning tool it is, and that it is a snapshot of our financial position. This picture is formed with the best information we have available, but there are many complexities presented in trying to estimate our revenues and expenditures for a five-year period. With the many assumptions that go into this document, it can be surprising how the forecast can change as new revenue and expenditure data, as well as cost-saving opportunities, become available.

On top of normal annual updates, such as new tax values, income tax trends, current staffing for enrollment, and updating other revenue and expenditure trends, we have additional items we are attempting to capture in this year's update. The State of Ohio approved a new funding formula, which goes into effect this school year. This formula dramatically changes how funding is calculated, and it adjusts how school districts report and account for certain revenues and expenditures. As has been shared previously, we are using federal stimulus funds to temporarily offset some staffing expenses that have been identified in our strategic plan over the next three school years. We also have new facilities that are going to go into use and current buildings that are changing uses over the next couple of years. These all impact and add complexities to our forecasted numbers.

With the various updates made for the November forecast, we are now expecting positive cash balances through the 2024-2025 school year. We have continued to see a steady growth in our property taxes, and we are anticipating a small net increase in our State funding with the new funding formula. However, the most significant effects to our overall District finances since our May forecast have occurred in the following three projected areas: income taxes, personnel services (salaries and wages), and employee benefits.

First, current data indicates that our community's income tax receipts have rebounded from the slight decrease we saw last year, and we are estimating a $5.1 million increase in our revenues over the next five years compared to May. Next, we saw a sizable amount of staff turnover because of retirements and resignations, like many employers throughout the State have seen. With this staff turnover, as well as staffing plan updates for actual enrollment needs, we are anticipating a decrease in this cost area totaling $3.9 million over the forecast period. The most significant modification from our May forecast has come in our employee benefits. Because we have been able to stabilize our insurance plan through plan design changes, we were able to undergo an insurance request for proposals this past summer. This has resulted in changing insurance providers and receiving a lower premium amount than we previously expected. This insurance change, along with lower pay-related benefits, has caused a positive expenditure change of $9.7 million over the five-year projection period.

We are pleased to share these positive changes, but we always have to remember that this is a planning tool that will change with each update. As such, we are committed to continuously monitoring and adjusting our data with new information to allow us to proactively plan and manage our finances. Our May five-year forecast with detailed assumptions and notes is available on our District website and we will post the updated November forecast later this month.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Big Walnut Elementary's Kids Inspiring Kindness



Congratulations to this year's *Kids Inspiring Kindness* (KIK) t-shirt design winner, Taylor Garver! Over 200 shirts and hats were sold to raise money for the KIK grant program. BWE classrooms will use that money to perform acts of kindness in and around our community. There are already several projects in the works this year, and many more kindness opportunities just waiting to be discovered. The Kids Inspiring Kindness Campaign, as well as our students, would like to thank our amazing community for their support and don't forget to check us out at tinyurl.com/BWEkindness!









Final Production in Current High School

The BWHS Theatre Department performed "Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School For Magic and Magic" November 11, 13, and 14, which was the last show in the current high school auditorium! *Puffs* was released in 2020 and quickly rose to the top of the list of most-performed plays in the United States for the year; Big Walnut is the first high school in the Central Ohio area to produce and perform it! The play tells the well-known and loved story of a certain scarred boy wizard's years studying magic at a castle in England, but from the perspective of the Puffs--the underdog class. What entails is a hilarious and sweet story, reminding us all that we are never a secondary character of our own lives or to those who love us.





FFA Program Sets Records This Year

The Food Science & Technology CDE team placed first at the national level for the third straight time. No other school in the history of this event has won in back-to-back years. All four students placed in the top 10 individually with Sophie Marvin placing 8th, Lily Asbridge 4th, Justin Hill 3rd, and Caleb Durheim 1st. Each of the four will receive a scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the International Production & Processing Expo in Atlanta, GA this January. The team is pictured with coaches Dr. Mary Kay Pohlschneider and Mr. Stimmell.



Chris Dible (pictured left) was one of four finalists in the Fiber and/or Oil Crop Proficiency Award Area. Chris earned this award by logging his experience in his work-based learning project. Chris received a scholarship for his achievement.



Four students participated in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management Career Development Event. The team received the national silver emblem. Heather Cade and Rachel Sherman were gold-rated individuals, Jenna Allen and Chris Dible were bronze-rated individuals.



Chris Dible, Heather Cade, Caleb Durheim, and Rachel Sherman were awarded the American FFA Degree. This is the highest degree attainable by an active FFA member. Less than 50 students have earned this honor since the Big Walnut FFA was founded in 1929.

GOLDEN EAGLES SOAR



Marching Band Students Excel

The band qualified for State by earning an overall Superior rating at the Thomas Worthington Preview of Champions on October 23. The band then traveled to Medina to perform at OMEA State Marching Band Finals on November 6 and earned an overall Excellent rating.



Congratulations to Our Fall Student Athletes

Volleyball
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Girls Tennis
OCC Capital Division Champions
Undefeated in league play for two straight years

Football
OCC Capital Division Champions
- #1 Ranked DII Region 7
- #3 Ranked DII AP Poll

Girls Cross Country
OCC Capital Division Champions
- Won 4 meets during the season
- OHSAA District Runner-up
- 4th place at OHSAA Regionals
- 19th at OHSAA State





Kina Ehlers
Tennis
OCC Player of the Year



Nathan Severs
Football
OCC Player of the Year & District Offensive Player of the Year



Caroline Speelman
Volleyball
OCC Player of the Year



Garrett Stover
Football
District Defensive Player of the Year



Coach Balaz
Girls Tennis
OCC Coach of the Year



Coach Page
Football
OCC & District Coach of the Year

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DELAWARE COUNTY MEMORY REACHES THE NATION



Since 2010, the Community Library in Sunbury has hosted Delaware County Memory. Delaware County Memory is an online library of documents, photographs, and other resources related to the history of the county. It is a collaborative effort between public libraries, historical societies, and governmental entities in Delaware.

One of the goals of the project is to make information easier to access for researchers, historians, and students. With support from a grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio, the Community Library was able to standardize records, so Delaware County Memory could be included in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

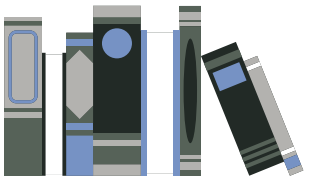
The DPLA is a national archive of digital holdings from all over the United States. Historic information about the Big Walnut area, as well as Delaware County, are now included in this national database, which means our collection can reach a much larger audience. To view records from our area, visit dp.la, and search “Delaware County Memory.”

We continue to add items to the collection, so our presence in the DPLA will only grow larger. We are proud to have our local community represented in this national resource. For more information about the DPLA, visit dp.la/about. If you’d like more information about Delaware County Memory or the library’s local history services, contact us at 740-965-3901 or history@yourcl.org.

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2021-2022 Child Check Schedule

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The screening can help parents determine how their child is developing in comparison to other children the same age. If a child has weaknesses, or is delayed in one or more of these areas then he/she will be referred for further testing. This additional testing is more comprehensive and will determine if the delay is significant enough to qualify for special education.

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