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

A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MARK COOPER

After another Ohio winter and a few false springs, I hope you are taking some time to enjoy the warmer weather that is finally coming our way. Our students and staff recently had the opportunity to press pause on the school year and recharge over spring break for the final weeks of the school year.

With these final weeks come so many emotions. Seniors preparing to graduate may have feelings of happiness and relief, but also feelings of stress and anxiousness as they enter their next chapter in life. Our youngest learners in preschool may be excited to officially be called kindergarteners, and our students moving to a new level and school next year may be excited for the summer, yet uncertain in knowing they will have much to learn about a different building.

Fortunately, we have such an amazing group of staff members who have relationships with our students to recognize the spectrum of emotions and will continue to do their best to meet each student's needs. Despite the excitement and anticipation for the celebrations of another school year, our team of employees will continue to be present each day and in the moment for whatever our students are experiencing.

We are thankful for our families who partner with us in being there for their children each day. It has been wonderful seeing parents volunteering and supporting our students in many ways. The home-school connection has been a strong trait of the Big Walnut community that continues to foster strong relationships and benefits our students.

If you have not taken the opportunity to reach out and thank a staff member or offer some words of encouragement for the final weeks ahead, I am sure they would appreciate hearing from you. Simple words or actions of kindness can make such a positive impact on others who may otherwise be experiencing a day of challenges.

Please enjoy this edition of *The Eagle Examiner* which highlights the many things we have to celebrate in Big Walnut.

High school football players came to the Early Learning Center at Harrison Street to read to our youngest learners

Prom's Enchanted Fairytale

When: April 23, 2022 from 8:00-11:00 p.m.
Where: Irongate Equestrian Center

Dinner will be on your own before prom.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Doug Crowl

Greetings! This is a message for the Class of 2022. In a few short weeks you will complete what could be considered a major leg of your journey of life.

Whether your next leg of this journey is furthering your education, immediately entering the workforce or enlisting in the Armed Forces, understand that the achievement of your graduation will not end your learning experience. For each and every day of your life is a learning experience. Also understand that your graduation, while marking your academic accomplishment, also marks your advancement from adolescence to adulthood. With that comes the challenges, duties and responsibilities of that maturity. As you enter the next leg of your journey, I offer you a few words of wisdom from the older generation.

Alice Nicks, Angela Graziosi, President Doug Crowl, Sherri Dorsch, Vice President Stephen P. Fujii

- Enjoy each and every day and learn from the lessons that they provide
- To receive kindness and respect, you must first give it
- Always engage your thinking process before using your voice
- A goal is always more attainable than a dream
- The answer to the "purpose of life", is life itself.

With that, congratulations to the Class of 2022 and best of luck to you all in your future endeavors! Always remember where you came from and as always, WE ARE BIG WALNUT!

March's STUDENTS & ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Student of the Month:
Rylan Ranalli from Prairie Run Elementary School

Artist of the Month:
Gloria Giordano from Prairie Run Elementary School

The Young People's Art Exhibition and Youth Art Month Exhibition awardees were also recognized at last month's board meeting

Student of the Month:
Landon Barone, from General Rosecrans Elementary School, is pictured with his family

Artist of the Month:
Emily Smith, from General Rosecrans Elementary School, is pictured with her family

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction has started on the "old" high school/"new" middle school.

Small classroom where carpet is being replaced

Former high school locker bay- future ELA extended learning area

Former computer lab

DISTRICT CONTINUES TO PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk

When we put together our five-year forecast each fall, it is always a challenge anticipating **exactly** how local and national trends will affect both our resources and expenditures. We try to research and follow a lot of different historical and current data points to put together the best planning document we can with information that is available. Community growth is an ongoing planning challenge, but the broader national issues you may hear talked about, such as supply chain challenges, staffing, inflation, and additional academic supports, are providing additional complexities as we plan for next year.

As we are preparing to update our five-year forecast document in May and prepare our budgets for next school year, I reflect on how this school year has been another unique and challenging one. From the financial perspective, we have worked through both known and unforeseen costs related to the opening of new and larger schools and more facilities upkeep issues than the past few years. We have overcome the inability to get some materials due to supply shortages, increasing fuel costs, and inflation on other normal supplies. However, I am happy to share as we enter the fourth quarter of our school and fiscal year that we continue to still be on track with both budgeted revenues and our expenditures.

While we try to take a conservative approach to our planning, our ability to use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to offset some existing costs and fund additional services has helped this year and will continue to aid us until the end of the 2023-2024 school year. As we have shared before, we have utilized these funds to increase counseling, nursing, psychologist, and tutoring services that were already in our staffing plans and meet the allowable uses of these grant dollars. We will continue to look at the uses and see how they can help us stretch our resources. These funds have been helpful, but they can also provide additional planning and tracking complexities.

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of another school year and planning for the start of the next one. As we finish out the year, I want to express my gratitude to all of our District staff for their work this year and our community for their continued support. I look forward to helping anticipate the needs for next year and hopefully putting together another successful plan.

BIG WALNUT PURPLE UP SPIRIT WEEK

April is the Month of the Military Child. Our community is dedicated to supporting local heroes, and this includes our local businesses, schools and residents. As mentioned in previous editions, all of our schools have been awarded the Purple Star Award, which recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. In an effort to better support students of military members in our community, Big Walnut Local Schools works to identify and inform teachers of the military-connected students in their classrooms and the special considerations and resources they should receive.

This year's spirit week is April 11-14. There is a different theme for each day, so students can participate in the fun!

LEGAL NOTICE:

Big Walnut Local Schools will hold a public meeting to solicit community input regarding the use of all state and federal grants. The meeting will be held at the Big Walnut Administrative Office (110 Tippett Court) on Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. The District welcomes input from all community members. District residents who are parents of students currently attending non-public schools are also invited. Written comments will also be accepted through Monday, June 13, 2022. Please send comments to Ross Linscott, Director of Student Services, at the following address: Big Walnut Local School District, 110 Tippett Court, Sunbury, Ohio 43074. Upon request, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities to be able to participate in this public meeting. Please contact the Student Services Department at 740-965-7846.

Last month, BWHS debuted its first musical in the new high school auditorium. Students shined in the Broadway hit musical *9 to 5*

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Big Walnut Education Foundation

It's scholarship season! Another class of Big Walnut Eagles is about to take flight.

Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to support further education for BWHS seniors and graduates—which in turn benefits our community, our country, and our world.

Thank you to our donors!

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The Big Walnut Education Foundation is a tax-exempt, charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; 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.

Awards Night is May 2, 2022

MARCHING INTO SPRING

Big Walnut Middle School Builders Club Charter Party, sponsored by our local Kiwanis Chapter partnered together to complete service projects

7th grade students at Big Walnut Middle School created boats to race in science

All on his own, Ethan at Big Walnut Intermediate School organized a fundraiser for a school-wide quiz bowl; two teachers who raised the most money got pied in the face- and he did, too

General Rosecrans Elementary School enjoyed Right to Read week by creating special ways for students to read

Family Game Night

at Hylen Souders Elementary School

Celebrate Special Women in our Lives
Saturday, May 7th, Myers Inn/Museum, 1 pm
Tea, a savory, scones and dessert course
No charge-Donations accepted

RSVP REQUIRED: email Mindy Pyle at Mindypyle.gmail.com

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SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

Chauncey Montgomery
Director/ Fiscal Officer

People are often interested in ways they can support the Community Library in Sunbury. We strongly value our relationship with the community, so are thrilled when the public gets directly involved with our efforts, whether through volunteering or through giving.

We have many volunteer opportunities through the Community Library Friends. Formed in 1975, the Friends is our dedicated group of volunteers that support the library in many different ways. They not only generate funds to support programs, such as our summer reading program, but they also provide volunteers to assist with library services. For example, our outreach service depends on volunteers to deliver books to senior citizens and shut-ins. Likewise, our local history project, Delaware County Memory, is a result of countless volunteer hours. Our success is dependent on volunteer help.

If someone is interested in supporting the library through a financial gift, we encourage contributions to the Community Library Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3), established to sustain life-long learning in the Big Walnut area. In addition to funding enriching programs and long-term capital projects, the Foundation also offers scholarships to youth volunteers and library staff.

Of course, the easiest way to support the library is by taking advantage of our services. Whether borrowing books and movies, downloading ebooks and audiobooks, attending storytimes, or using a group study room, every time you use the library, you show your support.

We are extremely grateful for the strong support offered by our community. If you are interested in volunteering at the library, email us at volunteer@yourcl.org. More information on the Foundation can be found at https://foundation.yourcl.org. Please contact me at director@yourcl.org or 740-965-3901 if you have any questions or comments.

Community Library
Serving the Big Walnut Area

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BIG WALNUT COMMUNITY

APRIL 25, 2022
5PM - 7:30PM

RAISING LEADERS
YOUTH SPORTS SYMPOSIUM FOR COACHES & PARENTS

REAL COACHES RAISE LEADERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ryan Virtue, Positive Coaching Alliance

EVENT SPEAKERS INCLUDE: Joe St. John, Jill Love, Danny Schuerman, Kim Castiglione, Whitney Hoge, Rob Page, Darrin Reeb & Chad Zipfel

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BIG WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL

5PM: FOOD TRUCKS
3Flame BBQ & Dan's Deli

6PM: EVENT OPENS
Welcome & Introduction
Keynote Speaker
Sessions 1 & 2

7:30PM: EVENT CLOSES

POST EVENT: OPTIONAL SCHOOL TOUR

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Student Council at Big Walnut Intermediate School had fun with a hat day

Prairie Run Elementary School loved celebrating Art Day

Humphrey Day at Big Walnut Elementary School was the in-school culmination of the Big Walnut Family Read Aloud. Students participated in a variety of activities that aligned with the book, *The World According to Humphrey*. Students designed and built a new cage for Humphrey, played hide and seek with Humphrey, created their own musical instruments, and participated in a variety of writing activities related to the book.