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

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE POLLOCK

WE'RE GOING LIVE!

Get an inside look at
our classrooms & projects

State of the Schools

Facebook Live All-Day Event
Join Us on November 8



Thank you to our students, parents, and staff for an amazing start to the school year! Our attendance at our back-to-school meet and greet sessions and curriculum nights was outstanding. I truly appreciate the continuous engagement and support of our students by our parents and community.

As a mom, I know that getting back in the swing of school and fall activities is exciting, yet challenging. I am excited to announce an opportunity for you to be engaged and learn more about our schools without leaving your home. We will be holding our annual **State of the Schools** throughout the school day via Facebook Live on November 8. This event will include visits to classrooms throughout the district and will highlight district-level projects and facility updates. While the event will occur live during the school day when students are present, we plan to post the event to Facebook so

viewers can watch when convenient. Once our schedule is finalized, we will publish it on social media, on our website, and in the October issue of *The Eagle Examiner*. Our hope with this event is to give you a first-hand view of our 2020 Vision in our classrooms and an overview of all facets of our district operations.

Facilities continue to be a priority for our district. We are continuing to progress with due diligence on our land purchase. Our traffic study is underway, with a final report anticipated in late October/early November. We had to wait until school was in session to do accurate traffic counts. Once we have data back from the study, we will be reaching out to residents impacted to discuss plans moving forward. See page 6 for more information on our security renovations and our new construction projects.

Finally, I invite you to join us for our annual **homecoming** activities on Friday, September 28. The parade begins at 5:30, homecoming court will be introduced at 6:30, and the game kicks off at 7:00 vs. Newark. Tickets for adults are \$7 and students are \$5. I hope you can join us for this great community event!

BACK IN
action

MORE BACK TO SCHOOL
PICTURES ON PAGE 6



Students at General Rosecrans Elementary enjoying the nice weather on the playground



Students at Big Walnut Intermediate get comfortable and learn what they'll be doing in P.E.



First graders at Harrison Street Elementary do a team-building game to get to know each other

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Message from the Board



At our staff convocation recently, I asked:

Does 5G technology mean anything to you?

Distributed ledger systems?

Friday night Rough Truck Races at the Hartford Fair?

**Board President
Andy Wecker**

At the Hartford Fair, many Big Walnut students in FFA and 4H compete in judging and showmanship. Businesses from Delaware, Knox & Licking Counties support them at auction.

This is year 4 of 5 of Big Walnut's 2020 Vision. But it was the 160th Hartford Fair, which is all about project-based & peer-to-peer learning. Adults are more advisors, coaches and judges than lecturers. Part of why I see the 2020 Vision working in Big Walnut is because things like FFA and 4H are already part of us.

Fair week leaves me feeling like Bill Murray's character in Groundhog Day - I get stretched thin along the way. And yet the milestones that week of my daughter's birthday, my wedding anniversary and my wife's birthday re-center me, usually by Rough Truck night.

This summer I figured I had 105 years cumulatively with my 5 kids, from birth to age 21. Right now, I'm down to just 25 years.

Even faster, by the time my youngest, Jake, lives his next 11 years, he will be older than his big sister Madelyn, who just turned 21.

I've learned more from being their father than I could ever hope to teach them in return. One of the hardest things to learn was how short my time with them really is. That my main job was to work myself out of a job, so that they could stand on their own. So I've tried to help them see the world doesn't owe them anything. And to maybe think in terms of learning what sorts of problems they want to solve for what sorts of people, and what they had to offer those people.

We can't possibly teach these students everything they need to know. But we can prepare them to read, write and figure. To help them to ask the right questions, and learn on their own.

Andy Wecker
President
Big Walnut Board of Education

Liana Lee Joins BWLS Board of Education

The Big Walnut Board of Education has selected Liana Lee for Allison Fagan's open seat. Liana was sworn in on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

The Board was encouraged and impressed with the number and quality of applicants. They had 11 solid candidates and were able to interview five under the time constraints of Ohio Revised Code.

Liana has a variety of experiences with the district and community that really set her apart as a candidate. In addition to chairing two ballot issue campaigns, Liana has been a member of the board of the Community Library and has served on the PTO Executive Boards at HSE, GRE, and BWI. Liana is very familiar with Board protocols and procedures, as she has attended many Board meetings over the past few years. Liana has previously served as the Director of Public Relations for the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster and as the Chief of the Division of Markets for the Ohio Department of Agriculture overseeing international and domestic trade as well as the Ohio Proud Program.

Liana lives with her husband, Dave, and their son, Christopher, in Porter Township. Christopher is a freshman at BWHS.

We are looking forward to Liana's leadership as we work to inspire and guide our students to their maximum potential.



Homecoming at Souders

Hylen Souders Elementary would like to welcome back former staff, families and students to our first Hylen Souders Homecoming. The building has been renovated, and we are ready to show off the changes. On Friday, September 28, the building will be open from 3:45-5:00 prior to the annual homecoming activities. Please stop by and take a look. We hope to see you on the 28th.

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Finances: Focusing on Our Future



**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

As a school district, it is a balancing act to provide personalized education for all students, fulfill state mandated educational services, and

provide a diverse offering of academic and extracurricular opportunities without significant changes in resources each year. We are a growing community with a predominantly residential composition (80% based on current county property valuation). In addition, we are not anticipating large increases from state funding due to our community being viewed by the state as wealthier than the state average. Due to these factors and others, the funds to

provide our services is increasingly a burden of our residents.

We try to keep our budgets pretty lean by utilizing a needs-based budgeting approach that yearly takes a detailed look at non-personnel costs in both building and department budgets. With over 80% of our budget being personnel costs, however, it requires us to take a hard look at our staffing every year in order to stay within our resources and levy cycle. As we start the new school year, our team is busy monitoring actual revenue and expenditures in comparison to what was planned the previous year. We are on track for operations until our substitute levy expires in 2020 (5-year cycle), but will need to evaluate our financial needs to sustain our current programs as we continue to grow.

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Big Walnut High School is looking for students to join Best Buddies.

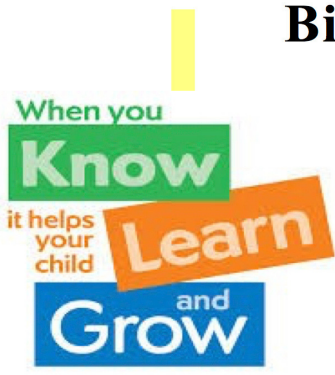
The Best Buddies Friendship

program builds one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through their participation, people with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy.

Big Walnut High School is looking for students that would be interested in being peer buddies and committing to building a friendship with a student with a disability. Part of the commitment is to agree to a minimum of two social activities outside of the school day as well as communicating with buddies, as students would with any other friends, through social media, texting, phone calls, etc.

For some members, the Best Buddies Friendship Program at BWHS will provide opportunities for student leadership roles. The student leadership members will meet with high school staff advisors to plan upcoming social gatherings and activities that "buddies" can participate in together.

It is strongly encouraged to have parent liaisons to participate in the student leadership and staff advisor meetings. If you are interested in being a part of this great opportunity, please contact Erin Curtis, BW Student Services Coordinator through email at erincurtis@bwls.net.



Big Walnut Local Schools

CHILD CHECK DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENER

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL 740.965.7846

2018-2019 Child Check Schedule
Friday, October 5, 2018
Friday, February 1st, 2019

Location: BWLS Administrative Offices
110 Tippet Ct, Sunbury (behind McDonalds)

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Child Check is for ages 3-5; it is not a Kindergarten screener, nor is it required for Preschool peers.



Parents of 6-10th graders

Thinking college and career?

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“There are cool robots & equipment, but at the end of the day, we’re trying to make something possible. Or taking something that’s already possible & making it better and more efficient. I’m learning to think like an engineer and it’s really rewarding.”

- Jordan Koebel
Engineering Senior
DACC & Big Walnut

Jordan Koebel

Engineering senior at DACC & Big Walnut

Varsity Captain on the Big Walnut Basketball Team

Sings in the Big Walnut choir

Shows chickens for 4-H

Looking at colleges with strong engineering and basketball programs

Exploring a future as a mechanical, biochemical, or aeronautical engineer

What kind of students attend DACC?

According to Jordan, DACC students are:

- Curious
- Motivated
- Unafraid of hard work
- Able to map out a plan to reach their goals
- Excited to do something different every day
- Driven to learn everything they can
- Getting a head start on college and their career

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Celebrate Free Speech

There has been a subtle shift in opinion about free speech. The Pew Research Center and the University of Chicago both published surveys in recent years that found almost half of 18-34 year olds were in favor of limiting free speech if it was deemed offensive. While one would hope that everyone would be respectful and civil when exercising free speech, it is disconcerting that some entertain limiting free speech because it may offend.

At the Community Library in Sunbury, we feel free speech is critical to the advancement of thought and expression. Like gold refined by fire, ideas only get better when they are available for comment, scrutiny, and debate. Good ideas improve over time, while bad ideas fade into the periphery.

Therefore, a portion of the library's collection may be in conflict with your personal tastes, beliefs, and ideologies. It's not that we're trying to be obnoxious, controversial, or provocative. We're simply trying to maintain a balanced collection that incorporates a wide spectrum of thought, preference, and interest. Ultimately, we want to do our part to protect free speech, whether we agree with it or not.

September 17 is U.S. Constitution Day. Celebrate the day by reading through our nation's brilliant Constitution. In addition to being the document that unifies our diverse country, its first amendment protects speech. You can read the Constitution and Bill of Rights at <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>.

Additionally, Banned Book Week is September 23 - 29. Banned Book Week celebrates the freedom to read and highlights the value of free and open access to information. Visit <https://bit.ly/2LJU8GW> to see a list of books that have been banned or challenged over the years. Some that made the list may be surprising.

If you have any questions about the Community Library's collection development policy, please contact me at 740-965-3901 or chauncey@yourcl.org. The library is located at 44 Burrer Drive in Sunbury or online at <https://www.yourcl.org>.



Chauncey Montgomery
Director/Fiscal Director
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Meet the newest member of our family, Dr. Jillian Gray. She's a pediatric dentist. We really like her, and know you will too. She currently lives in Clintonville with her husband, Evan, son, Oliver, daughter, Lachlan, and dog, Remi. She likes cooking, exploring local stores and restaurants, crafting, woodworking, and learning new things. Dr. Jillian is looking forward to being a part of our community, and meeting the pediatric needs of your littlest family members.

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WELCOME BACK

OUR FIRST FEW DAYS BACK AT SCHOOL

BWHS



Beginning the year with a hands-on activity in anatomy class

BWMS



Starting off the year with a team-building exercise in math class to help students work together

BWI



Taking the learning outside to meet and break the ice with new peers

BWE



Heading to the beach in first grade to make learning about their new classmates fun

GRE



Students use Play-Doh to create sculptures that represent themselves

HSE



In math, third graders are playing a game to build relationships with their peers

SOU



Collaborating in STEM class to build the tallest tower

@BWLSD



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Director of Facilities
Doug Swartz

With the start of school well underway, the Facilities Department is shifting focus towards the design and planning associated with the November 2017 bond-funded new elementary and high school.

We are continuing to work with our architects, VSWC, to complete due diligence on the combined site for the two schools. That process has included a phase one environmental study, an Alta survey, geotechnical soil borings and other data collection working with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation and other Community partners.

In addition to the technical services noted above, the District has been working on acquiring access to public utilities from the project site. These utilities include, but are not limited to, services such as water, sanitary sewer, and storm water management.

Based on community feedback, we know the traffic study is of special interest to residents, especially those living in the Sunbury Estates development. Our engineering consultants have been working with the Village of Sunbury engineering consultants in preparation for the completion of the traffic study. Now that school is in session, we are able to get data on school traffic at our current high school, as well as traffic data at our other buildings, to help us understand the impact of this project; we will specifically focus on the intersection at Miller Drive and Cherry Street. Once the study is complete, we will work with the Village of Sunbury to minimize the impact on traffic in the area.

Regarding the design process, the design of the elementary school and high school have both achieved a first milestone known as Schematic Design (SD). During this phase of design, the architect and construction manager work with the District to cost estimate, review scope, and ensure the project is in alignment with design committee decisions, Big Walnut Local Schools' standards, and industry best practices. Most importantly, we want to balance these issues with providing facilities that afford every opportunity to "inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential."

A presentation of the buildings' updated designs is currently slated for the September 20 Board of Education meeting.

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Location Served: Cafeteria

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- Reduced Price \$3.00 All Buildings
- Students receiving free lunch also qualify for FREE breakfast.



Walk in costume to Support Big Walnut Friends Who Share

October 7, 2018 1:00-4:00 PM

BOOATHON 2, 3 or 5 K walk starts at THE SHELTER BEHIND General Rosecrans Elementary 301 South Miller Dr.

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The increased need for free food, clothing, furniture, fall back packs for school children and Christmas food and gifts for the underserved required Big Walnut Friends Who Share to move to a bigger location.

Walkers find sponsors to raise funds to stomp out hunger in Sunbury.

To participate sign up online and copy sponsor forms from our website bigwalnutfriendswhoshare.org or pick up at your local church.

Bring forms with you to the Booathon or sign up at the event.

For more information call Joyce Bourgault @ 614-778-0153

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Meet the newest member of our family, Kelly Carr. She's an orthodontist. We really like her, and know you will too. In school, she received honors in both academics and patient care, so you know she's good at what she does. Her favorite part of her work is getting to know her patients and their families, so you should stop in and say hello. Dr. Carr and her husband, Justin, live in Delaware with their two children, Gemma and Everett.

Welcome to the team, Kelly!

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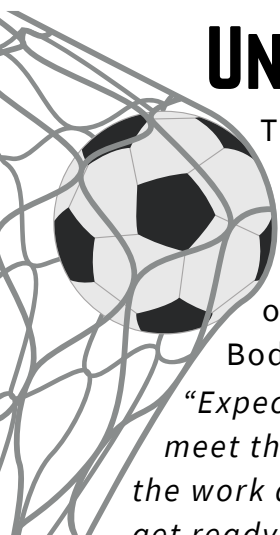
SEASON START-UP



August 1st marked the first official day of the fall sport season for our athletes, although many of them have been putting in work since early January. This upcoming season poses to be one to remember. Last year, we had a very successful fall season. Our girls volleyball team advanced to the state finals, girls soccer also made it to the state level, competing in the Final Four tournament. The football team will be taking the field as the returning OCC champs.

#NOTDONEYET

We took the time to interview some of the volleyball team's seniors to get their input on their final season as Eagles. Senior Lauren Speelman explains how they're #notdoneyet: *"The team and I have worked for the last several months towards our goal of a state championship this year- Something we plan to accomplish November 10th at the Wright State Nutter Center."* Although last season did not end in a state championship as the team had hoped, they all feel very blessed to have accomplished so much and hope to make it back to Wright State this year and walk away with gold around their necks.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The girls soccer team also experienced an extremely successful season in 2017. The team advanced to the Final Four tournament after beating Granville in an overtime kick-off. Senior captain Grace Bodker gives a prediction for this next season:

"Expectations are high and we have the ability to meet those expectations. We will continue to put in the work and control what we can control in order to get ready and be ready for whatever obstacle is thrown at us when tournament time comes around."



RETURNING OCC CHAMPS

Last year the Big Walnut football team secured the OCC title. The team hopes to do the same this year, despite losing several starters from last year's senior class. Multiple seniors have chosen to return to play under the Friday night lights to defend the team's current title.

When interviewing football players about their experiences with the Big Walnut football program, there was one common response, "We're a family." The term "brothers" was another commonality that came up multiple times.

This season poses to be one full of potential.

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS 2020 VISION

PERSONALIZE Instruction ENGAGE Students GROW Minds

We believe in providing an education that prepares our students to be successful in the 21st Century. Employers are looking for people who are strong communicators, collaborators, and creative critical thinkers. By the year 2020, our goal is that all classrooms will personalize instruction to fit each student's needs, engage students in real-world connections, and ensure that all students are growing academically, socially, and emotionally.



Personalize



BWMS students chose teams in order to complete various self-selected electrical challenges with the teacher providing individualized support.



Kindergarten students used Seesaw, an online portfolio, to communicate their daily learning with their teacher and parents. This has increased ownership and improved motivation to work toward and meet their goals.

Engage



Students at BWHS took their learning and put it into action by designing and printing orders for businesses at the Big Walnut Print Shop.



After a video conference with a zoologist from the Columbus Zoo, first grade students used the Design Process (Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Improve) to design something to help sea turtles.

Grow



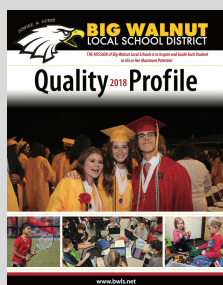
Teachers at BWIS used assessment data to divide students into groups in order to provide reinforcement or enrichment on concepts covered during math class throughout the week.



Elementary students met one-on-one with a teacher to track their progress on goals.

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