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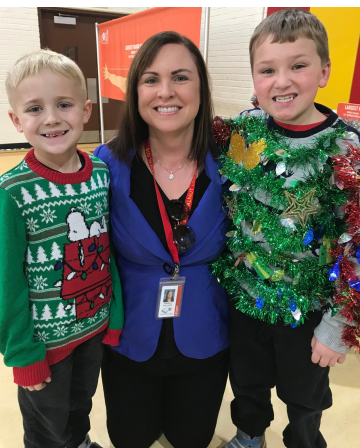


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Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE POLLOCK



Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful break filled with family, friends, and fun. As the calendar turns to 2019, it is a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished and, more importantly, what we have yet to accomplish. The first semester was filled with lots of great learning by our students. I have heard lately from multiple visitors to the district how impressed they are by how kind and respectful our students are compared to their peers. As much as academic achievements are a source of pride, hearing comments like this really make me proud as a superintendent. We will continue to focus on our Keys and Skills for Success and character-building education to supplement our academic programming.

As a district, we have many exciting tasks and events on the horizon! We are hoping to close on our land purchases in early March and are planning a groundbreaking ceremony for our new elementary and high school for late April/ early May. Another exciting process will be the naming of the new elementary school. We will be accepting suggestions for names for the new building until March 1. If you have a suggestion, please contact Tami Lee at tamilee@bwls.net or 740-965-3010, or complete the Google form on the Construction News page of our website. We look forward to announcing the top submissions in a future edition. We will do another Live Access call on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. to share updates on the projects. During the call, you will have an opportunity to call in with questions. We will also be piloting a program called ThoughtExchange to allow community members to submit feedback on the options for the new elementary names and other related topics. What intrigues me about ThoughtExchange is that community members can see and rate each other's ideas, which will hopefully give the Board and administration great feedback as we move forward with key decisions.

I wish you health, happiness, and prosperity in 2019!



Members of our FFA Food Science & Technology CDE were recognized by our Board of Education for their national title.

OUR NEXT LIVE ACCESS CALL WILL BE

MARCH 11, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

WE WILL BE GIVING A CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, AND YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FEEDBACK ON THE NAMING OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



Parents, are you ready?

**2019/20 KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL
ENROLLMENT OPENS ON FEBRUARY 19!**

See page 12 for more information!

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Message from the Board

"[T]here is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem." Booker T. Washington, *Up From Slavery*

Booker T. Washington is one of my favorite Americans. Education for him was not just aspirational, but also applied and practical, and I like to think he'd feel at home here.

Woodshop is one good way to explain what Big Walnut and the 2020 Vision are about, for our students and our larger community. These students may work on an old-school lathe or a CNC (computer numerical control) milling machine. Depending on the period of the day, the woodshop teacher, Mr. Alan Frank, may be team-teaching a multidisciplinary course with math and physics teachers.

In the time I've served on the board of education, board presidents typically serve a 2-year hitch. I see it as a pitching rotation in baseball or a new line of mid-fielders in lacrosse. The monthly board updates in *The Eagle Examiner* have been a good time for me to think about where the board and the community are and where we'd like to go.



President Andy Wecker, Mindy Meyer, Vice President Brad Schneider, Doug Crowl, Liana Lee

Brad Schneider will be the new board president by the time you read this. I have learned along the way from, and with, Brad, Pam Lillie, Verna Hines, Allison Fagan, Mindy Meyer, Nicci Scanlan Hess, Doug Crowl and Liana Lee, along with Jim Hildreth, Big Walnut representative on the Delaware Area Career Center Board. I appreciate the patience they've shown me,

and what each of them pushed me to consider that I might have otherwise overlooked. Fortunately, when we interviewed community members this summer to select a new board member to complete a term, the number and quality of applicants measured up to their good examples.

The federal and state governments emphasize measuring proficiency with multiple choice tests, to a fault. It is up to families and local communities like ours, through their elected boards of education, to remember that each student is a unique blend of talents and inclinations, and to help each of them learn how he or she can make both a living and a life in working with others.

Andy Wecker, President

CONNECTIONS TO THE PAST

Artifacts and Stories from the Red Edwards Big Walnut Museum

We are excited to debut a new column this month! As the Big Walnut district grows, it is important that we continue to honor our community's roots. We have a wonderful local history resource, Don "Red" Edwards (BWHS Class of 1956), who has converted his childhood home into a museum. For the next several months, we will be featuring pictures of local artifacts from Red's museum.

This month, we are featuring a picture of the Galena School students and staff from 1923. As you may know, the former Galena School, now the Journey Fellowship Church, is located at 70 North Walnut Street in Galena. This picture is a glimpse into a time when the building could hold all students in the Galena area, grades 1-12 (there was no kindergarten at that time). Thanks again to Red for giving us this view into our past.



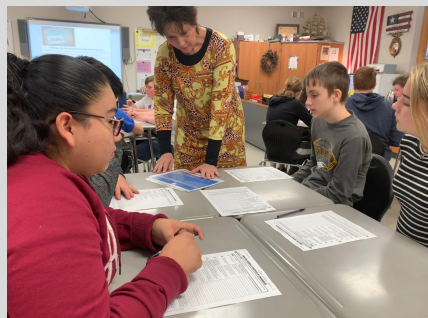
Don "Red" Edwards



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2020 VISION SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



BWMS staff is focusing on providing meaningful feedback to students and giving opportunities to sharpen their soft skills

Industries and employers have long communicated the desire for schools to assist in developing 21st-Century skills applicable for today's workplace. In fact, many employers prioritize communication and collaboration skills over memorizing content knowledge. These "soft skills" better predict success than the traditional grade card.

The BWMS staff believes in providing feedback to both students and parents on student performance of these "soft skills" and therefore have decided to create a Skills for Success report. This report stems from the elementary Keys to Success we highlighted earlier in the year. As we strive for our academic grades to reflect only a student's progress towards the content standards, these additional measures help each family understand the other factors that contribute to student success.

Our goal is to identify key skills that attribute to a successful student and provide targeted feedback and support based on his/her strengths and weaknesses. Moving forward, parents will receive academic progress monitoring from STAR Reports and grade cards alongside the Skills for Success Report.

BWMS Skills for Success

Academic Skills

- Produces work of acceptable quality for ability level
- Asks for assistance as needed, asks questions

Social Skills

- Engages in appropriate social behavior
- Cooperates with others

Self-Management

- Respectful to students and staff
- Responds appropriately to feedback



Millage Targets Met for 2019

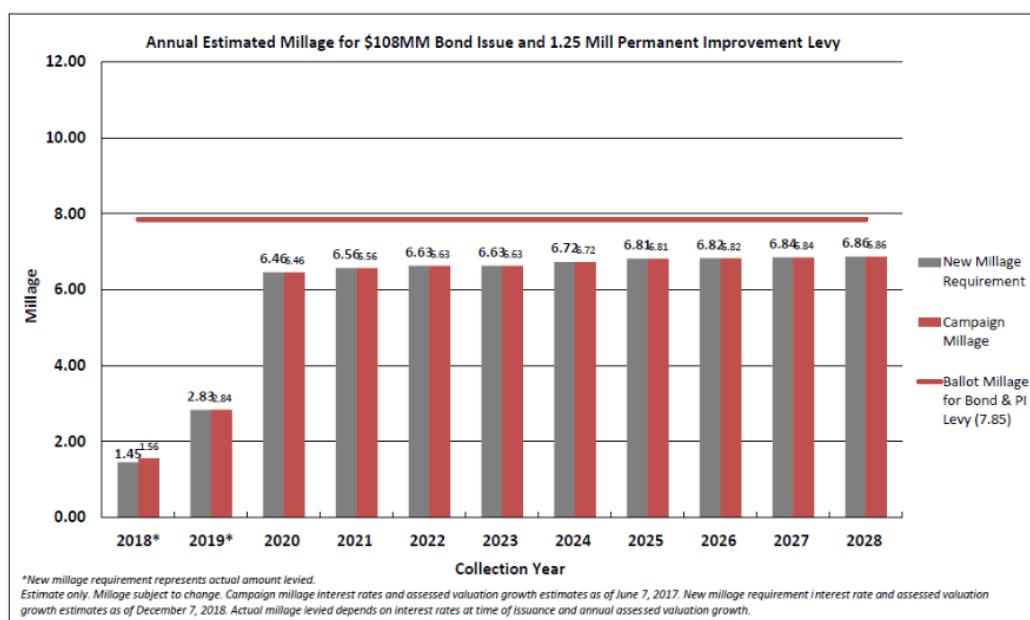


**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

A little over a year ago, we began the journey of constructing our new elementary and high school. While not nearly as exciting as the journey of construction, the parallel adventure of funding our projects started as well. In spite of the federal tax reform, fluctuating financial markets, and an uncertain economy- all of which can impact bond offerings- I am pleased that we are still on track with our funding strategy and millage targets.

The total combined 2017 ballot issue was 7.85 mills, which included 6.60 mills for the bond issue and 1.25 mills for the permanent improvement levy. The District's funding strategy takes into account estimated growth of property value in the community and a plan of finance that phases in the bond issue debt in several offerings instead of all at once. As the chart shows, we were able to be a little under our anticipated target for the calendar year 2018, and we are right at our anticipated amount for 2019.

There are many factors at play as we strive to meet our set millage targets. We are dedicated, however, to planning the best we can and continuing this phasing in of millage. This allows us to take advantage of the funding benefits of a growing tax base as new families move into the Big Walnut community and will hopefully allow us to stay at, or under, our targets.



December's STUDENT & ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Student of the Month: Quincy Varughese, from General Rosecrans Elementary School, is pictured with his family and Board Vice President Brad Schneider



Artist of the Month: Rhian Burch, from General Rosecrans Elementary School, is pictured with her family and Board member Doug Crowl

SUNBURY / BIG WALNUT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

New Chamber Members Come on Board!

The Sunbury/Big Walnut Area Chamber of Commerce continues to grow in size, activity and influence, working hard to continually improve the business climate in our community. We are pleased to welcome these new members since the Chamber Annual Dinner held at Northstar Golf Club on 11/8/18!

- * Midwest Property Tax Associates, LLC
- * Machine Safety Specialists
- * Polaris Retirement Community
- * TCP Asset Management
- * Exact Machine Corporation
- * Big Brothers Big Sisters
- * Farmers Insurance – Michele Mosier
- * Catholic Neighbors of Sunbury & Galena
- * Harlem Township Heritage
- * Harlem Township Civic Association
- * Harlem Township Garden Club
- * Wallace Creative
- * Edward D. Jones – Dave Burgett
- * C.C. Remodeling AND Building Solutions
- * Mindy Meyer – Mary Kay Cosmetics
- * N2 Publishing - BeLocal

Now is a great time to consider joining the Chamber! Contact us with any questions @ **740.965.2860** or email us: info@sunburybigwalnutchamber.com. Don't forget to check out our website@ www.sunburybigwalnutchamber.com.

We look forward to another great year of serving the Big Walnut community!

*John Fox,
Executive Director*

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KICK OFF YOUR BOOTS AND READ

Article by: Cindy Reliford

We have entered that time of year again: the post-holiday season. Thoughts of wrapping paper, decorations, and frenzied shopping trips are but a memory. Those “had-to-have” toys and tech gadgets now lay randomly sprawled all over our children's bedroom floors hardly receiving a second glance. And the excitement over playing in the first few snows- well, forget about it! The holidays have come and gone and let's face it, the wide-eyed wonderment of many young ones has given way to the winter time blues and cabin fever.

So, what to do when your family is bored and has had their fill of the dreaded white frozen menace? Why, put on your cowboy boots and head to the Wild West, of course. Your budget doesn't cover a week at the dude-ranch? Well, join us for the next best thing.

We are inviting all preschoolers through teens to join us for our 2019 Winter Reading Club “Kick Off Your Boots and Read” throughout the month of February. You will be able to register online or in person at the library starting February 1. As always, there will be amazing prizes.

As part of our Winter Reading Club activities, we are super excited to announce the kick-off of “Stories from The Myers Inn.” The amazing volunteers from the Big Walnut Historical Society are partnering with us at the Community Library to offer a once-a-month historical story-telling adventure for elementary students grades 1-4. History will come alive with costumed readers, books about historical time periods, activities, and art projects. Our first session will be Saturday, February 16, from 10:30am - 11:30am at Community Library. Our February focus will be the Wild West and we may just have a real-life cowboy on hand. “Stories from the Myers Inn” will continue on the third Saturday of each month throughout 2019.

We look forward to rounding up some great books with you during the month of February!

Chauncey Montgomery
Director/Fiscal Director



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The new year brings with it a full slate of meetings and presentations as part of the Village of Sunbury's (VOS) zoning review and approval of the design of the new Big Walnut Local Schools' elementary and high school facilities.

A schedule of the meetings that have already occurred and the anticipated sessions are as follows:

*Rezoning application:

- October 22, 2018: Planning & Zoning Commission, informal presentation
- Jan. 7, 2019: Planning & Zoning Commission, first reading
- Jan 17, 2019: Planning & Zoning Commission, second/final reading (**6:30 p.m. start time**)
- Feb. 20, 2019: Village Council, first reading
- Feb. 27, 2019: Village Council, second hearing/approval

**This application deals with the new site plan, as well as the siting and exterior building specifications for the 2 new schools and associated structures and features, such as the football stadium, parking lots and other sporting type components.*

Note: Applications for Design Variances and a Conditional Use permit are also on this agenda/schedule.

**Zoning Certificate:

- Jan. 28, 2019: Planning & Zoning Commission, review and approval
- Feb. 20, 2019: Village Council, first reading
- Feb. 27, 2019: Village Council, second reading

***This application involves a more detailed explanation and presentation of the overall site design elements from an engineering point of view. Documents associated with this application include the sanitary and storm water management systems, as well as other underground utilities such as water and electric. Additional information associated with grading (earthwork) is also included in the associated documentation.*

Please Note:

- All VOS meetings are currently slated to occur in the Sunbury Town Hall on the Square, 3rd floor.
- Start time for all meetings is 7:00 pm, unless noted otherwise
- All meetings noted above are subject to change (VOS assigns dates for their meetings, not Big Walnut Schools).
- **Please reference VOS web site for clarification to meeting times and locations.**

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CALLING ALL PARENTS

Course Showcase
 5:00-7:00 p.m. *in the cafeteria*
 This open house is a time to meet with staff to ask questions and learn about their programs.

Honors, AP, Ed Options/DACC/Credit Flex
 5:45-6:10 p.m. *in the auditorium*
 Want to help your child make the best course decisions for his/her future? You'll learn about all their opportunities here.

Experienceships & CCP College Credit Plus
 6:20-6:45 p.m. *in the auditorium*
 Is your child interested in a career experience or earning college credit? Stop by to find out how they can do this.

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2019

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS NIGHT

Thursday, January 31, 2019
 Big Walnut High School

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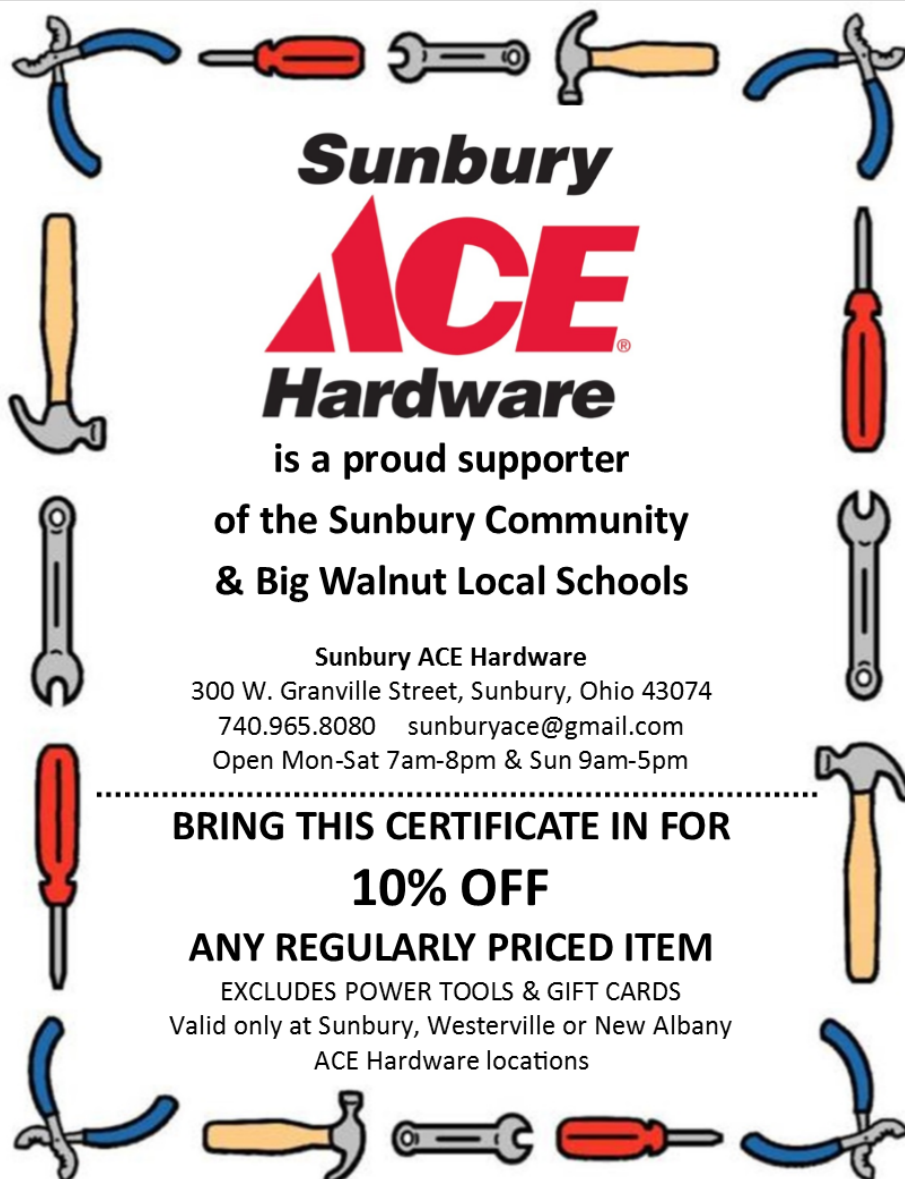
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“I like the unique school atmosphere. There’s something different going on every day.

I’ve also connected with a lot of the students in my program. We like to do the same things even though our interests within the program are different. We can be ourselves without being judged.”

- Paige Tinnel
Digital Design Junior
DACC & Big Walnut

Paige Tinnel

Digital Design junior at DACC & Big Walnut.

Attends DACC for both her Digital Design program and her academic classes.

Works 2 part-time jobs, both of which are giving her great experience in photography and customer service.

Considering attending CCAD or The Modern College of Design to study graphic design, photography or interior design after graduation.

What kind of students attend DACC?

According to Paige, DACC students:

- Are planning for their future
- Are focused
- Enjoy coming to school
- Get to work on projects that interest them
- Are determined

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WINTER HOMECOMING

By: Ava Boldizar and Lindsey Stein



Freshman Court:
Joleigh Lawrence and Christopher Lee



King and Queen: John Elliot and Grace Hofer



Junior Court:
Willem Hoyles and Brooke Stooksbury



Senior Court: Lauren Spangler, Luke Grishkevich, Grace Hofer, John Elliot, Willow Janson, and Jonny Gartner



Sophomore Court:
Jayden McConnell and Olivia Rasar



Returning King and Queen:
Shane Swartzentruber and Maria Boyer
Prince and Princess:
Jack Weaver and Adelyn Whittington

"I am very grateful to be chosen. It was an amazing night to walk with Grace, and I'm very thankful for everyone who voted for me."

-John Elliot
2019 Winter Homecoming King



Junior Kegan Hienton

The week of winter homecoming is always an enjoyable time for students to show their school spirit, recognize each other, and support our basketball team. Although Big Walnut no longer holds an actual winter homecoming dance due to low turnouts in the previous years, students still enjoy holding a theme week and voting for homecoming court.

As a result of the timing of winter break, students only had three days for theme week this year. The themes were Pajama Day, Ugly Sweater Day, and Spirit Day. The themes are chosen by student council and put into action by the student body.

The homecoming court was announced and recognized at our winter homecoming basketball game. A snippet about the nominated students was shared as they walked onto the court in nice dresses and suits before the game. Additionally, the senior homecoming king and queen were revealed, and the returning king and queen from the previous year were recognized. The night ended in a victory for the Big Walnut boys varsity basketball team.

"Being on court for my first time was exciting! Everyone was super sweet and supportive of each other!"

-Willow Janson
2019 Member of Senior Court



Senior
Nathan Montgomery

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LACROSSE IS HERE

The sticks are out as lacrosse season draws near!

"This fast-paced game is a spring favorite for everyone," says Girls' Lacrosse Coach, Mr. Palmer. The players are bringing an impressive level of energy to the new year- promising friends, family, and fans alike an exciting season. Lacrosse player and senior for the Boys' Lacrosse Team, Nathan Montgomery, says, "We have a lot of returning players who give a lot of positive energy; I really think that could help us have a successful season." The Girls' Lacrosse Team is feeling confident as well; senior athlete Cassady Becker believes, "We have a lot of talent this year which will be good for the competition we are going to face." Both teams begin the season with practice on February 18 and are eager to start off the season strong!



"Last year we were a young team, but this year we have a lot of starters coming back, and I'm excited to see what this team has to offer."

– Josh Hageman
Senior Lacrosse Team Member



UPCOMING DATES



- 3.5.19 Harlem Wizards Game
- 3.15.19 Spring Sports Team Picture Day
- 3.17.19 Big Walnut Youth Sports Organization Meeting
- 5.6.19 Senior Academic & Athletic Awards
- 5.7.19 College Signing Day

To find more details on spring schedules, team information, and upcoming youth clinics and camps, visit our athletic website at bigwalnutathletics.net

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Family, Fun, and Food!

The Harlem Wizards basketball team is returning! Come see Big Walnut teachers and coaches compete against the Wizards.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Gym doors open at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Big Walnut High School gym
(555 South Old 3C Road, Sunbury)

NEW THIS YEAR:



TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

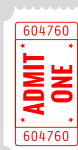
WHERE: BWHS Cafeteria

MENU/ COST: Catered by Big Walnut Grill

Children: Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, drink—\$3.00

Adults: Pulled pork, pulled chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, drink—\$7.00

TICKETS



Student tickets—\$10.00

Adult tickets—\$12.00

Age 4 & under—free

Tickets for the event and dinner may be purchased at the following locations: Online at www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets, Sunbury Subway, and the Athletic Director's office.



Welcome to... **Preschool**

PRESCHOOL PEER MODEL ENROLLMENT

February 19 - March 15

*For students turning 4 years old on or before August 1.

To enroll, visit the Big Walnut Website or click the following link:
www.bwls.net/Enrollment.aspx

PLEASE BE PREPARED WITH: • Birth Certificate • Proof of Residency
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Big Walnut offers an outstanding preschool program that serves children with disabilities and also provides an educational opportunity for typically developing children to serve as social and academic peer models.

PRESCHOOL PEER MODEL PROGRAM

- Peers must be 4 years old, fully potty-trained and live within the BW District
- Maximum of 16 students, with a ratio of no more than 8:8 (8 students with disabilities to 8 peer models)
- Classrooms are staffed by one teacher and two assistants

\$180 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 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 12.



Welcome Class of...

2032

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

February 19 - March 15

*For students turning 5 years old on or before August 1.

To enroll, visit the Big Walnut Website or click the following link:
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PLEASE BE PREPARED WITH:

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• Custody Documents (if applicable) • Photo ID of Parent/Guardian



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, P.E., 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, P.E., 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.

\$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!

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FULL-DAY TUITION