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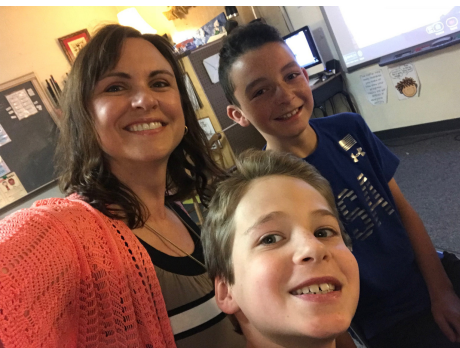


MAY 2018

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



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE POLLOCK



On behalf of the staff and administration of the Big Walnut Local Schools, I would like to thank you for your support of our students and their education during the 2017-2018 school year. We are truly grateful for not only the financial support of our community, but also the countless volunteer hours that community members donate to our schools. From reading to younger students and working on sight words, to helping teachers with prep work for lessons, to volunteering at track meets and other events, our community members are there to support our mission to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential. I am very proud to live and work in a community that values children and their education.

As this school year winds down, our work on construction projects continues to amp up. As of press time, we are in the process of negotiating with a Construction Manager at Risk (CM-R) who will hire and manage the subcontractors that will build our new schools. We are continuing to work on a land purchase and hope to be able to share that information soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have been working through the selection and purchase of the best site for our schools. Once the land is purchased and the CM-R is hired, we will be able to provide a timeline for construction, including groundbreaking.

I hope you enjoy the pictures and articles in this edition that highlight some of our special activities. Congratulations to our 2018 BWLS Prom King and Queen, Shane Swartzentruber and Kinsey Tanner, pictured below.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!



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Message from the Board

May in particular is busy in Big Walnut, a time to live in the moment with spring finally here. We celebrate our students' achievements and milestones in the classroom with them, as well as their successful participation in numerous competitions and performances. Sixth graders go to camp, 8th graders see Washington, D.C., and our seniors go to prom before graduating.

In addition to our teachers, it's good to thank the families and other community members who work hard to put Big Walnut children in a position to learn.

Every year, with the help of Roush Honda, we recognize staff and community members with the Golden Eagle Mentor Award.



We'll celebrate the 18 honorees at a ceremony on May 17.

This summer we are making security upgrades to the entrances at Big Walnut High School, Big Walnut Intermediate School, and Big Walnut, Harrison Street and Souders Elementaries, bringing them to the level of Big Walnut Middle School and General Rosecrans Elementary,

schools built with our 2008 bond issue. So I wanted to thank the community again for passing the November 2017 bond issue.

Doug Swartz, our new facilities director who has worked as a project manager with Pizzuti, Columbus Public Schools and the Ohio School Facilities Commission, did a great job presenting the details of our

security to the Board and the audience at our April 19 meeting

There are board, staff, law enforcement and community members who put in extra effort to strike a balance between safety, cost and aesthetics. These people planning school safety in Big Walnut have children and grandchildren enrolled as students in Big Walnut, so I'd like to thank them as well for what they do for all of us.

Sincerely,

Andy Wecker
Big Walnut Board of Education
President

Muirfield Pros Help "Tee Off" Our Golf Unit

Elementary PE teachers, Jody Grieger and Brady Prugh, attended 'The First Tee' training on a Saturday morning at Muirfield Village Golf Course in Dublin to learn how to teach students about golf. At the end of the training both received \$3,500 worth of golf equipment to use in the classroom, sponsored by the PGA and Scotts Miracle-Gro. The training program also included two golf professionals from Muirfield Village coming into the classroom to instruct students for one day to get them excited about the golf unit.

Help Me Grow: Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities



ABOUT US

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) is a county agency that provides support to more than 2,700 people with developmental disabilities and their families in Delaware County. DCBDD provides this support through Early Intervention for children two years old and younger, and through Support Administration for people ages three and older.

DCBDD's Mission:

To inspire, empower, and support people to achieve their full potential.

DCBDD's Vision:

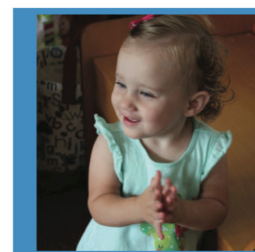
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Children two years old and under who have been determined eligible for services are connected with a Service Coordinator, Developmental Specialist, and a core team of professionals. This team partners with the child and family to discuss their goals, what is important to and for their child, and what resources are needed for future success. The team of professionals and the family use the information gathered to develop an outcome-based Individualized Family Service Plan, which helps to guide service delivery in the child's natural environment.

For questions about intake and eligibility, call
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Update: Financing Our Future



**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

As another school year comes to an end and we prepare for a busy summer of projects and planning for school construction, I thought I would give you an update of our financing plans.

In December, we issued a financing tool called bond anticipation notes (BAN's), which were paid off in May by bonds that sold in February. These proceeds are allowing Big Walnut to finance the school security updates, provide funding for design phases of our new elementary and high school, and pay for land, once appropriate research and due diligence has been performed.

While all signs in our economy point toward interest rates rising, we have been fortunate so far to be able to take advantage of a low interest rate environment, which allows us to stay on track with the millage models we have been using for planning. In fact, it was good to see that with growth in our community and the interest rates we were able to get on our first issuance, our permanent improvement and bond millage was 1.45 mills for 2018 compared to the 1.56 mills that was originally discussed in November. As summer arrives, we will have our construction professionals hired and design plans taking shape. As such, we will continue evaluating our financing needs to keep our plans on track as we look forward to the exciting changes coming to our district.

School Safety Update: New Security Cameras



**Assistant
Superintendent
Mark Cooper**

One of the first steps to addressing a safety concern is to be aware of the issue. We continually encourage our community that "if you see or hear something, say something." Our district is taking steps next year to be even more aware of potential concerns by installing or replacing security cameras inside and outside of every building. Installation is scheduled to begin prior

to the end of this school year and will be completed this summer. Having these security cameras in place will improve our capability of being able to "see something."

This will allow us to take action immediately when a potential issue is observed or be able to review camera footage if an issue has been reported. We continue

SaferOhio Hotline

If you see or hear something, say something. Our district uses the Safer Schools Ohio anonymous tip line for anyone in the community to share information at any hour of the day with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety. Concerns can be reported by call or text to 1-844-SAFEROH (1-844-723-3764).

to be grateful for the community's passage of the combined bond and permanent improvement levy last year, as a portion of the permanent improvement funds are being used to fully support this project.

April's STUDENTS & ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



Student of the Month: Stephany Ramos from Hylen Souders Elementary pictured with her family and Principal Matt Cox



Student of the Month: Giana Vitale from Big Walnut Intermediate School pictured with her family



Artist of the Month: Russell Delaney from Big Walnut Intermediate School pictured with his family



Artist of the Month: Erin Hoover from Hylen Souders Elementary pictured with her family and Principal Matt Cox

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For more information on finding locations offering summer meals, please visit our Big Walnut Food Service website. There you will find access to a map and information on fun summer activities & nutrition information.



Jumping into Summer

Congratulations to the 2018 Big Walnut Graduates, students and staff on another outstanding year!



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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Libraries Rock- Summer Reading Club 2018

-Cindy Reliford

Summer Reading Club is just around the corner. We at the Community Library in Sunbury have filled our calendar with exciting programs. We are ordering ooh-and-awe inspiring prizes, and I can already hear the claw machine's melodious tune ringing in my ears, and we haven't even hit kick-off yet.

Why do we work so hard to make Summer Reading Club a hit? There are several reasons. As part of the community, we want to offer inspiring opportunities for children and teens to learn and grow, whether it be through a hands-on rocketry camp, art workshops, or even a cupcake decorating class.

Another huge part of why we do what we do is to partner with families in helping their children combat the "summer slide". Studies have shown that kids can lose up to a whole month of learning over summer break. Reading throughout the summer has been proven to lessen this loss.

Yes, we want to get your kiddos excited about reading. All those prizes though- aren't we just bribing them to read? Bribe is such a harsh word. We like to think of it as "rewarding" all those hours of diligent reading.

Throughout the school year many of your children have required reading each week. Most of the time, that reading comes with guidelines. Their book selections are often narrowed into the framework of a specific Lexile range, Guided Reading letter, or AR number. By summer, some kids are on a reading strike. So, yes, we think they deserve a huge reward for reading when they don't really have to.

Maybe the summer could be a time when your children can select books for enjoyment as opposed to a Lexile range. We are by no means suggesting they read a five-hundred page novel or a baby book; rather a book that peaks their interest. A recent Scholastic Books survey revealed that an overwhelming nine in ten kids say they are more likely to finish a book that they have picked out for themselves. Summer is the perfect time to offer this opportunity.

Summer Reading Club isn't just for children and teens. We also have a program for adults, so everyone in the community can have a summer full of reading. Adults, just like youth, can earn rewards for the number of books they read.

Before you know it, summer will be here, and the Community Library is looking forward to inspiring the whole family to read. We hope to see you at our Libraries Rock kick off concert with the Shazzbots May 24 at 7:00 PM (offsite at the old location of Sunbury Christian Church, 250 Rainbow Ave.) and at the library throughout the summer.

If you have any questions or comments about the youth services or the Summer Reading Club, you can contact us at 740-965-3901 or youthservices@yourcl.org.



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"Little Free Library" is New at HSE

Harrison Street Elementary (HSE) was excited to team up with Big Walnut High School to implement a Little Free Library (LFL) to build community, spark creativity, and inspire readers. Four HSE students, Quinn Bordine, Damian Gilman, Virginia Shicks, and Andy Wion, were selected to form the Little Free Library Committee this school year. With the support of Tracy Truax, 4th grade teacher, and Kim Castiglione, HSE principal, these students researched images and found four potential designs to hold a building-wide vote.

After the school house design was chosen, it was given to two BWHS students, Emma Strahler and Kyler

Plummer, who built it with the support of their teacher, Alan Frank, and HSE's LFL Committee and PTO. Once it was built, we displayed it at HSE, where it was recently installed underneath one of the oak trees in the HSE backyard. Adult and children's books are available for any community member to "take a book... return a book" and our school house will be registered where it can be found on the world map of Little Free Libraries!

We are extremely thankful for everyone's time and talent that went into making this dream a reality, and we are excited to be able to give back to our community in such a meaningful way!



BWMS Service Day

This year marked the third year BWMS participated in Service Day. This year, 560 students and 60 adults volunteered at 45 sites. Students spent the day cleaning up and building at sites such as LSS Food Pantry, Bennington Glen Nursing Home, Delaware County Humane Society, Sunbury Square, the community cemetery, and many more.

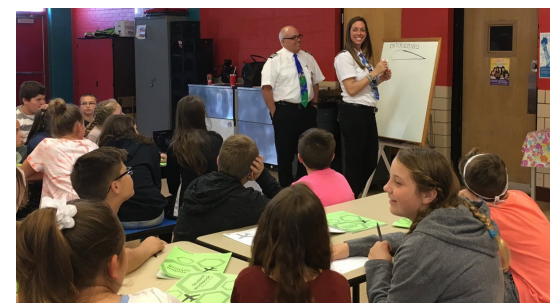
6th Grade Camp

Sixth grade students spent the first week of May at the Heartland Outdoor School. During this time away, students participated in a high ropes course, archery, and survival skills activities, along with other fun experiences.



5th Grade TIDE Days

While sixth graders were at Heartland, fifth graders participated in BWI's TIDE (Teach, Inspire, Discover, Explore) days. Throughout the week, students were exposed to different careers with a hands-on experience. In coordination with the Delaware Area Career Center (DACC), students were able to learn about careers in architecture, baking, restaurant management, law, veterinary services, and much more. The week ended with an all-day art experience.



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Introducing **Big Walnut Youth Sports Organization**

We are excited to announce the new Big Walnut Youth Sports Organization. We are a non-profit organization with the mission to unite all youth sports in our community, so we can provide the best experience possible for our families, and most importantly, our players.

By bringing the youth sports organizations together, we will be able to provide better communication through our new website, **bigwalnutyouthsports.com**. Here, you will be able to register for upcoming seasons as well as get information on camps, clinics and other activities. Families will be able to see combined schedules for players in multiple sports to help them stay organized during the busy seasons.

Player safety is the highest priority for all of us. Big Walnut Youth Sports will be partnering with the National Alliance for Youth Sports (www.nays.org) to provide each coach with annual training and certification. This partnership will enable BWYSO to provide more opportunities for coaches and allow each sport to share resources, so all volunteers will have the best information and training available.

Over the next few months, we will be sending out information as programs come on board and registration for upcoming seasons open.

We encourage you to go to **bigwalnutyouthsports.com** today and create an account, so you can stay informed as more information becomes available.

BWYSO Board

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Our Market is unique because all products are homegrown, homemade or handcrafted. Check out the wide variety of goods including fresh fruits and vegetables, grass fed beef, local honey, jams and jellies, soaps, baked goods and more!

Visit the SourcePoint table to learn more about their voucher program for Delaware County residents, ages 55 and up.

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Welcome to the team, Kelly!

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Required athletics physicals will be offered at three affordable, local sessions.

Big Walnut Parents and Athletes,

We are happy to announce three dates that the Big Walnut HS and MS Athletic Offices will be offering athletic physicals for a nominal fee. All proceeds will benefit the Big Walnut HS and MS Athletic Departments.

Blank physical forms can be found at bigwalnutathletics.net. All physicals will cost \$15.00 cash or check made payable to BWAB Training - no credit cards. Please bring your physical form paperwork filled out and ready for the physician to complete your examination. **A current physical and FinalForms must be completed by July 30, 2018 in order to participate.**

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

- **WHEN:** 7:30 to 8:00 PM
- **HOW:** Arrival time and physicals will be on a first-come basis.
- **WHERE:** Nationwide Children's Hospital Heit Center in New Albany, 150 W Main St, New Albany, OH 43054
- **AFTER:** BWHS & BWMS Trainers Lori Holmes and Ryan Ingley will be there and will keep your completed physical (grades 7 to 12) and will give to Teresa Piper, BWHS Athletic Secretary. Teresa Piper will be sure that BWMS Athletic Secretary Stephanie Kreager receives grades 7 & 8.
- If you need a copy, please ask them.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

- **WHEN:** 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **HOW:** Call 740-965-4301 today to schedule an appointment
- **WHERE:** Sunbury Chiropractic
- Your completed physical will be returned to you.
- **AFTER:** High school physicals can be turned in to BWHS Athletic Secretary Teresa Piper by emailing teresapiper@bwls.net or hard copy dropped off in the HS Main Office.
- **AFTER:** Middle school physicals can be turned in to BWMS Athletic Secretary Stephanie Kreager by emailing stephaniekreager@bwls.net or dropped off in the MS Main Office.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

- **WHEN:** 8:00 AM to Noon
- **HOW:** Call 740-965-4301 today to schedule an appointment
- **WHERE:** Sunbury Chiropractic
- Your completed physical will be returned to you.
- **AFTER:** High school physicals can be turned in to BWHS Athletic Secretary Teresa Piper by emailing teresapiper@bwls.net or hard copy dropped off in the HS Main Office.
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GO EAGLES!

BIGWALNUTATHLETICS.NET IS THE ANSWER TO ALL OF YOUR ATHLETICS INFORMATION

The Big Walnut Athletic Website, **bigwalnutathletics.net**, is your headquarters for all things sports related. Here's the information you can access on our site:

- Big Walnut Youth/Travel Teams K-6
- Athletic Fields Directions
- Clinics, Camps & Summer Information
- Big Walnut Athletics Mission/Vision

The Fall Sports, Winter Sports and Spring Sports tabs will show team schedules, news and photos.

ATHLETICS HQ

- Athletic Season Passes Information
- 2017-2018 BWHS Athletic Handbook
- Big Walnut Athletic Wall of Fame
- BWHS Head Coaches' Contact Information
- Big Walnut Athletic Department Contact Information

FORMS

- Final Forms - 7th thru 12th grade athletes and parents fill out and electronically sign all athletic forms. These forms need completed in order to participate.
- PPE Physical Exam Form - blank physical form to have the doctor fill out and then turn in the HS or MS Athletic office - a current physical form has to be on file in the HS or MS Athletic office to participate.

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TALKIN' BOUT MY GENERATION

Who are we? Generation Z. What it's like to be a kid these days. Story and infographic by Mya Staysniak.

According to the majority of demographers, marketers and historians, the start of Generation Z isn't completely clear but the general consensus concedes it being 1999 and on, give or take.

Moving on from the endlessly-scorned Millennials, people ages 22 to 37, Generation Z has proved itself to be a brand of its own far away from Millennials.

If Miley Cyrus hurtling through the air on a wrecking ball or Mark Zuckerberg starting up Facebook in his dorm room represents the millennials "then Alex Dunphy from *Modern Family* represents the Gen Z antidote," says the international director for the Innovation Group at J Walter Thompson, Lucie Greene, in a *New York Times* article. "Alex is a true Gen Z: conscientious, hardworking, somewhat anxious and mindful of the future."

This population is accustomed to change from the Great Recession, the exponential evolution of

smartphones, Desert Storm and even cultural change.

The Latin American population grew four times faster than the rest of the population, according to the Census Bureau, bumping the African American population down to the third largest population currently.

Global conflicts and economic difficulties produced a generation who is wary, yet optimistic.

Social media allows Generation Z to thrive and even profit through entrepreneurial opportunities that skyrocket kids to stardom. Websites like YouTube, Instagram, Musically and more produce music stars, vloggers, comedians and beauty experts. Aspiring authors can also become published on apps such as Wattpad, making them more independent when it comes to creating their own success.

Due to social and political conflict, Gen Z has utilized technology to their advantage to

advocate for what they believe in. Snapchat and Instagram are the largest platforms for Generation Z, allowing them to stir change through a few taps on their smart phones.

Social media has created a new culture for teenagers, allowing them to instantaneously be connected with their friends and giving way for a new vernacular of technology. Bonds are created via Snapchat and Instagram allowing people to connect from via text without worrying about needing a ride to talk to a friend in another town.

The majority of Big Walnut Local School District students, save for current seniors, are in Generation Z. Connecting with students and making them feel valued is crucial for us and giving advice for the future is also helpful. Try to hear us out, don't admonish us and listen to our concerns about this ever-evolving world of technology and global change.

A HISTORY OF GENERATIONS

● **Generation Z**
1997-present

● **Millennials**
Born 1981-1997

● **Generation X**
Born 1965-1980

● **Baby Boomers**
Born 1946-1964

● **The Silent Generation**
Born 1925-1945

● **The Greatest Generation**
Born 1924 or earlier

SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE

The high school held its first Academic Signing Day May 1, traditionally a day when students commit to colleges and universities of their choice. Ninety seniors were recognized after being awarded over \$3 million in scholarship funds.



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Kindergarteners at General Rosecrans Elementary collaborated and created art using nature



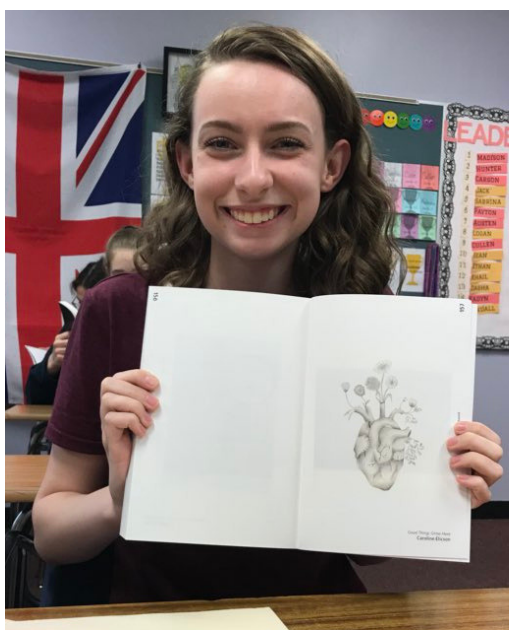
At Big Walnut Elementary, this first grade classroom is playing a game in PE that third graders created



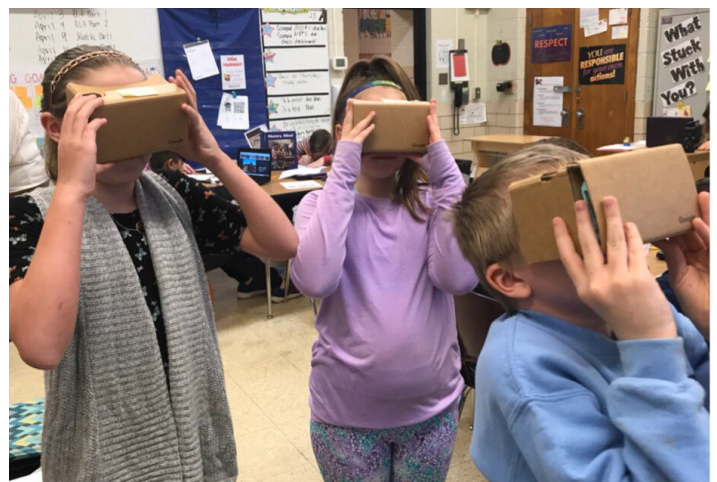
Students at Big Walnut Middle School completed a scavenger hunt as a hands-on experience in tech class



A BWHS athlete sits down and reads to second graders at Hylen Souders Elementary



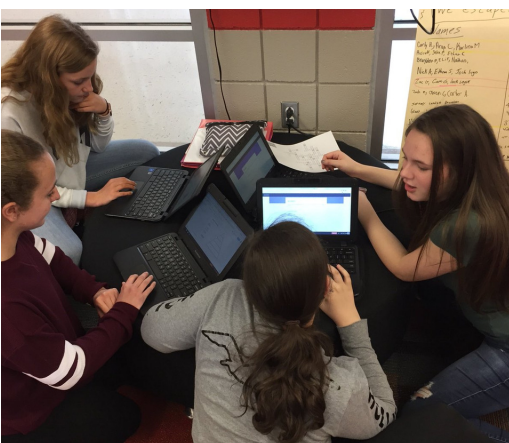
A beautiful smile from a Big Walnut High School student after she discovered she was published in this year's OSU Pages Program book



Big Walnut Intermediate students taking some virtual reality adventures to the very first English settlements



As part of the Changemakers Leadership Summit, Big Walnut High School students presented their service-learning projects at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank



Students combined collaboration with content in the Big Walnut Middle School Learning Center during the Biome Escape Room



Harrison Street Elementary first graders took their learning out of the district and spent a day at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens