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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



Summer is here! Hopefully summer brings a chance to recover from the hectic spring and enjoy some slower-paced days with your families. I would like to thank our parents and larger community for the support that you continue to give to our students and staff. The 2018-2019 school year was a great one for Big Walnut.

As always, one of the culminating events for the school year was our graduation ceremony. Senior Class Advisor Christina McDonough, Principal Andy Jados, and the rest of the high school administration did a fantastic job planning a dignified ceremony, while graduate speakers Tori Buxton and Lizzy Prater provided us inspirational messages. We are especially grateful to our families for their patience as we had to delay the ceremony due to weather, to our custodial and maintenance staff members who did a phenomenal job setting up and drying off chairs, and to local meteorologist Dave Mazza for helping us make the game-time decision to hold graduation outside.

Our Golden Eagle Mentor Award ceremony, sponsored by Roush Honda, is another great end-of-the-year event. See page 6 for a photo of the award winners. Thank you to Roush Honda and to these great community and staff members for all that they do to inspire and guide our students.

On the construction front, we have much to share. Our security renovations have already started on our older buildings! See page 6 for an update on this important work. For our new building projects, we have hired a Construction Manager at Risk (CM-R), Gilbane Building Company, who will be coordinating construction, as well as partnering with our architects, VSWC, throughout the design phases. We will have the same Gilbane team that is just finishing construction on Olentangy Berlin High School. As of press time, we are finalizing the negotiation of a land purchase and hope to announce the site soon. Our elementary and high school design teams have had multiple meetings and have provided the architects with great guidance on what we want in our buildings. Additionally, we will be sending out a survey for community members to provide input and hope to do another live streaming event where participants can dial in or listen online to updates on the projects followed by an opportunity to give feedback.

We are available at the Administrative Office at 110 Tippet Court in Sunbury throughout the summer. Our summer hours, from June 8-July 20, are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For new student registration, please visit our website.

Have a fantastic summer!

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Message from the Board



In this age of STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art & mathematics) or project-based, multi-disciplinary learning, few fields better align with this movement than architecture, engineering and construction. These occupations blend design, material and color selection, math and science with communication and technology to build the spaces in which we live, work, study and play.

Here in Big Walnut Local Schools, the design and construction of the new elementary and high schools give the greater school community a once-in-a-generation opportunity to learn first-hand the ins and outs of the design/build process. The newly hired Construction Manager firm of Gilbane Building Company has its Jr. Builder Program for students and staff. Students will have first-hand opportunities to learn the skills, training, tools and outcomes that the various professions and trades involved in the design/build process use everyday. In the construction industry today, many trades are in such high demand that companies cannot fill positions. These are high paying, long-term jobs that students will be able to see first-hand during this program.

Sincerely,

Andy Wecker
Big Walnut Board of Education President

COMING THIS FALL:

YMCA BEFORE-AND-AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The YMCA of Central Ohio is excited about the opportunity to serve Big Walnut families with quality, licensed before-and-after school programming (Y Club) in the district beginning this fall. For more information, visit our website at bwls.net.

End-of-the-Year Fun



During the last week of school, BWMS eighth graders traveled to Washington, D.C. where both staff and students had a great time exploring the many different historical sites



Harrison Street Elementary stayed busy throughout the month of May with lots of fun-filled activities



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Students at Big Walnut Elementary had a blast at their end-of-year Spring Fling



The Hylen Souders Elementary talent show showcased our students' skills



Students at General Rosecrans Elementary said goodbye to the outgoing fourth grade class and had a fun-filled field day



Financially and Environmentally Friendly Transportation



**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

The yellow school bus is an iconic symbol of a school system, and every year our bus drivers transport thousands of students hundreds of thousands of miles. Our bus fleet has an average fleet age of about 8.5 years, and our district mechanics do a great job keeping our buses road ready.

buses, with less expensive fuel and regular maintenance supplies such as oil and filters. As an additional benefit, these new buses start up much easier than diesel buses on cold January mornings.

Knowing we will need new buses next year, in late May we applied for and received \$39,000 in grant money through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to help with this purchase. We are pleased to be able to stretch our dollars a little further with this grant money and the savings we see from propane buses, while we provide transportation that is safe for our students and better for the environment.



**Director of
Administrative
Services
Ron McClure**

Over the last several years, we have needed to add new buses to accommodate growth and have tried to retire some of our older vehicles. With our permanent improvement levy funds, we are fortunate to be able to keep up with our needs.

As we look at new buses, we are purchasing propane-fueled buses, which have financial and environmental benefits. Propane buses run on a cleaner fuel that is virtually odorless and have significantly less greenhouse gas emissions that are much more environmentally friendly. We have also seen financial benefits from these

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May's STUDENT & ARTISTS OF THE MONTH + STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



Student of the Month: Nathan Frankel from Big Walnut Elementary pictured with his family and Board member Allison Fagan



Artists of the Month: Landon Estep, Wesley Kerr, and Ben Nieset from Big Walnut Elementary pictured with their art teacher Dawn Norris



Special thank you to Jacob Troyer for serving as the Student Board Rep; he's pictured with Vice President Brad Schneider



Congratulations to the State Science Day students who were recognized at the May Board meeting; students are pictured with Board member Mindy Meyer and Board Vice President Brad Schneider

Sunbury's 2018



Celebration!

A full day of fun for the entire family!



7am-3pm—Antiques, Arts & Crafts Fair and Food Vendors on the Square

9am—19th Annual Corey Lehman Memorial Volleyball Tournament



10am—Independence Day Parade

After Parade—Hot Dog Eating Contest



11am-3pm—Kids' Zone on the Square

11:30am-1:30pm—Walnut 4Her's will be running Fun Frolics games on the Square

7:00pm—3rd Annual Outhouse Races



Dusk—Fireworks at BWHS



For more details, go to www.SunburyBigWalnutChamber.com

or call 740.965.2860



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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Construction Projects are Underway



**Director of
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Superintendent
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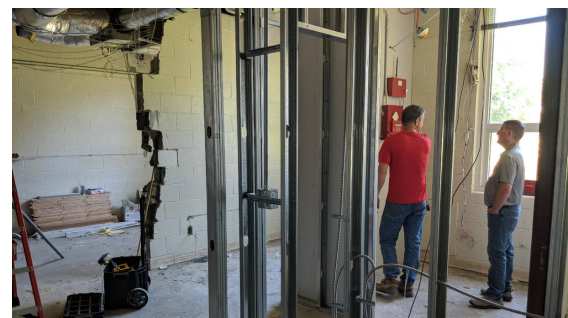
With community passage of the bond issue in November 2017, planning and implementation efforts are now in full swing in regards to both the new school facilities and security improvements in our older buildings.

The leadoff initiative revolves around the planning, construction and standardized operational protocols for our updated secure entrances being installed at existing schools. To that end, the Big Walnut administrative team, in concert with the staff/community-based Facilities Committee and the firm of Triad Architects, has developed and successfully bid a security improvement bid package. The contract was awarded to Leveck Commercial Construction & Development at the May 17 Board of Education meeting. Construction began

In addition to our work on the new entrances, we are also moving forward with the new elementary and high school facilities as planned to accommodate our current and forecasted student enrollment needs.

One of our first steps for these projects was creating the planning teams for the new elementary and high schools. The planning teams are made up of teaching staff, students (HS only), parents, central office administrators and other stakeholders. These teams will serve as a means to gather and communicate design information between the overall building staff and the design team. Their efforts will continue all summer and into the fall. We have been working with our architect to create opportunities for general community input as well. We have a survey that will be released soon that will gather input to help guide some key design decisions. We will also be sharing other opportunities for community members to be involved and provide input as we move through the design stages.

In addition to the planning teams, Big Walnut Local Schools has opted to utilize



a well-tested public management committee commonly known as a Core Team. The Core Team will serve as an oversight committee that works to ensure consistency between the two projects for issues such as operational/graphic standards, equity of public dollars, schedule and contract expenditures. In addition, this committee will serve to provide district responses and/or recommendations to the various design/construction consultants, as well as other public partners such as governmental agencies and public utility providers. The Core team is composed of the superintendent, treasurer, Director of Facilities and other district staff, as well as representatives of VSWC Architects and Gilbane Building Company.

We are currently on schedule for all of our projects. We will keep you informed as we continue through the process.

2018 Roush Honda Golden Eagle Mentor Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2018 Golden Eagle Mentor Award recipients. The Golden Eagle Mentor Award is an annual award sponsored by Roush Honda and Big Walnut Local Schools that recognizes staff and community members who selflessly serve our students and district at an extraordinary level. We are grateful for their outstanding performance and dedication.

We are thankful to Roush Honda for their 22-year commitment to recognizing great leaders in our district. The nomination form for 2019 Golden Eagle Mentor Awards will be available in early April, so start thinking of someone worthy of this recognition!



From left to right: Meg Wion, Tori Blazer, Christina McDonough, Shea Spak, Mary Pisano, Tony Eisnnicher, Chung Woodruff, Amy Marshall, Laura Gallo, Maria Tarney, Cara Sutton, Susan LeMaster, Sylvia Johnson, Ora Cagle, Jody Grieger, Tiffany VonAlmen, Kathleen Kildoo, Steve Link

Discover Your Past at the Community Library

Family histories and genealogies are always captivating. There is something intriguing about discovering and compiling family information. By learning more about one's ancestry or uncovering new branches on the family tree, a deeper understanding and appreciation of family origins is developed.

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Chauncey Montgomery
Director/Fiscal Officer

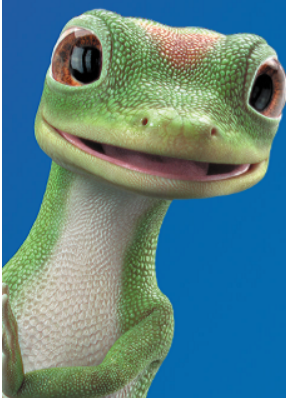


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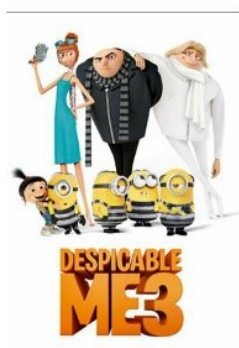
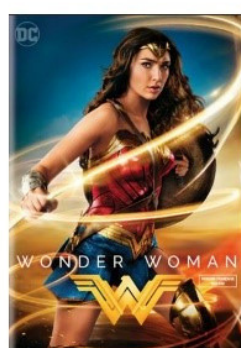
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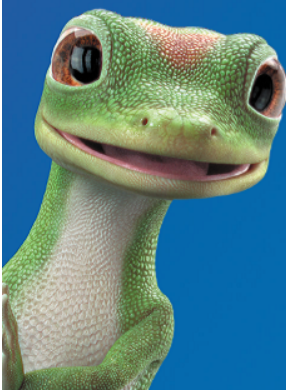
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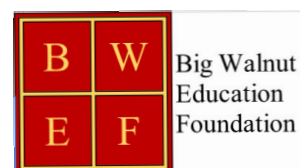
The Big Walnut Education Foundation Offers \$91,000 to the Class of 2018

The Big Walnut Education Foundation has been connecting local donors to Big Walnut High School students and alumni since 1994, when it was founded with a \$20,000 donation.

In 1995, they awarded their first \$6,000 in scholarships, and they've continued to grow and give more and more every year since. In 2017, the Foundation awarded \$82,500 to 47 Big Walnut High School students and alumni. In 2018, they added eight additional scholarships—totaling 55 students who were together awarded \$91,000. That's \$8,500 more than in 2017.

All of this is possible because of generous donors—dedicated individuals who are willing to boost Big Walnut students as they pursue their next steps.

Thanks to these donors, Big Walnut students have received over \$1,600,000 since 1994. These scholarships are paid with interest, dividends, and capital gains—allowing the principle to continue growing so that BW graduates can continue to benefit far into the future.



Lizzy Prater



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Tori Buxton

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249 GRADUATES



COMMUNITY SUMMER CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIMES	LOCATION
June 16	Fishing Derby	8am-Noon	Reservoir
June 16	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
June 16	Movies at McNamara Park – Leap! <i>Presented by Genoa Township</i>	Dusk	McNamara Park
June 23	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
June 23	Craft Show	9am-3:00pm	Town Square
June 30	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
July 4	2018 Independence Day Celebration *Parade beginning at BWHS *Antiques, Arts, & Crafts Fair, Kid Zone & Hot Dog Eating Contest on Square *Outhouse Races & Memorial Volleyball Tournament at BWHS	ALL DAY (See website for details www.sunburybigwalnutchamber.com)	Town Square
July 4	Galena Flea Market & Community Yard Sale	8am-4:00pm	Miller Park
July 7	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
July 14	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
July 14	Movie on the Square-Wonder Woman <i>Presented by Big Walnut Civic Association</i>	Dusk	Town Square
July 15	Concert on the Square-Rib Fest	Noon-Dusk	Town Square
July 21	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
July 21	Movies at McNamara Park – Wonder <i>Presented by Genoa Township</i>	Dusk	McNamara Park
July 28	Annual Youth Fishing Derby	9am-Noon	Reservoir
July 28	Sunbury Farmer's Market	9am-Noon	Town Square
July 28	Cornhole Tournament	4:00 pm-Dusk	Town Square
July 28	Movie on the Square-Beauty & the Beast <i>Presented by Big Walnut Civic Association</i>	Dusk	Town Square
<p>August dates will be included in our next edition.</p> <p><i>If you would like to list your event on the next calendar please email the Chamber @ info@SunburyBigWalnutChamber.com</i></p>			



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