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



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG



Delaware County district superintendents with Delaware Public Health District Commissioner Shelia Hiddleson at the vaccine clinic

On behalf of our staff, I would like to give a big thank you to Delaware Public Health District Commissioner Shelia Hiddleson, Olentangy Local Schools Superintendent Mark Raiff and their teams for hosting an educator Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic earlier this month. I would also like to thank our nurses, Megan Truax and Dawn Boehm, for joining other Delaware County nurses in helping to administer the vaccine. We are extremely grateful for everyone's time and effort in making the vaccine clinic a reality. We will be repeating the process in a month to provide educators with the second dose.

Getting our staff vaccinated is a step forward in keeping our schools open, but we still need to continue to emphasize the importance of our safety protocols. Washing hands, wearing masks properly, and distancing ourselves as much as possible continue to be critical components of our successful operation.

I also wanted to share an update on Covid-19 numbers. We have had 163 total cases, which is 3% out of 4961 students and staff members, since school began in August. As of publication, we only have 4 active cases. This number is constantly changing as we learn of new cases and others recover. We have had many more quarantines than actual cases. In school, quarantines are mostly a result of lunch table exposures, but the majority of students in quarantine are from exposure to family members or events that occur outside of school.

I know first-hand that having my child miss school due to quarantine is a frustrating experience, but having him be able to be in school the rest of the year has been worth it! Fatigue is setting in for us all, but please remember that we are obligated to exclude students from school who are considered contacts. It is not something that we enjoy doing, as we want all of our students to be in class learning and able to participate in their sports and other activities. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we must continue to enforce health requirements.

Spring is just around the corner, so think good, warm thoughts! In the meantime, stay safe, healthy, and warm.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL BOARD

January 2021 was School Board Recognition Month. We are extending it a bit longer to show our appreciation for our Big Walnut board members.



Board President- Mr. Schneider



Vice President- Mrs. Lee



Board Member- Mr. Crowl



Board Member- Mrs. Dorsch



Board Member- Mr. Fujii

January's STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Due to COVID-19, pictures were taken with immediate family members only and not with Board members



January's Student of the Month:
Juden Bozic from Hylan Souders
Elementary School



January's Student of the Month:
Sam Stewart from Big Walnut
Middle School

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Congratulations to Mary Beth Freeman, Delaware Area Career Center Superintendent, on her retirement. Thank you, Ms. Freeman, for your service over the years to our Big Walnut students!



STATE FUNDING IN EARLY STAGES



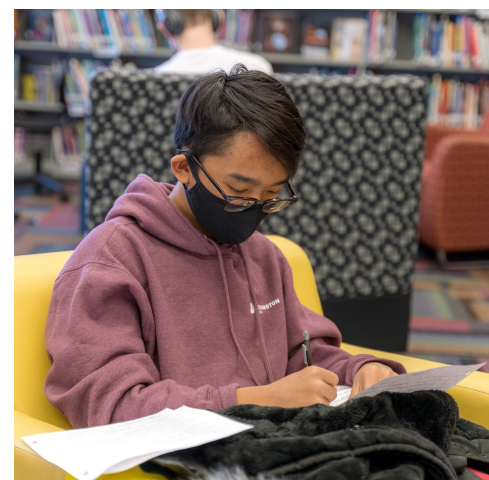
**Treasurer
Jeremy Buskirk**

The preparation of Ohio's two-year budget is underway once again. Governor DeWine released his biennial budget proposal for fiscal years (FY) 2022 and 2023 on Monday, February 1. Like the previous budget, the proposed budget maintains foundation funding at FY19 levels. The Governor has recognized that the General Assembly has been working on a new funding formula, which is referred to as the Fair School Funding Plan, and noted this as a reason for not

proposing a change. Another initiative in the proposed budget is the continuance of the Student Wellness and Success Funding that is to be used specifically for student "wrap-around" services, or services that support student needs beyond the classroom. With these funds provided in the last budget, we have been able to increase our district nursing and mental health support. These services have been needed over the last year, and we recognize that there is still more we need to do to improve our resources in these areas. Initial allocations shared indicate that we could be provided with approximately \$268,000 next year, which is more than the current year.

As noted earlier, the General Assembly has been working on the Fair School Funding Plan for some time. This funding formula passed in the House as House Bill (HB) 305 in December 2020 and was introduced as HB 1 on February 3. We have not seen recent projections regarding what we would expect to receive from this formula. Previous estimates have indicated that we should not expect a significant increase in State funding due to the property values and median income reported throughout our entire District. It is still very early in the budget timeline, and I am sure that there will be many changes as our legislators work through the process. We will be closely following estimated funding in both the Governor's proposal and General Assembly's proposal as we plan for next year and the coming years.

Our District, like the State, entered this fiscal year cautiously planning, due to uncertain economic conditions. It was wise to do so with the numerous unknown impacts, and now, over halfway through the fiscal year (which ends June 30), we are slightly better than expected. I believe our State took a similar approach and has also seen better than expected results at this point in the year. Hopefully this will allow for the restoration of proposed budget cuts and additional help for our District. Although we have been able to weather this challenging year thus far, it does not change the challenges we see on the horizon as we anticipate growth in our community and enrollment. We will continue to watch the budget process and share what impacts are anticipated as we plan for the future of our District.



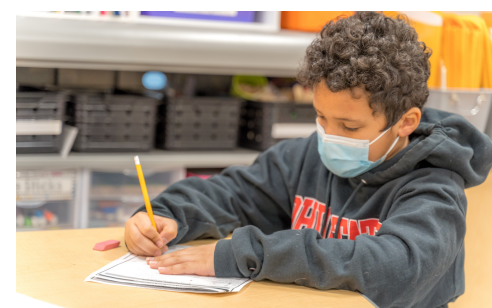
CONNECTIONS TO THE PAST

Artifacts and Stories from the Red Edwards' Big Walnut Museum



**Don "Red"
Edwards**

We're looking forward to sitting in the stands and cheering on our Eagles again! This month's artifact is a collection of Big Walnut bleacher cushions.



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Lisa Branzel, ATC, CEP is one of our newest team members. You will often find her in the PT area helping patients master their at-home exercises. Lisa is a graduate of University of Evansville, Indiana where she became a Certified Athletic Trainer. She then received her Clinical Exercise Physiologist Certification from the American College of Sports Medicine in 2010.

Lisa, seeing the connection between movement patterns and musculoskeletal injuries, advanced her training specializing in Functional Movement. Utilizing the Functional Movement System, Lisa addresses the whole body as a system to help people move optimally. Lisa offers advanced core training for athletes, as well as functional movement screenings for general fitness or daily life activities. Lisa, her husband Bill, and two boys enjoy fitness in the outdoors especially biking and golfing.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction crews are still hard at work getting the new BWHS building ready for students. The tentative schedule is to transition students and staff to this building during winter break of the 2021-2022 school year. Community member and parent Joey Thomas took these photos and is completing a walk-through video that will debut on our social media and construction portion of our website next week.





These days, we are used to pulling out our smart device, downloading an ebook, and reading through a chapter while waiting at the grocery store. The ease of accessing digital materials has become second nature. However, just a short time ago, we would not have dreamed that ebooks would become such an important part of library services.

In the late 1990s, ebook readers were just appearing. The promise of carrying an entire library on a single device was attractive. Yet, early devices were bulky, monochromatic, and limited in storage and battery life. Coupled with high prices and the lack of digital titles, they were more of a novelty than a viable alternative to print books.

It would take another decade before ebooks took off with the introduction of the Amazon Kindle, and soon thereafter, the Barnes and Noble Nook. Devices like the iPad and Android tablets were also being introduced. These devices had larger storage, longer battery life, and more features than their predecessors. More publishers were entering the market, and developers were making it easier to download ebooks. In 2010, for the first time, ebooks outsold hardcover books on Amazon, signaling a significant shift in book formats.

Around the same time, the Community Library in Sunbury joined the Ohio Digital Library and started offering ebooks to patrons through Overdrive. In 2010, the first year the library offered ebooks, we circulated just under 1,000 titles to our patrons, which was less than 1% of our total circulation.

Over the next 10 years, ebook use at the library changed dramatically. Just like in the private market, the process of borrowing ebooks became easier and the availability of

titles improved, which helped increase ebook borrowing. We now circulate roughly 25,000 ebooks annually.

Little did we know when we introduced ebooks to the library 10 years ago, that in 2020 we would be faced with a pandemic that kept many of us home. However, with ebooks being available online, we were able to meet the demand for reading material. During the spring months, our ebook circulation increased around 53% monthly. Ebooks have proven that they are serious alternatives to print books.

If you have never borrowed ebooks from the Community Library, we invite you to explore our collections at <https://www.yourcl.org>. If you need help with any of our online content, contact us at ask@yourcl.org or 740-965-3901. Also, if you do not have a library account, visit <https://register.yourcl.org>.

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Goal: Ensure older adults have access to affordable, accessible, and safe housing options.



Transportation

Goal: Assure older adults have access to affordable, safe transportation that gets them where they need to go.



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Goal: Provide safe, accessible places for people to gather and engage.



Support, Health & Safety

Goal: Ensure older adults are able to access and afford community support, health, and safety services.



Community Engagement

Goal: Ensure older adults can work, volunteer, and be actively engaged in community life.



Communication & Information

Goal: Recognize older adults communicate in various ways and ensure they are connected within the community.

Mission: Age-Friendly Delaware County will collaborate to innovate and improve key elements of livability that support healthy aging in our community.

Vision: Delaware County is an active, safe, healthy, and connected community for all ages and abilities.

Find our action plan and how you can join us at
MySourcePoint.org/age-friendly

Thanks to the combined generosity of businesses, family, and friends, Big Walnut graduates have received over \$1.8 million in scholarships since 1994.



In 2020, the Big Walnut Education Foundation awarded \$92,500 to 73 BWHS graduates.

Donations of any value make a difference. You can join a giving society like these donors:

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Scholarships are available for Big Walnut seniors and graduates for 4-year and 2-year degrees in addition to trade programs. Applications are due April 7th, 2021. See bigwalnuteducationfoundation.org to learn more.



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