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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- April 9:
Ohio State Assessments begin (3rd and 4th Grade only)
- April 9:
PTO Meeting
- April 10:
Ohio State Assessments continue
- April 12:
Purple Up Day
- April 16:
Ohio State Assessments continue
- April 17:
Ohio State Assessments continue

Dear Souders Parents:

When Ohio's Department of Education rolled out their new vision last year, one of the 4 learning domains was social and emotional learning. ODE's vision defines social and emotional learning as self awareness and management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. I saw this picture from a classroom and wanted to share how teachers are able to have students self assess.

Purple Up! 2019

April is the Month of the Military Child. Please help support our Big Walnut military families by wearing purple on April 12th!

Check out this year's Purple Up shirt at

<http://purpleup.bigwalnutapparel.com>



Quote of the Week:

"Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't."

Margaret Thatcher

Big Walnut Local Schools will be hosting a screening of the documentary, *Screenagers*. This event will be held at BWMS on April 11th starting at 6:30 pm. This event is free and all are welcome! *Screenagers* is a documentary that focuses on the habits that children develop by using their mobile devices. Throughout the film, families are seen dealing with the consequences (often serious) related to excessive screen time or screen time without boundaries. The film focuses on the connection between mental health and how much tech time can impact a child's development. This documentary also highlights the benefits of finding the balance of screen time and screen-free time and offers some solutions for parents. For a sneak peak of this film, click [here](#).

[RSVP for Screenagers](#)

5th Grade Exploratory Music Offering

We are excited to share a change that will be happening to our music program at BWIS for the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, fifth grade students have the option to elect band, choir, or orchestra. In an effort to ensure all students are exposed to the music electives, all 5th grade students will have an exploratory music course that allows students to sample the three music electives - band, choir, and orchestra. This course will give students the opportunity to survey each of the three musical offerings and try a variety of instruments. It is our hope that by changing the structure of the music offerings in fifth grade, more students will be exposed to the possibilities and better prepared to make a good choice for their music elective in sixth grade.



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