

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



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September 3:
No School-Labor Day

September 6:
Doughnuts with Dad 8:00-8:30
Report directly to child's
homeroom.

September 11:
PTO Meeting 7:00-8:00
Hylen Souders Library

September 17:
No School-Staff Professional
Development

September 24-28:
Homecoming Week

October 2:
Fall Pictures

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Parents put a great deal of trust in teachers, and when we teach their children we need to treat them with kindness and compassion just as we would like someone to treat our children," Ron Clark in The Essential 11.

The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS), is a one-on-one assessment that helps teachers identify a child's specific reading strengths and appropriate instructional reading level for small group instruction. The data gained from this standardized assessment helps teachers to identify goals and plan instruction that supports each child's reading progress across the school year. The text levels are not intended for students or for families to categorize readers, but to inform teachers so they can plan personalized instruction. The Benchmark Assessment System provides a snapshot in time of your child's literacy development and will be given three times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Oral Reading:

Student reads the text to the teacher as the teacher writes notes about the errors made and other reading characteristics such as fluency.

Comprehension:

The teacher asks open ended questions about the text during a probing conversation with the student. The teacher uses a rubric during the conversation to determine the student's level of comprehension. The expectations for the reading comprehension component may be challenging, but provide the teacher with more in depth information about your student's understanding.

Who Takes It?:

This assessment is used for students in grades K-4 to ensure that students are receiving reading instruction at their level and will continue to grow as readers.

Here are some ways you can support your child's literacy learning at home:

Visit your local library together. Encourage your child to select books that interest and excite him.
Read books to or with your child and talk about them together.
Listen to your child read books and talk about them together.
Most importantly, enjoy your time together reading, writing, and talking!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or instructional facilitator.



Are you looking for a way that you can make a positive impact in Big Walnut Schools? The district is in high need of substitute bus drivers. If interested, please visit the job posting at

www.bwls.net/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx

Free training will be provided to help eligible candidates meet license requirements. If you have any questions about substitute driving, please contact Ron McClure at 740-965-8967



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