

BWMS PTO



Dear Middle School Families,

August 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to Big Walnut Middle School (BWMS). As BWMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) board members, it is among our responsibilities to talk with you about our organization and encourage you to get involved in your school. But first, since this may be the first time at BWMS for many of you, it is important for us to explain what the PTO is all about.

What is the PTO and who can be a Member?

Our BWMS PTO strives to enhance children's educational experiences. We do not have annual dues. All parents, grandparents, and caregivers who have a child at Big Walnut Middle School, along with school faculty can be a member and come to any and all meetings, fundraisers, and functions. Please plan to join us at any meetings you can attend. Our meetings for the 2017-18 school year are the 3rd Thursday of each month at BWMS and alternate between evening and after school start times. Our first meeting of the school year will be August 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm. The second meeting will be September 21, 2017 at 2:30 pm and so on. Meeting dates will be posted on the school website and PTO Facebook page, as well.

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our schools with funds, programs, resources and services that will inspire, guide, enrich, and maximize the education of every child. To meet this important objective, we fundraise. Here are a few programs that we sponsor and/or support: Nuhop Day for incoming 7th graders, Washington D.C, Trip for 8th graders, Holocaust Foundation speakers, Teacher Appreciation, Homecoming Float, Service Day, and various other academic and elective needs that may arise throughout the year.

This year Chromebook Sleeve & Skin sales, a Donation Drive, and Krispy Kreme sales are our three major fundraisers. We also will continue collecting Box Tops again this year, so be on the lookout for submission deadlines to help your child's class win a fun treat!

Become a Volunteer....Why YOU should get involved!

As you can see, we are a small and busy group. This is where you come in! We need your help, and so do your child(ren). A special thanks to all of our volunteers from last year for all their hard work and dedication. At BWMS, we strive for excellence and what better way than to become involved today. The PTO is a team effort in which we cannot succeed on our own. Please come and join us!

On behalf of the BWMS PTO, we would once again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year! Please contact any of us with questions or comments.

Sincerely,
The BWMS PTO Executive Committee

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