



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- February 12:
PTO Meeting @ 7
- February 14:
Valentine Parties @ 2:45
- February 18:
No School
- February 19:
Kindergarten Enrollment Begins
- February 21:
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 22:
All Pro Dads
- March 8:
Spring Pictures
- March 12:
PTO Meeting

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

It was touch and go for a minute, but we made it through January. It is hard to believe that we are 105 days into the school year-but who's counting?

Our Valentine parties are just around the corner. Thanks to parents that have volunteered to organize those parties. We ask that siblings-whether older or younger- do not attend the parties. We have so many people in the classroom that it makes it impossible to also have siblings attend. Thanks for your understanding. Please call if you have questions.

Thanks,
Mr. Cox

BWLSD NEW Finance Committee Seeking Members

Big Walnut Local School District is creating a new finance committee in 2019. We are looking for members of our community that either live or work within the Big Walnut enrollment area, have a vested interest in the district, and have expertise in a financial field to be a part of this committee.

The finance committee by-laws, application form, and contact information on the Treasurer's page of the District website at <http://www.bwls.net/Treasurer.aspx>, and interested individuals are requested to send a completed application form along with a letter stating interest to the District Treasurer, Jeremy Buskirk (jeremybuskirk@bwls.net).



Quote of the Week:

"Happiness is not something you can find, acquire, or achieve directly. You have to get the conditions right, and then wait,"
Michael Fullan in *The Six Secrets of Change*.



The first graders have officially earned a gold medal for completing 100 days of school! They celebrated 100 days of hard work, learning, and growth by taking part in the 100th Day Olympics. The 100th Day Olympics included seeing how many activities they could complete in 100 seconds, participating in activities involving 100 objects, and ended with an award ceremony.



SidebySide Ministries is a community organization who comes along beside our Big Walnut neighbors whenever we can. We are partnering with Otterbein University to start a community ESL class for anyone who would like to improve the English-speaking skills. We created a survey to gauge the communities interest in this offering. If you are interested, please navigate to the URL below to take the survey. We are also planning a community gathering in February for any families interested in this class. More information about this gathering will come in the future.
[Interest Survey](#)

