



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- 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
- March 14:
3rd Grade Recorder Concert and
Arts Day

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

The Ohio Department of Education is excited to announce that through a stakeholder-driven process, Ohio teachers, school counselors and education personnel have drafted Social and Emotional Learning Standards for grades kindergarten through 12. The Department invites educators and **other stakeholders (including parents)** to provide public comment on the draft K-12 Social and Emotional Learning Standards.

As part of [Each Child, Our Future](#), Ohio's Strategic Plan for Education, social-emotional learning is one of four learning domains supporting Ohio's goal of preparing each student in Ohio for postsecondary life. Social and emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Research demonstrates that students who receive support for social and emotional learning in schools do better academically, socially and behaviorally.

To learn more about the standards development process and access the public comment survey that includes the draft standards, visit the Department's [Social and Emotional Learning Standards webpage](#). The draft standards are available for public comment through close of business on March 11, 2019.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Cox

Registration is open for the Spring Session of Girls on the Run! This is a 10 week program for 3rd-4th grade girls that meets at Souders on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 beginning March 4. Register online at www.girlsontheruncentralohio.org

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 custodians and bus drivers. If interested, please visit the job postings at www.bwls.net/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx. Training will be provided to all substitutes - potential drivers will receive all training necessary to meet licensing requirements for drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Ron McClure at 740-965-8967.

Quote of the Week:

"We have come to believe that, the smaller the margin for leisure, the more successful we must be." John Koessler



All of our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day earlier this week (They are 100 days brighter!). The day was filled with fun activities! We ended our day by switching classes and enjoyed a fun station in each room.

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](#)

