



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 18:
Yearbook Sale Begins
- January 21:
No School
- January 24:
STEM and Literacy Night 5:30-7
- January 25:
All Pro Dads @ 7:45
- February 1:
Yearbook Sale Ends
- February 14:
Valentine Parties @ 2:45
- February 19:
Kindergarten Enrollment Begins

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

Our schools are extremely fortunate to have the support of our parent and community volunteers. While we are continually grateful for this support, we are also aware of the potential concerns that can arise when volunteers are working directly with students. One of the recent priorities established by our District Safety Committee, which is comprised of law enforcement personnel, first responders, parents, and staff, is that volunteers should have background checks completed to promote safety within our schools. Each staff member and coach in the district is required to provide initial and ongoing background checks to insure that they are deemed safe for working with our students, so it makes sense to consider a similar requirement for volunteers working with students or who are helping in the building during the school day.

What is required?

Background checks through the district's online system will be required of all school volunteers.

When does the requirement go into effect?

All school volunteers are encouraged to apply for the background check as soon as possible. Beginning on March 1, 2019, a background check will be required to be able to volunteer.

How long does it take to process a background check?

Volunteers should apply for the check at least one week prior to an event.

What activities require a background check?

While this is not an exhaustive list, here are some examples that do or do not require a background check:

**Have more questions or need additional information?
[Volunteer Information](#)**

Picture Below: 4th grade students work with Mrs. Yeager on fractions.



Quote of the Week:

Eric Cardwell, the president of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, **"Time has always been any educator's boogeyman—it's always chasing them,"** Cardwell said.

[Eagle Extensions](#)-Interested in an Eagle Extension? Sign up now.

Upcoming Athletic Camps:

2019 Big Walnut Baseball Eagle Baseball Academies Hitting, Pitching & Catching – Limited spots in each academy – Grades 2/3 to 6 – Sunday dates beginning 1.13.19 – Big Walnut High School Aux Gym

<https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/6404>

2019 Big Walnut Winter Jr. Cheer Camp – PreK-6th Grades – Sunday, 2.10.2019 – Big Walnut High School Main Gym

<https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/6146>

2019 Big Walnut Lady Eagle Softball Clinic – Grades 2 – 8 – Only 50 available spots – Saturday, 3.16.19 – Big Walnut High School Main Gym

<https://www.locallevevents.com/events/details/6408>

