



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- February 1:
Yearbook Sale Ends
- 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:

Thank you for attending last evening's STEM/Literacy Night. We decided to combine STEM and Literacy Night into one evening event. The following quote has been on our building leadership agendas all year, " We must be open to change and the idea that there is probably a better way to do everything." We continue to examine everything we are doing with the mindset we may be able to better serve our students, families, and community. Your feedback is always welcome.

As a reminder, February conferences are approaching and are by invitation only per teacher recommendation. If you have any concerns about your child's progress don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Every family will get a letter to indicate whether or not a conference is needed at this time.

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.

Finance Committee Goals

- To obtain advice and counsel that enhances the effectiveness of the decision-making process with respect to financial and business issues.
- To serve as an avenue to improve public awareness of the Big Walnut School District's finance issues and to inform the District governing team of community perspectives related to finance.
- To enhance communication between all stakeholders.

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:

"The best revenge is to have the self worth not to seek it."

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](#)

