



## HYLEN SOUDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 25-March 29:  
Spring Break and  
Playground Build

April 1:  
Zoo at the School

April 4:  
Muffins with Mom

April 5:  
Spring Flower Sale Begins

April 9:  
Ohio State Assessments begin  
(3rd and 4th Grade only)

April 9:  
PTO Meeting

April 12:  
Purple Up Day

Dear Souders Parents:

Please mark your calendar for several events right after spring break. We have Zoo at the School our first day back. What a great way to come back from break! We have Muffins with Mom on April 4. Please arrive between 8-8:30 to enjoy a muffin (and, of course, coffee) with your child. Finally our final PTO fundraiser kicks off Friday, April 5.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I am looking forward to a great end of the year.



## Purple Up! 2019

*April is the Month of the Military Child.  
Please help support our Big Walnut military families by wearing purple on April 12th!  
Check out this year's Purple Up shirt at <http://purpleup.bigwalnutapparel.com>*

*and purchase by **April 3rd.***

### Quote of the Week:

There are far more activities and opportunities in the world than we have time and resources to invest in. And although many of them may be good, or even very good, the fact is most are trivial and few are vital. Greg McKeown in *Essentialism*

Big Walnut Local Schools will be hosting a screening of the documentary, *Screenagers*. This event will be held at BWMS on April 11th starting at 6:30 pm. This event is free and all are welcome! *Screenagers* is a documentary that focuses on the habits that children develop by using their mobile devices. Throughout the film, families are seen dealing with the consequences (often serious) related to excessive screen time or screen time without boundaries. The film focuses on the connection between mental health and how much tech time can impact a child's development. This documentary also highlights the benefits of finding the balance of screen time and screen-free time and offers some solutions for parents. For a sneak peak of this film, click [here](#).

### 5th Grade Exploratory Music Offering

We are excited to share a change that will be happening to our music program at BWIS for the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, fifth grade students have the option to elect band, choir, or orchestra. In an effort to ensure all students are exposed to the music electives, all 5th grade students will have an exploratory music course that allows students to sample the three music electives - band, choir, and orchestra. This course will give students the opportunity to survey each of the three musical offerings and try a variety of instruments. It is our hope that by changing the structure of the music offerings in fifth grade, more students will be exposed to the possibilities and better prepared to make a good choice for their music elective in sixth grade.



[RSVP for Screenagers](#)