



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- March 10:
Spring Pictures
- March 10:
PTO meeting at 9AM
- March 19:
Celebrate the Arts Day
- March 20:
All Pro Dads
- March 20:
Recorder Concert 2:45
- March 23-27:
Spring Break
- April 2:
Muffins with Mom-PTO
sponsored
- April 3:
Spring Flower Sale Begins-PTO
sponsored

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

I love to read. I read for pleasure and I also read to do my job a little better every day. I am currently reading two books that focus on building culture, *Reclaiming our Calling* and *Culturize*. Several of the recent quotes of the week have been from these books.

When reading *Reclaiming our Calling*, there was a section on allowing children to fail. "Schools that incorporate frequent opportunities for students to fail on lower-stake work are actually investing in learning the lasts." The author goes on to talk about teachers and parents giving kids opportunities to "fail small." Our best learning often occurs when we take risks, but when taking risks, we may fail. And that is ok! We want our students to be challenged daily. We want our students to take risks. We even want our students to fail. That is when they grow.

Mr. Cox

Discovery Day is fun-filled day at Souders each spring. Students have the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics. In the past they have learned about pythons, karate, bee-keeping, backpacking and much, much more. Do you have a career or hobby that you are passionate about? We are looking for more people who would be available to present our students. Discovery Day is scheduled for May 19, 2020. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting to our students, please contact Amy Kessler (amykessler@bwls.net) by March 20, 2020.

Quote of the Week:

"Every child is a compilation of stories."

Brad Gustafson in *Reclaiming our Calling*

Neighborhood Bridges, a non-profit charity headquartered in Westerville, Ohio will be launching its Gateway for Kindness to serve the Big Walnut Schools community in Sunbury, Ohio. A 501(c)(3) organization, neighborhood bridges has driven direct support and care to more than 35,175 children and families in just 3 years by inviting school districts, mental health agencies, and clergy to advocate for those in need – then engaging each community to come together to help solve those needs. Please check out the social media websites below for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/BigWalnutBridges/>

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Preschool students read fairy tales and fables including the Little Red Hen. They talked about teamwork and sharing. As a follow up activity the students worked together to make (and eat) pancakes.

