**Upcoming Dates** 



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#### A note from Mr. Cox...

This week, I was interviewed by a former Souders student, currently studying at the University of Cincinnati. She is a pre service educator. Her questions focused entirely on involving families and communicating with those families. While having in-person family involvement has been impossible this year, you are still an essential part of what we do.

Speaking of family involvement, we have our final parent-teacher conferences in less than 2 weeks. Should you have any concerns you would like to discuss, please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.



# February

12-Valentine Parties Students will make bags & Valentines in class

**15**-No School, Presidents' Day

**16**-Kindergarten Enrollment begins through 3/26

**18**-Parent-Teacher Conferences

**26**-All Pro Dads (remote meeting)

#### <u>March</u> 9-Spring Pictures

\* Due to the pandemic, in-person events (concerts, PTO meetings, STEM/Literacy night, etc.) are postponed through spring break. We will continue to reassess and post updates.

#### Souders Spotlight...Our Intervention Team

The intervention team spends much of each day providing small group instruction to students in reading, writing, and math. They also provide other types of support for students throughout the day. Many students do best at school by taking breaks with intervention teachers. These breaks can include various activities to allow students to either wake up or calm and refocus their bodies. Some examples of activities include yoga movements, stretching, jumping, drawing, puzzles, squeezing fidgets, and rolling on yoga balls. The intervention team strives to help all students be successful at school even if that means crab walking to class.



Above and top right: Our 3rd graders participate in a mock oil spill.

## **Quote of the Week:**

"There isn't anyone you couldn't love once you heard their story."

Mary Lou Kownacki

# Gifted Services for 2020-2021

Big Walnut will continue to provide gifted services in grades 3-4 for the 2020-2021 school year. However, our format for providing services to third and fourth graders has changed. All third and fourth grade students identified as gifted will receive gifted services from their regular classroom teacher. Our gifted coordinator, Katie Yeager, will be providing professional development to any teacher providing gifted services, per Ohio Department of Education guidelines. While this format for providing services has changed from last year, we will continue our focus of a personalized, engaging experience for our gifted students, as well as all learners who are part of our in-person learning and virtual learning program. Students identified as gifted and receiving gifted services will continue to receive an annual Written Education Plan to outline their goals and services for this school year. If you have any questions about addressing your student's gifted needs, please contact Katie Yeager at katieveager@bwls.net.

### **Community Corner**

Our PTO has their own page. If you haven't done so, please subscribe. <u>PTO Schoology Code</u> NBTJ-ZDCH-SZHT8

2021-22 Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment Information is Now Available