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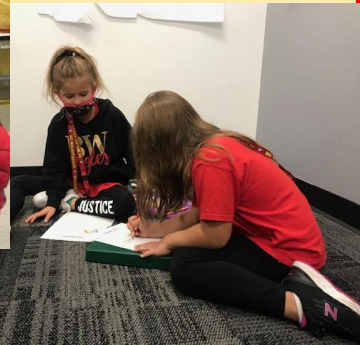
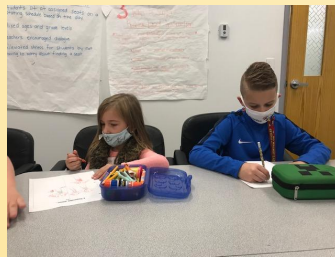
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Upcoming Important Dates

- October 13:**
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 16:**
No School
- October 21:**
3rd Grade fall Ohio State Test begins
- October 30:**
Fall Harvest Parties
- November 3:**
Picture retakes and candid
- November 11:**
Parent-Teacher Conferences



We are trying to keep things as normal as possible this year, and we are still finding time for fun. Last week we had Souders Squads. Each student is in a squad. Squads meet monthly for a lesson, an activity, and some fun. This week we had our elementary spirit week. We could not have some of our traditional homecoming events, but we wanted to show we still have spirit. The students and the staff had fun, both with Squads and spirit week.



Quote of the Week:

Don't be afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.
Chinese Proverb

Attention parents of IEP students:

Big Walnut parents have been selected to participate in the Ohio Department of Education's Special Education Family Survey. **Parents of all IEP students are asked to complete a short survey that should take about 10 minutes.**

Here is a link to the survey
[Special Education Family Survey](#)

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 katieyeager@bwls.net.

From the Souders Kitchen:

We **NEED** substitute food service workers. If interested, please put food service on your application. **Food Service Application**

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Parents:
With so many students getting school lunch, can you please have your child practice entering their PIN numbers?
Teachers sent home the PIN number and a practice PIN pad.

Students will have the following lunch options daily:

- 1st Choice**-Rotates Daily
 - 2nd Choice**-PB&J Uncrustable
 - 3rd Choice**-Munchable w/ yogurt
 - 4th Choice**-Chicken Tenders
- Students will also have a fruit and vegetable choices daily.

Due to the pandemic and maintaining as much spacing as possible on our buses each day, students are required to ride their scheduled bus to and from school at all times. Changes to a student's bus schedule so that they can ride home with a friend or relative are not permitted. If your child's place of residence changes, please contact the school to ensure proper changes of their bus schedule.

Are you looking for a way that you can make a positive impact in Big Walnut Schools? The district is in need of substitute custodians, food service workers, and bus drivers. If interested, please visit our **Job Opportunities** page to apply.

Training will be provided to all substitutes - potential drivers will receive all training necessary to meet licensing requirements for drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Ron McClure at 740-965-8967.