

# Primary School News Update

## Parent—Teacher Conferences

Thank you for attending conferences. The teachers enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and goals for the school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions, concerns, or comments that you may have.

## PTO Holiday Breakfast and Vendor Fair

Our Holiday Breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 10 from 8-11 am at the Middle School. Families will be able to pre-order tickets for adults (\$6) and kids (\$4) and will receive a wonderful pancake and egg breakfast from Egg Harbor Cafe plus one raffle ticket per family. Families can also pay at the door (adults--\$7, kids--\$5).

The Holiday Breakfast will be run at the same time as the Vendor/Craft Fair which will take place from 9 am to 2 pm. The fair is open to all and free to attend. Vendors will pay a small fee to set up their table and provide a raffle item. We will have raffle tickets on sale as well. At this time, we are actively seeking crafters and home business reps who would like to sell at the fair. Please contact Kim Christesen at [kchristesen@hotmail.com](mailto:kchristesen@hotmail.com) or 847-740-0025 to sign up to be a seller at the fair.



## Fall Is Here

As the cooler weather approaches, just a reminder to send appropriate clothing for students to participate in daily outdoor recess.

## Yearbooks

The deadline to order the 2011- 2012 Big Hollow Primary/Elementary School yearbook is Friday, December 16, 2011. Please send a check for \$20 written to Big Hollow with your child's name, teacher name and "yearbook" written on the outside of the envelope.

## Toys for Tots Program

The 2011 U.S. Marine Corps League is asking for your support in the Toys for Tots program. Collection boxes for new toys will be located outside the Big Hollow School office until December 16. Thank you.

## Important Dates



- 11/18-11/19 Middle School Production of Romeo and Winifred
- 11/21- 6:30 p.m. Levy Public Hearing @ Middle School Board Meeting  
7 p.m. @ Middle
- 11/24- No School- Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25- No School
- 11/30- Character Day- wear orange
- 12/1- Pajama Day to kick off the PTO Pajama Drive
- 12/2-Spirit Day
- 12/5-PTO Meeting 4 p.m.



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Join us for  
"Sea of Goodwill"

**A Celebration of National Family  
Week Honoring Military Families**



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**Registration & Welcome:** 5:00 to 5:30

**Panel Discussions:** 5:30 to 6:45

**Dinner:** 6:45 to 8:00

*Activities for children will be provided during the  
panel discussion section.*

**Monday, November 21, 2011**

**Chicago Cultural Center**

78 E. Washington Street

Chicago, IL

**Objectives include:**

- Honor military personnel and their families for their dedication to service.
- Introduce Illinois human service providers to U.S. military culture.
- To identify agencies willing to be part of action teams to discover needs of military families.
- Catalyze opportunities to develop or improve programs and services that effectively address employment, education and health care needs of military families.

**Panel discussions moderated by:**

**James C. Jones, President and CEO, ChildServ**

*"Assisting Military & Veteran Families"* - Presenter: Laura Gallagher Watkin, Project Director, Illinois Connections: Assisting Veteran & Military Families, Health & Disability Advocates

*"Blue Star Mothers of America—Supporting our Military Children Past, Present and Future"* - Presenter: Joyce Carrasco, President and Founder, Greater Chicago Illinois, IL #3, Blue Star Mothers of America

*"Ensuring Wellness/Healthy Living"* - Presenter: Lee Orlov, Pharmacy Professional, Sam's Club

*"Issues in Child Care and Early Childhood Education for Military Families"* - Presenter: Julia Yeary, LCSW, Director of Training and Resources, Military Family Project Zero to Three

**To reserve your seat, RSVP by November 14th: Contact Suzan Lea at [slea@childserv.org](mailto:slea@childserv.org) or at (773) 867-7361**  
*Free turkeys for the first 50 military families to pre-register for the event!*

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