

Big Hollow Middle School, 26051 W. Nippersink Road, Ingleside, IL 60041

BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

At Big Hollow Middle School, the 2009-2010 school year is off to a terrific start. Our students are establishing daily routines of their respective classes. I hope that the start of the school year has been positive for both you and your children.

Throughout the school year, the *Big Hollow Middle School* monthly newsletter will communicate important information and dates for the upcoming month. Regarding classroom issues, if you have any questions or concerns during the school year, I would encourage you to contact your child's teacher. The Big Hollow Middle School website has faculty contact information. Our teachers are a great resource and will be happy to help you. Additionally, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me or the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Coolidge. I look forward to a wonderful year at Big Hollow Middle School.

Best Regards,

April Miller
Principal

NEW LUNCH PROGRAM

Big Hollow School District has partnered with Arbor Management to provide the hot lunch program for the 2009-2010 school year.

As part of their service Arbor Mgmt. will be making available the menus for each of the buildings for the current month's lunches. In turn we will be posting these menus here on the website so our students and families may access them anytime.

Also available is the form that should be printed and returned with any payments towards your student's lunch account. You will see this form is actually four deposit slips on one page. After printing the deposit form simply cut it into these four slips and include one completed slip with each payment.

Important Dates

- 9/7** *No School-Labor Day*
- 9/8** *Hot Lunch Begins*
- 9/9** *4H New Family Orientation*
- 9/14** *Forms Due for Springfield Trip*
- 9/16** *Market Day Pick-Up 4:45-5:45*
- 9/18** *8th Grade T-Shirt Orders Due*
- 9/21** *School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.*
- 9/23** *Progress Reports*
- 9/25** *Picture Day*
No Grant High School Math

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



SUPPORT THE LADY WARRIORS AT THEIR FIRST HOME GAME!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
4:15**

Thanks to Coaches Jensen, Wick and Wittum!

Have a great season!

8th Grade Springfield Trip Friday, October 9th!



Educational Tours Inc. will be coordinating our tour along with 8th grade teacher, Dr. Eeva Burns. The trip includes the following sites:

New State Capitol
Old State Capitol
Lincoln's Home
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
Lincoln's Tomb & Memorials

Payment and required forms are due **Monday, September 14.** Please contact Dr. Burns with any questions. (847) 740-1490 ext. 5029

SAY CHEESE!



PICTURE DAY
IS FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25.

Look for
Lifetouch School Portraits information coming home soon!

THE WARRIOR CALL

Do you have a nose for news? Do you love to write and report? Then you should join the Big Hollow student newspaper, "The Warrior Call!" All students 5th-8th grade are invited to participate. Interest students should pick up an application from the Middle School Office or from Mrs. Mosoff.

THE BIG HOLLOW CHAPTER CLOVERBUD & 4-H CLUB NEWS



Please join us for an informational meeting to get to know what 4-H is all about, meet the Big Hollow Chapter of Cloverbud & 4-H leaders and learn what we have planned for the 2009-

2010 year ahead. If you are interested in aerospace, horticulture, robotics, veterinary science, visual art, and community service projects, then this is the club for you!

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009
6:45-8:00 p.m.*

*University of Illinois Lake County
Extension Office Auditorium*

100 S. HWY 45, Grayslake

(847) 223-8627 www.extension.uius.edu/lake

The 7th Grade Science classes would like to thank the McHenry Taco Bell for providing thousands of drinking straws used in the lab. To date, approximately 36,000 straws have been donated; 12,000 just for the current kit unit!! Thank you, Taco Bell.

Mrs. Foreman, 7th Grade Science
Teacher

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2009-2010
Yearbook Committee**

5th grade:

Gladyse F.
Nathan M.
Taylor H.
Katie B.

6th grade:

Ally L.
Madison S.
Ally K.
Mita K.
Brigid C.
Lauren G.
Hannah M.

7th grade:

Mikely T.

8th grade:

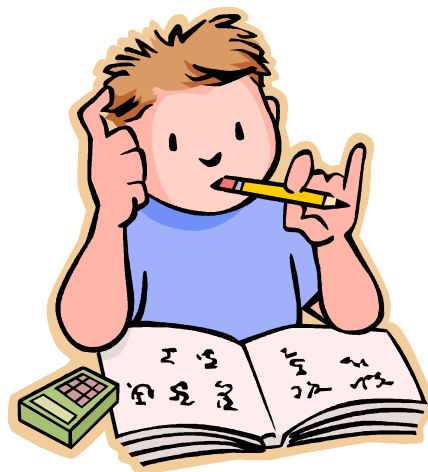
David N.
Brianna D.
Tori G.
Sarah C.
Matt L.
Erin S.
Megan B.
Shannon P.

ISAT WRITING PILOT TEST

The 6th and 7th grade Language Arts classes have been chosen by the Illinois State Board of Education to be part of a sample of Illinois schools participating in an ISAT Writing Pilot Test. The random sampling is carefully balanced by school size and geographic location within the state. Students will “test” the test the week of October 5th.

Make sure to visit the homework page for daily assignments! 5th –8th grade assignments are available on the Big Hollow Middle School Website!

www.bighollow.us



MAP TESTING BEGINS

(from the NWEA Parent toolkit www.nwea.org)

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is a not-for-profit organization committed to helping school districts representing more than three million students. As a result of NWEA tests, educators can make informed decisions to promote your child's academic growth.

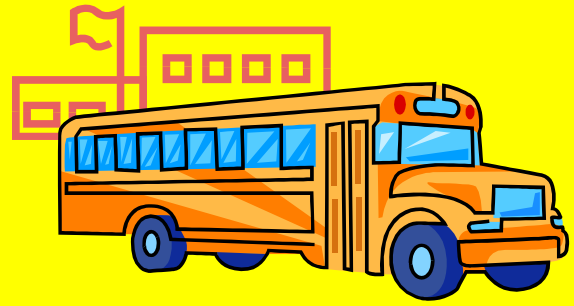
The NWEA assessments are Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Tests—these computerized tests are adaptive and offered in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the question becomes easier. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half the items correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

NWEA assessments are used to measure your student's progress or growth in school. You may have a chart in your home on which you mark your child's height at certain times, such as on his or her birthday. This is a growth chart. It shows how much he or she has grown from one year to the next. NWEA assessments do the same sort of thing, except they measure your student's growth in mathematics, reading, and language usage.

NWEA tests are important to teachers because they keep track of progress and growth in basic skills. They let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom.

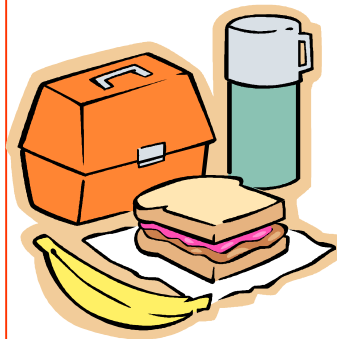
MAP testing is conducted in the fall and spring. Our fall session began on August 31st and will conclude on September 25.

PARENT REMINDER



To ensure everyone's safety, please wait until the busses have departed before you pick up your child from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

HELP WANTED



Lunchroom Monitor

The Middle School is looking for a parent interested in supervising morning arrival, lunch/recess, and student departure. If you are interested in assisting the school with this paid position, please contact the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Coolidge for more information. (847)740-1490 Ext. 5011

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

2009

7th Gr. game first & 8th Gr. game second

Thurs. Sept. 3rd	Big Hollow @ McHenry M. S.	4:00
Tues. Sept. 8 th	Big Hollow @ Harrison	4:15
Thurs. Sept. 10 th	Park @ Big Hollow	4:15
Tues. Sept 15 th	Alden Hebron @ Big Hollow	4:15
Thurs. Sept. 17 th	Big Hollow @ Grass Lake (Non-Conference)	4:15
Mon. Sept. 21 st	Big Hollow @ Grass Lake	4:15
Tues. Sept. 22 nd	Park @ Big Hollow (Non-Conference)	4:15

8th Gr. game first & 7th Gr. game second

Tues. Sept. 29 th	Johnsburg @ Big Hollow	4:15
Wed. Sept. 30th	Big Hollow @ Emmons	4:15
Thurs. Oct. 1 st	Big Hollow @ Millburn West	4:15
Tues. Oct. 6 th	Big Hollow @ North Prairie	4:15
Thurs. Oct. 8 th	Stanton @ Big Hollow	4:15

Tues. & Wed. Oct. 13th & 14th 7th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Big Hollow
8th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Millburn West
Single Elimination