

BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

The district's Fall academic screening assessments have been completed and the data generated from these assessments is currently being reviewed to assist in determining appropriate instructional practices and support for students. Students selected for additional intervention support will be notified by October 7th prior to students receiving additional intervention support by an RtI interventionist. Students will be notified in school by the RtI interventionist that will be working with them. A letter will be sent home with the student for the parents/guardians explaining the intervention support including subject area, support structure, interventionist and contact information. In some instances, a schedule change may be necessary to align intervention support with study halls to ensure the support provided does not interfere with classroom instruction. If a schedule change is necessary, the student will be notified prior to such change. RtI interventions for reading and math will begin the week of October 10th.

Have a safe and happy Halloween.



April Miller
Principal

Important Dates

10/3 Fine Arts Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

10/7 Market Day Pick-up, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

10/10 No School-Columbus Day

10/19 No Grant Math

10/21 6th Grade Friday Night Out

10/24-28 Character Counts/Red Ribbon Week

10/25 End of First Quarter

10/25 7th Grade Constitution Test

10/27 Choir Festival

10/28 Report Cards home

10/28 Student Council Halloween Dance 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball

**SUPPORT THE WARRIORS AT
THEIR FIRST HOME GAME!**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25



**SAVE THE FOLLOWING
DATES FOR BAND
CONCERTS:**

**DECEMBER 15
MARCH 15**



BUS SAFETY

A major priority for us at Big Hollow is the safety of all students being transported to and from school each day. As with any school year, bus incidents and misbehavior have begun to occur. These incidents, while minor in scope, still pose a distraction for the driver when he or she is trying to operate the vehicle. In order to ensure greater safety and order on the busses, please review the rules with your child for rider safety.

- All students are required to sit in their assigned seats.
- Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.
- Loud talking or unnecessary movement is not allowed because it could divert the driver's attention and result in an accident.
- Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. No eating, drinking or gum chewing is allowed on the bus.

BAND



It's Not Too Late To Join the Band!!! If you have been in band before and want to re-sign or want to learn a new instrument it is not too late to join! Lessons are starting for the Beginning Band, and this is a very exciting time for the young music makers. Your child can still be a part of this unique experience! Group lessons are given twice each week and your child will have the opportunity to play in at least three concerts this year. No experience is necessary. Tuition cost is \$495.00 for the year, which is billed in 9 monthly installments of \$55.00. That works out to only a little over \$6.00 per lesson. There is no long-term financial commitment; you only pay for the months your child is in the band. If needed, we also offer a rental instrument program. Most instruments rent for \$34.00 per month (saxophones rent for \$49.00/month). We need students to play any of the instruments below. It makes for a better sounding group to have a few of each in the group. Could your child be one that will help us out? I hope so! Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drum/Bells. I would love to include him/her in your school's program! Please talk with your child and call ***Music Education Services*** at (847)805-1800 to register. ***In order to make it more affordable, some reduced rental instruments may be available. Tuition Scholarships may also be available. Please give us a call, we will find a way to get your child in band.***

***Ms. Reis, Director of Bands,
kreis@thecrescendo.com, 815.529.7176***

BIG HOLLOW BOOK CLUB



Students will have the opportunity to participate in a book club with peers from their grade level. Reading teachers, Mrs. Ward (6th), Mrs. Synder (7th) and Mrs. Briesemeister (8th) will each conduct a book club during their grade's lunch period. Students will be able to bring their lunch to the teacher's classroom and in a relaxed, informal setting, discuss an agreed upon book. The students will be responsible for purchasing the book. Exact dates will be finalized after the group is formed. The first meeting is October 5th, Wednesday, during their grade level lunch period. At this time expectations, dates, and the title of the first book will be covered.

BIG HOLLOW

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

2011

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

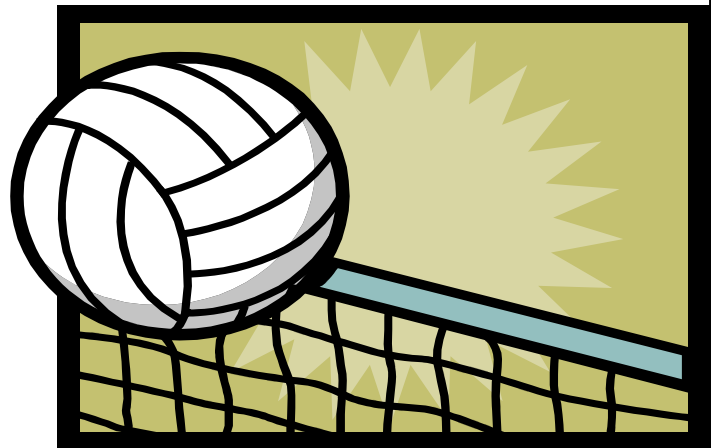
Tues., Oct. 4
Big Hollow @ Park 4:15 p.m.

Wed., Oct 5
Montini @Big Hollow 4:15 p.m.

Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Oct. 11, 12 & 13
7th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Harrison

8th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Emmons

Single Elimination



GO WARRIORS!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We are pleased to announce our 2011-2012 student council members:

5 Coletto- Maddie Brown
5 Diedrich-Madison George
5 Dovichi- Samantha Thibault (grade level leader)
5 Grandt- Michael Galvan Padilla
5 Howard- Alycia Gauna
5 Lohman- Karah Hennigan
5 Massey- Gabrielle Terselic
5 Radzik- Ally Mahinay
5 Scimeca- Laurice Lovajo

6 Ambler- Paula Diaz
6 Biarnesen- Zachary Pavlatos
6 Figueroa- Kynusha Levels (grade level leader)
6 Haney- Karleigh Bolton, Evan Viscioni
6 Olson- Michael Lopez
6 Ward- Makiah Linbo

7 Angle- Megan Earley
7 Binninger- Abigail Gilles
7 Dicken – Nathan Mesmer
7 Ehlert- Jeremiah Caceres
7 Ferretti- Aashka Patel
7 Foreman- Corey Dobson
7 Jensen-Sarah Tigie
7 Prace- Madison Jared
7 Zeppo-DaShawn McDonald, Cami Boyack(grade level leader)

8 Briesemeister- Taylor Moore
8 Burns- Sarah Emch
8 Gleason-Danielle Garcia
8 Jesmer- Hannah Alto
8 Millar- Austin Freund, Hannah McCall (President), Rachel Bicknase
8 Ohm-Devan Arbay (vice president)
8 Rousseau-Jazmin Buford
8 Wick- Geli Hornewer (green team leader)
8 Wittum- Lauren Gagliardone (secretary), Megha Patel

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy year!

The recycling program is up and running. We are donating our recycling proceeds to a grade level each month. September was 8th grade's month, and October will be 7th grade's month. You can help out by bringing in extra papers, magazines, or newspapers. Our recycling bin is located in the far parking lot behind the middle school (close to the playground).

We are also collecting nonperishable items for the Grant Township food bank for our annual food drive. We will collect food items throughout the month of October. Each grade level will be competing in the food drive. The winning grade will receive a movie and a treat in November.

Finally, student council will be hosting our annual Halloween dance on October 28th from 7-9 for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.



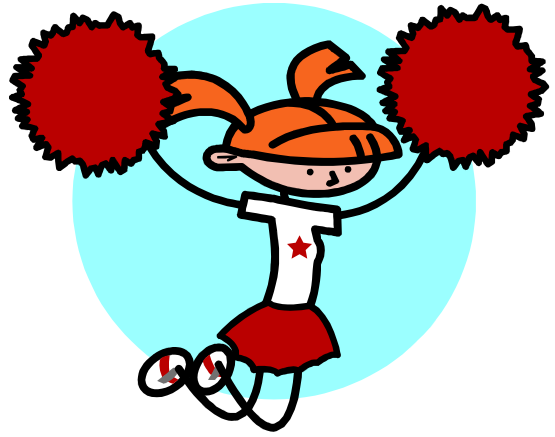
8th Grade Boys Basketball Team

DEVAN A.
ANTHONY B.
MATT B.T
RYAN D.
JUAQUIN D.
AUSTIN F.
CHRIS H.
MICHAEL L.
JONNY L.
KEMAR M.
NATHAN M.
GURMAN R.
JAKE R.
ALEX R.



7th Grade Boys Basketball Team

TJ G.
Andy K.
Ben K.
Joey W.
Jason H.
Josh P.
Mason K.
Jeremiah C.
Zach B.
Kyle B.
Justin M.
David W.
Easton W.



2011-2012 CHEERLEADING SQUAD

8TH GRADE

Taylor M.
Illeana M.
Brigid C.
Stephanie H.
Eunice T.
Maddie H.
Morgan F.
Rachel B.
Nicole C.
Megan W.
Sarah R.

7TH GRADE

Samantha K.
Taylor H.
Madison M.
Alexia R.
Katelyn L.
Haley A.
Lisa B.
Amber M.

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“Encouraging academic excellence and celebrating academic achievement”

The school year is off to a solid beginning and it is time to re-introduce families to the Big Hollow Middle School Honor Society. This organization is dedicated to encouraging students in grades 6, 7 and 8 to strive to do their best. Starting in grade 6, the grade-point-average (GPA) of the five core subjects: Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies is calculated each quarter and kept in a data file. This process is repeated in both grades 7 and 8. At the time of graduation the 12 grade point averages are examined by advisors Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Foreman. Students who achieve an over-all GPA of 85 or above are eligible for special recognition at graduation. At the 2010-2011 graduation ceremony over 50 students were recognized. That is an amazing accomplishment for both families and the district!

It is especially important for students and families to understand the GPA process so they can prepare themselves to work to keep or improve on grades prior to the end of each quarter. Information regarding the Honor Society is available on the District website and is updated as necessary. Any time you have questions you may also email them directly to Mrs. Snyder or Mrs. Foreman.

We look forward to celebrating success with this year's Honor Society recipients.

HOMOLOGIC ONLINE STUDENT RECORD SYSTEM

Parents of students in grades 6-8 should have received a letter with information on HomeLogic recently. If you do not have a login or password to view your child's information, please contact the Middle School office.

To access the HomeLogic system, go to the Big Hollow website at www.bighollow.us and select HomeLogic from the parents menu. When the HomeLogic screen appears, simply enter your ID and Password.

A more detailed set of instructions has been assembled and can be viewed/download from the Middle School's webpage. There is also a very comprehensive online help available within HomeLogic that can be accessed by clicking the ? In the upper right corner of any HomeLogic screen.

Congratulations to the cast of the fall play, "Romeo & Winifred" by Charlie Lovett. Over 50 students will be participating as cast and crew on this production under the direction of Mrs. Mosoff and Ms. Ward. Students will be working hard the next 9 weeks to bring this modern-day version of "Romeo & Juliet" to life. The story is set in modern-day New York City, where the high-end Montague's Department store and the cheapo Capulet's Discount Mart — rival clothing stores — meet in the street to trade vicious insults. Words are their daggers, wielded with such finesse and skill that you could die laughing! When Romeo and Winifred, the heirs to these two retail empires, fall in love, well... you know the rest. But this play has a happy ending!



Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th** and join us for this hilarious show!



BIG HOLLOW SINGERS CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Big Hollow choirs will be presenting a **Choral Festival** concert on **October 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **multi-purpose room**. All are welcome to attend this free performance! Come out and support your peers as they venture into singing difficult musical repertoire. Two new choirs will be performing in the event, and there may even be a special guest performance!

Calling All Artists!

**Do you want to design
our yearbook cover???**

Here are the requirements:

Front must include:

Big Hollow Middle School
2011-2012

Two pieces of paper (no lined paper)

Both 8 ½ x 11

Must submit a front and back cover design

Black and White **in ink! NO PENCIL!**

Original Artwork

Hand drawn or computer

Name and grade on the **BACK** of both papers

No Warrior Heads/Symbols

Turn in to the office by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 31.**



Big Hollow Middle School is proud to welcome the Honorable Michael Betar, Associate Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois as a guest speaker for our 7th Grade students on October 25. Judge Betar will speak about various legal issues involved in cyber-bullying and will welcome questions from students in the audience.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

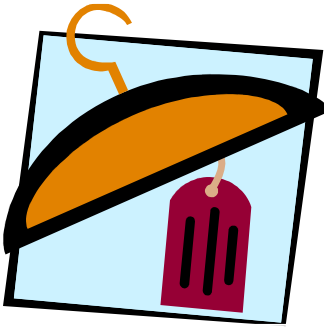
STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE SPONSORING THE REMAINDER OF OUR SCHOOL DANCES. OUR NEXT DANCE IS THE HALLOWEEN DANCE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M. ALL SCHOOL DANCES EXCEPT THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATION DANCE ARE OPEN TO **6TH-8TH** GRADE STUDENTS. ADMISSION IS \$3.00.

COSTUMES ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT ENCOURAGED! PLEASE BE SURE YOUR COSTUME IS SCHOOL APPROPRIATE. MASKS AND PROPS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE WILL APPLY WHICH INCLUDES NO TYPE OF ITEM MAY BE WORN ON YOUR HEAD.

TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT

Life is most successful when we build trusting personal relationships. Relating to others is a brain based skill which must be learned. Your brain allows you to listen, respond appropriately, read social cues, deal with conflict, and be attentive in daily interactions. Students who feel a sense of empowerment and personal responsibility form and maintain positive relationships. Blaming others and making excuses when things don't go your way are often the first signs of possible relationship troubles; while, personal responsibility and self-control are the first signs of a successful student. Students must learn responsibility to reach independence and freedom. Teach students that it is human to make mistakes, but when you make them, you learn from them. Without these skills students will see themselves as the victim and struggle to accomplish success. Taking responsibility takes courage and can be painful. Not many people are willing to say "This is my fault". Change is most likely to occur when you have no one to blame but yourself. Eric Fromm, M.D., summed up the concept of personal responsibility in his book Man for Himself when he wrote, "Man must accept responsibility for himself and the fact that only by using his own power, can he give meaning to his life."

Big Hollow Clothing Resale Event



Don't miss our Fall and Winter resale going on this weekend in the Primary School Gym. Great children's clothing, shoes, toys, games, books, and more will be available at spectacular garage sale prices!

Friday, September 30 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1 8:00 a.m. to Noon
(Half price on all Red Tag Items!)

A portion of the proceeds from each sale benefits our Big Hollow PTO. We hope to see you there!

Fall Art Clubs

5th and 6th Grade Students

When: Tuesdays (October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)

Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Where: Art Room

Cost: \$10.00

7th and 8th Grade Students

When: Thursdays (October 6th, 13^h, 20^h, 27th)

Time: 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Where: Art Room

For: 7th and 8th graders interested in Art

Cost: \$10.00



**Students must have a ride ready to pick them up at 4:00 p.m.
See Mrs. Arias (Skrzypa) if you have questions.**

CHARACTER COUNTS AT BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Big Hollow Middle School has recently begun the addition of Character Counts! in the building. Currently, students are celebrating the pillar of Respect and learning how to incorporate this positive behavior into their everyday lives. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Dybul, school social workers, have been into classrooms within the building to conduct lessons on this trait with the students. This program will continue for the duration of the year and will help to ensure that the message resonates with the students. Also, each grade level is working to establish a system for recognizing students that demonstrate the applicable character trait. As a school, these students will receive certificates from the office, have their name read over the intercom, and have a picture taken and displayed in the cafeteria.

The August and September Character Trait was Respect

October and November Character Trait

RESPONSIBILITY

Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others

October 24-28 CHARACTER COUNTS/RED RIBBON WEEK

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL

2011 BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>7th Gr. game first and 8th Gr. game second</u>		
Tues. Oct. 25	McHenry Middle School @ Big Hollow "A" and "B" game for each team (Non-Conference Game)	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct 29	Big Hollow @ Gavin 7 th Gr. (Non-Conference Game) 8 th Gr.	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Tues. Nov. 1	Montini @ Big Hollow	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. Nov. 3	Harrison @ Big Hollow	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 7	Alden Hebron @ Big Hollow	4:15 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 8	Big Hollow @ Prairie Crossing	4:15 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 14	Grass Lake @ Big Hollow	4:15 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 15	North Prairie @ Big Hollow	4:15 p.m.
Thurs. Nov. 17	Big Hollow @ Park	4:15 p.m.
<i>8th Gr. game first & 7th Gr. game second</i>		
Tues. Nov. 29	Big Hollow @ Stanton	4:15 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 1	Big Hollow @ Johnsburg	4:15 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 6	Big Hollow @ Emmons	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 8, 12, 14	7 th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Stanton or Big Hollow	
Dec. 9, 13, 15	8 th Gr. Conference Tournament @ Park or Big Hollow	
Cheerleading Exhibition @ 8th Gr. Boys Basketball Tournament on Dec. 15 th at Park		