

BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

December NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

I hope this holiday season is safe and full of joy for the Big Hollow community. I would like to thank all of you who recently attended Parent/Teacher Conferences. Your dedication and support is admired and appreciated!

When students return from winter break, the district will conduct winter screening assessments for RtI. Screening assessments are provided to all students within the district. A variety of appropriate grade-level assessments are administered to identify students current skill sets in the academic subjects of reading and math. These assessments will be provided during non-instructional periods within the school day. The screening assessments are projected to be completed by the second week in January. The data generated from these assessments will be analyzed to assist in proactive decision making for determining appropriate instructional practices and support for students. Additional instructional support may be provided through interventions to students based upon the screening assessments through our RtI program and/or within the classroom. Responsive teaching practices ensure all intervention instruction aligns with the student's current level. Parent and student notification will be provided prior to additional intervention support by an RtI interventionist. Grade level testing dates will be listed in the January Newsletter. If there are any questions and/or concerns that you may have please feel free to contact Donelle Staples, RtI Facilitator, at 847-740-1490 X3031.

Please note that we will dismiss school at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ms. April Miller
Principal



Important Dates

- 12/2** *No Grant High School Math*
- 12/2** *5th Grade Friday Night Out*
- 12/3** *Big Hollow Singers Caroling at Richardson' Christmas Tree Farm*
- 12/7** *Market Day Pick- up*
- 12/10** *PTO Pancake Breakfast*
- 12/15** *Band and Choir Concert*
- 12/16** *Winter Dance*
- 12/20** *1:45 **Dismissal***
- 12/21-1/3** *Winter Break*



Big Hollow Band and Chorus News
Ms. Reis, Band Director
Ms. Dee, Big Hollow Singers Director

The students have been working hard for their first concert of the year!. Please join us on **Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.** for the Big Hollow Band and Choir concert.

Congratulations to this year's yearbook cover design contest winner...

7th grader LEXI R.!

Her artwork and color choices will be showcased in the yearbook for this year! Congratulations Lexi!



The Big Hollow Singers and Big Hollow Junior Singers will have a busy December!

We will be caroling at Richardson's Tree Farm in Spring Grove on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All proceeds generated from this event will go to Ingleside's local Salvation Army. The following Saturday, December 10, we will be caroling with the 4th grade choir for the PTO breakfast held in the Middle School cafeteria. Our annual Holiday Concert with the Big Hollow bands will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School gym. Finally, we will conclude our busy season with a performance during the School Recognition Assembly on Tuesday, December 20.

SAVE THE DATE!

**8th Grade
Springfield Trip
TUESDAY, APRIL 4!**



8th Grade Springfield Trip- Wednesday, April 4, 2012. We leave at 5:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 10:30 p.m. (Students do not have school on Thursday, 4/5 or Friday, 4/6). Price is \$98.00 which includes coach bus ride, admission to all sites, and buffet dinner.

More information and forms will be sent home with the 2nd quarter report card.

The spelling bee is coming soon! First round is a written test during your SSR or recess periods. Winners from those rounds will be invited to compete on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m., on the big stage! Listen to announcements if you are interested! This bee is open to any and all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Student Council finished the canned food drive for Grant Township in early November. We are proud of 7th grade for donating over 1,043 items and winning the movie treat. A total of 2,264 items in all were donated; nice job everyone!

6th grade is continuing to get credit for the recycling that is brought in during the month of December. Make sure to drop off any papers or magazines in our green recycle bin in the south end of our parking lot. Each month we collect over four tons, we quadruple our profits!

Student Council is sponsoring a holiday dance to be held on December 16. It will be for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. It will be from 7 – 9 p.m.

Don't forget to start collecting your pop tabs for our annual Ronald McDonald House Donation. It will begin in January, but with the holidays it's never too soon to start collecting!

RtI

During the weeks of 1/4/2012-1/20/2012 our district will be administering winter screening/benchmark reading and math assessments for all students within the district. During this timeframe all RTI support services will be suspended to accommodate our testing schedule. Upon completion of our winter benchmark assessments, RTI support services will resume. If there are any questions and/or concerns that you may have please feel free to contact Donelle Staples, RtI Facilitator, at 847-740-1490 X3031.

**2011 - 2012
8th Grade Girls
Basketball Roster**

**McKaylie K.
Tatyana S.
Jessie T.
Jade R.
Apryl M.
Gabby F.
Courtney M.
Payton O.
Maria V.
Ashlyn M.
Sydney S.
Brianna B.
Megan W.**



**2011-2012
7th Grade Girls Basketball Roster**

**Brianne B.
Gabby B.
Cami B.
Charnese B.
Ashley F.
Mia Villa G.
Makayla I.
Kate K.
Keyana L.
Emily M.
Amber M.
Ameerah M.
Ariel R.
Brittany R.**

BOYS BASKETBALL

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

Mon. Dec. 5 Big Hollow @
Prairie Crossing 4:15 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 6 Big Hollow @
Emmons 4:15 p.m.

Dec. 8, 12, 14 7th Gr. Conference
Tournament @ Stanton or
North Prairie

Dec. 9, 13, 15 8th Gr. Conference
Tournament @ Park or
Emmons

Cheerleading Exhibition @ 8th Gr. Boys Bas-
ketball Tournament on Dec. 15 at Park

GO WARRIORS!!!



2009-2010
2010-2011
2011-2012
2012-2013
2013-2014
2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021
2021-2022

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

5th Grade

BIG HOLLOW STUDENTS ONLY!

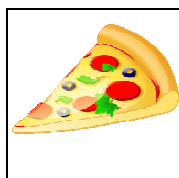
FRIDAY, December 2, 2011

2:45-5:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

COST: \$3.00

BASKETBALL



VOLLEYBALL



TABLE TENNIS

BOARD GAMES

CHARACTER COUNTS AT BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL!



December Character Trait CARING

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT

In the month of December and January at Big Hollow Middle School we will be focusing our character education trait on CARING. Caring involves many skills which must be taught such as: be kind, express gratitude, forgive others, help people in need, be compassionate and show you care. Research indicates that these skills are critical for students to master in order to get along with one another. Students today experience a great deal of negativity in their environment and as a result have learned the technique of being sarcastic and putting others down. There are two behaviors that are especially necessary for positive and supportive interaction between students. The first one is being a good listener. Being able to listen attentively to hear another person's needs, feelings or point of view is critical. Students who are effective listeners improve communication with peers and show a caring attitude. Second, is giving compliments. Giving a compliment makes both the listener and the receiver feel good and helps to create a positive bond between them. Many students have not learned the skill of making positive and complimentary comments to one another. This holiday season focus on teaching these two behaviors to promote successful and caring interactions.

Students Recognized for Exemplifying Responsible Behavior During October and November

8th Grade

Sydney S.
Mikey S.
Jasmine S.
Fatmeh T.
Eunice T.
Alyssa V.
Brady J.
Andrea Z.
Stephanie Z.
Chris H.
Jade R.
Nick Cr.
Sarah R.
Katerina A.
Kyle W.
Jarod F.
McKaylie K.
Ally L.
Moises M.
Cody P.
Michelle N.
Michelle P.
Payton O.
Brianna U.
Nathan M.
Gurman R.
Alejandro R.
Madison S.

7th Grade

Jenna P.
Lexi R.
Jasmin R.
Grace C.
Ally G.
Joey W.
Ashley M.
Kate K.
Ariel R.
Brendan D.
Asja S.
Jalynn M.
Alexis B.
Samantha K.
Amber M.
Nathan D.
Keyana L.
Jared B.
Dominic A.
Ryan G.
Samantha Kl.
Angelo R.

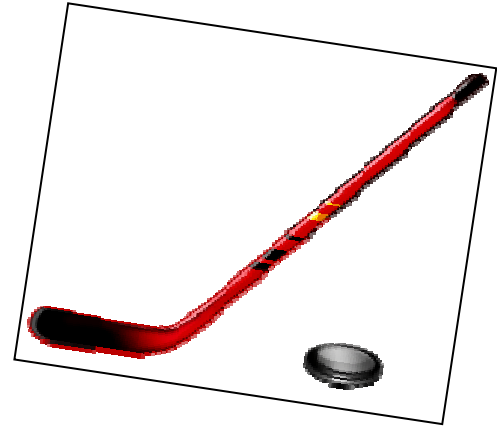
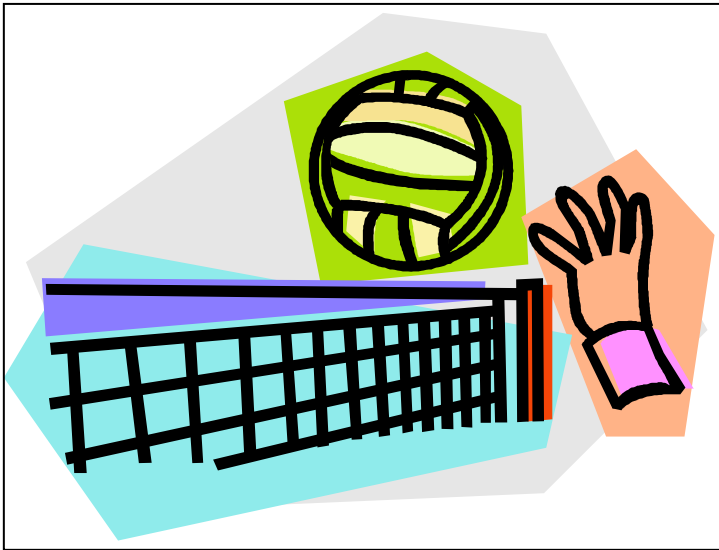
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During October and November**

6th Grade

Mustafa A.
Helen C.
Stephanie D.
Trevor E.
Maya G.
Noah G.
Jerusha J.
Kyle K.
Madeline L.
Chad M.
Jason P.
Rachel R.
Joanne R.
Andee S.
Jennifer S.
Azam S.
Ryan T.
Kayla W.

5th Grade

Marc A.
Maddie B.
Mitchell C.
Nate G.
Will G.
Antonina K.
Laurice L.
Albert L.
Maddie M.
Shawn P.
Rhea P.
Christian S.
Selena S.
Cami S.
Joseph W.
Courtney W.
Hana Y.



ALL GRADE LEVELS!

**Before school sports will be taking place in the Middle School gym from
6:45 A.M – 7:35 A.M**

Fee: \$1:00 at the door

Students must enter the school through the activity entrance.

Scheduled is as follows:

Hockey: Tuesday & Wednesday

Volleyball: Thursday & Friday

Tues. Nov-29

Weds. Nov-30

Thurs. Dec-01

Fri. Dec-02

Tues. Dec-06

Weds. Dec-07

Thurs. Dec-08

Fri. Dec-09

Tues. Dec-13

Weds. Dec-14

Thurs. Dec-15

Fri. Dec-16

Tues. Dec-20 WINTER BREAK (Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!)

**For more information please contact Mrs. Banach at mrsbanach@bighollow.us or
847-740-5322 ext: 5026**

Big Hollow PTO Connections

Upcoming Events

Thurs. Dec. 1.....	Pajama Drive Begins
Fri. Dec. 2.....	Spirit Wear Day Freezy Friday (Middle School) Popcorn Day (Elementary)
Mon. Dec. 5.....	PTO Meeting (4:00 Primary Library)
Wed. Dec. 7.....	Market Day (5:00 Middle School)
Sat. Dec. 10.....	Pancake Breakfast (8:00-11:00 MS) Vendor & Craft Fair (9:00-2:00 MS)
Mon. Dec. 19.....	School Board Meeting (7:00 MS)
Tues Dec. 20.....	Early Dismissal (1:45 MS, 2:45 P/E)



Pajama Drive

Help our community this holiday season by donating new (with tags) pajamas in sizes newborn to 14 between December 1 and December 10. Collection boxes will be in each main office as well as at our Pancake Breakfast on December 10.

Vendor & Craft Fair

Don't miss our Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Middle School gym. Each seller will donate a wonderful raffle item and have plenty of amazing items on display. From purses, jewelry, make-up and food to handmade knits, accessories, and custom photography, our craft fair will have plenty for everyone! A special link with all of our sellers and their websites will be posted on our PTO website. Go to www.bighollow.us and look under the "Parents" tab for our PTO site.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage courtesy of Egg Harbor Cafe and Big Hollow PTO! This annual family event will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 8:00-11:00 am at the Middle School. Pre-order tickets now (\$6--Adults, \$4--Kids) or enter at the door (\$7--Adults, \$5--Kids). Each family will also receive a free raffle ticket with more on sale at the event (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). We will serve up a cute craft, holiday music from our Big Hollow choir and band students, and plenty of smiles! For more information, contact [Renee Zawadzki](mailto:Renee.Zawadzki) at rzawadzki@sbog.org.net.



Missing Out?

If you feel like you are missing out on volunteer opportunities, meeting notes, upcoming events, and other important PTO activities be sure you are on our e-mail list. Contact [Kim Christesen](mailto:Kim.Christesen) at kchristesen@hotmail.com to be added to our database!



Don't Forget!

Still looking for a last minute gift idea? Shop Innisbrook online at www.innisbrook.com and earn money for Big Hollow Schools with each purchase. Just enter our school code **109802** and Big Hollow will be credited with your order.



The Big Hollow Schools are a collection/drop point for the Toys for Tots organization. There are collection boxes in the office of each of the schools. We will be collecting new, unwrapped *toys until December 19 for distribution as Christmas gifts to needy* children in the community.

For more information you can visit the Toys for Tots website at:

<http://highwood-il.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.asp>