

BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

November NEWSLETTER

Ms. April Miller, Principal
Mr. Matt Mayer, Dean of Students

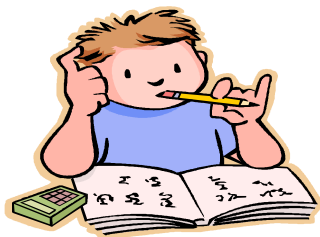
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Principal's Message

November brings second quarter, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Thanksgiving break. Students brought home information on our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences in their report card folders. Due to conferences, we will **dismiss at 11:00** on Wednesday, November 9. The format of the conference will be with your child's grade level team. Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, November 9 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 10 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** All parents are encouraged to meet with their child's team, however parental information forms were sent home indicating if a team is requesting a conference or if they feel a conference is unnecessary. If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the Middle School Office at **847-740-5322**.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. April Miller
Principal



**Did you forget
your assignment
notebook?**

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

www.bighollow.us

Important Dates

11/2 Market Day– 5:00-6:00 p.m.

11/2 RtI Information Night 6:00 p.m.

**11/9 Early Dismissal-11:00 a.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:00-5:00 p.m.**

11/9 No Grant Math

**11/10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No School
Grant Math Only**

**11/11 No School Veteran's Day
Grant Math Only**

**11/21 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

**11/24 & 11/25 No School-Thanksgiving
Break**



**SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR
OUR BAND AND CHORUS CONCERTS:**

DECEMBER 15

MARCH 15

MAY 15

**ALL CONCERTS WILL BE HELD IN
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM.
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Student Council News



Student Council Food Drive is up and running. The food drive will be going on until November 4. The winning grade level will get to watch a movie on November 9. Bring in nonperishable items that have **NOT EXPIRED!**

Please bring in items for recycling! You can bring magazines, newspapers and other paper to school or put them in the recycling bin by the middle school playground. Sixth grade will earn money for paper recycled in November and December.

Big Hollow Choir

All Big Hollow Middle School students are welcome to join choir 2nd quarter! The first rehearsal for 5th grade Big Hollow Junior Singers is on Monday, **November 7** and 6th – 8th grade Big Hollow Singers on **Thursday, November 3**. See Ms. Dee for a contract and schedule or go to the performing arts webpage on the middle school website. We hope more students will join us as we carol in the community on **Saturday, December 3** and perform at the Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 15!**

Bus Safety



Thank you to all parents that took the time to discuss the rules and regulations in place to ensure student safety on our school busses. During the month of October, our bus violations dropped by over sixty percent! Please continue to reinforce the importance of proper behavior while riding the bus.

- All students are required to sit in their assigned seats.
- Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.



Romeo & Winifred

5-8th grade fine arts students have been working hard to put together our fall production of *Romeo & Winifred* by Charlie Lovett. This comedic play is definitely not your boring old Shakespeare! Complete with a disco scene and a pie fight, you are sure to laugh at the antics of this modern-day family feud. Seven crew members and 42 cast members have made this a great rehearsal process and will put on a hilarious show. Come and see us Friday, November 18 at 7pm or Saturday, November 19 at 3pm.

Mrs. Mosoff & Mrs. Ward

CHARACTER COUNTS AT BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Big Hollow Middle School celebrated both Character Counts! Week and Red Ribbon Week during October 24-28. Students inside the building participated in lessons focused upon character development and drug resistance. The week allowed for staff and students to participate in dress up days to show support for being drug free and culminated with a school-wide movement to dress in red for Red Ribbon Day. We want to thank everyone for their support and involvement during this important week and hope that this message resonates for the remainder of the year!

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

HOMELOGIC ONLINE STUDENT RECORD SYSTEM

Parents of students in grades 6-8 should have received a letter with information on HomeLogic. 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/downloaded from the Middle School's webpage. There is also very comprehensive online help available within HomeLogic that can be accessed by clicking the "?" In the upper right corner of any HomeLogic screen.

Teachers will update grades the second and fourth Friday of each month by 5:00 p.m.

TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT

Responsibility is a difficult yet much needed character trait to teach students. Part of learning about responsibility includes teaching responsible communication. Where are you going? Who will you be with? What time will you be home? What adult will be with you? All of these are good questions to ask your student on a regular basis. Clear communication is a key to success in almost any area in your student's life. Too often in relationships we have hopes and expectations that are not clearly communicated. Very often if you work on responsible communication other problems will be quickly resolved. Here are six keys to effective communication in relationships, according to Daniel Amen.

1. Have a good attitude and assume the other person wants the relationship to work.
2. State what you need clearly and in a positive way.
3. Decrease distractions and make sure you have the person's attention.
4. Ask for feedback to ensure the other person correctly understands you.
5. Be a good listener.
6. Monitor and follow up on your communication.

Begin practicing as it often takes repeated efforts to learn effective communication. It is very important that you do not give up on teaching positive and responsible communication

ACADEMIC HONORS FOR FIRST QUARTER

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 8

RACHEL B.
ZOE M.
HANNAH M.
MICHELLE N.
BRIANNA U.
STEPHANIE Z.

GRADE 7

MIKAYLA B.
BRIANNA K.
KATE K.
MERCEDES M.
AMEERAH M.
JOSHUS P.
KEN R.
JOHN S.
LARUEN T.

GRADE 6

SIERRA B.
STEPHANIE D.
PAULA D.
JERUSHA J.
MADELINE L.
SAM L.
MAE M.
IMARA M.
MICHELLE N.
ANDEE S.
AZAM S.

HONORS

GRADE 8

KAYLE A.
CHRINSTE A.
KATERINA A.
SHELBY A.
ALLY B.
DANNY B.
BRIANNA B.
NICOLE C.
BRIGID C.
NICK C.
THOMAS D.
GABRIEL F.
JAROD F.
AUSTIN F.
LARUEN G.
CARLEE H.
BRADY J.
SYDNEY K.
MATTHEW K.
MCKAYLIE K.
ALLY L.
VIVIEN L.
MOISES M.
NATHAN M.
PAYTON O.
KAYLA P.
PAYAL P.
GURMAN R.
ASHA R.
RUDY R.
JACOB R.
ARTHUR R.
JERWIN S.
MADISON S.
MICHAEL S.
JASMIN S.
FATMEH T.
EUNICE T.
ALYSSA V.
MARIA V.
MICHAEL W.
DYLAN W.
ANDREA Z.

HONORS

GRADE 7

BIANCA A.
KYLE A.
HALEY A.
BEN B.
JARED B.
KELSIE B.
LISA B.
ZACHARY B.
CAMI B.
KATIE B.
DAVID B.
KYLE B.
EMMA B.
ALEXIS B.
JERIMIAH C.
NOAH C.
KENNEDY C.
ISABELLA C.
CARLY C.
RONNEL C.
JAMES D.
SARAH D.
EMMANUEL E.
AMANDA F.
ISIS F.
ASHLEY F.
ADRIANA G.
RYAN G.
GILLIAN H.
EMILY H.
CRISTIAN H.
BRANDON H.
JACOB H.
ANDY K.
SAMANTHA K.
KYLE K.
KRIS K.
SAMANTHA K.
SIDNEY K.
BEN K.
AMBER L.
KEYANA L.
KATELYN L.
DANAE L.
LAURA M.
NATHAN M.

HONORS

GRADE 7

ASHLEY M.
EMILY M.
AMBER M.
JALYNN M.
OMID N.
DIEGO O.
AASHKA P.
JENNA P.
KAYLA P.
ANGELO R.
ARIEL R.
BRIANNA R.
JASMIN R.
BRIAN R.
LAUREN S.
JONAH S.
AMANDA S.
ASJA S.
ANDREA S.
RACHAEL T.
ADRIANA V.
AISHWARYA V.
JOSEPH W.
DAVID W.
CHARLES W.
SOPHIA W.
JESSICA Z.

HONORS

GRADE 6

MUSTAFA A.
CHRISTOPHER A.
KEAGAN B.
KENDRA B.
SAVANNAH B.
ALLYSE B.
KARLEIGH B.
SHANNON C.
THOMAS C.
KAYTLIN C.
KEVIN C.
KENDREW D.
NICHOLAS D.
JACOB E.
LILLIAN E.
HEATHER E.

HONORS

GRADE 6

KYLE F.
JANAY F.
JARED G.
MAYA G.
NOAH G.
KENNIA G.
SAMANTHA H.
KELLY H.
SAMANTHA K.
MEGGY K.
KYLE K.
KAI K.
SEAN L.
MICHAEL L.
CONNO M.
NICHOLAS M.
SYDNEY M.
MARCUS M.
ANTHONY M.
MEGAN M.
KYLE P.
ZACHARY P.
AARON P.
MARIAH P.
ALLISON P.
ALYSSA P.
RACHEL R.
SHAWN R.
JOEANNE R.
DANIELA S.
MICHELLE S.
DEMETRIO S.
JENNIFER S.
JACOB S.
ZAKIR U.
ANGELICA V.
ZYLA W.
KAYLA W.
BROOKE W.
BRIDGET W.
HAILEY Y.

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100% on the
Federal Constitution Test

Ken R.
Ben K.
Cami B.
John S.
Ameerah M.
Gillian H.
Charlie W.
Ryan G.
Emma B.
David B.
Joseph W.
Zach K.
Kate K.
Omid N.
Andrew K.
Abigail G.
Josh P.
Clio S.



Preventing the Flu: Good Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Healthy habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Cough into your elbow instead of your bare hands. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Content source:

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov)

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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. 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 at Park

Big Hollow PTO Connections

Contact Us!

We'd love to hear from you with your ideas on more events and exciting programs for our students at Big Hollow. Our PTO Officers can be reached through the following contact information. Please join us at our monthly PTO Meetings as we discuss the upcoming events and look for more ways to get parents and students involved in our Big Hollow community.

President.....Tammy Cernuska..... tammycernuska@yahoo.com
1st VP.....Renee Zawadzki.....rzawadzki@sbcglobal.net
2nd VP.....Kathy Gibson.....samtherott@yahoo.com
Secretary.....Kim Christesen.....christesen@hotmail.com
Treasurer.....Chuck Kramer.....mkramer12@comcast.net

October 2011



Halloween Candy Buy Back

Conlon & Thompson Orthodontics in McHenry is offering to collect our Halloween candy and send it to troops overseas. The doctors will donate \$1 for every pound of candy collected to our PTO. The maximum donation will be \$200. Help us promote a healthy lifestyle and support our troops.

Wrapped candy can be sent to school to be put in collection boxes located in each school office between **November 1 and November 6**.

ScrapFest

The first of three all day scrapbooking sessions will be held on **Saturday, November 5** from 10 am to 10 pm at the Middle School. A \$20 registration fee includes door prize, seat gift, raffle ticket, lunch, and dinner. For more information, contact **Kathy Gibson** at **847-546-2012**.

Box Tops and Soup Labels

From now to November 4 classrooms will be participating in a Box Top and Soup Label collection contest. Great prizes will be awarded to classes which collect the most labels and our school will earn points to spend on all kinds of wonderful educational supplements.

Fall/Winter Resale Success

Our Clothing and Toy Resale Event was a huge success. We had over 90 different sellers drop off their gently used children's clothing, toys, games, sports equipment and more for our two-day sale. The PTO raised over \$3,500 to help support our teachers and students!

We will gather our spring and summer items again in March. For more information on volunteering or participating in our next sale, contact **Kim Christesen** at **847-740-0025**.

Innisbrook Sale Results

Our annual fundraiser drew over 180 participants selling over \$19,000 worth of products. The PTO will keep between 45-50% depending on the type of item sold. Orders should be delivered to school sometime in November. For more information, contact **Kathy Gibson** at **847-546-2012**.





TRICK 'R TREAT



Market Day

This fundraiser is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Market Day offers a wide selection of food products with a portion of each sale going to our school. Volunteers are always needed on delivery day beginning in the afternoon to unload the truck and organize customer orders for pick up. For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Heather Rose](#) at **847-271-3046**.

Make-A-Wish Collection

The Make-A-Wish foundation has been granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions for many years. Big Hollow parent Mary Yoho has organized a loose change drive during the week of **November 14-17**. The fundraiser is especially close to Mary's heart because her daughter will be the recipient of a Make-A-Wish. To help give back to this wonderful organization, children can bring in loose change to their teacher during the collection week. Special treats from Dairy Queen in Round Lake and Tastee Freeze in Grayslake will be awarded to classrooms making the most change!



Upcoming Events

Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Book Fair	9:00-3:30	Primary Gym
Thurs. Nov. 3	Family Night	5:00-8:00 pm	Primary Gym
Sat. Nov. 5	Scrap Event	10 am-10 pm	Middle School
Mon. Nov. 7	PTO Meeting	4:00 pm	Primary Library
Mon. Nov. 14	Make-A-Wish	Penny Collection	
Tues. Nov. 15	Make A Wish	Nickel Collection	
Wed. Nov. 16	Make-A-Wish	Dime Collection	
Thurs. Nov. 17	Make A Wish	Quarter Collection	
Fri. Nov. 18	Froxy Friday		Middle School

Volunteer of The Month

During each monthly PTO meeting, we randomly pick one volunteer and one Teacher for a special \$20 Target gift card. Be sure to volunteer each month to enter your name to win!

October Winners

Teacher: Dr. Cera Burns
Volunteer: Nancy Scarpe li

PTO Book Fair

Don't miss an Out of This World adventure in the primary gym with our annual fall Scholastic Book Fair. Teachers will take their classes to preview, make wish lists, and purchase books. Proceeds support our school libraries! The fair runs daily from **Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 from 9:00-3:30 pm**.

PTO Vendor Fair

The PTO will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast and Vendor Fair on **Saturday, December 10** from **8:00 - 11:00 am**. If you would like to set up a table to promote your home business, crafts, or treats please contact [Kim Christesen](#) at kchristesen@hotmail.com. Vendors will pay a \$20 fee and donate a raffle item. Our next issue of PTO Connections will also contain websites for our participating vendors so everyone can get shopping!