

# Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters Newsletter

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## Fine Arts Program

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### Upcoming Events

Wendy's Fundraisers on Rollins Road in Round Lake, December 19th - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Speech and Debate Tournament - December 9th

Choral Festival - December 15th

Murder Mystery Dinner - March 2nd

### The Gift of Time is Priceless

By Debbie Knudsen

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the play, Romeo & Winifred. Your willingness to help is a tremendous asset to the Big Hollow Fine Arts program. We are trying to make the organization an important part of both the school and community, and your effort is helping us achieve our goal.

We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/bighollowFAB> to learn more and sign up to help or email Debbie at [tdknud@yahoo.com](mailto:tdknud@yahoo.com) for more information. Thank you for making a difference.

## Romeo and Winifred -What's in a Name?

By Ashlyn M., Sam R., and Brianna U.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts students performed the fall play, Romeo and Winifred. This play is a tragical comedy performed in two and a half acts and is a parody of the well known Romeo and Juliet. There are interesting plot twists and jokes that had audiences laughing off their seats. Three performers from this tragical comedy wrote about their experiences participating in this production.

My name is Ashlyn M. and I played Mrs. Capulet, Winifred's mother. It was a fun role and I had a lot of fun performing with my cast mates. Sam (Winifred) and Dylan (Romeo) did an amazing job and I would do it all over again! The only scene I wish I could've been a part of was the pie throwing scene! I wanted to get hit with a pie! It looked like a lot of fun and I was jealous when I saw how they were

enjoying it so much. I didn't feel bad though, when they couldn't get the whipped cream off! I loved the sets too, the crew did an amazing job. Of course, the cast did wonderful too! I loved performing and I would do it all over again. Everyone did absolutely amazing!

My name is Sam R. and I played Winifred in the play. This was an amazing experience; I had so much fun with it. I loved it so much because the cast was the best. We would do little handshakes back stage and little dances to calm the nerves. I loved being on stage with them because it was everyone I wanted to be on stage with. I also enjoyed the costumes, except the wedding dress... that drove me crazy! It was so heavy and itchy!! But, I loved being in the play and I had a wonderful time with the amazing people in it. :)

My name is Brianna U. and I played Aubrey. I had an amazing time participating in this play. Not only was it well written, but it had a spectacular cast and crew. I think everyone in the show had a great time and the final product was definitely worth all the hard work we put into it. Romeo and Winifred was far from tragical. In fact, it is a hilarious play and it was a joy to perform. I can't wait for the musical; I know it will be even better, if that's even possible.

As you can see, everyone had the most amazing time performing in Romeo and Winifred. If you didn't get a chance to see it, you have a chance to catch the musical in the spring. We would like to thank our parents, faculty, the Fine Arts Boosters and especially Mrs. Mosoff and Mrs. Ward for all of your direction and hard work. "Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow."





## A Special Thank You

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to publically thank Ms. April Miller for her generous donation. Ms. Miller participated in the 50/50 raffle at the Fall Choir Festival and donated her winnings back into the Fine Arts Program, which directly benefits the students. It is through the raffles, fundraisers, and concession sales that the Fine Arts Boosters are able to purchase equipment and music to help make this program a success. Thank you, Ms. Miller, for your generous contribution and continued support!

## Choir News By Julie Dee

The Big Hollow Singers and Big Hollow Junior Singers have a busy December! We will be caroling at Richardson's Tree Farm in Spring Grove on Saturday, December 3rd 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 10th, 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 15th 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 20th.

## Fall Play News By Eden Mosoff

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Big Hollow Middle School's fall play, "Romeo and Winifred". The production included 40 cast members and 8 crew members, spanning 5th through 8th grades. "Romeo and Winifred" was directed by Eden Mosoff (teacher's aide) and co-directed by Nancy Ward (6th grade Reading teacher).

Over 400 audience members enjoyed this hilarious parody of "Romeo and Juliet" during performances Thursday, November 17th through Saturday, November 19th. Students successfully brought the world of the modern-day Capulets and Montagues of New York City to life on the BHMS stage. What students loved most about this play

was learning about Shakespeare, dancing to disco music, and of course, the pie fight!

Bravo on a job well done!

Auditions for the Spring Musical, "The Wiz" will take place in January. Please check the BHMS performing arts webpage for more information.

## Speech, Acting, and Debate Team News By Lisa Russell

The Big Hollow Speech, Acting, & Debate Team is off to a roaring start! Our Co-Captains are Brianna U. & Chanel C., Jarod F. & Rudy R. are our National Junior Forensic League Coordinators and Kyle K. is our Team Spirit Captain. We had 8 students perform in a showcase at the "Speechapalooza" Tournament at Mt. Prospect High School. Students performed in

front of an audience and were critiqued by High School Speech Team Members. It was very exciting and there was a great turnout! The team is gearing up for our first home tournament. The Big Hollow Middle School Forensics Tournament will be held on December 9. We are excited to have competitors coming from the area and also

out-of-state. Our team still has room for more! If you like acting, performing, or like to debate then our team is for you! Our practices are on Mondays at 5pm, in the Band Room. To find out more information, Email Coach Russell at [lisaruss777@gmail.com](mailto:lisaruss777@gmail.com) or Coach Mosoff at [eden.mosoff@gmail.com](mailto:eden.mosoff@gmail.com).

## Meet the Board

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## Editor's Note By Audrey Minkalis

I hope you have enjoyed the second edition of the Fine Arts Booster Newsletter for 2011. All dates are subject to change. Parents, staff and students are encouraged to submit articles, letters, and/or photos for possibly inclusion in upcoming issues. Please send them to [BHMSFineArtsBoosters@gmail.com](mailto:BHMSFineArtsBoosters@gmail.com) marked BHMS Newsletter in the subject line. The deadline for the February issue is January 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your support!

## Fine Arts Booster Meetings

Fine Arts Booster Meetings are open to parents and teachers. All are encouraged to attend. Our meeting dates are December 6, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5. We meet in the middle school conference room from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Coming Spring of 2012**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre**

**Friday, March 2, at Maravela's**



**Felons, Flappers & Foul Play  
Mystery Dinner Fundraiser**



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