

# Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters Newsletter

Big Hollow Middle School



## Fine Arts Program

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### Upcoming Events

Wendy's Fundraisers on Rollins Road in Round Lake, October 17th, November 21st and December 19th.  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Choral Festival—October 27th

Fall Play—November 18th and November 19th

Speech and Debate Tournament - December 9th

## A Note From The President

By Denise Maifield

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning fine arts students and parents. The Boosters are a group of volunteers made up of parents and teachers who support the choirs, theatre productions, and speech and debate programs at Big Hollow Middle School. The Boosters sponsor fundraising events aimed at benefiting the growth of the arts for our children, as well as volunteer at all performances and hold monthly meetings.

With everyone's efforts last year, we were able to provide many fine arts benefits for our children including a fall play, spring musical, Music in the Parks competition, Jump Zone Party, choral risers, and updated sound equipment. We are excited about this year, and have many activities and fundraisers already lined up!

Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter to learn more. In order to provide our students with opportunities in the arts and to foster new programs on a continuous basis, we need your help in whatever capacity you can offer. This can include serving on a committee, volunteering at events, or donating money. There are so many opportunities for our children through music, theatre, and speech & debate, and it is up to all of us to keep it going.

We have a few means of communication for you to find out when and how you can volunteer, be a part of the booster organization, or to learn more about the activities. We have a volunteer email program where you can receive emails throughout the year regarding volunteer events. Another

means is through our boosters' newsletter, which comes to you via email, if your child is involved in any of the fine arts programs. Parents are also welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, which has been changed to the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is November 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school board room.

For more information on our programs or how you can get involved, please contact us through our email address at [BHMSFineArts-Boosters@gmail.com](mailto:BHMSFineArts-Boosters@gmail.com)

To sign up on our volunteer website please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Knudsen at [tdknud@yahoo.com](mailto:tdknud@yahoo.com).

Thank you for making a difference and we look forward to another great year!!

## Meet the Board

**President:** Denise Maifield  
**Vice President:** Andy Chiero  
**Treasurer:** Mary Sauer  
**Secretary:** Jackie Black  
**Teacher Liaisons:** Mrs. Eden Mosoff  
 Ms. Julie Dee  
 Ms. Lisa Russell

**Director of Fundraising:** OPEN  
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**Director at Large(Theatre/Speech & Debate):** Tracey Repa  
**Director of Volunteers:** Debbie Knudsen  
**Concessions Coordinator:** Beverly Shannon  
**Editor of Newsletter:** Audrey Birkhoff

## Editor's Note

I hope you have enjoyed the first edition of the 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 December issue is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your support!



## UPCOMING PERFORMANCE

The Big Hollow choirs will be presenting a **Choral Festival concert on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** In the **multi-purpose room.**

All are welcome to attend this free performance! Come out and support the choirs 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!



## Choir News By Julie Dee

Big Hollow middle school has three choirs this year: Big Hollow Singers, Big Hollow Junior Singers, and Big Hollow Adult Singers! All three of these groups are non-auditioned, so everyone who has an interest in singing is encouraged to participate. Students can join per quarter or for the entire school year.

Big Hollow Singers consists of 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A few of these students have been in the group for all three years of the choir's existence, and several members are brand new! Rehearsals are primarily on Tuesdays and

Thursdays, and it is possible to participate in other activities and be in the choir. In addition to our three concerts at the middle school, this group will be caroling in the community in December, performing with the Grant High School choirs in March, and finishing off the year with a competition at Six Flags Great America. A few of the performance dates include: the **Choral Festival on October 27<sup>th</sup>**, the **Winter Concert on December 15<sup>th</sup>**, and the **Spring Concert on May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Big Hollow Junior Singers is a new group this year that consists of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

only! Rehearsals for this choir are mostly on Mondays and the performances are almost the same as the Big Hollow Singers. BHJS will have an opportunity to participate in another event of their own in March!

Big Hollow Adult Choir consists of a group of parents and teachers who have either an interest in singing or simply want to sing with their students/children. This choir will be featured at the **Choral Festival concert on October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Rehearsals for this group are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30.

## Fall Play News By Eden Mosoff

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. This hilarious spoof turns Shakespeare upside down and shakes things up with a stage full of zany modern-day characters. With the help of a hilarious passel of chorus members — Oregano, Carpaccio, Risotto, Prosciutto, Antipasto, Pesto, Mayo

and Romano — as narrators, we get a deliciously funny spoof of Romeo and Juliet peppered with comedic and intelligent commentary on every page. It is 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! "Humph. Call yourself a tragedy," exclaims Oregano at the end of the show, disappointed to find nobody has died. With pie fights instead of duels, a nurse obsessed with paper cuts, a white leisure suit-wearing Romeo (à la Saturday Night Fever), and an outrageous parody of the most romantic scene in literature, you'll forget the story ever had anything to do with tragedy! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th and join us for this hilarious show!

## Speech and Debate Team News By Tracey Repa

The Big Hollow Speech, Debate, and Acting team is back this year with a longer season and a whole lot more fun! Students will learn a variety of public speaking and acting skills and this year we will host a tournament on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Big Hollow.

So start looking at your favorite children's book, favorite speech, or favorite poem--- we will teach you how to turn them into performance ready interpretations. Or if Debate is your thing: get ready to spar! Our practices are on Mondays at 5pm, in the Band

room. Practices for October are: 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and November is: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to join! Email Coach Russell at [lisa-russ777@gmail.com](mailto:lisa-russ777@gmail.com) or Coach Mosoff at [eden.mosoff@gmail.com](mailto:eden.mosoff@gmail.com) for more information.