

October 30, 2011

## **Fall Extracurricular Activities at Big Hollow School**

Many exciting activities have been taking place during and beyond the regular school day. Students and their families have taken advantage of the many opportunities offered by the staff at all three Big Hollow Schools.

### **Band and Chorus**

The Elementary and Middle School Band and the Big Hollow Singers have been practicing and will perform their winter concert at 7 p.m. on December 15 in the Middle School gym. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the chorus will also carol in the community.

### **Middle School Drama Club**

Fine arts students in grades 5 - 8 have been working hard to put together the 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, many laughed at the antics of this modern-day family feud. Seven crew members and 42 cast members have rehearsed and put on a hilarious show presented on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, 2011.

### **Big Hollow Fall Festival**

The Big Hollow Nature Center committee presented the Fall Festival in October. Families were treated to a tour of the nature center and participated in some fall activities including a search and find nature hunt, stories, and refreshments. For center updates check out <http://teacherweb.com/IL/BigHollow/NatureCenter>.

### **Big Hollow Primary and Elementary Postal Program**

Children have the opportunity to write letters to any student or staff member at the primary and elementary schools. Parents can write to their children at school. There's a mailbox inside the front office where student postal employees will collect the mail for processing and delivery. Special writing stations are available for parents during conference time in November and February.

### **Middle School Book Club**

Middle School students in grades 6, 7, 8 have the opportunity to participate in a book club with peers from their grade level. Reading teachers conduct a book club during their grade's lunch period. Students bring their lunch to the teacher's classroom and in a relaxed, informal setting, discuss an agreed upon book.

### **"Catch the Reading Wave" Summer Reading Club & Family Reading Night**

The "Catch the Reading Wave" Reading Club had 177 participants turn in their summer reading logs. Readers could earn rewards for the total number of books that were completed. September 26 - 30 was the "Catch the Reading Wave" celebration week. The week included school wide activities including D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read), an all school ocean mural, guest readers, and a book hunt. The 300 participants of the Family Reading Night enjoyed an evening of fun carnival style reading activities.