

The Primary Press

October 2011

Big Hollow Primary
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 Principal

Ms. Dawn Smith
 Assistant Principal

Dear Parents,

We had 300 students participate in the Summer Reading Program and enjoyed seeing so many families participate in our "Catch the Reading Wave" celebration on the evening of Wednesday, September 28th. Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners.

Reading to your child every day is one of the most beneficial things that you can do for your child. Just 20 minutes a day reading aloud with young children strengthens relationships, encourages listening and language skills, builds self-esteem and curiosity, and establishes a strong reading foundation. Remember to make reading a part of your day and to visit your local library often.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Dawn Smith
 Assistant Principal

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Nature Center News

Come and join us for the Big Hollow Fall Festival in the Nature Center on October 7th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Parking will be in the Primary School lot. Come take a tour of the nature center and participate in some fall activities including a search and find nature hunt. Bring your blanket and listen to a story or two with your family. Refreshments will be available for purchase to benefit the nature center. More information on the nature center and volunteer opportunities can be found under the Activities tab at www.bighollow.us or <http://teacherweb.com/IL/BigHollow/NatureCenter>.



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 ext. 5024

Social Work Corner

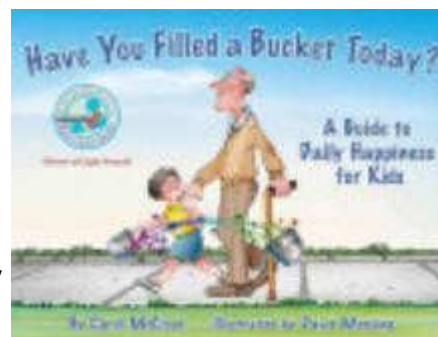
In order to support positive behavior within our school, our social worker Ms. Christina Frederick is offering monthly classroom sessions. These groups focus on the character trait of the month, the bucket philosophy, Stop and Think program and any other topics relevant to our school or that are state mandated. This month's character trait is Respect. The definition we are presenting is: Taking care of myself, others, people's belongings and listening to people in charge. The lesson is focused on listening and paying attention to others.

We are a Bucket Filling School

Bucket Filling doesn't require actual buckets or getting wet and dirty. Bucket filling is a philosophy about how we treat each other. Ms. Fredrick has been reading the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* By Carol McCloud, to the students. The idea behind the story is that everyone has an invisible bucket they carry around with them all the time. When their bucket is full, they feel happy and good. When their bucket is empty, they feel sad and lonely. You can fill a bucket by saying and doing nice things for others or by giving someone a smile.

You could also dip into someone's bucket by saying or doing mean things to someone. That is a bucket dipper. When you fill someone's bucket you fill your own, conversely when you're being a bucket dipper you dip from someone else's bucket as well your own bucket.

The bucket filling philosophy is a great conversation starter with your student. You could ask "Did you fill a bucket today?" If you would like to have these books for home use, there are several different books by the same name all with the same great message. We are thrilled to have a school full of bucket fillers. Have you filled a bucket today?



Hot Lunch Program

The October lunch menu is located on the school website along with the lunch deposit forms. Hot lunch will be \$2.50 and milk will be 50 cents. Please call Arbor Services at 847-740-1490 ext.5024 for questions regarding the lunch program.

A Friendly Reminder

Just a reminder that toys, electronics, sports equipment and game cards should be left at home. They often become a distraction on the bus and in the classroom. Thank you for your help.

Safety Drill

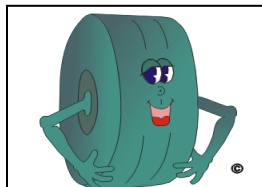
Next week, students will perform a bus evacuation drill. Bus drivers will teach students how to properly and quickly evacuate the bus in case of an emergency.

Bus Stop Safety

Although we have had no reports of attempted abductions in or around our area, the information to discuss with your child is valuable. A rash of attempted child abductions at school bus stops across the country reminds us of the importance to reinforce the “stranger danger” message to our students. One of the first rules of school bus safety **is for kids to stay away from strangers**. Toby Tire reminds students to stay away from strangers. Moreover, if a stranger bothers a child while the student is waiting for the school bus, **the child should report the incident**

immediately to the school bus driver once the bus arrives. With your youngest students who may not yet understand what a stranger is, here’s an easy way for them to remember:

A stranger is a grown-up whose name you don’t know.



Character Education Week- October 17 – 23, 2011

During this week we will be celebrating our good character with a theme for each day.

Monday, 10/17- “Roll Out of Bed and Come to School”- wear your pajamas or comfy clothes day.

Tuesday, 10/18- “Crazy About School”-crazy clothes/clash day i.e. wear your plaids with your stripes etc.

Wednesday, 10/19- “Good Sports Come to School”- wear your favorite sports team shirt or club/ scout uniform.

Thursday, 10/20- “Attendance Dance Party”- when you hear the music during your day get up and dance/move.

Friday, 10/21- Bring a “friend” to school- bring a stuffed/non-living animal to school. It must stay in your backpack until you get to class.



Character Education Program

In Big Hollow Primary School good character counts. Not only do we want our students to grow academically, we want them to grow as individuals and citizens. Each month we will take time to place emphasis on the character education program and highlight one of the positive character traits. During the month of October students will learn about the trait “Responsibility”. School staff will recognize students with SMILE tickets when they see them displaying these traits in the classroom, lunchroom, hallways, bus and amongst their peers. You will see the SMILE awards displayed in our main hallway outside the gym.

Congratulations to the following classrooms who will be the caretakers of our character bear cub mascots for the month of October: Mrs. Ellis’s Kindergarten class, Miss Ehlenburg’s first grade class and Mrs. Stockey’s first grade class.

Another component of our District-wide Positive Behavior System is the *Stop and Think* social skills program being taught by the Physical Education Department and the Positive Behavioral Expectations: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be a Learner that the students have been learning this month. A matrix detailing those expectations is included for your review.

Big Hollow Primary/Elementary School ~ Positive Behavior Expectations

	Be Safe	Be Responsible	Be Respectful	Be a Learner
Hallway/ Locker or Cubby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Walk and move safely -Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself -Stay on the right side of the hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep your eyes on the leader -Follow directions -Keep locker or cubby orderly and pick up things that fall out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use quiet voices -Use good manners -Hold the door for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Go directly to your destination
Restroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use restroom appropriately -Report problems to an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Go into bathroom silently -Flush toilets -Wash hands -Leave restrooms clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Respect privacy of others -Use quiet voices -Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Return to class promptly
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Walk -Stay in your seat -Raise hand for assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eat your own lunch -Clean up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use good manners -Follow directions/quiet at whistle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Remember your lunch -Locate your money or ticket -Make healthy choices
Assemblies/ Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself -Ask permission to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay in the listening position -Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quiet voices -Listen to the adults in charge -Clap at the end of the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Listen to the speaker -Participate appropriately
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay seated -Use quiet voices -Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use self-control at the bus stop -Follow directions -Tell an adult if there is a problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use appropriate and peaceful language -Listen to the adult in charge -Stand and wait quietly in bus lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Know emergency procedures -Keep belongings in your backpack
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay within the boundaries -Walk on the blacktop and sidewalk -Report problems to the adult in charge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dress for the weather -Follow directions -Put away equipment -Line up when the whistle blows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Invite others to join your game -Use appropriate and peaceful language -Use good sportsmanship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use rock, paper, scissors to problem solve -Learn the Peaceful Playground games
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep chair legs on the floor -Walk and move safely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Follow directions -Use a stick to mark your place on the bookshelf -Place misplaced books on the counter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use quiet voices -Return books in good condition -Return books by the due date -Pay fines promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ask for assistance to locate materials -Read material checked out
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself -Keep belongings in your own work area -Sit appropriately in your chair -Follow emergency procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Follow directions -Take care of learning materials -Use your assignment notebook (gr. 3 & 4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use appropriate and peaceful language -Be considerate of others -Tell the truth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete assignments on time -Participate appropriately -Do your best

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
					October 1 8:00am: PTO Clothing Resale (Primary School)
3	7:00pm Education Committee (Middle School)	4	5:00pm Market Day Pickup (Middle School)	7 4:30pm Fall Festival (Nature Center)	8
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Columbus Day (No School)		Fire Safety Visits (Primary School)			
17	18	19	20	21	22
7:00pm School Board Meeting (Middle School)		Character Counts Week			
24	25	26	27	28	29
		Red Ribbon Week			
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PTO Book Fair (Primary School)					

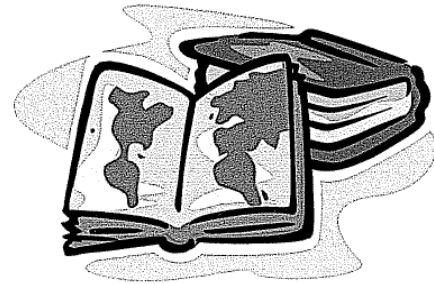
Big Hollow PTO Connections

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
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What Is PTO?

The Big Hollow Parent-Teacher Organization is a group of parents and Big Hollow teachers and staff who work together to benefit our students and our school. We provide additional educational, cultural, and social experiences for our Big Hollow community through funding for additional programs and classroom materials.

The PTO sponsors a variety of fundraisers and events aimed at bringing our community together for the benefit of our children. Our programs are made possible through the support and participation of volunteers both at home and at school.

For more information on our programs or how you can get involved, please visit the school website at www.bighollow.us and click on the "Parents" tab to find our PTO site.

Innisbrook and Spirit Wear Sales

Our first major fundraiser of the school year is coming to a close this month. Innisbrook catalogues went home at the beginning of September. Products ranging from wrapping paper and bows to candles, candy, and more are available and our school earns big profits on each sale. Students also earn prizes with each item sold. Orders should be submitted online and payment made to Big Hollow PTO. In a few weeks, items will be delivered to school for pick up.

Big Hollow shirts, sweatshirts, and more can be purchased for students to show their school pride. On the first Friday of each month, students are encouraged to wear our school colors (blue and white) or their Big Hollow spirit wear.

For more information or questions regarding these fundraisers, please contact **Kathy Gibson** at **847-546-2012**.

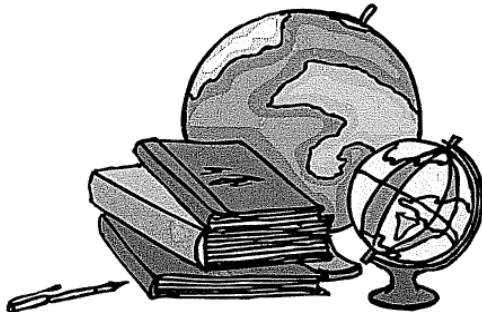


Market Day

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.

Back to School Bingo

Our first PTO sponsored event occurred on Friday, September 16. Bingo Night was a huge success as students, teachers, friends, and families gathered to mark their Bingo cards and choose from a full prize table to gently used toys. We served lemonade, popcorn, and tons of smiles throughout the evening. A special thank you to all of our Bingo Night volunteers and teachers for helping us start our school year with so much fun and laughter!



Upcoming Events

Friday, Sept. 30	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Clothing Resale
Saturday, Oct. 1	8 am – 12:00 pm	Clothing Resale
Monday, Oct. 3	4:00 pm	PTO Meeting
Wed., Oct. 5	5:00 pm	Market Day
Friday, Oct. 7	(Elementary)	Popcorn Day
Friday, Oct. 7	(Middle School)	Freezy Friday
Monday, Oct. 17	7:00 pm	School Board Mtg
Friday, Oct. 28	(Primary Gym)	Middle Sch Dance
Monday, Oct. 31		Book Fair Begins

Volunteer of The Month

During each monthly PTO meeting, we randomly pick one Volunteer and one Teacher for a special \$25 Target gift card. Be sure to volunteer each month to enter your name to win!

September Winners

Teacher: Ms. Dawn Smith
 Volunteer: We will draw our first winner on Oct. 3

Treats for Teachers

A special Thank You to all of our volunteers who helped provide some tasty treats and warm smiles to all of our Big Hollow teachers and staff at the Primary, Elementary, and Middle School buildings on Friday, September 23. The teachers and staff truly enjoyed all of the wonderful goodies which were set out for them throughout the day to say **Thank You** for all the work done to make our children love learning.