

HYLEN SOUDERS

Elementary School PTO



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Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

- 12 PTO MEETING, 7P
- 14 VALENTINE PARTIES
- 18 NO SCHOOL-
PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 21 CONFERENCES,
INVITE ONLY
- 22 ALL PRO DADS, 7:45A
- 25 READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

MARCH

- 8 SPRING PICTURES
- 12 PTO MEETING &
NOMINATIONS, 7P
- 14 CELEBRATE ARTS DAY
- 14 3RD GRADE RECORDER
CONCERT
- 22 ALL PRO DADS, 7:45A

SPRING BREAK**MARCH 24-29
VOLUNTEER PLAYGROUND BUILD

APRIL

- 1 ZOO ASSEMBLIES
- 4 MUFFINS WITH MOM, 8A
- 5 SPRING FLOWER SALE BEGINS
- 9 PTO MEETING &
ELECTIONS, 7P
- 17 PLANT SALE ORDERS DUE

January was a tough year, but we made it. ©

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Next PTO Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th @ 7:00pm

Childcare available! Sign up in volunteer link online.

Recaps

FRACASSO'S EAT & EARN

Thanks to you pizza-loving people, we earned \$170 from our Eat and Earn last month. Thank you to the kind people at Fracasso's who rounded up to \$200!

PTO MEETING

Executive positions will be opening for the next school year. We are encouraging moms and dads to step up to take on these roles in order for the kids to experience great programs throughout the year! If you are interested or have questions, please contact us! info@ptosouders.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

How much fun was that? There were about 400 hundred students, parents and siblings that attended this well-loved event!

CANDY CANE LANE

Fun fact—there were 2,350 items sold! Wow! Thank you to our coordinators, volunteers and staff for making this a fun day!



News from Student Council

These kids are rockin' out the projects left and right! Way to go Mrs. Gallo and the boys and girls making a difference at Souders!

Operation Buckeye was a huge success. They collected 10 big boxes of food and sundries to donate to our troops overseas. They made posters and even a promo video that ran on the announcements.

On February 1st, they released their Kindness Calendar. Students are challenged with a different act of kindness for every day of the month (weekends too)! Members created the calendar with the hopes to make everyone more conscious of how a little kindness helps to make Souders even more awesome!

Student Council will be presenting at the February school board meeting, highlighting their many accomplishments this year.

Stay tuned for even more awesomeness this year from these kids!

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For events, calendars, links, volunteer sign up and much more, head to our website!

Fundraising

BOXTOPS DRIVE HAPPENING NOW!

Clip those 'Tops! We know you're either one of two people—the devoted clippers or the “huh?” Well, it's time y'all. Gather your own stash, get it from neighbors and grandparents and submit either in baggies or glued/taped to sheets found on our website. Continue to collect year round for upcoming drives. This is a no-nonsense money-maker for us at very little effort to you. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$1000 for the school year. We're almost there!

AMAZON SMILE

Did you nearly forget? When shopping on Amazon, simply type in www.smile.amazon.com, select Souders as your charity and shop like normal. We earn 0.5% and you get the same savings! Once you have selected us, you don't have to keep doing so-it does it automatically when you use Amazon Smile!

UPCOMING FLOWER/PLANT SALE

The plant sale is coming! April 5-17 with pick up May 9th (just in time for Mother's Day). Pick out annuals, perennials, and succulents in planter baskets and flats. Great variety and quality from our neighbors at Acorn Farms. Stay tuned!

In the Community

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

February 1st kicked off the Community Library's Winter Reading Program. Through the month of February, Pre-K through teens can earn rewards for reading! Please visit our friends at the library for more details.



YOUTH SPORTS

Registration is now open for spring lacrosse, soccer, baseball & softball.

www.bigwalnutlacrosse.com

www.bigwalnutsoccer.com

www.bigwalnutyouthsports.com

Lost and Found is out of control

Please label coats, lunchboxes, water bottles and backpacks, etc. with your student's name! Lost and Found items sit for a month, are then laid out in the library for a week and then even filmed and put on the announcements for kids to try and claim. After that process, they are bagged up and sent to Big Walnut Friends Who Share. There is just not enough room to store them! Moral of the story, label your things. ☺

Upcoming Events

ALL PRO DAD

Thanks to All Pro Dads for their hard work at COSI and Santa Breakfast! New to All Pro Dad? Come check out this FREE monthly breakfast, exploring a new topic each month. The mission is to help you love & lead your family well. Dads (or other positive male role models) and kids can meet in the cafeteria. There will be a different topic each month relating to being a good dad, kid & person, as well as a giveaway and, of course, breakfast! The next All Pro Dad is February 22nd @ 7:45am. For questions, please contact Jon Couser at jkcouser@sbcglobal.net. For future dates visit www.allprodad.com.

VALENTINE CLASSROOM PARTIES

Please check with your teacher as party times vary this year due to specials. As a reminder, Souders is a latex-free school.

READ A THON

Read Across America week is almost here! Please look for more information as we get closer to those dates. February 25-March 1

Volunteer Info

WANT TO GET INVOLVED

With spring right around the corner (thanks Punxsutawney Phil for your 39% accuracy), there will be many opportunities to volunteer! Think Supergames, Field Day, Flower Sale and more. We love our repeat volunteers and welcome new faces! Volunteering is a great way to get to know other parents! Look for signups soon!

Volunteer Info. cont.

NEW VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Beginning March 1, all volunteers will be required to have a background check. Do you have your card? Get one today! It takes 5 minutes online and the cost is just \$5. Details at www.bwls.net/volunteerinformation.aspx



District News

NAME IT

The district is looking for help in naming the new elementary school scheduled to open for the 2020/2021 school year. Head online to submit your response! www.bwls.net

PRESCHOOL & KINDER ENROLLMENT

Ready or not, parents of littles. Enrollment opens February 19th at 8am for the 2019/2020 school year. Check out requirements and other info on the district webpage.

EAGLE EXAMINER

Missed the last Eagle Examiner? Find it and other archived copies online!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

WE'RE READY TO BUILD: NEW PLAYGROUND COMING TO SOUDERS IN SPRING 2019!

Souders Elementary PTO is pleased to announce that it has teamed with Bluegrass Recreational Products of Danville, Kentucky, for the purchase of a playground at Souders that allows students of all abilities to play, learn and grow together...and gives a nod to the Big Walnut community's proud agricultural heritage! The playground's thoughtful design features durable Little Tikes Commercial brand components that enhance accessibility--such as **poured rubber surfacing, ramps, transfer stations, sun protection and a reach play panel**--as well as play components that embrace inclusion, including the **Revolution Spinner, Colossus Triple Slide, Roller Slide and a double Tikes Peak Mountain Climber**. The new playground will be constructed behind the school adjacent to the current playground, which will remain unchanged.

PTO is proud to partner with Sunbury Big Walnut Kiwanis to plan a professionally supervised community installation of the new playground during Big Walnut Local School District's Spring Break in March. The installation will use volunteers from our school and community*, who will work with a Bluegrass Recreational Products representative and expert to ensure that the playground site is properly prepared and equipment is installed correctly and in compliance with industry safety guidelines. The supervised community installation saves the PTO money--approximately 25 percent of the total project cost--allowing us to dedicate more of the funds raised to playground features that have play value for all students. A community build also promotes a sense of camaraderie, ownership and pride among those who participate. ****IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to safety reasons, all children under the age of 18 are prohibited from attending or assisting with the playground installation.***

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Willing to pitch in to build the playground? Opportunities range from helping unload shipping pallets and equipment on "Day 0" through assisting with final tasks associated with installation completion on "Day 5." Head to our website www.ptosouders.com for more info or contact sbwkiwanis@gmail.com.

We need you Souders Families and Friends!

