

Bigelow "BIG" News

Inspiring Leaders of Tomorrow

November

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2017

Important Dates

- 1st
Shirley's Popcorn Fundraiser Kickoff
- 2nd
Just Say No Skating Party – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 3rd
Missoula Theater Performance at Jacobs Primary – 6:00 p.m.
- 4th
FCS Cardboard Challenge at the Findlay Village Mall – 10:00 a.m.
- 6th
Board of Ed. Meeting at Glenwood Community Room - 6:00 p.m.
- 10th
Veteran's Day Assembly – 10:00 a.m.
- 14th
PTO Meeting at Northview - 6:30 p.m.
- 16th
Pasta Palooza
- 17th
Second Quarter Interim
- 18th
Girls on the Run 5K at the University of Toledo



A Note from the Principal

Greetings,

Our first quarter has come to an end and we are moving on to some great learning and awesome opportunities throughout our second quarter at Bigelow Hill. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended our fall conferences. The parent-teacher partnership is so vital to the success of our students!

We will be kicking off our Shirley's Popcorn fundraiser on Wednesday, November 1st. The funds raised help to support all of our Leader in Me initiatives that help to foster the leadership of all our students. We hope you can help to support Bigelow Hill!

November 16th is also a magical night at Bigelow Hill. We will be hosting our 3rd annual Pasta Palooza. We will be providing strategies to help support your child in both reading and math, showcasing our student leadership action teams and much more. We are still taking reservations through November 3rd. We hope you can be part of this amazing night!

Please be sure to take some time to enjoy family and friends over our fall break. November is a time to reflect on everything we are thankful for in our lives. Take time to Sharpen the Saw too!

School Fees

The 2017-2018 school year fees are \$43.00. Checks need to be made out to Findlay City Schools.

If you have any questions or concern regarding school fees, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 419-425-8317.

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Supporting The Leader in Me Initiative

We are often asked how parents can support their school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

As the school year unfolds, the children are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send the children a strong message of what you believe is important and that we are all on the same team - the team that wants to help succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

Below is a summary of each of the habits:

Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

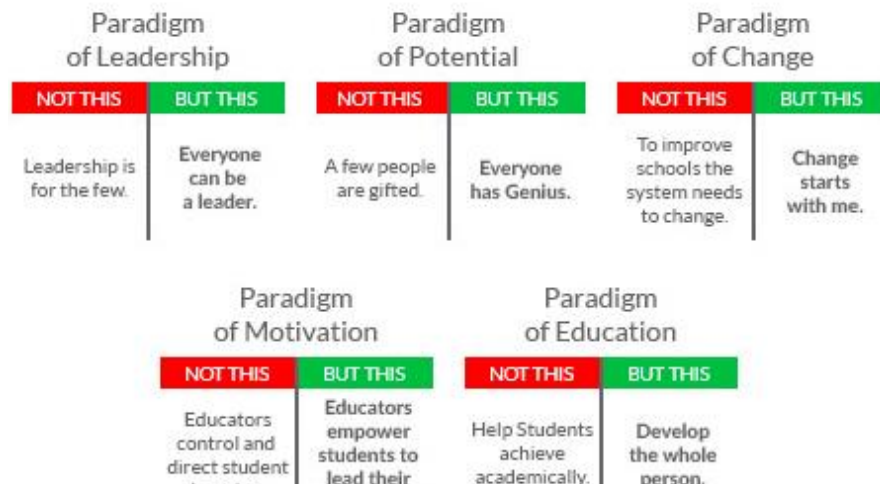
Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)

Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better) Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)



Math Corner

Fractions are an important math concept that can be fun to practice at home. Help your child to see all the times we use fractions in real life. Examples:

- What fraction of the pizza or the pie did the family just eat? What fraction is left?
- What fraction of the family is female/male, or over the age of...?
- Get out the measuring cups and spoons! Let your child play with them while doing the dishes to experience measuring with cups and teaspoons. Better yet, let your child help you bake to practice using fractions when measuring ingredients.
- Count the rooms in your house and make some fraction facts about them. Three-fourths of the rooms have windows. One-third of them have pillows.
- Talk about fractions with time. If it takes us 20 minutes to get to the store, how many minutes will it take to be half-way there? What time will it be in half an hour/a quarter of an hour from now?
- Practice fractions with money. If you have two and a half dollars, and your sister has three-quarters of a dollar, how much do you have altogether?

North End PTO

The Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough will be delivered to Bigelow Hill on Wednesday, November 15th. Please make arrangements to pick up your cookie dough. Reminders will be sent home with the students and we will post a reminder on Facebook too.

President – Elizabeth Behrendt
Vice-President – Kristy Szkudlarek
Secretary – Valerie Smith
Co-Treasurers – Amber Hirt, Deb Anders, Carolee Hertel

Next PTO Meeting

Ohio Dental Outreach Mobile Dentist

Bigelow Hill has joined with Ohio Dental Outreach to offer in-school dental care. Forms have been sent home with students and there is a limited amount of appointments available on Monday, November 27th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our school nurse, Mrs. Whitman, at 419-427-5484.

Reading Nook

READING is THINKING!

Good readers use many different strategies to make sense of what they read.

Reading Strategy of the Month - VISUALIZE!

If your child has trouble remembering what was read, perhaps he/she is not visualizing. Visualizing is creating a movie in your mind. Just like watching TV or a movie, you SEE the characters acting everything out in your mind's eye. You also can imagine using all the other senses. What do you HEAR? What do you FEEL (physically and emotionally)? What do you SMELL or TASTE? The more readers can visualize, the more they understand and remember what they just read.

Just like any skill, the more you practice, the better you get!

The better you get, the more you enjoy it!

HAPPY READING!

Counselor Corner

During the week of October 23, 2017, all Bigelow Hill students had the opportunity to hear Miss Dyer present an anti-bullying program called "Stick Together." This is a program sponsored by Project Love and Duct Tape to help bring awareness to the topic of bullying during Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. During the program, students were asked to pledge to stick together against bullying by stopping hurtful teasing and encouraging others to do the same, doing their part to make the school a safe place by being kinder to others, not letting their words or actions hurt others, and treating others the way he/she wants to be treated. As a symbol of this pledge, each student wrote their name on a piece of duct tape and stuck it on a banner. This banner will be displayed in the school as a reminder of the pledge that the students took.

Parents, school staff, and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. They can:

- [Help kids understand bullying.](#) Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.
- [Keep the lines of communication open.](#) Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.
- [Encourage kids to do what they love.](#) Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behavior.
- [Model how to treat others](#) with kindness and respect.

Research tells us that children really do look to parents and caregivers for advice and help on tough decisions. Sometimes spending 15 minutes a day talking can reassure kids that they can talk to their parents if they have a problem. Start conversations about daily life and feelings with questions like these:

- What was one good thing that happened today? Any bad things?
- What is lunch time like at your school? Who do you sit with? What do you talk about?
- What is it like to ride the school bus?
- What are you good at? What would do you like best about yourself?

Talking about bullying directly is an important step in understanding how the issue might be affecting kids. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions, but it is important to encourage kids to answer them honestly. Assure kids that they are not alone in addressing any problems that arise. Start conversations about bullying with questions like these:

- What does "bullying" mean to you?
- Describe what kids who bully are like. Why do you think people bully?
- Who are the adults you trust most when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you ever felt scared to go to school because you were afraid of bullying? What ways have you tried to change it?
- What do you think parents can do to help stop bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying?
- What do you usually do when you see bullying going on?
- Do you ever see kids at your school being bullied by other kids? How does it make you feel?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your student, please feel free to contact me at my office at 419-425-8359 or via e-mail at LDyer@findlarcityschools.org. Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving!! -Miss Laura