UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BBES MILW. BUCKS NIGHT
Sunday, April 2nd @ 2:30 pm

MILW. BREWERS DAY
April 3
Wear blue & gold or Brewers shirt

ALL SCHOOL DANCE
Friday, April 7th (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

PTO MEETING
TUESDAY, April 11 @ 6:30 pm

SPIRIT DAY – HAT DAY
April 13th

6th GD MEDIEVAL FEAST
April 13th

NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
Friday, April 14 – April 23

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
April 24 - 28

RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY
April 27

ART SHOW
April 27 – 5:30-7:30

PTO “CANDY BINGO”
April 27 – 6:00-7:30

LOOKING AHEAD

4th – 6th GD BAND CONCERT
May 9 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

EXPANDING HORIZONS
May 12 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

SENIOR SALUTE
May 17 – 2:15-4:00 pm

4th-6th GD SPORTS DAY
May 19

4th GRADE FIELDTrip
Madison – 7am-3:15 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL…Shawn Waller

Dear BBES Families:

Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at BBES. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities for our students to succeed and grow.

Speaking of growing, we recently received a $2,500 grant from the “America’s Farmers Grow Communities Monsanto Fund. Special thanks to Dave Bartholomew for targeting Mr. Grant’s physical education program so that we can purchase two new rectangular glass backboards in the gym and move the existing glass backboards to the cafeteria (which is used by many groups after school).

In addition to that, our school received $3,000 from Kohl’s to support field trips next year in 1st grade (zoo), 5th grade (Discovery World) and 6th grade (Milwaukee Art Museum).

These are perfect examples of the schools and community working together! I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming school dance and later this month for the Art Show and Candy Bingo.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shawn Waller
wallesh@masd.k12.wi.us

https://www.facebook.com/bigbendbulldogs
@BigBendElem

EVERY WEDNESDAY
School early dismissal - 2:35 pm

***All Community Activities are listed on District Website under “Community Bulletin Board”***
CLASS LISTS & ROOM REQUESTS FOR 2017-18

Dear BBES Parents/Guardians:

Each spring our staff diligently works on creating class lists for the following school year. We are dedicated to taking the time necessary to reach the following goals:

- Students placed in classrooms where a teacher’s strength will provide the best opportunity for academic success.
- Classrooms that have a balance of students at, above and below grade level.
- Classrooms that have a balance of girls and boys.
- Classrooms that are balanced in numbers.
- Classrooms that purposefully separate groups of students with a past history of conflict.

Class lists are made consulting the current year teachers, the past year teachers, specialists and special education teachers.

Current grade level teachers consider a student’s strengths, needs and personality characteristics when creating the classes for the upcoming school year. If a parent feels there are needs we are not aware of they may explain them, in writing, by April 28, 2017. Verbal requests will not be considered and requests made for particular teachers may not be valid as changes in summer are sure to occur.

We ask that you utilize the “Classroom Environment Description Form” for these requests. You can obtain this form in our school office or on our school website http://internal.masd.k12.wi.us/cms/bbes/bbes-classroomenvironmentrequest.pdf.

We ask that parents request a particular environment or set of teacher strengths which allows a good match to be made. If you have questions, please contact me at wallesh@masd.k12.wi.us.

Mr. Shawn Waller

WE NEED YOUR VOTES!

As you learned from our previous Shoutpoint email, we are pleased to share the great news with you regarding our building manager, Andy Wegner. We announced to our students in an all-school assembly that he has made the Top 10 Finalists list for the “Cintas Janitor of the Year” award sponsored by Mulberry Marketing.

We need your help to get him to the very top of the list to win this title, along with cash incentives and $5000 in merchandise for our school.

What can you do? VOTE for Andy...in an open public voting contest through April 14, 2017. Just go on-line at www.cintas.com/JOTY. Staff can vote, Parents can vote. Students can vote. Your uncle’s neighbor can vote. We just ask that you vote so we can show Andy how much we appreciate all he does for our school.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 24-28. We would like to take time to thank our families and community members for all they do to make our school GREAT! Many work in classrooms, others assist our students in their studies and others work on committees and organize school activities. All of these contributions are essential to creating a Great School.

During this Volunteer Appreciation Week we will be sending our volunteers a small thank you gift, which we hope you will enjoy. Our thanks now and throughout the year, for supporting all the activities that keep our school great. It has been wonderful to have you on our “ride” this year!
5th GRADE – HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT PARENT INFO. MEETING

Attention: Parent/Guardian of 5th Grade Students

Mukwonago Area School District
Human Growth & Development Presentation

Parent Information Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017
Time: 7pm - 8pm
Location: Park View Middle School Library
Presenter: Mukwonago School District Nurse

Your child is about to study an important lesson on the early stages of puberty, which many fifth-graders are beginning to experience. The Always Changing Program helps both boys and girls understand the physical and emotional changes during puberty, physiology of their bodies and reproductive system, and the responsibility of personal hygiene. The girls will also have an understanding of the menstrual cycle, what to expect during a period, and how to manage their period during normal activities.

A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Park View Middle School Library. The parent meeting will be an overview of the Always Changing video, PowerPoint, and teaching aids. If you are unable to attend the parent meeting and would like to review the PowerPoint, please e-mail me at heidela@masd.k12.wi.us.

Please make sure that you sign the permission slip that your child brings home and return to school by Monday, May 1st, 2017. A signed parent permission slip is required for all 5th grade students to either attend or waive attendance for the Human Growth & Development Presentation.

Permission slip DUE DATE: Monday, May 1st, 2017

Sincerely,

Laura Heidelmeier RN, BSN
District Nurse

SENIOR SALUTE FOR 2016 MHS GRADUATES

Do you have a MHS Senior? If so, please give them this message.

Each year our graduating seniors look forward to the Senior Salute when they are invited back to Big Bend Elementary to reunite with elementary school teachers and staff. Staff can meet with their former students to learn what their plans are, see how they have grown and reminisce about their younger, more carefree student life. This event has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th at 2:00 p.m. Please have them bring their cap & gown to this event.

We would like to thank several parent volunteers who have come forward to chair this event – Mrs. Lisa Nault and Mrs. Tammy Johnson. They will be sending invitations out to our MHS graduated in April, but please mark the date on your calendars.

If you are a parent of a senior at MHS and would like to assist with food or beverage donation or other items, please let us know and we will forward that information to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Nault.

CODE NINJAS 2.0

Please see the attached flyer/registration form to sign up for the next session of Code Ninjas 2.0 starting in April, 2017. Please turn in your registration form (attached) with payment by Friday, April 7th.
S’more Books, S’more Fun!
This spring’s Happy Camper Book Fair was wildly successful, thanks to you! With total sales over $9,700, the Book Fair earned our school more than 6,300 Scholastic Dollars, redeemable for Scholastic books, online book subscriptions, STEM kits and other important library resources.

Plus, through lollipop tree sales and customer donations to Scholastic’s All for Books program, the library selected more than $250 in books to add its shelves. The Scholastic Possible Fund matches every donation, up to $1 million in books, received through the program and distributes them to children in need through organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.

The Teacher Preview Breakfast was a hoot, with seven teachers each winning a tote bag of books and teacher supplies for their classrooms. Congratulations to Mrs. Kratochvil (Art), Mrs. Osterberg (Grade 1), Mrs. Gluszcz (Grade 2), Mrs. Vadanais (Grade 3), Mrs. Johnson (Grade 4), Mrs. Hetzel (Grade 5/6 PLT) and Mrs. Schultz (Grade 6).

The Book Fair Committee is grateful for the adult and student volunteers who made decorations, donated items to the Teacher Preview Breakfast, stapled flyers, set up the Book Fair, greeted and signed in visitors, ran registers, bagged books, rolled posters, straightened shelves, staffed the lollipop tree, helped customers and packed up the Book Fair. In addition to committee members, volunteers included:

- BBES Student Council
- 4th grade Girl Scout Troop #9259
- Maureen Basting
- Kelly Bruhn
- Tekla Fingland
- Samantha Guhr
- Ryan Guhr
- James Hewitt
- Sarah Miller
- Natalie Pedretti
- Susie Thomas

By providing children with books they want to read, they become better readers and enjoy reading more. Thank you for supporting our award-winning Book Fairs and promoting literacy!

—The Book Fair Committee: Carrie Campanelli, Alicia DeLaney, Samantha Hietala, Julie Kastello, Jeanette Liesen and Lisa Pritzlaff.

YMCA PROGRAM DURING SUMMER SCHOOL
In addition to the regular YMCA before and after school program, the Mukwonago YMCA will be offering child programs after SUMMER SCHOOL at BBES this summer.

For registration on this and other programs at the YMCA, please go to this link: http://www.gwcymca.org/.../child.../before-and-after-school-care/

CONGRATULATIONS!
Last month we listed the 30 finalists for the Wisconsin Mathematics League and the top 4 winners. We would like to give a special shout out to Big Bend Elementary School for collectively finishing 20th in the 2017 6th grade Wisconsin Mathematics League contest. But a special congratulations is order for Emmit D. who individually finished 21st overall in the state. Way to go Emmit!
ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Registration dates: March 27 - April 13. Programs will be held at Rolling Hills and Big Bend Elementary for the summer of 2016.

For more information about elementary summer sessions, go to https://goo.gl/SYxnsS. You can also contact your child’s teacher, Mr. Waller, or the summer school coordinator - Ben Kossow at kossobe@masd.k12.wi.us or 262-363-6300.

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<td>Monday-Thursday, June 12-15 New this year! -- TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE 8:00 - 11:00 am OR 12:30 - 3:30 pm *Students may only register for ONE session and spots are limited to 100 students per session.</td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>Come Explore Eagleville's Environment during E1! Students will have an opportunity to learn in Eagleville's unique environmental setting which includes our school forest and Jericho Creek. We will tour the ecosystem by focusing on soil, water, air, plants and animals throughout the week. Please join us for a fun, hands-on outdoor learning experience!</td>
<td>Each morning, students will blend a mix of exploration in reading, writing, and math with extension activities in science, technology, and creativity in a revised curriculum sure to make the morning fly! Each week, students will have physical education and library. Led by an expert teaching staff, students will have the opportunity to explore and grow during this four week program.</td>
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- To register, use the links above or go to the MASD Summer School website. Due to each program’s unique nature, students attending both programs must be registered separately for each program. Online registration ends April 13.
- Summer school is free for district residents, students currently attending the district as Open Enrollment students, and parochial school students who are district residents. Non-district resident cost is $50.00.
- Please contact your child’s teacher, your school’s principal, or Ben Kossow (kossobe@masd.k12.wi.us) if you have questions.
SAVE THE DATE - BBES’S ALL-SCHOOL GLOW DANCE:
Friday, April 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
This dance is designed to GLOW. The gym will be lit by black lights. We recommend that you wear white shirts and/or bright colors. The PTO will be selling glow sticks, glow-in-the-dark tattoos and will provide glow pens for signing each other shirts. There will also be music by DJ Juicy J, concessions and a raffle of gift baskets donated by each class in the school. All proceeds will benefit the BBES PTO. Come help us make this dance a successful event and fun for all! Please note, students attending the dance must have a parent present at all times.

We still need your help to make this event the best it can be. We are looking for a parent to volunteer to coordinate the gift basket for the following classes: 2-J, 3-S & 6-D. We also need adult volunteers to help on the night of the dance. If you are able, please go to the following SignUp Genius link and help us make this dance a great time for the students! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C4BACAC2BA20-allschool

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tekla Fingland at tfingland@wi.rr.com.

ART SHOW
You are invited the annual Big Bend Elementary School Art Show entitled “Art Across America” on Thursday, April 27. The Art Show is based on our school theme this year – R.O.A.D. TO SUCCESS (R.O.A.D. = Responsibility to all / Outstanding Behavior / Attitude is Everything & Do your Best).

Please come in between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm to see our artwork and try some hands on activities. See attached flyer for more information.

PTO CANDY BINGO & BOOKFAIR
While you’re here for the Art Show, save time to stop in the cafeteria where our P.T.O. will be hosting Candy Bingo between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

BBES COLOR RUN
Big Bend Elementary School will be having a Color Run kick-off party on Tuesday April 25th. The actual Color Run event will be on Thursday, Friday, June 8th, and we could use your help.

We are in need of volunteers to help make the color run a success! If you would like to help with this first-time event, please contact Melissa Zlensky at melissazlensky@gmail.com. More information on Color to follow.

SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST
During the months of February and March, all fifth and sixth graders in the Mukwonago School District been preparing for the School Speech Contest. This year’s topic is “What does it mean to be a hero?” This year’s winners of the classroom competitions are:

**Fifth Grade**
- Abbie H.
- Peyton H.
- Makena K.
- Casey H.
- Autumn P.
- Sofia W.

**Sixth Grade**
- Zoe E.
- Jackson L.
- Ella M.
- Grace M.
- Sydney T.
- Tucker W.

These students will compete in the school speech contest which will take place on Tuesday, April 4th at 9am. The winner of that competition will take part in the district contest which will be held on Friday, May 5th at Clarendon Elementary School. Congratulations to all of the 5th and 6th grade winners!
February TOP DOG Winners

BBES would like to recognize the following recipients of the February "Top Dog" awards which celebrates students going the "extra mile" on a daily basis. Winners include: (Top - 1st Row) EC Levi; EC Giorgia S.; KH Jackson; KS Addison; 1O Cora; 1S Aubrey (2nd row) 1G Reese; 2J Erick; 2A Carson; 3K Abigail N.; 3S Lauren C.; 3V Elise; (3rd Row) 4G Madylin M.; 4J Ella; 5C Mia L.; 5G Logan; 5H Tyler; 6D Noah (Bottom ends L-R) 6K Colt L; 62 Morgan S.

COME JOIN CUB SCOUTS:
Big Bend Elementary School’s Pack 26

Did you know that you can start Cub Scouts at any age?
If you are in Kindergarten or if you are already in 5th grade, it is never too early or too late to join Cub Scouts. We invite you to become a part of Big Bend Elementary School’s very own Pack 26.

Do you like to be active, adventurous and to explore?
Each year, our Cub Scouts participate in a variety of activities including: Pinewood Derby Car Races, Rock Climbing, Brewer Games, Rain Gutter Regatta Boat Races, Day Camp, Archery, BB Guns, Water Bottle Rockets, Snow Tubing, Community Service Activities and Camping at a Variety of Places (this year it included camping in a castle!).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CUB SCOUTS?
Please join us on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 pm at the Big Bend Elementary School Gym for our Pack meeting. We will be enjoying entertainment brought to us by Half Twisted - Half Knot. We would love to show you what Cub Scouts is all about! Siblings are welcome at the meeting. For more information about our Pack, please email us at: bbepack26@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you!
Big Bend Student Council

Upcoming Spirit Days - April
3 - ROAD to Success Day
12 - SAVE day
13 - Hat Day

To date, student council has:

- Raise money and shopped for ADOPT A FAMILY - $1135
- Held presentations and voted on a spring fundraiser – HAWS
- Collected 1386 items for HAWS!!!!
- Helped with Grandparent Lunch
- Helped with Parent Lunch
- Been a part of the “All for Books” fundraiser
- Voted on spirit days for the year
- Executive Board attend the leadership conference

On March 15, 2017, the Big Bend Elementary SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Club hosted our second annual MHS/BBES SAVE Partnership Day. Members of the MHS SAVE Club came to Big Bend Elementary to lead our SAVE Club members in team-building activities. MHS students showed their leadership skills by leading a variety of activities.

BBES students enjoyed working with the high-schoolers and eagerly shared stories about themselves and their school experiences. All worked together to brainstorm ways to stop bullying and how to not be a bystander to those in need. They also made posters which will be displayed at the National SAVE Convention. We ended our Partnership Day by sharing lunch together in the BBES cafeteria. It was a great experience for all involved!
P.T.O. NEWS:
Our next PTO meeting will be held TUESDAY, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in our BBES School Library.

School GLOW Dance - Save the date for Big Bend’s very own All-School Dance on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The PTO is sponsoring this dance and it is certain to be an awesome time! There will be music by DJ Juicy J, concessions and a raffle of donated gift baskets. All proceeds will benefit the Big Bend PTO. We could use some volunteers for set-up, monitoring and clean-up. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tekla Fingland at talingland@wi.rr.com.

Staff Appreciation Week - Staff appreciation week is May 1st thru May 5th and we could use your help. Please consider donating for the staff appreciation lunch on Thursday, May 4th. We are looking for volunteers to watch the kids during the lunch hour, food donations, and gift donations. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C4BA5A829A57-teacher2

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Mehring at svanwyhe@hotmail.com or Lori Goodman at lori.goodman@phci.org. Thank you!!

Expanding Horizons - We are looking for volunteers to share their experiences with the students by giving 3 – 30 minute presentations about your career, interesting hobby or topic the afternoon of Friday, May 12th. Contact Lisa Heard for more information at LMHeard05@yahoo.com or 414-803-8919. This program is not possible without your help. Thanks for your support!

Halloween Helpers? Each year the school starts and we hurry to organize the annual Halloween Party. We are hoping to get ahead of the game by setting up a committee to help organize this event in advance. Anyone interested in helping on the committee should come to the next PTO meeting, or contact Rachel Oemig Klein if they are unable to attend. Rachel’s contact info is rachoemig@yahoo.com or cell phone number: (414) 380-2436. Thanks.

Scrip Fundraiser: Help earn $$ for our school PTO. No selling, no hassle, easy money. Orders can be placed online or using forms found in school office. Contact Kelly Bruhn at kelcan98@yahoo.com or 262-706-3611 with any questions.

ColorRUN - Big Bend PTO is organizing their first ColorRun at Big Bend Elementary on June 8th and could use your help. See how you can help in the message earlier in this Newsletter. For more information contact Melissa Zlensky at melissazlensky@gmail.com.

Marcus Movie tickets - will continue to available in the school office this year. If you need a large amount of tickets please contact cindy@elmgrovetravel.com. Prices are $6.50 each for Silver Tickets and $8.00 each for Diamond Tickets. Also, with every two tickets sold you will receive a $3.00 snack money ticket.

OPEN ENROLLMENT – 2017-18
Open Enrollment for student living outside the Mukwonago Area School District boundaries will be held February 6th - April 28th, 2017. All students’ grade K-4 thru grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

To apply go to http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment. Applicants need to submit the application on-line. If you have any questions regarding open enrollment, please contact Laura Stroika at stroila@masd.k12.wi.us or (262) 363-6300 x24101.
Screening for 3 and 4 year olds will take place on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 and Thursday, August 10, 2017, at Clarendon Elementary School. Developmental areas to be screened include speech and language, pre-readiness skills (short-term memory, ability to attend and follow directions, knowledge of basic colors, etc.), fine and gross motor skills, and vision and hearing.

This screening is for Mukwonago Area School District (MASD) residents only. There is no cost for the screening, but registration is necessary. To register, call 262-363-6300 ext. 24401. The screening process will take approximately 45 minutes.

The screening is not a mandatory experience for children, but rather an opportunity for parents to have their child’s general development assessed. Speech therapists will be available to screen for speech concerns and can answer questions prior to the start of 4K. Screening is a part of the MASD’s Child Find process to identify students with developmental delays. For more information, the MASD Child Find notice may be found on the Pupil Services website at www.masd.k12.wi.us.
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
In early January, 2017, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction approved our school district's waiver request to start next school year prior to September 1 due to Mukwonago High School renovation construction timelines.

Please Note: The first day of school for the 2017-2018 academic year will be Monday, August 28th.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WEBSITE
For your convenience, we have placed many community activities on our Community Bulletin Board found on our MASD Website. For quick access to these flyers, just go to http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/community.cfm. This month includes:

ATTACHMENTS:
- School Counselors Note
- March Activities pictures (2 pages)
- GLOW Dance Flier – April 7
- Art Show – “Destination America” flier
- Code Ninja’s Flier (2 pages)
- Cub Scout Registration Flier
- BBES Fire Dept. Annual Pancake Breakfast Flier
- Camp Invention Flier
- Phantom Lake YMCA Breakfast with Easter Bunny Flier
- Gymnastics Flier
- BBES Donation Announcement from American Farmers Grow Communities

Visit our website at www.masd.k12.wi.us.com (Click on Big Bend)
School Counselor Note

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Play a Part in Play and Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month

We all want the best for our children. One way to ensure that they are developing to their full potential is to encourage them to play. Scientific research has shown that playtime stimulates children’s brains and helps them develop essential skills. By allowing them to express their creativity and use their imaginations, we are helping them build healthy brain architecture.

It’s also important for you to play with your children! Get down on the floor and become a part of their world for a while. Playing helps build warm relationships and strong attachments among families. Playtime with adults encourages vocabulary development and communication skills, so that children can better express their thoughts and feelings. They will learn social interaction, like how to take turns and share. And your children will feel important, which builds self-worth and confidence. Most importantly, shared playtime can be fun! Find out how much you can learn from your children, take a break from the stress of everyday life, and know that you are investing in your children’s future.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. As part of activities to recognize and support community efforts that help protect children, pinwheel gardens will be put up around the country. Here’s a Pinwheel Protector Activity you can participate in with your child.

Pinwheel Wind Collector

Materials Needed: A push pin, a square piece of construction paper (about 8.5” by 8.5”), a sharpened pencil with an eraser, and scissors.

Procedure:
1. Lay the square paper flat on a table and draw a line diagonally from each corner to the opposite corner.
2. Mark the center of the square where the two lines cross and punch a small hole through it with a pencil tip.
3. Next, cut along each line stopping about an inch from the hole in the center of the square.
4. Take the pin and punch a hole in the top left corner of each of the four flaps. (No two holes should be next to each other.)
5. Pick up a flap at a punched corner and carefully curve it over toward the center hole, securing it with a pin.
6. Repeat this with the other flaps.
7. When all four flaps are held by the pin, carefully lift the paper without letting the flaps unfurl.
8. Lay the pencil flat on a table and carefully push the point of the push pin into the side of the eraser.
9. Now your pinwheel is complete and ready to go! Pick up the pinwheel near the pencil point and let it catch the wind.

Sources and resources:

www.preventchildabuse.org
http://www.childwelfare.gov
Child Abuse: What You Need to Know by Evin M. Daly

As always, reach out to your school’s counselor with any questions or great resources you have found!
FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Cleanest Classroom of the Month
(2-Jester) March, 2017

Future Forecaster – Fox News
Lauren – K-Haas

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Vocal Concert – “Destination America”
MARCH SCRAPBOOK

SAVE PARTICIPATION DAY – March 15
For One Night Only...

Come help us make Big Bend Elementary School...

Join us for an all school dance!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 7th
from 6 to 8 pm in the BBE Gym

Kids must have an adult with them in order to attend the dance.

We need your help at the dance and with raffle gift baskets. PLEASE sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C4BACAC2BA20-allschool
We’re going on a ROAD TRIP

Big Bend Elementary is proud to present this year’s all-school Art Show – Art Across America! As our students were on the “R.O.A.D. to Success”, they learned about all kinds of artists who were born in the United States. We can’t wait to show you what we learned and what we made!

April 27, 2017
5:00-7:30 pm
Code Ninjas!
Version 2.0—Spring 2017
An Advanced Exploration

An after school experience for past Code Ninja Students to dig deeper into Computer Science!

Course Outcome:
- Code Ninjas will investigate further in Computer Science using the programming language Kodu.

Dates: 4 Tuesdays:
- April 11
- April 25
- May 2
- May 9

Time:
- 3:40—4:55

Location:
- Big Bend Library Computer Lab

Description:
In Code Ninjas! 1.0, students learned that every computer is controlled by programs, a set of instructions that direct the computer actions. And behind every program is a person, a computer programmer, that creates the code that makes the computer work.

In this four week program, students who participated in Code Ninjas 1.0 will continue their exploration of computer science by engaging in further programming using the computer language Kodu. Students will create games and other environments using this intuitive language.

Code Ninjas! 2.0 is open to any student who has already participated in the earlier versions of Code Ninjas!

Signing Up for the Advanced Code Ninjas! 2.0
- Use the attached form to sign up your child for this exciting opportunity
- Program cost: $25
- Make checks payable to: Big Bend PTO
- Turn in sign-up sheet and payment to the School Office by Friday, April 7th.
- Enrollment is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible.
- Students taking Code Ninjas! 1.0 will be eligible to take Code Ninjas! 2.0 in

For more information:
- Contact Becky Bretza:
  bretzb@masd.k12.wi.us or 262-363-4401, x21504

Cost:
$25 per student

Big Bend Elementary School
W230 58695 Big Bend Drive
Big Bend, WI 53103
(262) 363-4401
Code Ninjas! Advanced Version 2.0—Registration Form

Acceptable Behavior Policy
It is important that all Code Ninjas! participants receive a positive and rewarding experience while attending this program. In order to ensure a safe and fun environment for all, children are expected to behave in an acceptable manner and use appropriate language, as outlined by school board policy. By paying your registration fee in full, you signify that you understand and agree to, the Acceptable Behavior Policy.

Student Transportation
Parents are responsible for picking up their "Code Ninjas" in a timely fashion. Code Ninjas! will finish promptly at 4:55 pm.

Name of person picking up child:

Phone number:

If someone other than the person listed above is picking up the child, please contact the Big Bend office by 3:00 pm.

Student Medical Needs
Please list any medical concerns (allergies, restrictions, etc.) that you feel the Code Ninja! instructors would need to be aware of:

Code Ninjas! Participant Information
Child’s Name: __________________________
Child’s Age: ______ Child’s Grade: 4th/5th/6th
Child’s Teacher: ________________________
Child’s T-shirt size: ____________________
Parent’s Name: _________________________
Street Address: _________________________
City, State, Zip: _________________________
Parent Home Phone: ____________________
Parent Cell Phone: ______________________
Parent Work Phone: _____________________
Email: _________________________________

Payment Information:
Registration Fee: $25
- Full payment is due at time of registration.
- Registration fee is non-refundable
- Checks should be made payable to Big Bend PTO

Code Ninjas! Instructor Information:
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NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

Do you enjoy building models, exploring outside, fishing, archery, rockets, sleeping in caves, sleeping in a submarine, camping, adventures, making TV commercials, making your own movie, cooking over a campfire and fun?

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

We invite you to join us on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in the Big Bend Elementary School Gym for our monthly Pack meeting featuring Half Twisted – Half Knot! Come join the FUN! Siblings are also welcome to attend.

Each new Cub Scout that joins in Spring of 2017 will earn a free ticket to the Brewer game on August 1, 2017.

Interested, but unable to make the meeting? Feel free to contact us via email at: bbepack26@aol.com
Big Bend Fire Dept.
Annual
Pancake Breakfast
& Open House
Sun. April 23, 2017 at 7 am-12:30 pm
Big Bend Fire Station #1
W230 S9185 Nevins St., Big Bend, WI 53103
$7 for all you can eat Pancakes
Eggs available
Children under 5 eat Free!

Fire, EMS & Police Equipment & Displays,
Flight for Life - Weather permitting, Health & Safety Open House,
Door Prizes, Raffling off a 10' Kayak,
Free Blood Pressure checks and more!
AS A SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER, YOUR CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO $30 OFF THE BASE PRICE! PROMO CODE: HOST

Your local Camp Invention site information:
Price $245 (before discount) | For children entering K - 6th grade | Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332

Rolling Hills Elementary | W322 S9230 Beulah Road, Mukwonago, WI 53149
July 17 - 21, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:30pm
Directed by Melissa Barton
bartome@masd.k12.wi.us
(262) 363-8318 ext 28216

Led by experienced local educators, Visit CAMPINVENTION.ORG today to learn more and secure your spot!
Phantom Lake YMCA Camp
Please join us for our annual

**Breakfast with Easter Bunny**

Saturday, April 8th
8 am – 11 am

Children 4 and under – FREE
Children ages 5-12 - $4.00
Adults - $6.00
Tickets available at the door

Celebrate the season:
- Visit with the Easter Bunny
- Egg Hunt (every half hour)
- All you can eat pancakes and sausage!

Don’t forget your camera!

**Phantom Lake YMCA Camp**
S110 W30240 YMCA Camp Road
Mukwonago, WI 53149
262.363.4386
www.phantomlakeymca.org
Located ¼ mile West of Hwy ES on Hwy J
SUMMER GYMNASTICS CAMPS 2017

The Mukwonago Gymnastics Recreation Club will be holding summer classes. Classes are held in the Mukwonago High School gymnasiums. There will be one class for boys (grades 1-3) and the rest are for girls. Beginner and advanced classes will be held during 2 week camps from 9:00-10:00 am. Gymnasts may sign up for one or more of the camps. The “Special Class” is for the gymnast who is more serious and working toward competitive skills. Please register in advance to assure we have enough coaches for your son/daughter. Please no refunds after the first class. We do not confirm reservations, simply come to the first class. Gymnasts should wear stretchable clothes, leotards; t-shirts and shorts are fine. Gymnasts are required to have long hair pulled back. Classes are held in the balconies at Mukwonago High School. Enter through the main gym entrance.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER  PLEASE PRE-REGISTER  PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

If form/fee is sent with in 7 days of first class please add a $10.00 late fee.

BEGINNER/ADVANCED CAMP DATES BELOW—9:00-10:00 am

CAMP 1-Girls and Boys 9:00-10:00
JUNE 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 $55.00

CAMP 2-Girls Only $55.00 9:00-10:00 am
June 26, 27, 28, 29 July 10, 11, 12, 13

CAMP 3-Girls Only
JULY 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 $55.00 9:00-10:00 am

SPECIAL CLASS CAMP DATES-10:00am-12:00  $210.00

All dates listed above: June 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29
July-10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Special class is for the gymnast who is working on more advanced skills. This class meets for two hours per day. These gymnasts are developing skills for future competition. This class is for the serious gymnast. IT IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED THAT THE GYMNAST CAN DO THE FOLLOWING SKILLS: KIPS ON BARS, BACK HANDSPRINGS ON FLOOR, CARTWHEELS ON BEAM AND HANDSPRINGS ON VAULT.

If form/fee is sent with in 7 days of first class please add a $10.00 late fee.

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER**  PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ** PLEASE PRE-REGISTER**

Clip and mail the bottom portion: Make checks out to Margie Canfield, 605 W. School Rd., Mukwonago, WI 53149  mcc134@hotmail.com

Childs Name: ______________________  AGE: ______  Phone: ______  E-mail: ______________________

Camp 1: ______  Camp 2: ______  Camp 3: ______  Special Camp: ______
Pre-school, K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7-8, BEG, ADV.  Circle grade just finished and advanced or beginner

Amount Enclosed:
Insurance Name and Policy #: ______________________
Special concerns, asthma, allergies? ______________________

Questions? E-mail Margie Canfield mcc134@hotmail.com “Gymnastics” in subject area.
Extra Registration Forms: http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/ Athletics Activities (camps)

I understand that injury may occur while participating in these classes and will not hold Mukwonago Gymnastics/Margie Canfield/Mukwonago School District and or its instructors liable for any cost that may occur due to injuries.

Parent Signature: ______________________  Signature Required

Thanks for PRE-REGISTERING—Due 8 days before class begins.
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Summer 17
COUNTY FARMER DIRECTS AMERICA’S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES DONATION TO BIG BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Farmers Make a Difference in Rural Communities by Directing Donations from Monsanto Fund’s America’s Farmers Grow Communities Program to Local Nonprofit Organizations

- The America’s Farmers Grow Communities program will provide more than $3 million in financial support to nonprofits across the US in 2017
- Since 2010, the America’s Farmers Grow Communities program has given more than $26 million to more than 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

Big Bend, Wisconsin, March 21, 2017 – Waukesha County farmer Dave Bartholomew has won the opportunity to direct a $2,500 dollar donation from the America’s Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, to Big Bend Elementary School.

Big Bend Elementary School will use the funds to purchase two new full size glass backboards and rims for the school gymnasium.

"Thanks to local farmer Dave Bartholomew, who applied for this grant from the Monsanto Fund, Big Bend Elementary School is able to improve our school. The upgraded backboards, rims and padding will benefit not only the physical education program at our school but also improves the gym space which is used by numerous groups in our community such as Special Olympics, Mukwonago Basketball Club, Junior Indians and the Vernon Department of Recreation. This is a great example our district motto, Students, Staff and Community working together to improve our schools," said Jeff Grant, Big Bend Elementary School Physical Education teacher.

The Grow Communities program’s purpose is to make a positive impact in farm communities by partnering with farmers to support the causes that are important to them in their communities. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to win a $2,500 donation that they direct to a local nonprofit.

Since the program began in 2010, farmers have directed more than $26 million in donations across a broad cross-section of organizations that reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including food banks, emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs and many others.

“Farmers have directed funds to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America since Grow Communities began,” said Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president. “Farmers are truly committed to this program because they see the difference the donation makes in their community.”

For more information or to see a complete list of the 2017 America’s Farmers Grow Communities recipients, visit www.GrowCommunities.com.