



The Cub Reporter

*The Newsletter of Big Sandy Schools
August/September 2018*

The new school year is about to begin. Students in **grades 6-12** will attend school the morning only of **August 16th**. Buses will run and no lunch will be served that day. The first full day of school for students in **grades 6-12** will be **August 17th**. All students, **K-12**, will attend a full day **August 21st, 2018**.

Vacation for 2017-2018:

Thanksgiving: Nov. 21st - Nov. 26th
Christmas: Dec. 21st - Jan. 8th
Spring Break: March 23rd - April 1st

LUNCH

Hot lunch prices are as follows:

REGULAR DAYS----- TUESDAY-FRIDAY

- **Building is open from 7:47 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.**
- **Classes begin at 7:57 A.M.**
- **Students dismissed at 4 P.M.**
- **Kindergarten 7:57-11:30 A.M.
12:30-4:00 P.M.**

- Grades 1-5 **\$2.75 pr. meal** or for a **month..... \$44.00**
- Grades 6-12..... **\$3.00 pr. meal** or for a **month.....\$48.00**
- Kindergarten milk and other extra milk and juice.....**\$.30 cents**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School will be held on six Mondays this year:

- November 5th
- November 19th
- December 17th
- February 18th
- February 25th
- March 4th
- May 13th

*There will be **no school** on the following **Fridays**:*

- November 9th
- February 22nd
- March 1st
- March 8th
- May 17th

Each student will have an ID number, and will have their own individual account. If you have more than one child, you may write one check and it will be divided between each student's individual account. The *policy and application for free and reduced lunch* are included in this mailing. Individuals applying for free or reduced price lunches must pay regular prices until approval of free or reduced price lunches is received. Charges are allowed on a limited basis, and parents should notify the school if their child does not have a

cold lunch or money to buy hot lunch.

<p align="center"><u>Grades 6-12</u> <u>Attend Morning only</u> <u>August 16th</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Grades 6-12</u> <u>Full Day August 17th</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Full Day</u> <u>For All Students</u> <u>August 21st</u></p>

SCHOOL CLOSURE AND EARLY DISMISSAL INFORMATION

Periodically weather and/or other factors necessitate the closing of school. If this is necessary, an announcement will be listed on www.Flashalert.net and then we will contact all local radio and television stations. We are also using Shout Point to call everyone within the data base in regard to school closure updates.

Big Sandy Schools has a late start schedule that can be used to start school at 10:00 A.M. instead of 7:57 A.M. The decision to close or delay school will generally be made before 6:00 A.M. each school day. We will try to avoid middle of the day dismissals, but on occasion we may have to dismiss early. **We ask that you please make sure you have updated your child's emergency contact and early dismissal information.** Mud days may vary depending upon the weather.

CUB REPORTER

The CUB REPORTER is our schools' monthly newsletter. We mail this first copy to each school family during the summer. During the school year, we will email the newsletter to you or give it to the youngest student in your home to take home. If by chance you do not receive a copy around the beginning of each month, please talk with your child, call, or come by the school for another copy.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

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Immunizations:

Colorado Revised Statute 25-4-902 requires that ALL students attending school must

provide: 1. Proof of up-to-date immunizations per age/grade as required by Colorado Board of Health *or* 2. Annually signed exemption form, *or* 3. Signed plan for completion. Please see attached information regarding immunization requirements for childcare through preschool and for kindergarten through grade 12.

The Colorado Board of Health school immunization requirements are outlined in the attached pages, but here is a summary:

- Students entering Kindergarten in the new school year will be required to have the final doses of: DTaP (must be at least 4 yrs of age), IPV (must be at least 4 years of age) as well as final doses of MMR and Varicella

- Students entering 6th grade will be required to have a dose of Tdap. (students who have received Tdap at an earlier age (minimum age to receive Tdap is 7 yrs) have already met this 6th grade Tdap requirement) As of July 1, 2016, non-medical exemptions (religious and personal belief) will expire June 30th of every year. Non-medical exemptions (K through 12th grades) are to be submitted annually at each new school year. Exemptions can be submitted in two ways by parents:

- The exemption form can be downloaded by the parent, provider or school (www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption).

The parents sign and submit their child's exemption form to the school to meet this requirement.

OR

- The parents can go online to CDPHE and complete the exemption process online (www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption).

Please print a copy for your own records and submit a copy to the school. Here you may also choose to opt-in or opt-out of CIIS. If you opt-in, then the information will be included on CIIS.

New medical exemptions must be submitted to CDPHE ONLY IF/WHEN the student changes schools, address, vaccine exemption, etc.

Attached are a Frequently Asked Questions sheet and resource page. Please contact the school nurse for questions.

Health Needs:

If your child requires accommodation for health-related interventions such as medication administration or special procedure, please contact school administration or nurse to coordinate needed services. Medication administration by school staff requires: 1. Signed authorization from medical provider and parent/guardian and 2. Medication provided in original pharmacy labeled bottle. Over-the-counter medications must have intact labeling, unopened, and dose on bottle matching the dose on the medical provider signed authorization. Students in grades 6-12 may carry a metered dose inhaler for self-treatment of respiratory symptoms or an epi-pen f: 1. Signed authorization from medical provider and parent/guardian and 2. Properly labeled medication is provided. A parent/guardian needing to administer medication to his/her own child is asked to do so in the school office.

General health:

Encourage good habits: adequate and consistent sleep (8-9 hours/night), breakfast before school, minimal sweets and sodas, water bottle at school, grooming and hygiene, frequent hand washing, and proper attire for the weather. Watch for pest infestation at all times throughout the year; lice and bedbugs appear when you least expect it. Keep children home if sick: fever (greater than 100.4 F), significant cough, vomiting and/or diarrhea not related to medication or food to avoid spread of illness.

Resources:

If you have concerns about your child, if you need assistance with medical referral, or access to health care for your child please let me know. Vision coupons are available if you need assistance to obtain eye exam and/or corrective lenses for your child. I am here usually one day per week. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

BOCES nurses have a website this year providing access to medical forms for parents. If you are needing medication authorization, asthma/allergy or immunization forms please visit ppboces.org and search for school nurse. All forms can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the page. Please have forms ready for the nurse by the start of school. I have also sent home blank forms and health care plans to be filled out and signed by the start of school. If you have any further questions please let me know.

PARKING

Parking is provided in the lots east of the school. When dropping off or picking up children, please use the "roundabout-drop and go" area or park your car in the designated parking areas. **Please do not use the elementary parking lot as a "drop and go" area. The area immediately to the southeast of the building is designated for bus loading and unloading.** Please observe this no parking restriction for the safety of our students. The overflow parking area may be used on occasion when we host big events.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Markel Insurance is a company that offers Voluntary Student Accident/Health Insurance. For those that are interested, please go to <http://markel.sevencorners.com>. Going to their website is preferred; however, calling [1.877.444.5014](tel:1.877.444.5014) may also provide assistance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M. All board meetings are open to the public.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD NOTES

STEVE WILSON

Welcome Back to Big Sandy Schools!

We are looking forward to the start of a great school year!

I hope everyone has had a refreshing summer and are ready to start a very profitable school year. We would like to welcome back some quality people to our school and community. We welcome back Mary Bauer who will be teaching high school Spanish and drama. We welcome back Kaley Carter who will be one of our 6th grade teachers. We welcome back Alisa Easler as our school secretary. We welcome back Linda Maranville as our head cook. We welcome back Kristin Stodola who will be teaching junior high social studies and a math class. Doug Cox will be switching to our schools' art teacher. Welcome Lena Olsen who will be teaching secondary science and welcome Rachel Wilson who will be teaching junior high language arts. My biggest goal has been to keep and hire quality people; we have a great returning staff and the above mentioned individuals are going to be quality people for our children.

We have had a good summer working on projects and doing maintenance on the buildings.

Thank you to Lane Hamacher, Chris Hamacher, Oscar Tatman, Rod Webb and Jerry Dole for the work they have done throughout the summer!

Thank you to each school board member for their service to our community and school. Our school board members are Todd Natale, President; Ricky Sellers, Vice-President; Nancy Sotomayor, Secretary/Treasurer; Chad Maranville, Director; and Greg Mitchell, Director.

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Every student will be receiving a Student Handbook. Please review the information and policies printed within it.

We annually apply to the State to continue to have a 4-day school week. Part of this application is the statement that we encourage students and staff to schedule doctor and dentist appointments on Mondays so that when we are in session we have great attendance to benefit student learning. Please make it a point to try and schedule appointments and errands on the days that we do not have school...thank you!

Everyone who qualifies for Free and Reduced Lunches, please fill out the applications, by doing so, it will help our school qualify for additional, significant revenue along with making it cheaper for you to receive school lunch!

As we look forward to the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, we can take this op-

portunity to set high goals for a prosperous and successful student learning experience.

To all of the new families within our community and to all of the returning families here, welcome to a great 2018/2019 school year at Big Sandy Schools! Our biggest goal is to maximize student learning. With great families, good attendance and a great staff, let us achieve this goal together!

Finally, thank you for your support. The support you provide your children to value education is the most important factor in their success. Without all of you, we would not be successful. Thank you to those who attend the many activities of the school; for families that attend a lot of athletic events, the school sells Family Passes which may be a very good investment. Your support is appreciated by our students. Most importantly, help me thank our students because we have some of the brightest and most respectful students around.

Let's make 2018/2019 our best year yet!
Welcome Back to Big Sandy Schools!



JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL AND COUNSELOR NOTES

The 2018-2019 school year is almost here! It is our hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that you are ready for school to begin. We are looking forward to another awesome school year and we are excited about the school staff that will be working with our students.

We will be welcoming some new teachers to the Big Sandy Secondary Staff this year. Miss Kaley Carter will be joining the secondary staff and teaching 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Kristin Stodola who will be teaching 7th & 8th grade Social Studies, and high school Math. Miss Lena Olsen will be teaching 7th & 8th grade Science and Biology. Miss Rachel Wilson will be teaching 7th & 8th grade Language Arts and a junior high elective. Mrs. Mary Bauer will be teaching Spanish and Drama. We are very excited for these ladies to be joining the secondary team!

Parents and students, please pay close attention to the following information:

1. **ALL STUDENTS MEET IN MR. TUCKER'S COMPUTER LAB AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

Tuesday, August 7th

Seniors	9:00 a.m.
Juniors	10:30 a.m.
Sophomores	1:00 p.m.
Freshman	2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 8th

8 th Grade	9:00 a.m.
7 th Grade	10:30 a.m.
6 th Grade	1:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 9th

New J.H. and H.S. students:
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Students unable to meet at any of the above times:
10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT!!! The above dates and times are set for:

- Students to review their class schedules, ask questions, and make any necessary changes. (Schedules will be mailed in August and can be viewed in Infinite Campus now)
 - Students to access or set up a new College in Colorado account. Students will write or revise their post-secondary goals and update the steps they will take this year to meet those goals. **This is required for all secondary students!**
 - Students to select their academic lockers
2. **Industrial Arts** and **Art** have additional fees. This information will be included in the course syllabi at the beginning of the year.
 3. Junior High Cheerleading will be offered this school year as an additional junior high sport option for students to choose from. The squad will cheer at home junior games only, there will be no away game travel. Students will need to have a sports packet and sports physical completed before they will be allowed to practice. Practice will be held during sports practice time, which is the last hour of the school day during PE class. Coach Kristin Stodola will have a cheer meeting during PE class the first day of school. We are excited to offer this additional sports opportunity to students!
 4. *We again will be asking students, teachers, and parents to work together with an emphasis on our math, reading, and*

*writing curriculum at home and at school. We encourage parents to ask questions pertaining to homework and expectations. If questions or concerns arise, **parents are encouraged to contact the teacher.** Teacher contact information will be available on each course syllabus.*

5. Junior/Senior high students (grades 6-12) will have their **first day of school on Thursday, August 16th for one-half day of school.** The following is the schedule for the day:

7:57 – 8:35	Assembly - Cafeteria
8:38 – 9:00	1 st Period
9:03 – 9:25	2 nd Period
9:28 – 9:50	3 rd Period
9:53 – 10:15	4 th Period
10:18 – 10:40	5 th Period
10:43 – 11:05	6 th Period
11:08 – 11:30	7 th Period

****School dismissed at 11:30 AM – lunch will not be served by the school. Busses will run at 11:35 AM.**
6. *Friday, August 17th will be the first full day of school for students 6-12. Tuesday, August 21st will be the first full-day for all elementary students.*
7. *We plan to be passing out “day timers” again to students and staff. These attractive, calendar books also include our school’s important handbook pages. Students will receive these books on their first day of school. We will be requiring students to take the handbook home and for parents to review it with their child.*
 - *In order to have a consistent start to our school year, in regard to dress code, please review*

the dress code section of the day timer and help us enforce it each day by purchasing clothes this year that comply with the school dress code.

- *One of our district goals calls for a 95% attendance rate. Your help in attaining this goal is appreciated. Please make every effort to insure your student is in school from Tuesday through Friday. If they have to be absent, please call the office prior to 9:00 am to excuse the absence. Students missing a day of school, will be required to check into the office the following day, to receive an absence slip. Any absences, not excused, will be coded as "Unexcused", which may result in possible disciplinary and/or academic consequences. 8 absences (this includes excused absences) are allowed each semester and if your child misses more days during each semester they may be required to attend Monday School. Students who receive over 3 tardies in one class (excused or unexcused) will serve a detention for each additional tardy. Monday School may also be required for students with excessive tardies. Please encourage your child to be on time to each class.*

- 8. Senior Parent Orientation** - Parents of seniors are asked to attend an orientation on **Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the computer lab. Mr. Thieman will go over the details of the Senior Seminar class and will also answer ques-

tions pertaining to college preparation and the Senior Year. Parents who have experienced the senior year and college preparation are asked to share their advice as well.

9. Concurrent enrollment courses are offered for 11th and 12th grade students who may earn both high school and college credits. The school will split the cost of these courses 50/50 with you. Your 50% share is due August 24th. If you do not pass the course with at least a college D or if you drop the course past the drop date, then you will owe the school the 50% paid on your behalf. Your high school grade is increased by 1 letter grade at the end of the term so if you earn a B for the college grade then your high school transcript grade will be an A. The following courses will be offered 1st semester: College Algebra (Mrs. Phillips), College English Composition (Mrs. Montague). Your 50% cost-share for English Composition is \$112.50. The cost-share for College Algebra will be determined when the total number of students is finalized.
10. Online Courses are available for 11th and 12th grade students. The cost for online courses is \$135 per semester is due August 24th. If the student passes the course, the tuition will be reimbursed at the end of the semester. Online courses are not for everyone! You must be self-motivated and able to work independently. We will be using Colorado DLS as our online provider. You may look at course options at www.ColoradoDLS.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We are excited to welcome you back to continue the

tradition of excellence Big Sandy Schools has experienced in the years past. We are looking forward to getting to know each of you and helping you in any way possible. Feel free to call the school, if you need further information, at 541-2291.

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**TUCKER TIDBITS FROM THE ELEMENTARY
KATHY TUCKER-ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**
Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The elementary staff is excited about a new year, along with new challenges, new opportunities, new friendships and new beginnings. Our main goal is to help your child achieve success while reaching and extending beyond his/her academic learning potential.

Big Sandy School continues our tradition of high expectations for academics and behavior. Our staff is encouraged to give homework which may include reading daily, research projects, activities, or other work. Students must practice skills to become proficient. Please make sure your student reads on a daily basis and completes all homework on time to the best of their ability.

Technology is integrated into the elementary curriculum in a variety of ways. Several programs exist and are utilized by the classroom teachers. Students who have internet at home have the opportunity to develop technological skills at home as well as at school. Programs such as Edutype help students with keyboarding skills, and others

such as Sumdog or Real Math help students with math concepts. Classroom teachers can offer more information on other programs to help your students develop 21st century skills.

New Staff and a New Name-We welcome Mrs. Toscano to the elementary staff. Her responsibilities will include helping teachers in special education, regular classrooms, and recess. In the kindergarten classroom, we have the same teacher but a new name! Ms. Koehn was recently married, and her new name is Mrs. Nestor.

Important Information Concerning the Elementary.....

School Hours/Transportation-Students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, need to arrive at 7:47 a.m. and be in the classroom prepared to learn when the bell rings. Students are released at 4:00 p.m. Bike riders need to park their bikes upon arrival in the morning. If you are picking your child up at the school, please use the pickup, drop-off lane located in front of the school.

If you ride a bus, please be on time, listen to the driver, and follow all the rules. If you have any questions about transportation, contact Jerry Dole. If a student cannot control him/herself on the bus, then he/she could lose bus riding privileges for the year.

Visitors-All visitors please report to the office. If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

Student Handbooks-Each child will receive a Cub handbook which contains many of our school's rules and policies.

Parents and/or guardians, please review and use as a resource throughout the school year.

All of the following information is also stated in the Cub handbook.

Communication-It is essential that strong communication takes place between the home and the school. In an effort to keep parents informed, teachers will communicate through the Cub book (sent home daily), emails, notes, and/or phone calls. Parents of third through fifth graders can sign up for grade updates through infinite campus. In addition, a Cub Reporter will be sent home monthly to all students and families via email or hardcopy. The Big Sandy School website, also offers pertinent information concerning the entire district along with staff member's contact information. In the event of an emergency, a shoutpoint will be sent out to all students' parents and/or families. Please ensure that your contact information is always up to date so you will receive these important messages.

Student Testing- All parents and guardians will receive a letter concerning back to school student testing along with important dates for the 2018-2019 school year. During testing, parents and/or guardians will need to fill out a number of forms, update contact information, and sign up to help with parties during the year. This would be a good time for parents to share any pertinent information, regarding their child, with their child's teacher and to learn about teacher's expectations for the new school year.

New Student Testing- All new students to the district will be tested to determine learning ability and placement. This process will

be explained when registration takes place in the front office. At that time, an appointment will be scheduled for your child to be tested on Friday, August 17th unless otherwise designated by the teacher. Additionally, if our testing indicates that a student is behind, then it may be recommended that he/she be placed in a previous grade. We want to make sure your child has the best placement to experience success in our school. The cut-off date for Big Sandy School District is June 1st. All students must be the appropriate age by this date to enroll in their desired grade. Furthermore, please make us aware of any concerns or special needs regarding your child.

Preschool-If you have a 3 or 4 year old and would like him/her to attend preschool, please contact Mrs. Jenkins at 541-2291 for information. Preschool meets 3 days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, with the morning session being from 8:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m., and the afternoon session from 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **There is no charge for this service; however, parents are responsible for transportation.** We have room for 15 students in the morning (the younger class), and 15 students in the afternoon (pre-kindergarten). Slots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. If slots are filled, a waiting list will be developed. Great attendance is encouraged, and if we have a student with poor attendance, then we will offer that slot to another student on the waiting list.

Attendance-Great attendance provides many educational learning opportunities and ensures success. Please make sure your child is in school unless he/she is ill. If this occurs, please call the school before 9:00 a.m. to let us know your child is going to be absent. Periodically, letters will be sent home to communicate accumulating student absences to parents.

Concerning absences, students have one day for each day absent to make up his or her work. In order to help students make up work in a timely fashion, teachers will have them work during recess or specials, such as P.E., to get caught up and to ensure that missed concepts are taught.

If a student develops a pattern and misses a number of days, then a meeting will be held with the parents to develop a plan which could include retention and/or Monday school to make up work. If attendance does not improve after the plan is in place, then Social Services will be contacted. Also, if a student has a number of tardies, then missed time will be made up at recess or after school. Great attendance is a habit that all students need to develop in order to become successful, productive members of society.

Specials-Elementary students, first through fifth grades, will have a physical education class each day, and then once a week they will have music, art, library skills, and/or technology. Fourth and fifth grade students will have technology incorporated into their class time. Kindergarten students will attend physical education classes twice a week with music and library skills being once a week. In P.E., students will need to bring an extra pair of shoes to keep at school that will not scuff the floors.

Recess-There are 3 recesses each day. The majority of the time, it will be outside, so students need to dress for the weather. Please send your child to school with appropriate attire to keep warm. It would be a good idea for students to have a cap and gloves to keep in their backpack or locker. In order to ensure safety, it is imperative that students follow the rules and listen to the staff on duty. If they choose otherwise, re-

cess will be taken away, or they may spend it picking up trash. Attending recess is a privilege.

Snacks- Snacks are allowed during all recesses. Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks.

Lost and Found-A lost and found can is located in the elementary hallway. If your child is missing something, this will be the best place to look. In order to avoid misplaced items, please label everything that your child brings to school including coats, hats, shoes, etc.

Toys-Toys are **not** allowed at school to be played with at recess or at any other time. The only exception to this rule is if the teacher has approved it for show and tell or some other classroom activity. If toys are brought to school, they will be taken, and parents will need to come pick them up.

Cell Phones-If your child has a cell phone, please make sure your child's teacher is aware. Cell phones and/or electronic messaging devices are not allowed in the classrooms. Students can keep them in their lockers or in a designated area in the classroom. If a cell phone is a disruption, then it will be taken away for the day and sent home. The second time will result in the phone not being allowed at school. Please note that the school is not responsible for lost or damaged electronic devices, and class time will not be spent looking for lost cell phones.

Dress Code-Please make sure your child dresses appropriately, following the dress code. If you have a question about clothing, then I would recommend your child not

wear it to school. Guidelines to follow are included in the Cub handbook.

Discipline-Big Sandy School provides a safe, nurturing environment with high behavioral expectations. Disrespect will not be tolerated, and consequences will be administered. If a child cannot behave, then a plan will be developed to improve behavior. One child will not be allowed to disrupt the educational process for the rest of a class. Loss of recess time, extra cleaning duties, and time out of the regular classroom with Mrs. Tucker are some of the methods used for consequences. The majority of discipline issues are handled in the classroom with little disruption. Each classroom teacher has a discipline model, and students are fully aware of what is expected. If both parents and the school have high behavioral and academic expectations, then there will be few discipline problems.

District Accountability Meeting- The purpose of this committee is as follows: to monitor academic progress, attendance, and graduation rate, to participate in the accreditation process as needed, to serve as the Vocational Advisory, Title I, Preschool, Performance Evaluation, Drug Advisory, Safety, Nutritional/Wellness, and Facilities Committees, to review the Safe Schools Plan, and to provide information to the community and receive feedback in an effort to make our school better. The first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year will be on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the board room. If you have a student attending Big Sandy Schools and would like to contribute on the District Accountability Committee, please contact the front office or Mrs. Tucker.

Activity Months-Please have your child turn in their summer activity calendar or note as soon as he or she returns in August. Reading Month will be in October, Math Month in November, and Writing Month in February. Calendars with directions will be sent home before each month. I encourage all parents and students to participate.

Health/Medication Reminder-In order to administer medication, the school must have written authorization from the doctor. The medicine must be in a pharmacy bottle labeled with the student's name and medication instructions. The school cannot give aspirin or Tylenol to a student even with permission from a parent unless the parent provides the school with the medicine and fills out the correct form. This form is available in the office.

PARENTS-You must come to the office to administer medication, even aspirin, to your child.

If your child contracts head lice or any other contagious situation, do not hesitate to contact the school. We need to notify other parents of a situation that threatens their child. Names are not used, and no one is at fault. However, we need to correct the situation as soon as possible and proceed with the education of all the children. Do not hesitate to contact myself or the nurse if a health concern arises.

Special Education- If you have questions concerning special education, feel free to contact Mrs. Jacques or Mr. Snyder. Services are designed to help students learn if they are having trouble in the regular classroom. If a child is struggling, we will contact the parent and ask for permission to test his/her child. We will meet with the parent,

review the results, and determine what is best for the child. Parents are a major part of these programs and will receive timely updates about student progress.

Homecoming is October 5-6, 2018. Please remember that elementary parents build the class float, and each grade level will create one. The head room parent will be contacting the rest of the parents as soon as possible. Teachers are not required to participate in float building or to ride on a float.

I look forward to a fantastic year and am excited about the new opportunities for learning and achieving great things. Time on task, responsibility, intrinsic motivation, and academic learning are priorities and expectations for all students. On behalf of the Big Sandy Elementary staff, I want to again welcome you and thank you for being a part of such a great school community. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your child!

“High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.”
Charles Kettering

TRANSPORTATION

JERRY DOLE

Your students' pickup and drop-off times may change from what they have been in the past. We may be changing our bus routes from what they have been. The approximate times may not be finalized until the week that school starts, but your bus driver will be contacting you before school starts to let you know those times.

It is always best if you call the bus driver the night before, and let them know your student is not riding, but if that is not possible,

please call the transportation director at 541-2025. Thank you.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK ALISA EASLER

I am excited to begin a new year with your children at Big Sandy School! If your child is going to be late or absent, **please call the school by 9:00 A.M.** If this is not possible, please send a note when the child returns. Also, if you would like to request homework for your child **please notify me before 9:00 A.M.**

If your child needs to take any medication during school hours, you will need to pick up a new authorization form, have your doctor fill out his portion; you fill out your portion and return the form to the school. This is required before any medication can be distributed.

If you have any changes in your address, phone number and/or emergency contact information etc., please complete the enclosed form and return it to the office. If you have any questions please call me at 541-2291.

Last, please be sure to check out our website www.bigsandy100j.com for up to date calendars and other school information.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Booster Club Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions please contact Shawnda Hamacher at 541-2314.

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR YOU CAN VIEW THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, LUNCH MENU AND OTHER SCHOOL RELATED TOPICS AT OUR WEBSITE:

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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