

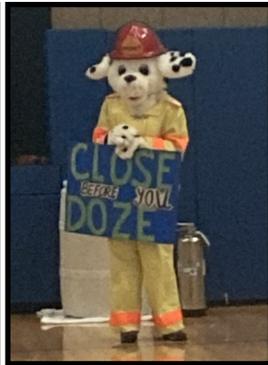
The Cub Reporter

Tucker Tidbits for Elementary
Kathy Tucker, Elementary Principal

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! We have much to be thankful for at Big Sandy Schools!

October was "Fire Prevention Month"

On October 27th, the Simla Fire Dept. provided an interactive fire safety program for elementary students, PreK-5th grade. Students were challenged to have their families develop a fire safety evacuation plan complete with a "meeting place" in the event of a fire. We would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to our fire department for helping keep all of us safe by educating us about fire.



Trunk or Treat/Halloween Parties

Thank you, Simla community and parents, for providing a unique, fun opportunity for our kids. Students loved visiting each "trunk" and receiving "goodies."



After the Trunk or Treat, each class held their own Halloween party. Thanks again parents for making this happen!



School on Monday

Just a reminder, due to the Regional Volleyball Tournament in Cheraw, we **WILL NOT** be Having school on Friday, November 5th.

Due to the State Volleyball Tournament, we **WILL HAVE** school on Monday, November 8th. We **WILL NOT** have school on Friday, November 12th. Please jot this in your planners as a date to remember.

Also mark your calendars for the week of Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving break will begin on Saturday, November 20th – Monday, November 29th. We will return to school on Tuesday, November 30th.

YEARBOOK SPECIAL!!

2021/2022 Yearbooks can now be reserved at a discount! If you order and pay for your yearbooks no later than December 10, 2021 you will receive a \$10.00 discount on the high school yearbook and a \$5.00 discount on the Elementary/Junior High yearbook. Please fill out the order form on page 9 and return it to the school soon!

Upcoming Events

Regional Volleyball
Tournament
Friday, November 5th

Big Sandy Book Fair
November 8th-19th

Elementary Family Night
Tuesday, November 16th

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Kindergarten through second grade students took a trip to the pumpkin patch. Each student was able to pick their own special pumpkin to bring home. What a special day!



Read Aloud Month

The majority of elementary students completed this activity. Fantastic job! Reading is the key to success. Please continue to make sure your child reads each and every day/night.

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Accountability Committee

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to lead our accountability committee this year: Caleb Churchwell (President), Cecilia Richardson (Vice-president), and Sierra Lee (Secretary/Treasurer). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 3:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. in the library. We hope to see everyone there! Thank you to all who give of their time to be on this committee.



Math Month

November is math month, and all students received a calendar with instructions. Our focus will be on becoming fluent with memorizing our math facts. Kindergarten through second grade students should work on their addition and subtraction facts while third through fifth grade students will be developing their multiplication and division skills. Calendars will be due on November 18th, and the extra recess will be on November 19th.

Recess and Weather

As seasons change, the temperature will drop. **Please make sure your child dresses for the weather since we will have recess outside the majority of the time.** Layered clothes, a cap, and a pair of gloves in the backpack are a great idea and a necessity when the temperature drops.

Just a reminder:

- Elementary students are not allowed to use cell phones during class. They may place them in a teacher's drawer or leave them in their lockers. If you need to contact your child, you can call the front office, and we will have your child call you back as soon as possible. This will alleviate a disruption to learning.
- If elementary students attend ball games, they need to be sitting during the entire game unless they are eating at the concession stand. Students should not be running in and out of the game. Thank you for your cooperation!
- It's almost basketball season! Please note that students are not allowed to stay after school unattended while waiting for a game to begin.

Looking ahead...



Elementary Family Night

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Come join us for a FALL FESTIVAL filled with good food, fun games, prizes, and the book fair!



Christmas Program

Make plans to attend our annual elementary Christmas program on Wednesday, December 1st. Before the program, our Future Business Leaders of America will be serving a chili supper for all elementary students and their families. It's sure to be yummy!

Santa Claus to visit Big Sandy Elementary School

Word on the street is that Santa Claus will be visiting elementary students on Thursday, December 9th. Better watch out!!!

End of Second Quarter/First Semester

The end of the second quarter and first semester will be on Friday, December 17th. Report cards will go home after Christmas.

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November Student of the Month

Our November Student of the Month is Cheyenne Bohlander. She is a preschooler this year. Mrs. Toscano stated that Cheyenne is friendly to all of her classmates and helps her teachers whenever she can. Thanks, Cheyenne, for being an awesome Bearcub!

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. —John Dewey

From the Principal's Desk
Sammi Swennes, Secondary Principal

Year-to-Date

- The first quarter is already complete and we have many achievements to celebrate. Overall, as a district we had a 94.5% attendance rate...even with COVID-19 precautions. History was made with attendance—the high school had the highest attendance percentage With 95.42%! Thank you for working with us this quarter, and keeping your kids home when they aren't feeling well.
- The High School Volleyball team has qualified for the regional volleyball tournament. The Simla Cubs are the Black Forest League Volleyball Champions for Class 1A. We will be heading to Cheraw High School on Friday, November 5th to play in the Regional Volleyball Tournament at 10:00 a.m. and approximately 12:00 p.m.
- Congratulations to the High School Football team for finishing another successful season!
- Congratulations to the Junior High Volleyball team for ending their season undefeated, and winning the Black Forest League Tournament.



- Check out some of the pictures on page 5 from our high school drama performance; the junior high drama performance, with the high school speech class; the junior high and high school band and choir concert. These kids did an amazing job!

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Attendance

As is our trend, our first quarter attendance was high at 94.5%. This can be attributed to your commitment to get your children to school. Thank you for your help as we pursue a 95% rate, which is our accreditation goal. As a reminder, if your child is sick and will miss school for the day, please call the office at 541-2291 before 9:00 a.m. If you would like us to collect homework for the day, please let the office know, when you call in, to give teachers the chance to gather it and bring it to the office by the end of the day. Please know that we understand this year will be a different attendance year, and we are not focusing on attendance. If your child is sick, please keep them home. But with that being said we are excited that we were able to have a 94.5% attendance rate for the first quarter.

NHS Reminder

Students having a cumulative 3.5 GPA after the first semester of their sophomore year are eligible for consideration of membership in the National Honor Society. This decision is made by a faculty committee. The committee also considers a student's character, leadership abilities, and community service. This process will begin in January.

School on Monday, November 8th

Just a reminder, we will not have school on Friday, November 12th. However, we WILL HAVE school on Monday, November 8th. Please jot this in your planners as a date to remember. Also mark your calendars for the week of Thanksgiving, we will not be having school on that Monday and Tuesday this year. Our Thanksgiving break will begin on Saturday, November 20th – Monday, November 29th.

Junior High Incentive Activity

At the end of each quarter the junior high staff and myself are implementing an incentive activity that 6th – 8th grade students can qualify for based on grades, attendance, tardies and behavior. Our goal is to award those students who are working hard and making good decisions, but also motivate students to continue this all school year. Students who qualified for the 1st quarter incentive activity had a breakfast at the school on October 29th. To qualify students had to meet the qualifications in 4 out of the 4 areas: 4 or less absences for the quarter (medical absences were excused), 3 or less tardies in every class, no office referrals that resulted in a detention, in school or out of school suspension, and they have to have a 65% or above in all classes.

Lockers

Please encourage your children to not bring items of value to school and especially don't keep these items in their locker. There have been some things stolen out of hallway lockers and locker room lockers. I have combination locks that can be rented for \$10.00 each, and the \$10.00 deposit will be returned when the lock is returned.

Attention All Veterans

Big Sandy School would like to invite you to our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 10th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. To honor you, we would love to know something about you. Please send the following information: Branch of Service, years of service, positions held, and duties performed. We will have a meet and greet with the student body and then lunch will be served to you. Please bring any memorabilia to display.

Send all information to Tim Tucker: ttucker@bigsandy100i.org.

Please plan to be at the school by 9:00 a.m. for setup. Thank you and we hope that you will be our special guests.

Superintendent/Board Notes
Steve Wilson, Superintendent

We continue to have a great start to our school year. Here are some of our highlights for the past month:

- We have been able to start our 11th week of school without missing any days; this is huge for our students and staff being able to have “normal” schooling!
- We have been able to provide additional technology for many of our students.
- We were able to receive a grant that brought us some new equipment within our vocational programs...including a C & C Router and Engraver for our Industrial Arts classes.
- Our attendance rate for the first nine weeks was 94.48% (although this number is slightly lower than normal, it is OK). Thank you for a good first nine weeks in attendance which significantly helps our student learning.
- We continue to make progress on our school roofs, and did get the parking lots seal coated and striped.
- We had a great “Homecoming Week.” Thank you to the student council, Mr. Thieman, Mrs. Swennes, Mrs. Tucker, and all of the students, staff, parents, and community that made this week a success!
- We were able to have fairly normal football, volleyball, cheerleading, Matchwits, drama, band & choir activities so far this year. (JH & HS Volleyball teams are league champions and other activities have had much success).
- We have been blessed to have continued, consistent, quality teaching, and learning each day and week so far; we will do our best to adapt to whatever the future holds.
- We have much to be thankful for! Thank you Big Sandy students, Big Sandy staff, Big Sandy community for a great place to learn, live and work!

We hope you and your children have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving! Go Cubs!

Counselor Corner
Chad Thieman, Counselor

All Secondary Students

1st quarter progress reports were sent out in October. The 1st quarter Honor Roll is based on these progress grades. As a reminder, secondary grades do not reset at the end of quarter. Semester grades are cumulative running from August 17th – December 17th and are only posted to transcripts at the end of the term.

1st quarter progress grades are not posted to transcripts and do not affect cumulative GPA's.

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT was administered at the school October 13th to sophomores and juniors who had signed up to take this assessment. Juniors may qualify for a National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT/NMSQT scores. Scores should be available by mid-November

Free College Application Day

Seniors took advantage of the free college application days this year! All 32 public colleges and universities in Colorado waived their application fees for 3 days in October. Seniors also continue to work on scholarships that are due this fall. Scholarship information and applications are provided to the seniors on a regular basis. *Our seniors have started working on their senior projects which include a 10-page research paper on the benefits and challenges related to their career choice and a PowerPoint presentation to be given in December before a panel of professionals from our local communities.*

ACT

Students may register for the December 11th test administration through November 5th for regular registration and have until November 19th for late registration. There is a late fee for registering after November 5th.

Go to www.actstudent.org for more information and all of the 2021-2022 test dates.

SAT

the next SAT administration will be December 4th. The registration deadline is November 4th. Late registration deadline by phone or online is November 23rd. There is a late fee if registering after November 4th. Information may be found at www.sat.org/register. All juniors will take the SAT here at the school on April 13th.

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Senior Parents

The FAFSA opened October 1st. Complete this application with your student (there is a parent section and a student section) as soon as possible in order to receive Financial Aid Award letters from colleges. Some colleges are sending out award packages earlier than they may have in the past so that you have more time to compare costs/financial aid awards.

I am glad to help you complete the FAFSA and ensure confidentiality with any financial information that is shared with me. You and your student need to complete a FSA ID at www.fsaaid.ed.gov in order to sign the FAFSA electronically. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This is a free site. You will need your financial information from your 2020 submitted tax returns. The FAFSA will allow you to have that information transferred automatically from the IRS if you choose to do so.

Counseling Office

Mr. Thieman is available anytime to talk with students in all grades. Information shared by students is kept confidential unless there is a perceived threat of self-harm by the student or toward another person. Please encourage your student to stop by the counseling office any time that they may need to talk.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I am thankful to have the opportunity to work with the students, staff, and parents in our communities!



Save the date for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair!

-Books Bring Us TOGETHER!-



The 2021 Fall Scholastic Book Fair is on its way!

When: November 8-19, 2021

Where: Our school library

Time: More information to follow -
we're working on the details!

Come check out the amazing selection of books
available to your young readers and
help make this year's book fair a success!

Our book fair profits are used to develop classroom libraries
and to emphasize the importance of reading and literacy in
our school and community.

If you have questions or need more information,
please contact:

Mrs. Jeni Montague at school (541-2291, ext. 3301).

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Yearbooks are on Sale!

The 2021/2022 yearbooks are on sale now!
These will be on a pre-order basis, so be sure and
reserve your copy early.



The High School Journalism/Yearbook classes are hard at work on an 88-page, High School-only yearbook and a 40-page, soft-cover, Preschool through Eighth Grade yearbook. Both books are cover-to-cover color. We know you will not want to miss getting your copy! Please fill out the form below and return it to the school with your check made payable to Big Sandy School Yearbook.

Please reserve a 2021/2022 Yearbook in my name:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Grade: _____

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Please Check One:

- _____ \$40.00 by December 10, 2021 or
- _____ \$50.00 after December 10, 2021 or
- _____ \$30.00 now and \$30.00 when the
yearbook is delivered.

PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE YEARBOOK

Please Check One:

- _____ \$25.00 by December 10, 2021
- _____ \$30.00 after December 10, 2021

****Yearbooks will be available for pick-up in August 2022****

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Superintendent's 4.00

6th Grade

Haylee Easler
Evan Guy
Presley Jones
Connor Maranville
Ty Stanko

7th Grade

Brooklynne Billmire
Carlee Cox
Grace Hughes
Logan Rayfield
Madison Townley

8th Grade

Kelsi Harr
Teague Jones
Sydney Richardson

9th Grade

Haley Bishop
Kylie Maranville
Meadow Nusbaum
Myka Smith
Wyatt Stanko

10th Grade

Zaida Harms
Skyla Harr
Charley Maranville
Ryleigh Tunink

11th Grade

Ryann Eurich
McKenna Murphy
Jillian Nipple
John Swennes
Aden Townley

12th Grade

Macey Braun

Sierra Lee
Bethany Rasco
Cecilia Richardson
Adele Stonehouse

Gold 3.50-3.99

6th Grade

Easton Fulmer
Brystol Hintz
Ethan Kissam
Ava Leininger
Tyson Pfost
Luzbella Rivera Osorio
Leah Sieck

7th Grade

Malia Campbell
Gage Creel
Hayden Fox
Tatum Kocerha
Aubrey Layton
Tanya Nipple

8th Grade

Avery Leffingwell
Alheli Rivera Osorio

9th Grade

Brickell, Kylie
Caston Cox
Tad Eurich
Jaelyn Hankins
Jackson Hughes
Ari Johnston
Treven Kocerha
Elle Leininger
Cameron McMullin
Mia Nehl
Lauren Rector
Eli Stodola
Morgan Swennes

Gold continued...

10th Grade

Zulfie Dempsey
Dillon Easler
Dalton Hisle
Amara Logan-Mazerall
Rebecca McMillin
Jackson Pfost
Cason Shults
Jack Zimmerman

11th Grade

Serenity Cauthon
Brayden Glover
Bailey Hankins
Arianna Lee
William Swennes
Jonathan Zimmerman

12th Grade

Omar Hernandez

Blue 3.00-3.49

6th Grade

Faith Fulton
Ryker Griffin
Adrihanna Kerst
Zoey Lally
Jack Miller
Sophis Sherman
Leilah Tunink

7th Grade

Kaitlin Allen
Alexander Baril
Kameryn Bell
Weston Bunting
Jack Hauschildt
Crystal Ortiz-Simental
Ephraim Rasco

Blue continued...

8th Grade

Nathaniel Cauthon
Brody Chapman
Anthony Dyrzc
Logan Foster
Trinity Fulton
Angel Hernandez
Myree Hickman
Rowan Klecker
Mischa McGuire
Yeshabeth Ortiz-Simental
Adam Shults

9th Grade

Elyse Borden
Emma Bunting
Austin Hinds
Tatum Nehl
Montana Nusbaum

10th Grade

Brent Bowker
Skye Feliciano
John Harris
Jared Hodgson
Alex Metcalfe
Elizabeth (Lizzie)
Robertson
Victor Stonehouse

11th Grade

Bradey Billmire
Rebekah Borden
Jai Dempsey
Jaden Murphy

12th Grade

James Batterton
Breanna Bowker
Michael Champ
Caleb Churchwell
Ethen Gonzalez
Aidan Hughes
Morgan Smith

**We had 53 Junior High and 70 High School students on the First Quarter Honor Roll!
All of these students will receive a special treat from the National Honor Society to celebrate their
efforts. Keep up the hard work!**



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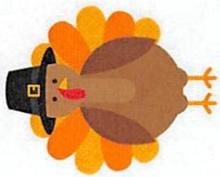
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Menu Subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Lasagna Garlic Bread Stick Salad, Salad Bar Fruit Milk	3 Sloppy Joe Chips, Baked Beans Carrots, Sugar snap peas Salad, Fruit Milk	4 Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Lettuce, Cheese Salad Bar, Fruit Milk	5 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato/ Chicken soup Carrots, Celery Salad bar, Fruit Milk
8 Mini Corn Dogs Mac and cheese Green Beans, Salad Bar Fruit, Pudding Milk	9 Orange Chicken Noodles/ Rice Mixed Vegetable Salad bar, Fruit Milk	10 Tater Tot casserole Corn, Salad Bar Dinner rolls Fruit, Jello Milk	11 Tacos w/ Rice Lettuce, Cheese Salad Bar, Fruit Milk	12 No School
15	16 Pizza Caesar Salad Salad Bar, Fruit Cookie Milk	17 Soup/ Salad Cheesy Bread sticks Salad Bar Fruit Milk	18 Turkey, stuffing Potatoes w/ Gravy Salad Bar, Corn Dinner roll, Pumpkin Pie Milk	19 PBJ/ chicken salad Sandwich Chips, carrots Salad Bar Fruit Milk
22	23 Break	24 Break	25 Break	26 Break
29	30 Chicken Patty Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Salad Bar, Fruit Milk			



Happy Thanksgiving Break



November 2021



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 HS Matchwits @ PPCS 5:30pm	2	3 -Picture Retakes -BOE 7pm	4 JH Basketball-Edison @ Simila 5:00pm	5 -HS Volleyball Regionals	6
7	8 Book Fair -JH Basketball-CSS @ Simila 4:30pm School Today	9 Book Fair -Accountability 3pm -SAC 4:15pm	10 Book Fair -Veteran's Day Assembly 9:45am	11 Book Fair -JH Basketball-Simila @ CSDB 4:30pm -State Volleyball	12 Book Fair -State Volleyball No School	13 -HS Football-State Quarterfinals -State Volleyball
14	15 JH Basketball-Simila @ PPC 4:30pm	16 Book Fair -Fall Festival 6pm	17 Book Fair JH Basketball-Simila @ Byers 5:00pm	18 Book Fair -JH Basketball-Miami @ Simila 4:30pm -BOE 7pm	19 Book Fair	20 State Football Semifinals
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						1A State Football Championships
28	29 JH Basketball-Simila @ ECA 4:00pm	30				