



CUB REPORTER

Cub Reporter Edited By
Morgan Swennes

**Student
Spotlight 03**
Reese Baker

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Lunch 26**



◀ TJ Eurich smiling during the Spirit Point Competition

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 & 5
Homecoming

October 7
High School Matchwits @
Hanover 5:30 pm

October 9
Fall Concert 7 pm

October 11
End of First Quarter

October 12
Father Daughter Dance

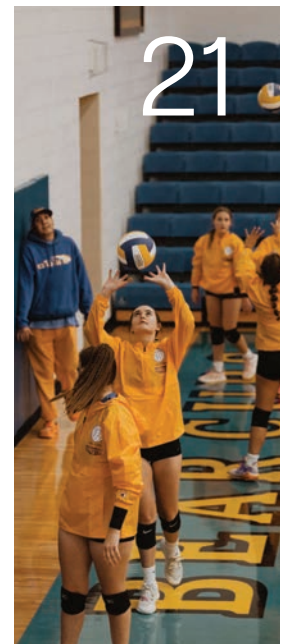
October 14
High School Football @
Byers 4 P.M

October 18
Denver Broncos Game of
the Week
St. Marys @ Simla 7pm

October 19
JH BFL Tournament

October 21
Parent Teacher Conferences

October 31
Halloween
Elementary Halloween
Parties





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

REESE
BAKER

This is Reese's first year in journalism though she has used a camera before and understands the basics!

She is super excited to take sports photos and get a hang of editing.

This year Reese is a sophomore and she cant wait to design the yearbook.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
Big Sandy
Elementary
Students!**

We are EXCITED that our school received the highest overall state rating of "Distinction" on the state's District Performance Frameworks. Our school was measured on Academic Achievement and Academic Growth. Your hard work paid off! WE are proud of

**Introducing our
2024-2025 STUCO
Leaders:**



STUCO Leaders:

Jaran Zimmerman,
Tucker Sedlak, Kanyon
Allen, Zaylaa Lally, Sophie
Vigrass

STUCO leader

alternates: Charlie
Smith, Emma Watts

TUCKER TIDBITS FOR ELEMENTARY



KATHY TUCKER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



The first few weeks of school have been great! Students and teachers are "back in the groove" being challenged and learning new things. Our enrollment has definitely grown, and we have added two new teachers to our amazing staff! Welcome to Miss Lane who is teaching third grade and Mrs. Norris in first grade.

Thank you, parents, for giving us the opportunity to teach your child. We value each and every one that walks through our doors, and as a staff, we work our very best to ensure that every child succeeds and reaches, or even exceeds, their potential. This year, we will "Be the One" to achieve great things! We are all looking forward to another extraordinary school year!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Bristol Boyd is a first grader in Mrs. Creel's class. She always tries her best to be fair and kind to everyone in her class. Bristol is working very hard on keeping her focus and is incredibly improving. She is the perfect example of perseverance every day!



ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING

Due to community circumstances, we did not have a meeting in September. Our next meeting will be on October 8, 2024, 3-4 p.m., in the library. More information will be emailed out to all members. If you are a parent and/or community member who would like to be a part by serving on our Accountability Committee, please email Mrs. Tucker @ ktucker@big sandy100j.org. We would love to have you join our team!

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Each October, our Simla Fire department educates our students on fire safety. You can do your part too by making sure that your family has an evacuation plan as well as a meeting place for your family in the event of a fire. Also, don't forget to regularly change those fire alarm batteries!

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

Excessive technology use (video games, cell phones, computers/tablets etc.) can have several negative effects on children, including:

1. Physical Health Issues

Sedentary Lifestyle: Prolonged screen time can lead to obesity and related health problems due to lack of physical activity.
Eye Strain: Extended screen use can cause digital eye strain, leading to discomfort, blurred vision, and headaches.
Poor Posture: Long hours of screen time can result in back and neck problems due to improper posture.

2. Mental Health Concerns

Increased Anxiety and Depression: Overuse of technology, especially social media, can contribute to feelings of isolation and low self-esteem.
Sleep Disruption: Screen time before bed can interfere with sleep quality, leading to sleep deprivation and its associated issues.

3. Social Skills Development

Reduced Face-to-Face Interaction: Excessive screen time can hinder the development of social skills, as kids may miss out on important in-person interactions.
Difficulty in Communication: Reliance on texting and online interactions can impair the ability to engage in meaningful conversations.

4. Cognitive Effects

Decreased Attention Span: Rapid content consumption on screens can lead to shorter attention spans and difficulties focusing on tasks.
Impaired Learning: Overreliance on screens for entertainment may reduce time spent on educational activities and critical thinking.

5. Behavioral Issues

Increased Aggression: Exposure to violent content can lead to desensitization and increased aggressive behaviors in some children.
Addictive Behaviors: Children may develop dependency on screens for entertainment, leading to withdrawal symptoms when they are not using them.

6. Disruption of Family Dynamics

Less Family Interaction: Excessive screen time can reduce quality family time and communication, impacting relationships.
Neglect of Responsibilities: Children may neglect chores, homework, and other responsibilities in favor of screen activities.

STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATION

To counteract these effects, parents can:
Set Limits: Establish clear rules about screen time and enforce breaks.
Encourage Outdoor Activities: Promote physical play and outdoor experiences.
Model Healthy Behavior: Demonstrate balanced technology use in your own habits.
Engage in Co-Viewing: Watch or play together to foster discussions about content and its impact.

By being mindful of technology use, parents can help mitigate these negative effects and encourage healthier habits for their children.



2024-2025 CUBS DEN LEADERS

The fifth-grade class, led by Mrs. Stanko and Mrs. Townley, will be leading our Cub's Dens this year. The first meeting was held on September 2nd, and leaders taught about "Kindness". Fifth graders are excited about this leadership opportunity.

SAFETY

Parents, please help us keep your students safe by helping with the following:

- Do not leave running cars unattended in the parking lot.
- Park your car to walk your students into the building, or you can just drop them off in the round-about.
- Do not leave your children unattended after school to wait for practice or a game.
- During games, please make sure that your children are supervised.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Halloween Parties will be on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Preschool parties will take place on that day as well. Please note: Students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school on the day of their Halloween parties. Please make sure that your child's costume is conducive to learning in the classroom. If a part of your child's costume could be a distraction, then please have him or her wear that part at recess or at the end of the day. In addition, no weapons/guns, blood guts or gore will be allowed. Thanks for your help!

TRUNK OR TREAT

"Trunk or Treat" will be returning this year! This will take place in the overflow parking lot in front of the school (same place as last year). If you would like to participate, please let Mrs. Tucker know by emailing her, ktucker@bigsandy100j.org, or by calling the front office, 719-541-2291. Parents, family members, community members, and business owners are encouraged to participate and provide a fun experience for our students. The more, the merrier! The schedule will be as follows:

- 2:10-2:25 recess
- 2:30-2:40 parade
- 2:40-3:10 Trunk or Treat
- 3:10-3:55 Halloween parties

The annual parade for K through fifth grades will begin at 2:30 p.m. This will be held outside in front of the school in the main circular driveway, weather permitting.

Then students will make their way down to the Trunk or Treat. All classroom parties will follow. Once again, thank you parents for supporting students and providing super parties!

READ ALOUD MONTH

Students will be bringing home an informational letter with pictures of books on the back of the sheet in late September/early October. When your child reads to you or you read to your child for twenty minutes or more, please have your child initial or color a book. Reading should be age appropriate. Then on Thursday, October 24th, your child will need to return the signed sheet to his/herteacher. Each participant who completes this activity will receive an extra recess, treat, and certificate. The extra recess will be on Friday, Nov. 1. Please help your child complete this activity and read, read, read!!!!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024, by appointment. More information will be sent home as the date draws closer. Please communicate with your child's teacher. According to research, when parents are involved in their children's education, students will exhibit higher academic achievement, more school engagement, and a greater motivation to succeed. Our school's goal is 100% contact with all elementary parents. Please help us achieve our goal!!!

**HOMECOMING**

2024



October 4-5, 2024
Elementary Dress Up Days

Tuesday Disney

*wear your favorite Disney tshirt or clothes

Wednesday Cub's Den Colors**Thursday Twin Day**

*Dress like someone

Friday Blue/Gold Day**Grandparents Day**

Our elementary school will be celebrating our grandparents on October 23, 2024, 7:50 a.m.-noon.

Grandparents will be able to come to school, participate in class, shop at the book fair, take a picture, and enjoy lunch with their grandchildren. More information will be sent home at the end of September.

▼ Jackson, Kanyon, Wager and Tucker hanging out at the Simla Football Game on Friday night



COUNSELOR CORNER

CHAD THIEMAN

Happy Fall everyone! The Counseling Office operates with an open-door policy. If I, or Mrs. Shannon Hoops – School Counselor Corps Grant Manager and Student Advocate, can assist any student or parent, our doors are open to you – stop in!

Parents - please call in advance (719.541.2291) so that we can be sure to be available. You may also email questions to me at: cthieman@bigandy100j.org or to Mrs. Hoops at: shannonh@bigandy100j.org.

We want to continue to identify and monitor students who are struggling with the passing of one of our 2024 graduates, Dalton Hisle. As you talk with your children about these things and feel that extra support might be needed, please let us know. We are glad to provide a safe and confidential place for your students to talk with a school counselor. We also now have professional counseling services available in Simla and can provide referral information in either Colorado Springs or Limon for mental health therapists.

SENIORS:

Our seniors are currently researching degree programs and college/vocational & technical school/apprenticeship options. We have been making use of online resources including a state-sponsored website known as My Colorado Journey. This site provides guidance in career planning, college planning, and financial aid. Currently the seniors are working through the College Application Month materials in preparation for the FREE college/university application day which will actually be over 3 days: October 15th-17th. Colorado universities and colleges are



waiving their application fees during this time.

Seniors need to have their required job shadow completed by Oct. 11th (the end of the 1st quarter). The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open December 1st. The following article (<https://thecollegeinvestor.com/47454/2025-2026-fafsa-form-things-to-know>) provides helpful information in preparation for that opening. One thing that can be done now is to set up a FSA ID. This will be used as a login and an approval signature on the digital application. Parents need a separate FSA ID for their senior but if you already have one that you have used with your other children, then you do not need a different one. Go to www.studentaid.gov to complete the process.

Seniors need to remember to sign up in the scholarship book to receive the applications that arrive in my office. We continually update our scholarship list and are always looking for new information to add. If you find out about a scholarship opportunity that is not included on our list, please let me know. We also have a link to our scholarship spreadsheet on the school website: www.bigandy100j.com. Another useful online resource to search for scholarships is found at www.fastweb.com.



There are some scholarship applications that are open right now and seniors should be working on those applications. It is important to not wait until the last minute to complete applications! I regularly remind our seniors that they will not have enough time during senior seminar class to complete all of their applications – they must use additional time away from school to accomplish all that needs to be done! Our seniors will be attending a college fair in Limon on Wednesday, October 9th.

Senior seminar participation policy: Virtually all of the content of the senior seminar course is given in class through direct student/teacher contact. Because it is so important to be in class for this instruction, we have a clear participation policy. If a student is present and participating, they receive 5 daily points. If a student is not present or is not participating, they do not receive the points for that day. The only non-participation excuses accepted are: 1. college visits/job shadows; 2. other school related events such as early dismissal for athletics; and 3. a doctor's written release from attendance/participation. If a student does not earn their participation points for the day, they will have the opportunity to complete an extra credit assignment at the end of the quarter to earn additional points. This policy is necessary to help ensure that our seniors are present and participating in class on a regular basis.

JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:

We will be giving the digital PSAT/NMSQT assessment on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. This optional test for 10th & 11th graders is a practice for the SAT and is the qualifier for juniors to be in the National Merit Scholarship program. Entry into the scholar-



ship competition is determined solely by the PSAT/NMSQT score. See Mr. Thieman for more details and to sign up for the test if you would like to take it. The next ACT test date is Saturday, October 26th. The regular registration deadline has passed but it is possible to submit a late registration. The next test date for which the regular registration is open is December 14th and the regular registration deadline is through November 8th. The cost is \$69. Go to www.act.org to register for the ACT. All enrolled juniors will take the SAT for free here at the school during the month of April.

ALL HS GRADES:

To meet the Higher Education Admissions Requirements (HEAR) for Colorado's public colleges and universities, graduating students should have completed: 4 years of English; 4 years of Math (Alg. 1 and higher); 3 years each of Science and Social Studies; 1 year of Foreign Language (Simla offers Spanish); and 2 additional years of academic electives. (**Foreign Language is not required for graduation at Simla and only 3 years of high school math are required.) Keep these college admission requirements in mind when choosing the types of courses to take each year. FYI – students who take Algebra I during their 8th grade year are still required to complete 3 more high school level math classes between their 9th and 12th grade years. Our expectation is that each high school student has successfully completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 as a regular course of mathematics study.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL NOTES:

SAMMI SWENNES

Congratulations to the Big Sandy School District for their Accredited with Distinction rating from the State of Colorado!

That's right....

ACCREDITED WITH DISTINCTION!!

Both the junior high and high school achieved the highest rating of 'Performance', which is amazing. We are extremely proud of our students and teachers for this high academic achievement and being the #6 school district in the

STATE OF COLORADO!!!

YEAR TO DATE

The school year is off to a great start. Our students are working hard in the classroom because they are being challenged by our outstanding teaching staff. Our high school is currently at 103 students and the junior high is at 64 students—and all of our Cubs are off to a great start of the year. Our fall sports programs are underway. We invite you to come to any of our high school and junior high sports to see our student athletes in action.

BANNERS

We are very excited for you to check out the gym this year—we got the Senior Student Athlete Banners up for the Class of 2025!! Come in the gym and check them out.

ACADEMIC CLUBS

We also offer a variety of academic clubs/teams like E-sports, Matchwits, Future Business Leaders of America and National Honor Society. Students may also participate in Student Council, TrueSport, Chess Club, Book Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the high school and C.U.B.S.



Crew, Chess Club and Book Club in the junior high.

We are very proud of all of the students that participate in these extra-curricular activities! They are willing to commit the time and dedication to make Simla Junior High and High School the best that it can be. I would like to personally invite you and your family to come to one of our ball games or meets to watch our students in action.



ATTENDANCE: THE KEY TO YOUR STUDENTS SUCCESS

In an edition of The Parent Institute, the following clip was published. It stresses the importance of regular attendance at school. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Here's how you can improve your child's school attendance –

1. Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
2. Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
3. Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
4. Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late to school. From the Principal's Desk

5. Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
6. Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
7. Show your child why education is important and give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.

Thus far, we have done a wonderful job of being present and ready to learn. Our secondary school reported a 94% attendance rate this past year. This year we want to try to do even better. Thank you, our students and parents, for the commitment to Big Sandy Schools and our drive for excellence. With all that being said, we do want your child to stay home if they are sick. As much as we want students in school, we want them in school healthy even more. Please call the office if your child isn't feeling well, and if you do go to the doctor, please bring a doctor's note back to the office when your child returns to school. Let's all work together to stay healthy and stay in person this year!

½ DAY POLICY

Secondary students participating in extra-curricular activities (sports and clubs) must be in attendance a ½ day in order to practice or play in an event for that same day. The definition of a ½ day is 4 hours of attendance in a school day. If a bus

is leaving after 12:00 p.m. the student must be in attendance for 4 hours of that school day. If the bus is leaving earlier than 12:00 p.m. the student must be in attendance for all hours in that school day.

WE ARE SIMLA FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to follow the 'We are Simla' Facebook page for updates on athletic and activities events and times. Mrs. Swennes works each week to post a weekly calendar of secondary student activities and athletic events with the game times and game order. School closures and delays will also be posted on the We are Simla page.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS AT GAMES

If your child attends a ball game, please make sure that he/she is supervised and watches the game.

If staff needs to correct a student, then the student will receive consequences such as a lunch or after school detention and the student will need to sit with the parent or with the adult who brought him/her to the game. Students who are not playing in the athletic event that night, should not be in any of the locker rooms for ANY reason. If students are in the locker rooms, they will be asked to sit with their parents. Also, students and adults should not use the north doors off of the locker rooms to enter the gyms. Please come in the main doors through the gate. If inappropriate behavior continues then the student will need to stay home and not attend extracurricular activities until the administration decides that he or she is ready to follow the rules. Thank you for your cooperation. We ►



have these rules so the patrons can watch the games and to try and ensure student safety.



SCHOOL STORE

The Freshmen Class is sponsoring the School Store this year. The store is currently open from 7:45 – 7:55 a.m. and then again during break from 9:58 – 10:03 a.m. Students can buy snacks to eat throughout the school day.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Fall Parent/Teacher conferences were postponed and rescheduled for October 21 from 3 – 8 p.m. If you have concerns, please contact your child's teacher before parent teacher conferences.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND FANS AT GAMES

Our expectation for all parents and fans at games is to have appropriate behavior at all times. The use of inappropriate language, heckling of the opposing teams' players and coaches, heckling of our own players and coaches, and inappropriate behavior and language towards an official are inexcusable. If behavior from any of our parents or fans is inappropriate in any way you may be asked to leave the game by a school administrator. School administration will then determine if you will be allowed to attend future extracurricular events. Our goal is not to remove parents or fans from games, but instead hold our parents and fans to the same high sportsmanship standards that we hold our students to.

HONOR ROLL DRAWING

Each year the Honor Roll will be divided into three levels, determined by the GPA a student acquires in a nine-week period:

- Blue - 3.00 - 3.49 GPA
- Gold - 3.50 - 3.99 GPA
- Superintendent's - 4.00 GPA

At the end of each nine-week period, teachers will post their grades and student GPAs will be determined. Names will be posted outside of the principal's office and sent the Ranchland News for publication. In addition to the publicity, students on the Honor Roll will receive a tangible prize each time they attain this feat.

END OF 1ST QUARTER

It is hard to believe that we will complete the first quarter of school this month! The quarter ends on October 11th. Report cards will be sent home the following week.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH FORMS REMINDER

Just a reminder, if you haven't done so already, please make sure that you have obtained and returned a free/reduced lunch form to Mrs. Johnson, in the Superintendent's office. If you lost your form and need to complete a new one, please stop by her office and pick one up.

NHS Guidelines

Students having a 3.5 GPA after the first semester of their sophomore year are considered for membership by a faculty committee. The committee also looks at a student's character, leadership abilities, and community service. Mrs. Bauer is sponsoring NHS this year. If you have any questions,



SIMLA VOLLEYBALL

GIRLS VARIETY VOLLEYBALL
SCORES

LIBERTY COMMON W 2-0

WELDON VALLEY W 2-0

WIGGINS W 2-0

BYERS W 3-0

LIMON W 3-0

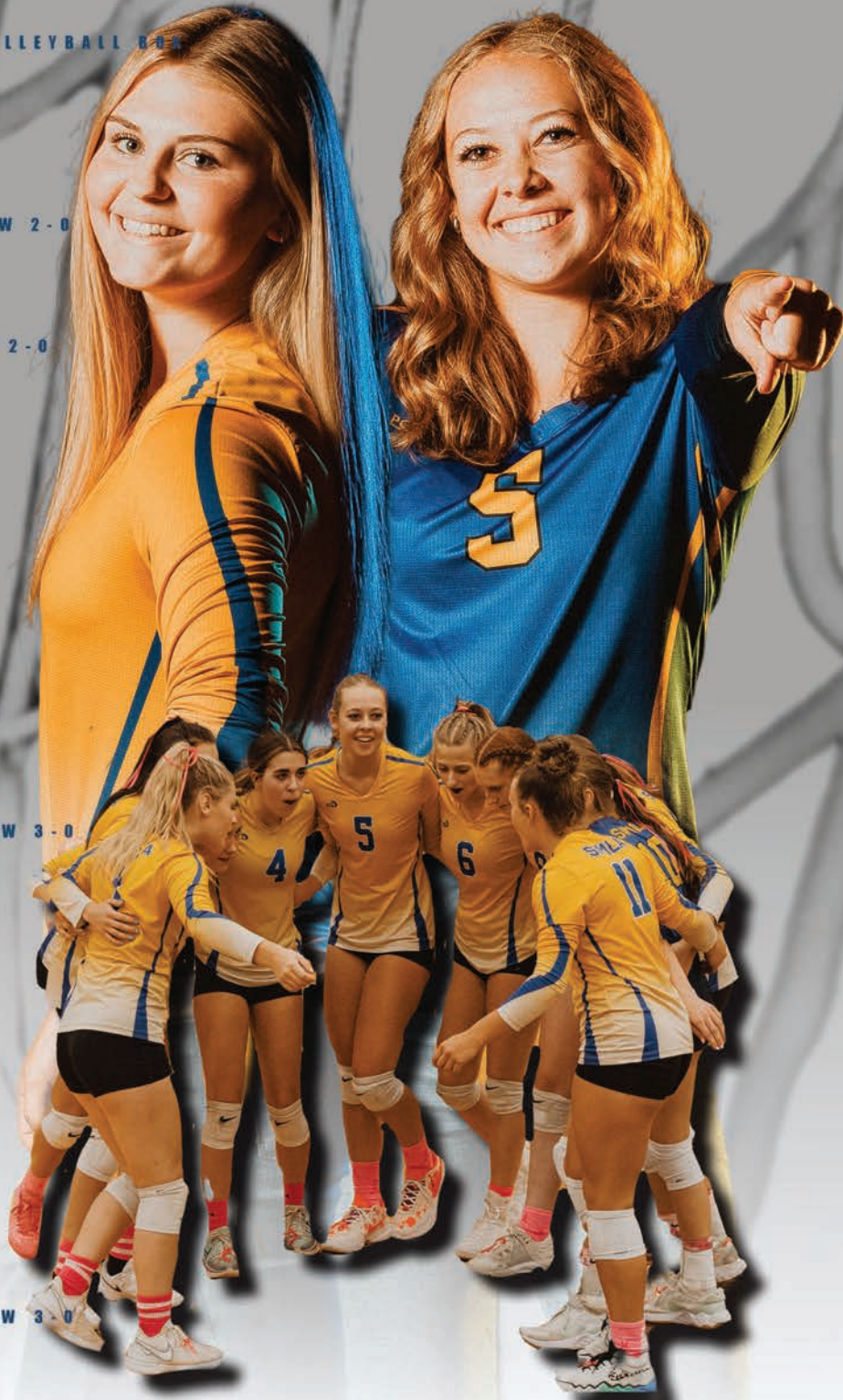
THOMAS MCLAREN W 3-0

DHP W 3-0

MCCLAVE W 3-0

CALHAN W 3-0

FOUNTAIN VALLEY W 3-0



SUPERINTENDENT BOARD NOTES

STEVE WILSON



We are close to finishing up our first 9-weeks of school. We have had a great start with student learning and extra-curricular activities. Overall at our school, we have had some big ups and big downs these first few weeks.

ACCREDITED WITH DISTINCTION

Our school district received the Colorado Department of Education Rating of Accredited with Distinction. Out of 178 school districts in Colorado which are ranked within 5 categories, there are 16 districts that ranked within their highest category. Big Sandy School District was ranked the 6th highest school district academically in Colorado! Congratulations students, parents and staff!

With continued consistent quality teaching and learning each day and week throughout the year, we expect a good year of education.

ELECTRIC BUS INFRASTRUCTURE

The infrastructure for the electric buses has been finished and the three buses have been on our routes daily; thank you to Mountain View Electric/Tri-State Energy for their recent donation along with the EPA's and CDPHE's big contributions; our school district did not pay anything for these buses and infrastructure.

BUILDING UPDATES

This past month you may have noticed that the pre-school playground received a new rubber surface, the football concession stand had a new roof and awning installed (thank you Jerry Dole), we had a lot of stucco work done on the north side of the school building repairing hail damaged walls, we have some concrete and drywall work still to be done.

AUDIT

We are finishing up our annual audit and we have a sizable General Fund Balance carry over. We are still waiting to receive monies from the Elementary Science Grant, Junior High Science Grant, CDPHE's contribution for buses, ESSER II and ESSER III Rapid Request grants.

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

Please continue to make it a point to schedule appointments and errands on the days that we do not have school (Mondays) if possible; with only 147 scheduled school days during the year, every day of instruction is important for student learning.



SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please reinforce and discuss bike riders' safety procedures as well as safety procedures with those children that walk to and from school. There are 3 "drop and go" pick up and drop off areas; the high school "drop and go" is underutilized and if used, it might give some relief to the other 2 areas.

WEBSITE

Bigandy100j.com is our school's website. This website is a great tool for school updates and communication with our community. Tamrah Docterman does a great job being the webmaster and continues to refine and update it.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Finally, we try and make the decision on school closures by 6:00 a.m. Our first contact is with www.flashalert.net. FlashAlert then contacts all media outlets in Colorado Springs, Denver, and Pueblo. These media outlets then post school closures on their websites, radio stations, and television stations. We also use ShoutPoint. ShoutPoint is an automatic calling system and e-mailing system that will call/e-mail each family to give out this type of information; please let Alisa Easler, in the main office, know if you need to update a phone number, e-mail address, or address.

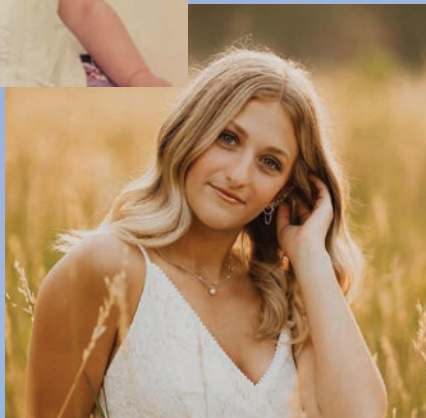
We hope you and your children have a great school year!

Go Cubs!





Meadow Nusbaum



TJ Eurich

SENIORS

then and now



Montana Nusbaum



Kylie Maranville



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

JH Volleyball vs Kiowa 4:15pm
 HS Volleyball vs Monument Academy 6pm
 Bonfire right after Volleyball game

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Homecoming Hustle Fun Run 8am
 Parade Lineup 10am Parade starts at 10:30 am
 Booster Club Lunch in the Park to follow parade
 Football game vs Calhan 1pm
 Homecoming Dance 8pm-11pm

DRESS UP DAYS

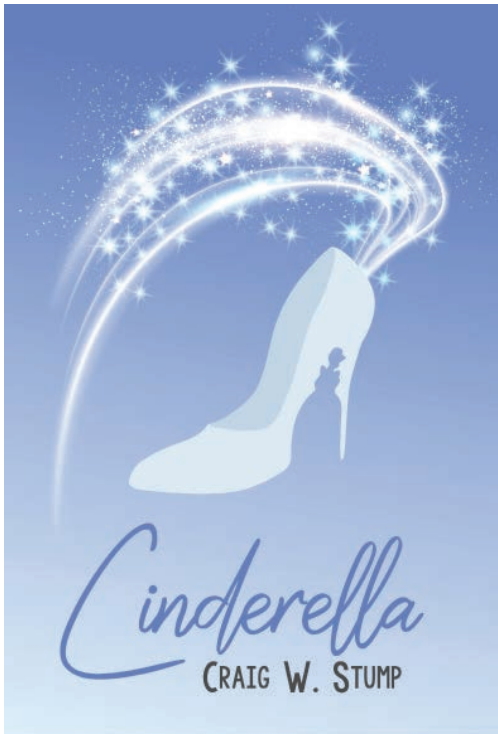
Tuesday - Disney Day (Dress as any Disney Character)

Wednesday - Colors of The Wind Wednesday (Dress head to toe in your class color)

Thursday- You've Got a Friend In Me Day (Twin with one of you friends)

Friday - Blue and Gold Day (Dress head to toe in Blue and Gold)





Produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Please, join the high school drama class for this delightful version of one of our favorite princesses!

When: November 5 th , 2024 at 7:00 pm

Where: Onstage in Big Sandy's Auxiliary Gym

Cost: Adults \$8.50 ; Seniors/Students \$6.00 Children 5 and under Free

This charming tale is narrated by Thelma, Louise, and Eunice, three old ladies from the swamps of Louisiana. Beautiful Ella has been forced into domestic servitude by her jealous stepmother and ugly stepsisters, though she keeps a positive outlook with the help of her three chatty mice friends, Ben, Jerry and Alfie as well as the family dog, Brutus. The stepmother has an ever-so-fat cat named Damion, who is much too fat to succeed in catching Ben, Jerry or Alfie. The King decides it's time for the Prince to get married and invites every young maiden in the kingdom to the Royal Ball. With the help of a forgetful, but funny Fairy Godmother, Ella (now Cinderella) instantly catches the Prince's eye. They spend the entire evening dancing and talking, but it is over much too soon. As the clock strikes midnight, Cinderella races from the castle in a gallant attempt to get home before the last strike. In her haste, she loses her slipper on the steps of the castle. With the slipper as his guide, the

Prince searches for the mystery maiden and will not rest until this fair lady is found. He eventually finds and proposes to Cinderella and graciously invites Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters to the castle . . . but not with the titles they are hoping for!

The J.H Presents...

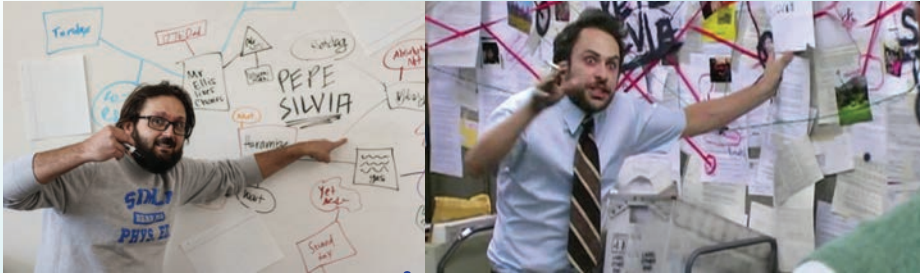


By Jeff Fluharty, Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Join us **Wednesday, November, 19 th at 6:30p.m.** in the small gym for an unforgettable performance of The Princess King. You won't want to miss it!

Adults \$6.00; Seniors/Students \$3.00; Children 5 and under are free

Everyone loves a good story, especially when it comes to life! Lucille's mother tells her the story of "The Princess King" as it unfolds before our eyes in the Kingdom of YourRoom. Princess Genevieve wants to marry Henry, but he's just a common cook. Of course, King Henry, believing this is ridiculous, takes it upon himself to choose who will be the next king and a suitable husband for his daughter by inviting all eligible princes to a contest. The winner of the contest will become king. Find out what happens when the Princess decides to enter her father's contest. Filled with over-the-top-characters and mistaken identities, you will cheer for the princess as she battles the other princes in a horse race, bowling for villagers, and retrieving a feather from the great chicken dragon. Prepared to be entertained!



Mr. Ellis
as
Charlie Day

Mr. Cox
as
Josh McDaniels



Teacher Look Alikes

Mrs. Swennes
as
Napoleon
Dynamite



Mr. Tucker
as
Bob Ross

By: Reese Baker

SCHOOL NURSE

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As a friendly reminder the state of Colorado requires that all students be current with all required vaccinations OR have a current immunization exemption on file at the school. If you have not yet done so, please provide an up-to-date immunization record or current exemption to the school as soon as possible. I will start reviewing immunization needs and sending out letters in the coming weeks to those who do not have an up-to-date immunization record or current exemptions on file. My goal is to have all of this information collected prior to Thanksgiving break. Please provide a current immunization record or exemption to the school prior to leaving for Thanksgiving break.

Immunizations:

Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless an exemption is filed. For more information, visit colorado.gov/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines (or cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Your student must be vaccinated against:

- o diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
- o polio (IPV)
- o measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- o hepatitis B (HepB)
- o varicella (chickenpox)

- Colorado follows recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students entering kindergarten must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella. Students entering 6th grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if they are under 11 years of age. You can view recommended vaccine schedules for children 0-6 years of age at cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-versch-0-6yrs.pdf and preteens/teens 7 - 18 years of age at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf.

- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Exclusion from school:

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, exemption, or in-process plan for your student on file.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles. (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/school-resources>) For the full 2024-2025 parent letter from CDPHE go to: 2024-25_ParentLetter_School K-12th_fillable.pdf

Immunization Exemption Process:

From 2024-2025 CDPHE parent letter:

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a Certificate

of Medical Exemption to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

• If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule

because of personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Non-medical

Exemption to your school.

Non-medical exemptions must be submitted annually at the beginning of every new school

year (current July 1 through June 30

th of the following year).

There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.

x File the Certificate of Non-medical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR

x File the Certificate of Non-medical Exemption received upon the completion of our online education module.

*** IF you do not have the exemption certificate signed by your child's primary care provider you MUST take the ONLINE EDUCATION MODULE found at the below link.



2025 YEARBOOK ORDERING IS LIVE!

Hey there, high schoolers! Time to put down your emoji-laden smartphones and listen up because we've got a yearbook situation on our hands. You see, ordering a yearbook ASAP is like securing a ticket to a nostalgia rollercoaster, and trust me, you won't want to miss that ride. Sure, you might think you'll remember every awkward cafeteria encounter and epic football game moment, but alas, memory tends to fade faster than last season's fashion trends.

So, here's the deal: get your

paws on that yearbook before you're haunted by the ghost of teenage hairstyles past. And don't even think about relying on Instagram to capture all those precious memories. The yearbook is the real OG when it comes to preserving the moments that'll make you smile, cringe, and wonder what on earth possessed you to wear that outfit on picture day. So, fellow teens, don't procrastinate, lest you be doomed to a future filled with hazy recollections and regret-filled sighs. Order that yearbook pronto, and let the memories live on in gloriously printed, ink-on-paper perfection!



#MEMORIESMATTER

BE THE ONE....WHO READS!

The 2024 Fall Scholastic Book Fair is on its way!

When: October 22-November 1, 2024

Where: Our school library

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

Book Fair flyers will be sent out ahead of the book fair.

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).





Meadow Nusbaum, getting cozy for class.



Anna Kerst and Jayly Rose chilling by their lockers.

IN THE HALL

By: Aubrey & Carlee





Hayden Pfost, enjoying a snack by his locker before class



Kylie Maranville, Katie Gotschall, Morgan Swennes, and Myka Smith chatting before class.



Kylie Brickell, posing for a picture while walking to class.

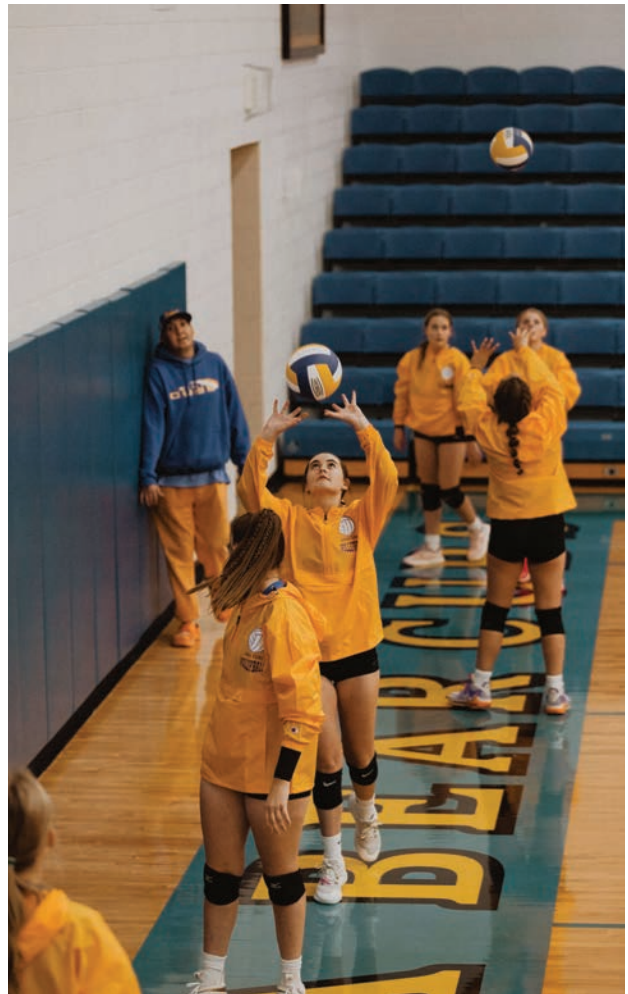




GLEN MORRIS AWARD WINNER

2024

CARLEE COX



What is your Favorite Halloween Tradition, and Why?



Andrew Gardner:
Andrew's favorite Halloween tradition is going trick or treating because he gets candy and gets to hangout with his friends!



Makenna Stanko:
Makenna's favorite Halloween tradition is carving pumpkins because she gets to hangout with her family!



Brynlee Amendt:
Brynlee's favorite Halloween tradition is playing "Clue" in real life with her family because she always wins!



Dacin Watts:
Dacin's favorite Halloween tradition is carving pumpkins because his family has a pumpkin carving contest, and he gets to hangout with them!


By: Anna Kerst



OCTOBER 2024

Big Sandy 100J

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu Subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 7 Hamburger Oven fries Lettuce, Tomato, cheese Salad bar, fruit Milk	1 Orange chicken Rice, chow Mein Mixed vegetables Salad bar, fruit Milk	2 Tater tot casserole Green beans, bread slice Salad bar, fruit Milk	3 Corn dog Mac-n-cheese Broccoli, fruit Salad bar, Milk	4 Chicken patty sandwich Lettuce, tomato Potato salad, chips Salad bar, fruit Milk
8 Hamburger Lettuce, Tomato, cheese Salad bar, fruit Milk	8 Hamburger Oven fries Lettuce, Tomato, cheese Salad bar, fruit Milk	9 Pizza Lettuce, Salad bar Fruit, brownie Milk	10 Hamburger Gravy Whipped potatoes Green beans, Dinner roll Salad bar, fruit Milk	11 Pulled pork sandwich Baked beans, chips Cole slaw, Salad bar Fruit, Milk
14 Chicken Fajita Refried Beans Lettuce, cheese Salad bar, Fruit Milk	15 Chicken Fajita Refried Beans Lettuce, cheese Salad bar, Fruit Milk	16 English muffin Sausage, egg, cheese Hash brown, carrots Salad bar, Fruit Milk	17 Spaghetti Break stick, lettuce Salad bar, Fruit Milk	18 Cub Sub Baked beans, Chips Salad bar, Fruit Cookie, Milk
21 Chicken and Noodles Whipped potatoes Green beans, Salad bar Dinner roll, Fruit Milk	22 Chicken and Noodles Whipped potatoes Green beans, Salad bar Dinner roll, Fruit Milk	23 Mozzarella Bread sticks Pizza sauce, Lettuce Salad bar, Fruit Milk	24 Beef and bean Tostada Lettuce, cheese Cinnamon apples Salad bar, Fruit Milk	25 Sloppy joe Carrots, Chips Salad bar, Fruit Milk
28 Chili Crackers, lettuce, cheese Cinnamon roll Salad bar, Fruit Milk	29 Chili Crackers, lettuce, cheese Cinnamon roll Salad bar, Fruit Milk	30 Beef and Bean Burrito Green chili w/pork Lettuce, cheese, fruit Salad bar, cowboy cake Milk	31 Ghoulish Vampire Garlic Stakes Spider eggs Ghost Buster Bar Candy apple salad, Milk	

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

