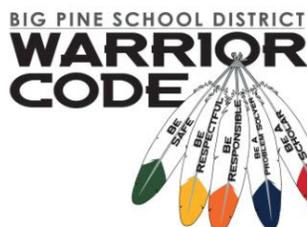


The Big Pine Beacon

News from Big Pine Unified School District

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Upcoming Events

- Now/Nov. 4 - 6-8th Grades Writing Contest
- Oct. 12-Kinder Blue Day
- Oct. 19-Picture Make-Up Day
- Oct. 21-8th Grade Cerro Coso Day
- Oct. 21-Homecoming Bon Fire
- Oct. 22-Homecoming Parade
- Oct. 22-Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 24-28-Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 26-Kinder Orange Day
- Oct. 26-K-5 Community Meeting
- Oct. 28-Teacher In-Service Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 31 Halloween Day-**MINIMUM DAY**
- Nov. 4-8th Grade Watershed Field Trip
- Nov. 7 Board Meeting
- Nov. 9 Kinder Brown Day
- Nov. 11-Veteran's Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 14-18-Student Led Conference Week-Early Release Week
- Nov. 21-25-Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 29-30-8th UNR Trip



We Are Crew!

Shade Trees Destroying Track and Sprinkler System ...tree experts advise removal and replacement...

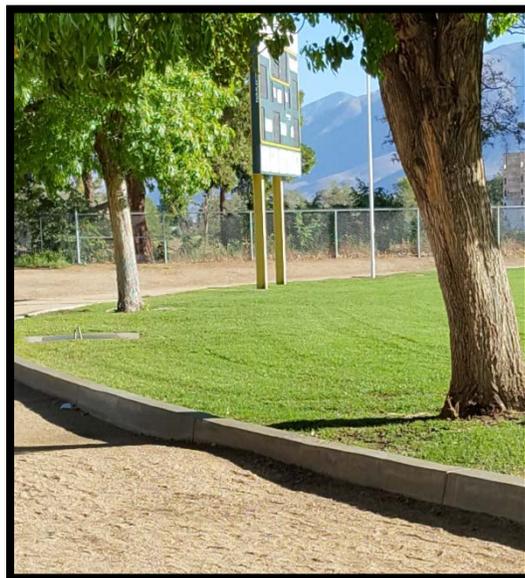
What? You are going to cut down my favorite shade tree? That is the response of some community members when they hear the disappointing news that the Ash trees around the edge of the Big Pine Football Field must be replaced.

Who said so? When the track was built in 2008 there were recommendations made by the engineers to remove the trees as they were too close to the curb. There was consideration for cutting or diverting the roots. However, this solution would have created an unstable footing for the trees. One tree already has fallen over on its own due to the root growth up-heaving the ground. We have had two tree services and an arborist take a look at the trees to offer solutions. They all agree that we need to remove the trees.



Why? If you take a look at the root systems of these trees you will see that they are growing close to the surface of the ground and are reaching far into

Superintendent, Pamela Jones
Principal, Ed Dardenne-Ankringa



areas where they are causing damage. There are hills forming in our formerly flat track surface, concrete curbing that is getting ready to crack, and sprinkler pipes that are being strangled.

How? District staff and the School Board have discussed planting new trees of good size further inside the perimeter of the track. Once the new trees are planted the old ones will be removed. It will take two or three years for good shade to regrow. During that time we hope that our fans can devise shade with tents, pop-ups and umbrellas.

When? The Board has been discussing this topic for two months and will take final action on the plan in November. Tree planting and removal is scheduled for this winter.

New District Website

We are excited to introduce our new district website that can be found by accessing bigpineschools.org. We hope that this new site will be easier to use for our students, families and faculty. Some of the important new functions of the site include

a calendar where all school activities are updated in real time as well as a section for documents and forms which can be found and downloaded if needed. We hope you will check out the new website and check in often to keep updated on the events and happenings here at Big Pine Schools!



Linda Akyuz



Alison Amberg



Dany Hermiz



Jerome Webber



Lauren Zierer

New Staff at Big Pine Schools

Linda Akyuz is our visual Arts and Spanish teacher. She has a Master of Arts from Calif. State University, Fullerton and has returned to teaching after a number of years with the Bishop Paiute Tribe. She is also our ASB Advisor. **Alison Amberg**, our 6th Grade teacher, is back in the area after receiving her Master's in Education at Stanford. She has worked for the National Park Services, US Forest Service and the area land trust. **Dany Hermiz** is our PE Teacher and new Athletic Director. He has a Bachelor of Arts from Cal Poly, Pomona. He brings with him a wealth of sport coaching and innovative ways to achieve better physical fitness. **Jerome Webber** is our High School Science and Math Teacher. He has a Masters in the Sciences from the University of California, Irvine. **Lauren Zierer** is our Resource Specialist Program Teacher. She has her Bachelor of Arts from USC in Communication and has family ties to the Eastern Sierra.

A Chromebook for Every Student

By Ed Dardenne-Ankringa

What began as an ICSOS initiative to utilize one time monies has turned into a district-wide commitment from BPUUSD to provide each of our students with technology. About a year ago secondary students across the county were provided chromebooks through ICSOS based on funding allocations by district. We are now excited to announce that all Big Pine students Kindergarten through 12th grade have access to a chromebook - their own chromebook! The process evolved from grades 6th through 12th, to then adding grades 3rd through 5th, and now completing the span by providing Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades with their own chromebooks.

Currently our middle school and high school students utilize chromebooks at school and at home. In grades Kindergarten through 6th, the chromebooks are used only at school. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to use their chromebooks for homework, research, and in support of case studies, expeditions and their SLC portfolios. In addition, the textbook adoption for high school mathematics includes student access to online books through their chromebooks. In the lower grades, chromebooks are often utilized for IXL math practice, Reflex math, spelling and vocabulary development, publishing student work, and in support of case studies and expeditions.

One of our next steps in maximizing student use of 1:1 technology is through a grant to purchase science instruments. We are in the process of securing probe ware and data collection and analysis software that utilizes and interfaces with chromebooks so students can conduct fieldwork. Soon students will be using their chromebooks for scientific inquiry. Whether in the field or back in the classroom, we are excited that students will have cutting edge tools to create explanations for the natural phenomena around us here in the Owens Valley and Eastern Sierra.

Red Ribbon Week

By Melinda Dardenne-Ankringa

The week of October 25 kicks off the annual National Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an awareness campaign and it is an excellent opportunity to introduce research based prevention activities at our school. This year's theme is: #YOLO, or "You Only Live Once, Be Drug Free." The Pennsylvania students who created the theme for this year's national campaign were inspired because their teacher reminded her class that you only live once so you should make good decisions to take care of yourself.

Students at Big Pine Schools will recognize Red Ribbon Week with a series of themed days. Monday, October 24, students can wear different hats or caps to "Put a Cap on Drugs." Tuesday, October 25, students can wear mismatched and crazy socks to "Put a Sock on Drugs." Wednesday, October 26 is wear red or orange to support "You Only Live Once, Be Drug Free." Last, on Thursday, October 27, students can wear their favorite team gear to "Be on a Drug Free Team."

All students are invited to enter the Red Ribbon Photo Contest for a chance to win a personal iPad and \$1,000 for our school. Go to: <http://redribbon.org/contest/> for more details about how to enter. **Did You Know?** Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. (National Family Partnership, <http://www.redribbon.org>)

Joe Craven visits Big Pine School

Joe Craven, Freestyle Folk musician, had the full assembly of the Big Pine student body on their feet and dancing to the rhythm of his creative sound on September 16. Students were entertained and enlivened by this Millpond Music Festival headliner, provided through our partnership with the Inyo Council for the Arts.

Craven plays a wide variety of string instruments, including fiddle, mandolin, ukulele, tres, cavaquinio, balaliaka, as well as lots of percussion, including anything he can get his hands on, such as a pickling jar, a credit card, or a jawbone.

According to Wikipedia, his workshops are as much about finding the "voice" we all have as they are about music. The kids attending his school assemblies often come away with a better sense of self and their value in the world around them. Our students laughed, sang and danced in an hour well spent with the arts.



2016



BIG PINE HIGH SCHOOL - HOMECOMING 2016! - BLAST FROM THE PAST

- a. Spirit Week = Monday, October 17 through Friday, October 21
- b. Themes: Seniors: 1960s, Juniors: 1950s, Sophomores: 1980s; Freshmen: 1970s
- c. Hall Decorating: Seniors: North Stairs, Juniors: South Stairs, Sophomores: North Hall, Freshmen: South Hall ◊ Friday, October 14: 4th period through 7th period
- d. Dress-up Days: Class competition for points (check Crews) each day.

Monday = Pajama Day Tuesday = Elder Day Wednesday = Movie Star/Character/Sports Day Thursday = Decade Day; Friday = Spirit Day
Friday - Float Decorating, 6th and 7th Periods



Homecoming Bonfire

Friday, October 21

6:15 p.m. ◊ BPF/D/Park

(Drop-off wood Thursday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)



Homecoming Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 22

7:00 a.m. ◊ Methodist Church



Homecoming Games

Saturday, October 22

Volleyball 11:00 a.m.

Football 1:00 p.m.



Homecoming Parade

Saturday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Line-up

9:00 a.m. Parade- School Street



Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 22

8:00 p.m. ◊ Town Hall

Homecoming Breakfast

Saturday, October 22, 2016 — 7am-9am

Adults—\$7 Children (under 10) —\$3

**Big Pine Community United Methodist Church
313 W Crocker Street**



Pancake Breakfast

**Celebrate Big Pine School this homecoming
with a delicious pancake breakfast!**

Bacon, scrambled eggs, and beverages included.

**Proceeds support scholarships for local students
and other outreach in the community.**

Big Pine Warrior Fitness Center- Coming Soon!

By Ed Dardenne-Ankringa

Which Big Pine students want to be bigger, stronger, faster, fitter, or healthier? We will soon find out! Within the next month we will be opening a new fitness center as part of our Physical Education program and to provide year-round conditioning for our athletes. Middle school and high school students will have units of instruction in the new fitness center as part of the PE program. Student-athletes will have access to the fitness center to train and condition for the sports we sponsor. Moreover, we are going to utilize the fitness center for a new after-school program serving students in grades 7th through 12th.

Beginning in November, BPUSD will offer secondary students a high intensity interval training (HIIT) class three days a week from 3:30-4:30 pm. HIIT is the most effective workout to simultaneously burn body fat, improve cardiovascular/muscular fitness, and increase metabolic rate. The program will support students in learning and practicing lifelong habits that promote health as well as support athletic endeavors and an active lifestyle of adventuring in the Eastern Sierra. We anticipate the class being offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from November through June on days that school is in session. Our hope is to offer the same program next year as well, for the entire school year.

The new fitness center has been funded through our existing athletics budget and a grant. The design of the fitness center is to provide students with everything they need to be physically fit, to be competitive as an athlete, and to provide experiences that last a lifetime. The fitness center will have two complete cages with free-weights and benches. There will be dumbbell, barbell, and kettlebell stations.

There are also several stations for lat pull downs, an adjustable column machine, and leg extension and leg curls. We also will be working with speed dot pads, plyo boxes, stability balls, medicine balls, speed ropes, and much more. On the cardiovascular or cross training side, we will have three elliptical trainers and seven spin bikes.

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

- Michael Jordan, 6-time NBA Championship winner
Let's make it happen, Piners! Warriors on three!

Career Center Information

PSAT for Soph. and Juniors, Career Center,
Oct. 19, 2016. Sign up with Mrs. Weston.

SAT Dates

Nov. 5, 2016	Dec. 3, 2016
Jan. 21, 2017	Mar. 11, 2017
May 6, 2017	June 3, 2017

ACT Dates

Dec. 10, 2016	Feb. 11, 2017
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For Seniors - College Application Deadlines

Cal State Universities - Nov. 30, 2016

Univ. of Calif. - Nov. 30, 2016

Univ. of Nev., Reno - Feb. 1, 2017

Heritage Days celebration coming up in Big Pine

In conjunction with Inyo County's Sesquicentennial, Big Pine will be hosting its popular Heritage Days celebration sponsored by the Big Pine Civic Club and the Big Pine Cemetery District Future Residents' Association.

The weekend events will start with the Heritage Days Sponsors' dinner on Saturday, October 15 at the Big Pine Town Hall on Dewey Street. Social hour will begin at 5:00 pm with historical exhibits of the Big Pine community on display. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the Sesquicentennial Program at 7:00 pm.

The celebration will continue on Sunday, October 16 with the 4th annual Heritage Walk at the Crocker Cemetery at 605 Crocker St. with tours beginning at 1:00 pm and going until 4:00 pm.

Call Rose Todd at (760/938-2911) or Bud Jasper at (760/264-6437) for more information.



A Call to Preserve the History of the Big Pine Unified School District

The Big Pine Unified School District is curating an archive of historical documents and pictures to preserve our history. We hope that if you have items of interest that you can loan them to us. We will carefully scan and return any of these items, keeping the scanned copies in an electronic archive for future research. We are interested in any yearbooks prior to 1952, and any school related photos and historical documents prior to 1950.

2016-17 ASB Officers and Representatives

President: Jamie Robinson
 Vice President: Eric Fairley
 Secretary: Raven Duckey
 Business Mgr/Treasurer: Clarissa Benbrook
 Social Chairman: Kelby Chirrick
 Board Representative: Melissa Barlow
Class Representatives
 Senior Class - Jordan Drew
 Junior Class - Cammbrianna Marquez
 Sophomore Class - Sequoia Fairley
 Freshman Class - Ciera Peterson



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Check us out on the web:
www.bigpineschools.org

School Street closed, between Baker Creek and Blake Road, from 8:45 to 10:00 am on Saturday, October 22 for Homecoming Parade. Thanks for your support!

Superintendent Office Hours

At the beginning of the year some of you may have noticed that our superintendent, Pamela Jones, was not in her office each week as she has been for the past eight years. For the 2016-17 school year the District is using a new structure for the part time Superintendent's hours.

Mrs. Jones has always been a part time Superintendent and has had a contract for 96 days of service to the district each year. On average she has been on site in the District two days a week. This year, the same number of days are scheduled differently, with one full week each month on site, and the rest of the days working virtually; by phone, email, online or by video conference.

In the 21st century work world much of school business is conducted online, and virtual workplaces are becoming more common. State and federal reports that are the major funding mechanisms for the district are all completed on websites that can be accessed from any geographical location. This virtual workplace arrangement creates cost savings and allows our small district to maintain continuity and stability in administration in order to better support the important work of teaching and learning.

If you wish to speak to the Superintendent or schedule a meeting, please do not hesitate to call her directly at 760-938-2005 extension 2452, or email pjones@bp.k12.ca.us.

What ideas do you have for the future of the Big Pine School District? Want to participate in goal setting for the Local Control Accountability Plan? Contact Pamela Jones at 760/938-2005.

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