



# Big Spring **E-NEWS**



## Message from Dr. Guarente

Big Spring Families and Community:

It's official: we made it through January, notorious for being what can often feel like the longest month of the year! The days are getting brighter, too!

As we embrace 2024, we have begun sharing more from our graduating Bulldogs in the Class of 2024 on our social media channels. It is a strong reminder that we remain focused on preparing our students for success in their lives and our community beyond the walls of our classrooms.

Hearing from our students themselves about what has been impactful about their Big Spring experience and their dreams and aspirations for their future is inspiring, to say the least. It spurs me forward, and I hope it has the same impact on you.

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more graduating Bulldog stories.

Ever, Always Strong,  
Dr. [Nicholas Guarente](#)



## Bulldog Blitz **Need to Know**

### Financial Timeline and Update

Unlike household budgets, our fiscal year begins in July. This means that at the start of the calendar year in January, when households are preparing for their annual tax report, we are at the midpoint of our financial year and beginning to strategize and plan for the next year.

To stay proactive and purposeful about our finances, Big Spring School District follows a rigorous financial process. There are checks and balances along the way to ensure resident tax dollars are being invested wisely and for the purpose of educating our students.

In November, the board adopted a resolution not to exceed the Act 1 index. In December, the Finance Committee met to review the prior year and take a first look at the next year's budget.

The remainder of the timeline includes:

- January-February 2024 - Review and revision of department budgets
- March 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting to review department budgets
- April 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting to review the proposed final budget
- June 2024 - Finance Committee Meeting to review final budget
- June 2024 - The Board to adopt the final budget

For those interested in more information about current and historical financial documentation, please visit the finance page on our [website](#).

## 2024-25 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for next year's kindergarten students is now available and may be completed online. Please help us spread the word for Big Spring parents to complete the online registration process! Details can be found on our web page by clicking [here](#).



**Info Bites** More to Come

## Join us! Mini-THON Community Hour April 19th

Mini-THON is hosting a Community Hour on April 19th, 2024 for the first 2 hours of Mini-THON! This will be held from 6-8 PM on the turf at the High School. There will be food trucks, outdoor games, inflatables, and a DJ! We encourage everyone to pre-register for this event using the link in our social media LinkTree - [click here](#). Please come and join Mini-THON Club and Big Spring High School students while we raise money for pediatric cancer! If you're interested in registering but aren't sure how to do that, please email [khernjak@bigspringsd.org](mailto:khernjak@bigspringsd.org).



## We Need You! Feedback On Our Comprehensive Plan

As we continue to work on our district's comprehensive plan for the future of our schools and students, we will continue to reach out for engagement and feedback. Be sure to check back here and encourage your friends and neighbors to subscribe so they get the information, too!



# Bulldog Snapshots

## Student Collaboration with BSSD School Resource Officer!

School Resource Officer, Chelsea Nelson, stepped in to assist a student with their research paper on police officers and safety training, providing invaluable real-world insights! This collaboration highlights the amazing impact of community involvement in education. We are grateful for Officer Nelson's contribution and dedication to bringing practical knowledge into our classrooms!



## Nourishing Neighbors Grant

8th Graders Sophia Bono, Eve Deitch, and Ava Hutchinson took the spirit of giving to a whole new level this winter! Building on the Nourishing Neighbors grant, they planned and provided six nutritious dinners for 35 BSMS families! From selecting healthy recipes off the MyPlate Pantry website to shopping for pantry essentials, these students showed exceptional care and dedication.

They also made sure each family received a gift card to their favorite grocery store! This initiative is more than just the food - it's about nurturing our community with kindness, nutrition, and support.



# Big Spring Community News

## Mark Your Calendar

- February 7 - OF PTO Board Meeting
- February 14 - Valentine's Day; MR PTO Meeting
- February 19 - President's Day (No School)
- February 20 - School Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM MS Auditorium
- February 23 - Elementary Trimester 2 Ends; OF Family Fun Night, 6-8 PM
- February 27 - NV PTO Meeting
- February 28 - Early Release (Staff Development) MS - 12:20, HS - 12:30, Elem - 1:45



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