



2024-2025

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The Big Walnut Key Club



Year three is in the books. Hard to believe we have been doing amazing things for our community & schools for three years here at BWHS. You have all done an amazing job this year. We have some amazing kids that are involved in a lot of other activities and are still rooted in Key Club. This newsletter includes some of the great things we have done this year and plan to continue next year as well. We hope you enjoy reading about all of your amazing accomplishments!

Pumpkin Decorating



We kicked off our fall season with pumpkin painting for the residents at The Inn at Walnut Trail here in Sunbury. With the changing of the season, we moved on to planning for our upcoming winter events.

Ornament Making on the Square



The club partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury again this year to make ornaments at The Christmas on The Square, presented by Sunbury Chamber of Commerce. It was cold this year but, everybody had a great time and a great start to the holiday season. Builders club joined in the fun and we all worked together to make it a great time.

The 2024-2025 Key Club Board members.



President-Parker Holmes, Vice President-Addison Oppliger, Secretary-Sam Stewart, Treasurer-Aryan Vyas

Did you know?

Elvis Presley was indeed a member of Key Club during his high school years. He is recognized as a notable Key Club alumnus.

Spreading Holiday Cheer



Several Key Club members helped Big Walnut Friends who Share loads boxes of food to provide holiday meals for those who needed a little extra cheer this year. Great community event for everyone.



Giving Back for the Holidays



Key Club adopted two families this year. Such a great way to give back. The kids helped shop for both families and then we wrapped all the gifts at the December meeting along with making cards for the holiday season.

Buddy Reading at PRE



In September Key club met our new Prairie Run Elementary buddies and started the Buddy reading program for the third year. The Reading buddy program (pairs younger students up with High school students to work on reading), is a great solution to accelerate the social skill set for both sets of kids. The goal is to help the younger students love to read with our club members. Younger children especially enjoy the small group reading attention they receive from their High school buddies. We met on every other Tuesday from 2:30-3:00, and began to read read read! This year we also incorporated games for the last 10 minutes. This has been a great experience for our club members. Hopefully this event continues through the years as our Key Club buddies really enjoyed reading to the PRE buddies.

More Fun Facts about Key Club

Key Club is the oldest and largest high school service program in the world, founded in 1925 in Sacramento, California. Key Club celebrated its 100 Birthday this year! We also donated \$100 to the Youth Opportunities Fund, which supports service projects in school and communities.



The Inn at Walnut trails



One of our ways to give back to our community is crafting with the residents at the Inn at Walnut trails. This is a great event for ALL.

Plant Sale



We did a gift card sale this year to help our administration and service budgets. Thanks to Sambuca's for this great collaboration on our fundraiser for Key club.

Preschool Prom

This year we were asked to help run the stations at the 1st Preschool Prom. What a fun event, and I must say wouldn't have gone so well without our awesome club. We had members running all their stations, craft tables, snack stations etc.



Fun Fest

The word has gotten out on how amazing we are, and we love to help our community. PRE had their Family Fun Fest and asked if we had a couple of people to help face paint. Guess what, we do..... These kids are great.



Guest Speaker

We had a guest speaker this year, Rebecca Burke. After 25 years in Portland, Oregon working for Intel. Rebecca now lives in Sunbury with her family. Rebecca is also our new Kiwanis member advisor. Welcome Rebecca!

Fun Facts about Key Club

Every Key Club official color has a meaning- Blue stands for unwavering character, gold stands for service, and white stands for purity.

Earth Day Celebration



The 3rd annual Earth Day Celebration is our biggest service project of the year! We spent many months planning this event and it turned out great again.! The weather was good and all of our projects went off without a hitch. The face painting station was fun and our face painters did a great job. We also had a pot decorating station for all the little artists out there to share their creativity. The club members passed out hotdogs to anyone who wanted to enjoy a little treat. This event was such a fun way to celebrate Earth day and the Key Club is looking forward to next year's Earth Day Celebration!

Senior Key club members

This year we have 3 senior members in our club. Sam Stewart Secretary, Aryan Vyas Treasure & Brennan Wharton. These members have been great leaders and active in our club. They all earned a Key Club cord for having over 25 service hours over the past 3 years. Thank you for your leadership guys.



Board Elections

Key Club is a self-governing, student-led organization. Each year, Key Club members elect their student officers for the club. Key Club members receive guidance and support from adult volunteers, including school faculty advisors, Kiwanis advisors and district administrators. The organization is funded by yearly dues paid by each member. We will elect our new board members at our last meeting of the school year. I am pleased that we have several students running for each position. It's great to see so many members wanting to be leaders.

The 2025-2026 board positions will be, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & webmaster. To be elected in the fall-Freshman Class Director, Sophomore Class Director, Junior Class Director & Senior Class Director.

We are excited to see the group of young adults who will lead the club next year.

We Learn Through Action

High school student members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels.

Why is volunteering important

Volunteer work is an excellent way to meet new people and expand your social network. Volunteering provides a much-needed opportunity for human connection — especially in an age of busy schedules.

Final Thoughts

Our goal this year for the club was to help the members develop **strong leadership skills** with each member having the opportunity to step up and take part in service projects, social activities, and club functions. I feel like we have done this! Of course there is always room for improvement, but overall this has been a great year with BWHS Key Club! Thank you to all of our outstanding members for an amazing year!

Angie Holmes, Jim Janosik & Rebecca Burke- Key Club Advisors

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