

# BOWMAN WOODS

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## ROAR PLEDGE

At Bowman Woods, we are people of character.

We will be **R**esponsible

We will **O**pt for kindness

We will **A**lways be safe

We will be **R**esponsible

## Our Mission:

We will all learn at high levels.



Dear Parents:

Thank you for making our past month one of sharing and caring. The generosity of our families has been inspiring-both in donations of funds and donation of time. Not only did we raise \$1,200 for the Red Cross and Humane Society, we also had an extremely successful Bowman Blast. That event raised \$18,000 for our school. With budgets growing tighter, this funding will directly impact our Bowman students, providing valuable resources and opportunities to enhance and enrich learning.

Thank you for helping your child find items for special days like hat or crazy sock day. We try to be sensitive in not asking for anything elaborate on those days and making it optional. We never want anyone to feel pressure to purchase anything.

We appreciate everything you do as parents and guardians. Parents often ask what they can do to help their child(ren) at home. One tremendous help is talking over the school day with your child. Asking specific questions such as:

*What is one thing you learned today?*

*What was the best part of your day? The toughest part?*

*When did you stretch your brain the most today?*

*How did you help someone today?*

Thank you for encouraging your children to take risks and understand the power of effort. It really pays off.

Have a wonderful month.

Sincerely,

Tina March





## DISTRICT NEWS

The Homecoming Parade will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:15 p.m. The parade route starts on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from the High School parking lot and moves onto Barrington Parkway and left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and left on to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and returns to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Contact Information

□ **Report Student Absences:**

Mrs. Matthews 447-3242

□ **To order Lunch, please call by 8:45 a.m.:**

Mrs. Matthews 447-3242

□ **Questions About Lunch Account:**

Nicole Kreiger 730-3541

□ **Health Office:**

Mrs. House 447-3243 or [ehouse@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:ehouse@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

□ **General School Information:**

Mrs. Kack 447-3240 or [dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

### ATTENDANCE/LUNCH PROCEDURE

If your student will be absent or late from school, please call Mrs. Matthews at 447-3242 as soon as possible. Please include the following information on your student when leaving a message:

1. Student's name
2. Teacher's name
3. Reason for absence/late arrival. If the absence is due to an illness, please include symptoms your child is experiencing or any diagnosis the doctor has informed you of. If they will be arriving late, please include whether they want main or alternate for their lunch choice.
4. Leave your name and phone number we can reach you at if we would have questions.

When your student arrives late or leaves early, parents/guardians must stop in at the office to sign them in/out.

Your student's teacher appreciates a note or phone call ahead of time if your child will be leaving early. We will call your student to the office when you arrive and not before. Please plan accordingly.

**For your child's safety please do not bring students for breakfast until 8:00 and please do not drop off for school before 8:10. Gates open at 8:05. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN-IN AND WEAR A VISITOR BADGE WHEN VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

**WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON AT BOWMAN WOODS  
OR ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT???**  
**LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:**

[www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)

**Lunch/Recess Schedule**

**K – 10:55 to 11:20**  
**Recess 11:20 to 11:40**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 11:20 to 11:40**  
**Recess 11:40 to 12:00**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 11:40 to 12:00**  
**Recess 12:00 to 12:30**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:00 to 12:20**  
**Recess 12:20 to 12:40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:20 to 12:40**  
**Recess 12:40 to 1:00**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 12:40 to 1:00**  
**Recess 1:00 to 1:30**



**IMPORTANT UPDATES!**

Bowman Woods raised \$1,200 for the American Red Cross and the Humane Society. Small change does make a BIG difference!! Thank you BW Families!!

Bowman Blast raised \$18,000 for our one and done fundraiser! Thank you BW Families!



**Linn-Mar's 'Virtual Backpack'**

A reminder that at Linn-Mar we're now using a new "green" strategy to keep our students' backpacks a little more organized by sending home less paper. The solution? The Virtual Backpack!

To find Linn-Mar's Virtual Backpack, just look under the "Programs & Services" tab on the gray bar above. (Or click here: [Virtual Backpack](#).) By clicking on this link, you'll find those community flyers organized in a way that makes it easy to download items of interest to your family.

To find out how to submit a flyer for posting in the Virtual Backpack, click [HERE](#).

**Just a Reminder....**

**The 2017-2018 Instructional Supply Fee of \$50.00 is due. Please call the office if you have questions. Thank you!**

# Library News!

We are all DIVING in and READING at Bowman Woods and that means checking out books that we love and enjoy reading. Just 15 minutes of daily independent reading can boost a child's reading skills. This 15 minutes not only helps enrich vocabulary, but build a greater ability to understand what is being read.

Grades 3-5 are encouraged to read Iowa Children's Choice Award books (ICCA) and take a ten question Reading Counts test to earn a reward! After 5 books that they read and pass the Reading Counts quiz, they are able to choose something from our goodie basket OR choose something they'd like to DO.

5<sup>th</sup> graders recently shared a SWAY project with their teachers and looked at the ways to verify if a website is a trustworthy resource or not. We will look at how to cite our sources next.

4<sup>th</sup> graders read a picture book and learned how to take a Scholastic Reading Counts quiz to check comprehension. Next we will be talking about internet safety and exploring Digital Passport, which has internet safety games.

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2<sup>nd</sup> graders have started their typing.com practice for our district keyboarding expectations.

1<sup>st</sup> graders have enjoyed picture books by several authors and about several topics as part of a voyage around the library to find different topics. Soon we will start logging into the computers.

Kindergarteners have used the iPads in the library to play learning games and to learn the basics of iPad use. We've started seeing more and more kinders in the library first thing in the morning for new books on a daily basis. This is great!

We are very lucky to have great resources given to us by Grant Wood AEA online. Students love exploring these safe sites. <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/educators/online-resources>

To access these fun sites you will need to use the school login of 3715bowm and password: aea10

Visit the Bowman Woods Symbaloo to see what websites students are accessing.

<http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/bowmanhomepage>

Fall Scholastic Book Fair is October 9-12 in the library.



Monday, Oct. 9 8am-4pm  
Tuesday, Oct. 10 8am-7pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 11 8am-7pm  
Thursday, Oct. 12 8am-4pm

Come and check it out before or after your parent/teacher conferences. All proceeds from the fair earn Scholastic Dollars which are spent directly on Scholastic Books for the library!

## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Lifetouch Photographers will be at Bowman Woods on Thursday, October 12th. All new students to Bowman Woods, or those students that were absent on the original picture day, will be photographed for school records and a class composite. If you would like to order pictures, please contact Mrs. Matthews in the office for an order envelope.

If you would like to have your student's picture re-taken, please send the original picture package with your student on picture re-take day.

If you have any further questions, please contact Lifetouch at 1-800-472-1998.

### Class Parties and Fall Costume Parade

**Our parade and parties are scheduled for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day. Each class will get a chance to be in the parade, weather permitting. More information and parade route will be coming home soon with your student.**

## STOMP OUT Bullying

Monday, 10-2-17 is BLUE SHIRT DAY<sup>®</sup>  
WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION<sup>™</sup>.

Let's go BLUE in solidarity & STOMP Out  
Bullying EVERYWHERE!

Join us as we stand together to get rid of  
bullying and make 10-2-17 the day that  
bullying prevention is heard around the  
world! Please wear a BLUE shirt on Monday.





## **Bowman Woods Reaches Out**

Bowman Woods is REACHING OUT in October by collecting hats and gloves for the cold winter months ahead. We will be sharing these with students who are in need of these items. All shapes and sizes are welcome.

We have received several questions about the needs in Puerto Rico as part of our Bowman Woods family has family connections still there. If you would like information on how to help in this area of need you can check with any of the following resources...

First Lady of Puerto Rico's Office Donation Page:

<http://www.unidosporpuertorico.com/>

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Hurricane-Irma-Affects-Caribbean-Southeast-Red-Cross-Responds>

<https://www.fema.gov/>

<http://remezcla.com/lists/culture/puerto-rico-where-to-donate/>



## *Notes from Music*

### **EARLY BIRDS**

Early Birds practice has begun! Each Wednesday and Friday morning, practice starts at 7:45 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. Early Birds is Bowman's morning choir open for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers. We already have 100 singers this year! 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders should feel free to join the group at any time in the year, all are welcome!

### **FIRST GRADE MUSIC CONCERT**

First graders are excited to show their friends and family the goofy songs we have been practicing in the music room. The event is on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Our concert is called "everyBODY Loves Music!" and features songs about body parts and our love for singing, moving, and playing!

## ORCHESTRA



### A Note from the Orchestra Director

~ Mrs. Kelly Vieth ~

The 5th Grade Orchestra members have been working very hard on reading notes and rhythms in preparation for our very first concert on Tuesday, October 24th in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. All family and friends are encouraged to attend!!! Students will receive more information about our performance later this month.

#### *Attention All Adopt-a-Beginners....*

All students who signed up for this year's Adopt-a-Beginner Program will be finding out who their High School practice buddy will be very soon. Students accepted into the program will have the chance to meet and greet their buddy at our annual Adopt-a-Beginner Pizza Party, which will take place before our concert on October 24th. More details to come ☺

Keep up the hard work, orchestra students. Go Lions!!!

## COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:

Welcome back BW Families. It feels like we have settled into our back to school routine and are ready for a fantastic year. Looking ahead: if you have costumes, whether dance costumes, Halloween costumes, or other dress up items that you are looking to get rid of, please send them to school with your student anytime between now and Oct.5<sup>th</sup>. I will be collecting costumes for our Second Annual Costume Swap, which will be held during conference week on the two late nights. The costume swap is where families can come take a costume, swap a costume, or drop a costume. Please make sure costumes are clean and in good condition. Thank you for helping others!



Congratulations to MacKenzie Thompson  
as a finalist in the America Reads bookmark  
contest!

Bowman Woods Elementary will have the event, America Reads, on  
Thursday, October 19th



# BOWMAN WOODS PTO NEWS

Thank you again to all the families that came out to the Glowman Run September 15<sup>th</sup>! Having you there made our first event of the school year a success! A special thank you to Anu Ambati and Dixie Albertson for coordinating the event and Aftershock, a local dj, for the great music.

Our Only Once Fundraiser has wrapped up and this year we raised \$18,000 for the students!! Amazing! This shows what a great school we have and how many relatives and friends we have supporting us as well! Go Bowman Woods!

The Bowman Blast was held September 22<sup>nd</sup> and despite the sweltering heat, everyone stayed hydrated and had a "blast" ! ☺ Thank you to Becky Streff for coordinating the event and as always thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped everything run smoothly! A special thank you to everyone who wore the lion costume on a 90 + degree day, whew!

Our next event is Trunk or Treat Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>! Be on the lookout for more details.

Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> PTO meeting of the year Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the media center. There will be free Learning Adventures for the kids. We will be discussing the PTO budget and how to spend the carry-over funds that we have. We hope to see you there! If you can't attend we will be live streaming the event on Bowman Woods PTO Facebook page.

## WE HAD A BLAST!





# Redemption



## BOX TOPS BONUS APP

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BUY PRODUCTS.



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SCAN YOUR  
RECEIPT.



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Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



## Volunteering at Bowman Woods



The Kindergartners are headed to Bloomsbury Farm for a day of pumpkin themed exploration and learning on October 17th. Volunteers will need to meet at the school right after drop-off in order to check-in and carpool to the Pumpkin Patch. Please remember to pack a sack lunch as the kiddos will be exploring all day! Look for the BW Volunteer email to sign up.

## EXTRA MONEY???



## GREAT WORK ENVIRONMENT??

We are looking for some additional people to sign up to be subs for associate positions at Bowman Woods. Positions involve student assistance, recess supervision, cutting, sorting, etc. Work on the days that you can in a great work environment. To sign up, please contact Grant Wood AEA Sub Central department or talk to Val Lawrence at Bowman Wood.



# October 2017



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 (c3)</p> <p>Stomp Out Bullying – Wear Blue</p>	<p>3(c4)</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>BW Chick Fil A Night</p>	<p>4(c5)</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>Wacky Wednesday (Mismatched clothes)</p>	<p>5(c6)</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Red &amp; Black Day</p> <p>Orch PM</p> <p>Homecoming Parade 5:15</p>	<p>6(c7)</p> <p>Early Birds</p>
<p>9(c8)</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Book Fair Week</p> 	<p>10(c1)</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Common Conference Night (Babysitting provided)</p>	<p>11(c2)</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Aquatic</p>	<p>12(c3)</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Picture Retake</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>Common Conference Night (Babysitting provided)</p>	<p>13(c4)</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Trunk or Treat BW Parking Lot West lot 6:30-7:30</p> 
<p>16(c5)</p>	<p>17(c6)</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Community Worker</p> <p>K – Field Trip</p> <p>PTO Mtg. 6:30</p>	<p>18(c7)</p> <p>Early Birds</p>	<p>19(c8)</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>AMERICA READS</p> <p>Orch. PM</p>	<p>20(c1)</p> <p>Early Birds</p>
<p>23(c2)</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Community Worker</p>	<p>24(c3)</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Gr Orchestra Concert – HS</p> <p>1 Gr Music Concert – 6:30</p>	<p>25(c4)</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Gr Field Trip</p>	<p>26</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>No Attendance For Students</p>	<p>27</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>No Attendance For Students</p>
<p>30</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>31(c5)</p> <p>Fall Parade 2:10</p> 