

BOWMAN WOODS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ROAR PLEDGE

At Bowman Woods, we are people of character.

We will be Responsible

We will Opt for kindness

We will Always be safe

We will be Responsible

Our Mission:

We will all learn at high levels.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the support you have provided as we launched into a new year. It made such a difference. It was a pure joy to have our students back and to meet our kindergarteners and students joining Bowman Woods this year.

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our back to school picnic after the supply drop. The rain chased us away at the very end, but fortunately, everyone had enjoyed the delicious menu of grilled hot dogs, chips, assorted fruit, and cookies. Becky Streff worked with Hy-Vee to have food donated. That was so kind of Hy-Vee. Great job, Becky. Beth Morrissey secured a Thrivent grant to help buy the paper goods, chips, and hot dogs and Life Touch Studios donated money to help fund the cookies.

This year will be our third year of PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. This system creates a continuum of positive behavior support for all students within a school including the classroom and our common areas such as hallways, lunchrooms, playground, and restrooms. Staff recognize students with a ROAR slip and a thank you for following a specific expectation. Last week, students earned almost 1,000 ROAR slips. That is fantastic! We work together as a community to earn the slips and celebrate our accomplishments as a community. Surprise ROAR celebrations will pop up throughout the year. Thank you for your support at home by discussing and demonstrating ways for students to model the tenets of our ROAR pledge.



This is the best school ever!

~Quote from one of our students new to *Bowman Woods*

Please know that we welcome and value your input as parents. I am looking forward to our first PTO meeting on September 12th. I will see some of you at one of two volunteer orientations taking place at Bowman Woods this year.

Please see the calendar included with this newsletter for important dates and opportunities.

Thank you for attending our parent night meetings or going over the information shared by your child's teacher.

Check out our thank you page in the newsletter. If we ever miss anyone, let us know immediately. We want to recognize people, but that comes with the risk of leaving someone off the list. We can make corrections to the online newsletter or add it to our next month's edition.

Lastly, thank you for your children. We have such amazing students at Bowman Woods. They are kind, creative, and ready to learn. Thank you for encouraging that creativity at home and nurturing the love of reading.

"The Bowman Woods News"



September 2017

Thank you

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Thank you to PTO for providing the hot dog picnic: To Becky Streff and Stacy Goody for coordinating the picnic, and to Doug White, Beth Morrissey, and Pat Morrissey for their help that evening. Thanks to Thrivent and Life Touch Studio for the monetary contributions. Thanks to Erica Elles for supplying the tables for the event, and Erica, Heather Wilson and their families for delivery and pick-up of the tables.

A big shout out to the PTO committee of Becky Streff, Stacy Goody, Misty Holzwarth, Ruth Schroeder, Layce Fillner, Krystal Long, Katie Kensinger and Andrea Schoenbeck.

Thank you to those who helped with the school gardens this summer: Janet Masters, Camille Lindsay, Lori Sipper, Leila Eady, Amanda Rouse, Renee Wood, Char Weuve, Beth Morrissey, Angie Krueger, Misty Holzwarth, Libbie Bettis Karishma Huddar, and Craig Hanson

Thank you to Angie Krueger, Beth Morrissey, Becky Streff, Ruth Schroeder and Laura Nordine for speaking at Kindergarten Camp.

Thank you to Sravanthi Baddam, Paula Moran and Elizabeth Strimple for stuffing registration folders. Thanks to the PTO Hospitality Co-chairs, Carey Buresh and Tara Erickson, for all of their time to put all of the PTO Hospitality events together.

A BIG thank you to the lunchroom helpers for August and September— Danean Kirchner, Camille Lindsay, Becky Bolsinger, Cathy Bordignon, Beth Morrissey, Linda Hasson, Elizabeth Strimple, Paula Moran, Kristina Messenger, Tracey Chesmore, Syed Fatima Asic, Dixie Albertson, Char Weuve
Angie Krueger, Suzanne Thurman, Kristi Whitham.

School Picture Helpers – Angie Krueger, Camille Lindsay and Elizabeth Strimple.

Thank you to all!



On September 12, eligible voters in the Linn-Mar Community School District will be asked to consider an \$80 million bond package that will support a grade-restructuring plan. This plan will enable the district to construct two new 5-6 intermediate schools, a future elementary school and provide much-needed renovations to our three historic elementary schools (Bowman Woods, Indian Creek and Wilkins Elementary) in addition to Excelsior Middle School.

This restructuring plan strategically addresses existing and long-term capacity, safety, security, and efficiency issues in our rapidly growing district. Implementation of the plan requires a successful bond vote.

With the addition of the 5-6 intermediate schools, Linn-Mar's elementary schools would become PK or K-4th grade and the middle schools would house grades 7-8.

By building the two intermediate schools and moving our 5th graders into those schools, we are able to free up class space throughout our elementary and middle schools. For our school, the plan would also provide us with much-needed renovations.

In the past five years alone, student population in the district has grown by 15 percent, yet our mission remains unchanged... to provide the best possible education for our students in a safe and secure environment.

Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM at the following locations:

- Marion Christian Church, 1050 McGowan Blvd, Marion
- Marion Columbus Club/Knights of Columbus, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion
- Noelridge Christian Church, 7111 C Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

Visit www.linnmar.k12.ia.us to learn more. Thank you.



We truly understand that birthdays are special. Students celebrating a birthday or half-birthday get to come to the office for a special birthday band and lead our pledges over the intercom. They are also recognized in the classroom. Due to the Healthy Kids Initiative, we ask that

no food be sent in for birthdays. This helps us also be sensitive to allergies and reduces health risks. Students will have special treats throughout the year at parties and other activities like the Bowman Blast. These pre-planned events allow our nurse to help us consider the best treat for all students.

Students may bring in stickers, pencils, or other small item to hand out to classmates, but this is completely optional. Thank you for your help.

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

❑ **General School Information:**

Mrs. Kack 447-3240 or 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

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WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON AT BOWMAN WOODS

OR ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT???

LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:

www.linnmar.k12.ia.us

Lunch/Recess Schedule

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

1st – 11:20 to 11:40
Recess 11:40 to 12:00

4th – 11:40 to 12:00
Recess 12:00 to 12:30

3rd – 12:00 to 12:20
Recess 12:20 to 12:40

2nd – 12:20 to 12:40
Recess 12:40 to 1:00

5th – 12:40 to 1:00
Recess 1:00 to 1:30

Why is eRegistration important!!

The eRegistration process is required to be completed annually by all families so we have the most up-to-date information on students, including but not limited to: parent/guardian contact information, health information, emergency contact information, and parental permissions. If you have not yet set up a family account in PowerSchool, please contact your student's building to obtain more information on how to do so.



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](#).

Bowman Woods Reaches Out

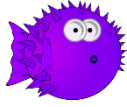


Several Bowman Woods classrooms will be adopting classrooms in Texas to help areas that were hit by the hurricanes. Watch for information from your classroom teachers.



SMALL CHANGE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

As a building, we are collecting small change to donate to the schools in Texas as they rebuild. Feel free to send bags of small change in during the month of September and we will pull together to make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the lives of students in Texas!



Dive into the Library!



The Bowman Woods Library Mission

The mission of the Bowman Woods library program is to provide an inviting, learning environment that assists staff and students with integrating effective informational resources and technology in the classroom, developing lifelong learning skills, and fostering reading for joy.

Library Information

Library checkout takes place during your child's library class time, once every eight days, for grades 3-5 and once every 4 days for grades K-2. Materials are checked out for 10 days and can be renewed if a hold is not placed on it and it is brought to the library. Kindergarteners check out three materials, first graders check out five materials and the remainder of the grades are unlimited. If there is an outstanding fee or late material, the student is not allowed to check out until the fee is paid or the material is returned. Occasionally, we send out notices or emails with overdue information in hopes that the books can be found and returned.

The Bowman Woods Symbaloo is a resource students are introduced to as a way to access kid friendly websites. <http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/bowmanhomepage>

Add these dates to your calendar!

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 9-12. The fair will be open during the family conference nights on Oct. 10 and Oct. 12 until 7pm.

Our Winter Book Fair at Barnes and Noble is Friday, December 1 from 5-8. Our Bowman Woods Early Bird Chorus and Orchestra will perform. This is also the National Barnes and Noble Polar Express Night, so I hope you can join your friends and stay for the reading of *Polar Express!*

Profits from the Scholastic and Barnes and Noble Night go directly into the purchase of new books for the library.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 447-3245.

Email librarian, Carla Clanin, at cclanin@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Follow the Linn-Mar Libraries on Twitter #lmlibrarians



Notes from Music

Hello from the music room! Thank you for the warm welcome to Bowman Woods, I am very excited for this school year and getting to know all of your musicians. We all are starting the year with a strong focus on patterns and rhythms. I encourage creativity and collaborative work throughout the year and implement a balance of singing, instrument play, and movement.

OPUS HONOR CHOIR

Twelve 5th grade singers from Bowman Woods will be auditioning for Iowa's Opus Honor Choir. The auditions will be held the week of September 17th with results being announced in October. Wish these singers luck as they practice to make fantastic audition recordings!

EARLY BIRDS

All 4th and 5th Grade students who love to sing are invited to join Early Birds! Our first practice will be September 27th; we meet Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45-8:20 a.m. (Not too early!) I am hoping for a large group of motivated singers who want to learn groovy and challenging music. We have two scheduled performances at our school as well as an event at Linn Mar High School, sporting events, nursing homes, Barnes and Noble night, and any other events that need music celebrations in between. Come check it out and see if you want to be an Early Bird!

ORCHESTRA



The 5th Grade Orchestra has officially started for this school year! Orchestra members will be practicing together on Tuesday mornings from 7:45 - 8:20 am and Thursday afternoons from 3:25 - 4:00 pm. We will be reviewing skills that students learned over the summer and will also be practicing new songs in preparation for our first performance this fall, which will take place on October 24th at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. In addition to orchestra class, students will receive a weekly lesson where bowing technique and other challenging pieces are learned. I am excited to be teaching the **2017 - 2018 Bowman Woods Orchestra** and invite everyone to attend our upcoming events!

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year! Go Lions!! ~ Mrs. Vieth ~

SEPTEMBER 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.5th. 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!



A m e r i c a  R e a d s

Thursday, October 19th

Celebrate Reading!

AMERICA READS: Reading is Contagious

The AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* event is designed to shine a spotlight on the importance of reading to young children to improve literacy and demonstrate the joy of reading through collective citizen involvement. In the Cedar Rapids metro area, it has become an annual fall tradition, bringing hundreds of volunteers into area schools to share a favorite book with students. AMERICA READS: *Reading Is Contagious* 2017 will be held Oct. 19-20. **Bowman Woods Elementary will have the even on Thursday, October 19th.**

Developed and launched in 1997, the initiative is a collaborative effort between the Cedar Rapids Community, College Community, Linn-Mar, Marion Independent, and Xavier Catholic school districts, as well Summit School and the five public libraries: Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, and Marion. Local businesses and organizations provide financial support.

More than 2,500 guest readers visited elementary schools over the two-day period in October 2015. Some 16,000 students benefited from exposure to the enthusiastic readers. Volunteer readers include everyone from parents and middle, high school and college students to school neighbors, senior citizens, business people and local “celebrities”. The community readers share their love of reading by doing just that—each volunteer read a favorite story to a child, a small group of children or to an entire classroom of students.

Numerous studies indicate that children who have been read to on a regular basis are the ones who become good readers. Reading just 30 minutes a day with a child can significantly increase a child’s reading ability. By sharing a story, AMERICA READS volunteers also celebrate their own love of reading with students. That special book might just become someone else’s favorite! After all, reading is contagious!”

If you are interested in signing up to read at our school that day or have questions, please send an email to: bwamericareads@gmail.com.

Homecoming Parade October 5th



PTO NEWS

The Bowman Woods PTO would like to welcome you all back for the 2017-18 school year with some very exciting news...this year we are going to once again **focus more on FUN and less on FUNDRAISING**. This means that we are only going to have **ONE** fundraiser this year! You read correctly...**ONE!** One time for your child to ask family and friends for donations. One time for you to fill out a corporate match form. One time for you to return a donation envelope. However, this means that you are going to only have one opportunity to financially support the PTO's general budget. A budget that pays for 2 field trips per grade level and school-wide assemblies. A budget that supports teacher resource needs. A budget that purchases classroom sets of iPads. And a budget that is going to put into action something new this year...monthly family fun nights! We have big plans...big dreams...and big goals but it is going to take one successful fundraising extravaganza to pull it all off. We hope you are as excited as we are!

We will kick off this **ONLY ONCE** fundraiser **Friday, September 15th** with the second annual **Glowman Run** at **6:30pm**. Put on your running shoes and come down to the school for a fun run around the neighborhood with your friends and neighbors! There will be glow sticks earned for laps around the route. Donations should be returned to school by **Tuesday, September, 19th**, all while your kids enjoy special activities and other fun rewards for surpassing fundraising level goals. The **ONLY ONCE** fundraiser will culminate with our traditional **Bowman Blast**, a favorite run/walk event, during the school day on **Friday, September 22nd**. Get **EXCITED** now, but watch for more details in your students' backpack next week.

Want to be in the know about upcoming Bowman Woods events? Want to get involved? Want to stay informed about how fundraising dollars are being spent? Want a space to ask questions or voice concerns? Please come to our first PTO general membership meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Media Center**. You're already a member and we'd **LOVE** to see you there! Also, mark your calendars for the rest of our general membership meetings the **2nd Tuesday of every month**, where we discuss upcoming events, receive updates from Mrs. March, and brainstorm new and exciting ways to enhance the Bowman Woods community. Worried about childcare? Don't! We have you covered. Free Learning Adventures are provided during the meetings to educate and entertain your K-5th grade student, come see what excitement awaits them Sept 12th!



Redemption

Greetings Bowman Woods Families! Hope you've been collecting Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts all summer! For those who are new to Bowman Woods, the Box Tops for Education and Hy-Vee's Cash 4 Students program are easy ways to help raise money for our school, at no additional cost to you. It's easy-- just look for pink Box Tops on participating products with a valid expiration date, clip them, and send them to school with your student. Every time you shop at Hy-Vee, ask for and take your receipt. We want all of your Hy-Vee receipts dated April 1, 2017 and later, no matter the dollar amount! For more information and helpful tips on collecting, please refer to the redemption letter inside your family folder you received at registration.

Redemption Emoji Clip & Save Fall Contest



Here's our first contest....earn an emoji sticker on your classroom iPad on the lunchroom bulletin board for every 100 Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts brought in! At the end of the contest, the top classroom in the whole school wins a Cookie and Milk Party! The top classroom per grade win other emoji-themed prizes. Contest begins Tuesday, September 5th and ends Friday, November 17th.



BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. **Here's how it works:**

BUY.

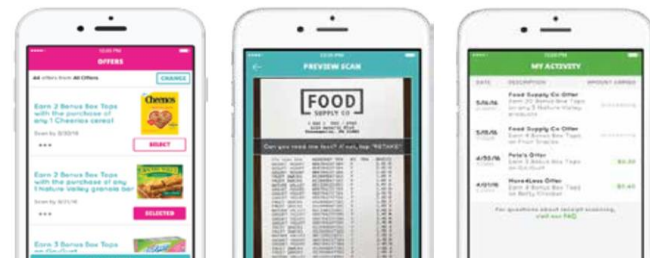
FIND OFFERS.
BUY PRODUCTS.

SCAN.

SCAN YOUR
RECEIPT.

EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

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Amazon donates.

Go to smile.amazon.com

amazonsmile

Volunteering At Bowman Woods

Did you know that Bowman Woods has a rich history of high parental and community volunteerism? Parents, grandparents and alumni can be found in the hallways, classrooms and lunch room lending a helping hand and making a difference in the life of a student! Our elementary school has a long-standing tradition of earning the distinction of being one of the top 3 schools in the District for highest number of volunteer hours.

Volunteers help to make Bowman woods extraordinary and we want YOU to be part of our volunteer team!

Never volunteered in the LinnMar School District before? No problem!

- 1) Fill out the Volunteer Registration Form and turn it into the BW Main Office.
- 2) Register for an Orientation Meeting or individually schedule an individual meeting time with Karla Terry, LinnMar's Community Relations Coordinator.

Last year, Karla Scheduled 22 group orientation meetings throughout the school year as there are plenty of opportunities to fulfill this requirement.

The 1st Orientation Meeting will be held at Bowman Woods on Tuesday, Sept 5th at 9am, but pre-registration is required.

Volunteered in the past, but it has been a while? No problem!

- 1) Fill out the Volunteer Renewal Form and return it to the BW Office.
- 2) This form must be submitted every school year in order to maintain an active volunteer status.

Please feel free to contact us via email at bwvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to help! We recommend getting your volunteer application turned in quickly as many of the opportunities begin right at the start of the school year.

Looking forward to an amazing year of supporting our staff and inspiring BW students!

Beth Morrissey and Angie Krueger -Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators

September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			31 Band AM Orch. PM	1
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11 cycle day 5	12 Orch. AM <u>VOTE DAY!!!</u> Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45 Orientation @ 5:30 - PTO Mtg. 6:30 MOCK NEWBURY CLUB – 3:20-4 6	13 3 rd Grade Community Worker 7	14 Band AM Orch. PM 8	15 PTO Family Glow Run 6:30 pm 1
18 Crazy Sock Day cycle day 2	19 Orch. AM SSS – Field Trip Tune in Tuesday 3	20 Wake up Wednesday (p.j.'s) 4	21 Band AM Orch. PM Top it Off (hat day) 5	22 BOWMAN BLAST 5 – 8:45 3 – 9:35 4 – 10:30 2 – 11:25 K – 1:00 1 – 1:45 0
25 cycle day 6	26 Orch. AM 7	27 Early Birds AM – 7:45 8	28 Band AM Orch. PM 1	30 Early Birds AM – 7:45 4 th Grade Field Trip 2