

BOWMAN WOODS

NOVEMBER 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 tremendous support you provided in the month of October.

Our fall conferences provided an excellent venue to learn about the start of the year for your child or children and set goals for the rest of the year. We were grateful for the wonderful attendance at these conferences. It clearly shows us how much you value this time to talk to our teachers. Our staff loves this time as well.

We are so appreciative of the other supports you provided this month in a variety of ways. This includes helping as a classroom or lunchroom volunteer, those who sent in candy or other resources, those who helped out with the conference meal or babysitting, those of you who decorated your vehicles for trunk-or-treat, our field trip volunteers, our fall party helpers, our volunteer workshop participants, our helpers with the kindness rocks project and the fourth grade state fair, our fearless babysitters for conference nights, those of you who supported our book fair, and those of you who cheered on our parade yesterday.

We truly cannot operate without everything you do for our school. It is important to know that what you do is important to us. I know that many deeds go unrecognized and hope you know that you do means so much in the life of our students.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are just fortunate to have students who look out for others each day. This is a special trait in a child.

We have much for which to be thankful.

Have a lovely month.

Sincerely,

Tina March

tina.march@linnmar.k12.ia.us

"The Bowman Woods News"

November 2017

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

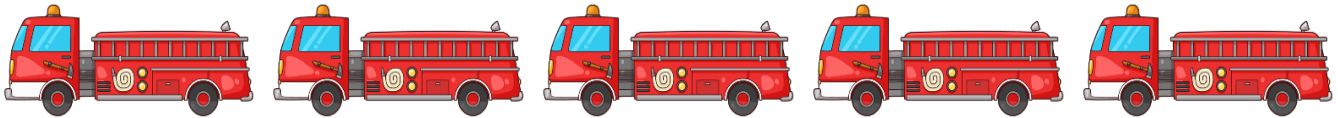
Thank you to our lunchroom helpers for this month. They were Danean Kirchner, Paula Moran, Angie Krueger, Becky Bolsinger, Becky Streff, Suzanne Thurman, Camille Lindsay and Linda Hasson. **Thank you for the 4th Grade State Fair volunteers.** They were Kate Brockschink, Renee Miles, Jason Greenwaldt, Melinda Crow, Becky Bolsinger, Danean Kirchner, Jaci Denny, Joanne O'Reilly, Julie Martin, Toni Bergen. **Thank you to the following people who provided food for PTO Conference Meal.** They were Toni Bergen, Ruth Noth, Cassandra Davis, Jeanie Ruehlow, Ashley Woodman, Sravanthi Baddam, Denise Jones, John Sklarsky, Heather Lampe, Leila Eady, Melinda Crow, Libbie Bettis, Erin Wittkowski, Janet Masters, Andrea Schoenbeck, JoAnn Carstensen, Heater Wilson Croskrey, Ruth Schroeder. **Thank you for the volunteers that helped in the gym babysitting during conference time.** They were Cara Lausen, Chayse Lausen, Frances Lausen, Renee Wood, Charlotte Masters, Manjo Thato, and Jonathan Lindsay. **Thanks for the volunteers at workshop this month.** They were Beth Morrissey, Ruth Noth, Melinda Crow, Anne Bass, Linda Hasson, Elizabeth Strimple, Heather Lampe, Janet Masters, Michele Olesen, Monik Mossman, Ruth Schroeder, Angie Krueger. **Thanks for the volunteers who helped with the Kindness Rocks Project.** They were Ruth Schroeder, Mary Schroeder, Heather Zwanziger, Elizabeth Strimple, Syed Fatima Asic, Melinda Crow, Jill Groezinger, Dawn Ovel, and Brook McDonald. **Thank you to our Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch chaperones.** They were Erin Detweiler, Melinda Crow, Sventha Swaminathan, Amy Sickels, Angel Payne, Cassandra Davis, Courtney East, Heather Mueller. **Thanks to the Choral Clinic Chaperones.** They were Anna Lisa Grant, Danean Kirchner, Leila Eady. **Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Fall party.** They were Brittany Grindeland, Heather Lampe, Mary Schroeder, Elizabeth Strimple, Amanda Pierce, Tracey Chesmore, Brianna Peterson, Jill Groezinger, Shawna Clemente, Dixie Albertson, Tom Moran, Brook McDonald, Cara Lausen, Brittani Von Roden, Leila Eady, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Megan Kmetz, Julie Wesselink, Dick Grimm, Doug White, Camille Lindsay, Angela Minard, Dawn Ovel, Stacy Shepley, Carey Buresh, Becky Bolsinger, Heather Wilson, Brainna Peterson, Toni Bergen, Diane McPeek, Stacy Goody, Joni Jackson, Anna Lisa Grant, Kristen Beech, Jennifer Roberts, Terri Fritcher, Denise Jones, Bonnie Jessen, JoAnn Carstensen, Melinda Crow, Heather Mueller, Erin Detweiler, Vijayasaritha Jawahar, Jennifer Stamy

A HUGE thank you to Wendling Quarries for their donation of a "ton" of rocks for our kindness walk.

A "Sugary" thank you goes to parents who donated bags of candy for the Trunk or Treat and to the parents who participated in the event. They are Camille Lindsay, Tracey Chesmore, Brittani Von Roden, Angel Payne, Dixie Albertson, Heather Lampe, Heather Croskrey, Becky Streff, Amy Sickels, Mary Schroeder, Stephen Holmes, Dawn and Ryan Ovel, Amanda Rouse, Victoria Fernandez, Cara Lausen, Kristal Long, Erin Harlan, Ploy Chumnanont and Loc Pham.



CONGRATULATIONS to Abby Rubin!! She won the 3rd grade fire safety poster contest. Abby will get to ride the firetruck home.



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

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



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

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

Remember to set back your clocks on November 5th!



AMERICA READS
Empowering children to learn.



October 19th was an exciting day for the students at Bowman Woods thanks to our America Reads day-long event. Students were treated to guest readers throughout the day. Thanks to our parents and community members who supported this awesome program once again. Thanks to our coordinators this year, Amy Feight and Laura Nordine. They did an excellent job.



CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

SPONSORED BY MARION METRO KIWANIS

- What are we doing: Collecting new and gently used books for underprivileged children.
- When: Books will be collected from **November 27th through December 2nd, 2017.**
- Why: Many children in our community do not learn to read well because they have no books of their own. A good book can open the door to learning. We would like to be able to provide the gift of reading to them at the holiday season.
- How can you help: Each classroom is challenged to collect children's books, which will be distributed through area charities to underprivileged children. The classroom that collects the most books will receive a pizza party.
- REMEMBER: All books must be at school by Friday, December 2, 2017!**

THANK YOU!!!

Attention – Afternoon pick-up from carline: if someone else is picking up your child(ren), please make sure that they are listed on Powerschool or the office has been notified of the change so that your child(ren) will be released to that pick-up person. Thanks!





Bowman Woods Reaches Out

Bowman Woods is REACHING OUT in November 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.



Congratulations Bowman Woods! Thank you to the Midwest Dairy Council for the \$500 Touchdown Reward.



Join us at Bowman Woods as we honor Veterans on 11/13 at 2:30pm.

If you have a family member who has served in a military branch, please submit his/her name, branch of service and BW relative and a picture if possible to Ms. Lawrence at vlawrence@linmar.k12.ia.us by November 6.

November Library News

Keyboarding is an important skill for students to learn in order to be fast and efficient when using programs such as email, or GoogleDocs. At Linn-Mar, it is an expectation for 2nd and 5th graders to do a typing program during library time. The chosen typing program is Typing.com. As of now, only 2nd grade has begun, but soon 5th graders will join. Students may do this program at home on a computer that has internet access. Even though it is possible to just Google "Typing.com", there are specific steps students follow to get to the program so what they do at home will carry over to what they do at school and vice versa.

1. Go to LinnMar home page. OR Google "Bowman Woods Symbaloo"
2. If you are at the Linn-Mar page go to "Students and Staff" and then down to "Destiny Library", then choose Bowman Woods Elementary
3. On the top row, you will see the box with "Clever" so click on it.
4. The students will "Log in as student" in the upper right corner. Click on Use Active Directory. Students will use their school email ex: ritabook@student.linnmar.org and school password ex: rib1234
5. Then Typing.com can be found towards the bottom of this page.
6. Students continue with typing lessons that have the yellow arrow along side.

If you have questions about your child's username and password you can email the classroom teacher or myself at cclanin@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Scholastic Book Fair! The overall profit for the library is approximately \$2600 in Scholastic Dollars!

Friday, December 1 from 5-8 is Bowman Woods Barnes and Noble Night! Once again, it is the National Barnes and Noble Polar Express Night and Mrs. Clanin will be reading the story in the store that night! The early bird chorus will be singing holiday songs and the Bowman Woods orchestra will be performing. If you do holiday shopping or stop by the café this night, make sure to say "I support Bowman Woods" because a percentage of proceeds is directly used to buy new books for the library. In the past, the library has made \$300-\$1000 for new books from one night of fun! I hope to see you there!





Notes from Music

EARLY BIRDS

We just finished performing at Linn-Mar High School for a Choral Clinic, we received fantastic feedback and it was a great experience to perform our new songs. November does not have any performances but we will be hard at work preparing for our winter concerts!

THIRD GRADE CONCERT

The Third Grade concert date is Thursday, November 9, 2017. We will be performing songs about being a kid, being sung from the “Kid’s Perspective”! We hope you enjoy the musical talents of the 3rd grade singers. We can’t wait for the concert to be here, performing is just one of our “favorite things”!

5th GRADE POW WOW

On November 3rd, 5th graders will be celebrating the conclusion of their Native American Indian studies with a Pow Wow event. In the afternoon, Miss Morosky will lead the 5th grade classes into authentic Native American performances and games as well as a guest local artist to discuss her Native American artwork and techniques.

CONGRATULATIONS TO **JOSIE BROWN** on being accepted into the OPUS Honor Choir.

Band



BAND NEWS

“PARADE OF BANDS” CONCERT:

On Tuesday November 14th, the BOWMAN WOODS/ECHO HILL/WESTFIELD (Westside) Bands will have their first concert. The program will be held in the Linn-Mar High School Auditorium and begin at **6:00 PM**. The concert will include performances by the Westside 5th Grade Band, the Oak Ridge MS 6th Grade Band, and the Linn-Mar HS Symphonic Band. The concert should last about one hour. We ask that students arrive at the High School between **5:30 – 5:45 PM**. All Band students should report to the HS Little Theatre for instructions before proceeding to the stage. *Please* have students wear nice dress clothes for this major performance. A free will donation can be made at the door.

In preparation for the concert, we will be practicing together that **MORNING** (Nov. 14th) at **L-M HS**. Please **drop your student off** at the HS North (Stadium side) Door 3 main entrance between 8:00 and 8:10 am for our **8:15 – 9:00 am morning rehearsal**. It is *very important* that your student attend this rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal. Percussion, baritone and tuba instruments will already be at the HS. All other students should bring their instruments and Band music.

Please note - With winter approaching, please remember that if there is a weather-related LATE START, Group Band WILL NOT meet - but students should still bring instruments to school for lessons.



Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug



Metal Key Chain



Night Light

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:
 - Grandparent's Day
 - Christmas
 - Father's Day
 - Birthdays
 - Hanukkah
 - Mother's Day

Pendant Necklace

Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.
www.ArtToRemember.com

COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:



Happy Fall All!

We are already starting to look ahead to the holiday season. Each year we have a holiday giving tree that is up in the main office from Thanksgiving through early December. We will be doing this again this year so please feel free to stop in and take a tag from our tree.

If you are in need of holiday assistance this year, please contact Mrs. Wiley before November 9th.



PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Trunk-or-Treat event! We had a wonderful night for it. The costumes were great and lots of candy was handed out. A special thanks to Andrea Schoenbeck for coordinating the event, and Dixie Albertson for designing the logo and flyers!

Upcoming PTO events - mark your calendars!

- November 17th - Reading night
- December 15th - Movie night with Mrs. March
- January 19th - NFL Play60 and Chili Cook-off
- February 23rd - Sock Hop
- April 13th - Fun Fair
- May 18th - TBD (Outdoor Movie Night? Matball?)

Some PTO events still need coordinators, contact the PTO if you are interested at

bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com or through our website at <http://www.bowmanwoodspto.com/>. You can also find/follow us on Facebook.

Please consider joining us for the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, November 14th in the media center from 6:30-7:30. Mrs. March is always in attendance and has great information to share about the district and Bowman Woods. We would love to see you there!



Redemption



Our current redemption contest continues until Friday, November 17th. As of our last count, we have collected 6258 Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts total. Way to go, Bowman Woods! The top class overall is currently 3rd grade – Lenz, with 4th grade – Hart and 2nd grade – Hatfield not too far behind. At the end of the contest, the homeroom that has brought the most redemption items in will win an emoji-themed cookie and milk party. The two runner-up homerooms will receive an emoji-themed prize as well. The next redemption contest will begin after Thanksgiving Break: the always popular school-wide boys versus girls redemption contest!

Thanksgiving is also a great time to collect extra Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts from family and friends as you gather for the holiday weekend. Have a great break!



Do you have photo gift or holiday card shopping on your to-do list?

Do your shopping at Shutterfly.com, and Bowman Woods will get a whopping 13% of your purchase!



It's easy - just go to:

<http://bowmanwoods.shutterflystorefront.com>

and click on either the 'Shop Shutterfly' or 'Shop TinyPrints' links to start shopping:



Make your creations, and checkout as normal. The 13% will be automatically tracked and credited to the BW account. There is no end date for this redemption program, so shop anytime!

Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Questions? Email bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com

Volunteering At Bowman Woods



☐ TIME FOR A POP QUIZ FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ☐

TEST YOUR VOLUNTEER HOUR RECORDING KNOWLEDGE WITH A 3 QUESTION QUIZ

1. Who benefits the most from recording your hours?

- A. You
- B. Administrators
- C. School District
- D. The Students
- E. All of the above

2. Where can I easily record my hours?

- A. At the school
- B. At home
- C. At work
- D. On your smartphone
- E. All of the above

3. How can I figure out my username and password if I forgot it?

- A. Ask a pumpkin
- B. See if you can find the answer by asking your pet
- C. Look in a fortune cookie
- D. Check under your pillow to see if the tooth fairy left it
- E. On the main volunteer website: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

If you answered E to Questions 1, 2 & 3 then celebrate!

Explanation of Answers –

1. E - Recorded Volunteer Hours are reported to our School Board, given to administrators, and used on grant applications. The school board wants to know the amount of community involvement, the number of recorded hours and the number of entries is given to them. Principals get a break down of hours in their building. They look at achievement data and how it correlates with volunteer hours.

2. E – You have access to the log in screen link at school on the volunteer sign-in computer. There is also a QR code on the bulletin board above the computer for you to scan. It is also under our signature line linked into every email you receive from bwvolunteers.

3. E – Just go to <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/> and request your password. Your user name is the email address that you receive emails about volunteering on.

Recording your hours really does make a difference! It really does matter!

Beth Morrissey & Angie Krueger
Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators
Remember to record your volunteer hours at:
<http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>

November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Cycle day 6	Band AM Orch. PM 7	Early Birds 5 th Gr Pow Wow 8
6	7	8	9	10
Cycle day 1	Orch AM 3 rd Gr Comm Worker MOCK NEWBURY CLUB – 3:20-4 2	Early Birds 3	Band AM 3 rd Gr Music Concert – 6:30 Orch. PM 4	NO SCHOOL
13	14	15	16	17
Art Club 7:30am Veteran's Day Concert Cycle day 5	Orch. AM Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45 PTO Mtg. 6:30 Parade of Bands – 6:00 HS 6	Early Birds 7	Band AM Hearing K & 1 2 nd Gr FT Orch. PM OPUS HONOR Choir 8	3 rd Gr Comm. Worker PTO Family Reading Night 6 – 7:45 pm 1
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Art Club – 7:30am 4 th Gr Invention Convention Report cards go home Cycle day 2	Orch. AM SSS – Field Trip 3	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL 	NO SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	December 1
Art Club 7:30 am Cycle day 4	Orch. AM 5	Early Birds 3 rd Gr Burn Puppets 6	Band AM Orch. PM 7	8