

# Happy Holidays!

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving break. There is much for which to be thankful and we are especially grateful for all of you and for our amazing students.

I know this month will be a busy one for many families, but thank you for keeping routines standard when possible. It makes a big difference for our students. There will be many activities at school, but we will also strive to be as consistent as we can be throughout the month to focus on learning.

Our reading team (Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Crawford, and Mrs. Pottebaum) and Mrs. Clanin pulled together some amazing technology resources for students. I am listing them below.

## Websites\*

Reading Rainbow	<a href="http://www.rkidz.com">www.rkidz.com</a>
PBS Kids	<a href="http://www.pbskids.org">www.pbskids.org</a>
Storyline Online	<a href="http://www.storylineonline.net">www.storylineonline.net</a>
Just Books Read Aloud	<a href="http://www.justbooksreadaloud.com">www.justbooksreadaloud.com</a>
Starfall	<a href="http://www.starfall.com">www.starfall.com</a>
Fun Brain	<a href="http://www.funbrain.com">www.funbrain.com</a>
ReadWriteThink (student interactives)	<a href="http://www.readwritethink.org">www.readwritethink.org</a>
MeeGenius	<a href="http://www.meegeenius.com">www.meegeenius.com</a>
Read to Me (parent information)	<a href="http://www.readtomeprogram.org">www.readtomeprogram.org</a>
Mighty Book	<a href="http://www.mightybook.com">www.mightybook.com</a>
ABCYa	<a href="http://www.abcya.com">www.abcya.com</a>

\*All of these websites and more are listed on the Bowman Woods Destiny Library Site. Some excellent resources for all subjects can be found on the home page and many other wonderful sites are on each individual grade level link.

Go to this link:

<http://destiny.linnmar.k12.ia.us/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>

Here you will also find:

Tumble Book Library	BookFlix
Novelist	MackinVia
AWA Digital Library	TrueFlix

These are all excellent and vetted resources that your students will enjoy. Thank you for helping them cultivate the love of reading and learning. After winter break, we will be sending home large cut-out hats, mittens, or mugs for families to list every family member's favorite book. This will be a fun thing to have in the halls in January.

Happy December. Thank you for your generosity with our giving tree and book drive!

Sincerely,

Tina March and the Bowman Woods Team

# The Bowman Woods News

December 2017

## THANK YOU BOWMAN WOODS VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to the following volunteers who donated time and talent this month to help Bowman Woods:

**5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Pow Wow** – Angie Krueger, Brianna Peterson, Char Weuve, Dawn Ovel, Elizabeth Strimple, Janet Masters, Jennifer Roberts, Kristen Beech, Kristin Poling, Linda Hasson, Lindsay Person, Mary Lou Althoff, Melinda Crow, Natalie Poellet, Syed Fatima Asic, and Megan Kmetz.

**November Lunch Helpers** – Darline Reid, Melinda Crow, Nicketa Lawrence-Burchell, Danean Kirchner, Elizabeth Strimple, Linda Hasson, and Char Weuve.

**Volunteer Workshop** - Mary Lou Althoff, Melinda Crow, Ruth Schroeder, Elizabeth Strimple, Sherry Stark, Roisin Delaney, Julie Wesselink, Camille Lindsay, Madhavi Mungala, Beth Morrissey, Angie Krueger

**Box Tops/HyVee Receipts** – Laura Nordine, Monik Mossman, Beth Morrissey, Andrea Schoenbeck

**Hearing Screening Volunteers** - Amy Noerhren, Melinda Crow, Beth Morrissey.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip Volunteers** – Brianna Peterson, Julie Wesselink, Justin Kensinger, Renee Miles, Terri Fritcher, Amy Feight, Kim Rston, Kristal Long, Stacy Goody.

**PTO Reading Night** – Heather Wilson, Jim Croskrey, Loreli Wilson – skit, Michael March, Tina March, Val Lawrence, Carla Clannin, Dianna England, Corrine Fosnaugh, Becky Streff and Ruth Schroeder.

**Invention Convention Judges** - Brittany Grindeland, Elizabeth Strimple, Erin Wittkowski, Kristen Beech, Madhavi Mungala, Ruth Noth, Sabeen Javed, Scott Evans, Laura Evans, Juergen Bruckner, Brian Grimm and Melenie Grimm.

**Read Naturally Volunteers** - Kristina Messenger, Elizabeth Strimple, Brooke McDonald, Melinda Crow, Ruth Schroeder, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Michelle Oleson.

**Clay Volunteers** – Brianna Peterson, Justin Kensinger, Melinda Crow, Angie Krueger, Dawn Ovel, Elizabeth Strimple, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Brook McDonald, Ruth Schroeder, Amanda Rouse, Kristal Long, Cat Horak, Brittany Grindeland, John Sklarsky, Angela Minard, Angel Payne, Kristen Beech, Amy Sickels, Roy Luo, Stacy Shepley, Elizabeth Beaumier, Linda Hasson, Beth Steiner, Sherlyn Lindeman.

**Snack Donations for ROAR Activity** – Alicia Nicholson, Nicketa Burchell, Brandi Bettis, Rachel Manternach, Joely Xiao, Yalan Lee, Shawna Clemente, Tara Rodman, Tara Erickson, Andrea Schoenbeck, Amy Lorenz, Kristal Long, Amy Feight, Molly Pollard, Emily Schultz, Jessica Karlen, Melissa Stagg, Carla Anderson, Megan Kmetz, Anna Blanchette, Saravana Chinnasamy, Amber White, Erin Littler, Heather Lampe, Holly Wirtz, Katie Neely, Wendy Vick, Heather Waters, Geneva Williams, Jessica Abben, Ada Gross, Crystal Crock, Kimberly Bennett, Magdaly Santos, Karen Mohwinkle, Amber White, Monik Mossman, Joni Jackson, Dana Zach, Katy Hilton, Diane McPeek, Kim Langley, Elizabeth Beaumier, Kristin Hamilton, Kathryn Knudson, Amy Calvert, Patricia Stapella, JoAnn Carstensen, Libbie Bettis, Rohini Bhagavan, Amy Sickels, Jaci Denny, Sabeen Javed, Heather Mueller, Jenna Holmes, Andrea Vanourney.

## **Inclement Weather**

If severe weather, including fog, forces a late arrival, early dismissal, or cancellation of school for the entire day, announcements will be made on:

- District website banner – [www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)
- District Facebook page as status update (“like” Linn-Mar Community Schools on Facebook)
- Txtwire – click on LM Emergency Notifications at the bottom of the LM webpage to register
- TV Stations: KCRG, KFXA, KGAN, KWWL
- Radio Stations: KCKK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

**Unless you see an announcement, assume school is running as usual.**

**If we have late arrival: - Watch for our sign out front!**

- School will start at 10:30a.m.
- All before school activities are cancelled



**If we have an early dismissal:**

- Early dismissals are announced the same way that late arrivals/school closings are announced. We would encourage folks to sign up for the Txtwire alert.
- The school does **not** have the means to call parents to notify them that school is dismissing early, but we will send an all-school email if we have timely notice.
- Please make sure that the school knows where your child should go in case of an early dismissal. It’s important that your child also knows where he or she needs to go. Thank you for your help with this.
- All after school activities at Bowman are cancelled.

**Before/After School Care will open at regular time and will begin immediately after school dismisses if any of the above occurs.**

## **Winter Weather Dress**

Snowy Weather and the Playground If there is snow on the ground, these are the guidelines we will be using at Bowman Woods for the playground:

1. Children without snow boots (boots that are not worn all day long) will be asked to play on the shoveled areas of the playground only.
2. Children with snow boots will be allowed to walk in the snowy areas.
3. Children with snow boots, snow pants/snow suits, and mittens/gloves will be allowed to play in the snow.

It is also a good idea to send hat/hood, ear band or earmuffs, and mittens/gloves as well. Since we all know the weather in Iowa changes quickly, it would be helpful if you could send these things with your child daily (a plastic grocery bag would be a great carryall bag). This way we all are sure to enjoy the snowy days on the playground without becoming wet and cold. Please label each item with your child’s name. Our health office is no longer loaning winter wear for students to use at recess. Thanks so much for your help!!!!

## Indoor/Outdoor Recess

In the event of rain, or when the temperature reaches below zero, students will have indoor recess. The office staff will monitor the temperature according to KCRG TV 9.

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON HAVING LUNCH WITH YOUR STUDENT, OR IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL MRS. MATTHEWS AT 447-3242. LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 9:00 AM.**



**Looking for ALL children turning "5" by September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**who reside in the Bowman Woods attendance area!**

Kindergarten Round-Up, Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 registration (only for those who have not pre-registered)

6:15 turn in paperwork, 6:30 meeting

Please pre-register your student by contacting

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

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

### 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**

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!



### IMPORTANT UPDATE!

PTO has dedicated their carry over funds and a little extra to purchase iPads for the building - \$16,600. THANK YOU!!!!

# DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations on the approval of the First Grade MP3 Listening Center grant from the Linn-Mar School Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Save the Date: **Mane Event ---- March 2, 2018**



## **Bowman Woods Reaches Out**

**Children's Book Drive Sponsored by Marion Metro Kiwanis.**

**Books collected November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## From our Veteran's Day Assembly.....

Our Veteran's Day Assembly was powerful and compelling. Thanks to Mr. Makinster and Miss Morosky for providing the inspirational music and program, the members of the American Legion Marion Post 298 and to our families for sending in the photos of their loved ones who have served or are currently serving our country. Thank you to those brave men and women.





# December Library News



**DATE to REMEMBER: This year's Winter Barnes and Noble Bowman Woods Book Fair is all day Friday, December 1. Just remember to say "I support Bowman Woods" if you make a purchase at the café or counter, so they can credit our school. The orchestras from Novak, Wilkins, Linn Grove and Indian Creek will combine and play at 5:00. The Bowman Woods Early Bird Chorus will be singing at 5:45 and the Bowman Woods Orchestra will play at 6:15. This is also the National Polar Express Reading Night at all Barnes and Noble stores, so come and enjoy the reading of Polar Express at 7pm. When at the checkout or café, just mention that you are "Supporting Bowman Woods" to have proceeds go towards our school library. The percentage earned from this evening at Barnes and Noble is spent on new books for the library.**

The week of December 4-10 is Hour of Code week, but we can code anytime! Grades K-5 will be exploring coding using websites such as code.org, Scratch, Tynker and various iPad apps such as Daisy the Dino, Kode Carts, Fix the Factory, Boogie Bot, Codable Crafts, Kodables, Lightbot, HopScotch and Tynker.

Why code in elementary? Here are just three reasons.

1. Kids love it AND get it!
2. It contains fundamentals of computer science, which once these students reach working age, will be an area of great need.
3. Coding promotes critical thinking, problem solving, math, and stamina!

K-1 have been working on the basics of logging onto their computers, using the mouse, and finding websites on our Bowman Woods Symbaloo to explore. Soon the classes will be introduced to STEM rotations and the 4 C's: communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade Took a short break from Typing.com to use Lightbox books which have a code on the inside page, which allow students to access more information about the non-fiction topic online.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about digital citizenship through games on a website called Digital Passport. Some of the themes are multitasking with technology, knowing what is safe to share online, making good choices when using technology, and identifying cyberbullying.

3-5 have been exploring the free app EPIC, which brings a library to the child! Your child can use the app at home using the class code EKS-4308 and the secret word is “reading”.



## *Notes from Music*



### EARLY BIRDS EVENTS:

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Barnes and Noble Night 5:45 p.m. we will perform five songs from our winter set plus some caroling! Arrive at 5:40 p.m.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Linn-Mar Varsity Basketball Game National Anthem singing. Arrive at 7:10 p.m., sing at 7:30 p.m., game attendance is optional.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**- Winter Concert AND CAROLING! Early birds will be continuing the tradition of caroling immediately after their concert which begins at 6:30 p.m. A reception of cookies and hot cocoa will conclude our caroling in the BW cafeteria. All are welcome to join in the fun! Please bring a plate of cookies to share, hot cocoa will be provided.

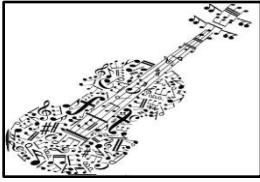
### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CONCERT

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade singers are excited to share a winter-themed concert on December 14<sup>th</sup> to get you in the Christmas spirit! Students are asked to wear nice clothing (like picture day). There will be a performance at 6:30 p.m. for friends and family to attend. Be prepared for holiday sing-a-longs!



Third Grade getting ready for their concert!

## *A Note from the Orchestra Director*



The Bowman Woods Orchestra members have been practicing hard on their music these past few months and are looking forward to performing on Tuesday, December 19th!! The concert starts at 6:30 pm. Remember to wear holiday colors to school that day or your *Early Birds* t-shirt.

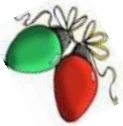
Best of luck to all our musicians!!

\*\*There will be NO Orchestra rehearsal after school on Thursday, Dec. 21st. We will resume orchestra rehearsals after winter break!! Have a happy holidays, everyone!

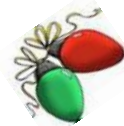


~ Mrs. Vieth ~

## COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:



Happy December from Mrs. Wiley!



It is hard to believe that it's December already. The Holiday Giving Tree is up in the main office. **At this time all slips have been taken!** Please DO NOT wrap the gift, but if you would like to donate wrapping paper, we would be happy to take it. All gifts must be returned to school no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!



Our Thanksgiving Turkey feathers were created by buddy classrooms and assembled by Mrs. Decious. The students wrote what each was thankful for on the feathers.



## PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the reading night with Mrs. March! Everyone had a great time! Thank you to Mrs. March, Ms. Lawrence, Mrs. Clanin and Mrs. England for their help with this event. Upcoming PTO events- mark your calendars!

1. December 15<sup>th</sup>- Movie night with Mrs. March and Ms. Lawrence. This is a drop off event so you can work on your holiday shopping or just have some quiet time! 😊 Students may wear pajamas and bring pillows and a towel or sleeping bag.
2. January 19<sup>th</sup>-NFL Play60 and chili cook off
3. February 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sock Hop
4. April 13<sup>th</sup>- Fun Fair
5. May 18<sup>th</sup>- TBD (Outdoor movie night? Matball?)

Some PTO events still need coordinators, contact the PTO if you are interested at [bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com](mailto:bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com) or through our website at <http://www.bowmanwoodspto.com>. You can also find/follow us on Facebook.

Please join us for our next PTO meeting Tuesday December 12th at 6:30 in the media center. There will be free Learning Adventures for the kids. We will be discussing the upcoming PTO events. We hope to see you there!



# Redemption



Congratulations to 3rd Grade—Lenz’s class! They were the top class overall in the Emoji Redemption Contest and brought in 895 Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts! To celebrate, the PTO provided some emoji-themed cookies (made by Angie Krueger/Bake My Day) and milk for a "cookies and milk party."

The top classrooms in the other grades were: Kindergarten—Thompson, 1st grade—East, 2nd grade—Hatfield, 4th grade—Hart, and 5th grade—England. They each received a fun little emoji snack as well. Great job Bowman Woods!

Keep collecting! The next redemption contest begins Monday, December 4th: the always-popular boys versus girls Great Bowman Woods (paper) Snowball Fight!



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# Volunteering At Bowman Woods



*I've learned that  
**people will**  
forget what you said,  
**people will**  
forget what you did,  
**but people will**  
never forget  
how you made them feel.*  
--Maya Angelou

Sending out a GIGANTIC thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who make an enormous difference every day!

Bowman Woods students are changed every time you touch their lives.

Thank you for investing in a child's future one hour at a time!

*Beth Morrissey & Angie Krueger*  
*Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators*



# DECEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 <b>Barnes &amp; Noble Night 5-8 Early Birds/Orch.</b>  cycle day 8
4  ART CLUB – 7:30  cycle day 1	5  Orch AM  2	6  <b>Early Birds</b>  3	7  Band AM Orch. PM  4	8  <b>Early Birds</b>  5
11  ART CLUB – 7:30  2:00 LEO Poetry Recital  cycle day 6	12  Orch. AM  Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45  PTO Mtg. 6:30  EB sing @ LM Game 7:30  7	13  <b>Early Birds</b>  8	14  Band AM <b>Giving Gifts Due</b>  Orch. PM  2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Music Concert – 6:30  1	15  <b>Early Birds Winter Parties during essentials</b>  <b>PTO Movie Night (Parent Night Out) 6 – 7:45 pm Popcorn/water provided</b>  0
18  ART CLUB – 7:30  cycle day 2	19  Orch. AM  <b>Early Bird &amp; Orchestra Concert – 6:30 pm</b>  Mock Newberry Club – 3:20-4  3	20  4	21  Band AM <b>Morning-ROAR Celebration Afternoon, Sing-A-Long</b>  0	22  <b>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</b>
25  _____	26  <b>WINTER</b>	27  <b>BREAK</b>	28  2017	30  School Resumes on January 3, 2018

