

BOWMAN WOODS

JANUARY 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 many wonderful ways you supported Bowman Woods this month. The volunteer list is full. We also know you did many things not listed such as attending our Barnes and Noble Night early this month, making sure students were at practices, after school activities, and performances, baking cookies or items for class, finding pajamas or other special things needed for school, and attending concerts. Thank you so much for the many ways you help our school.

We have seen a nice increase in the number of students who are at school well before our tardy bell rings at 8:30. That makes such a difference for our students. Just the calm he or she feels to be there for that morning routine is extremely helpful.

I am pleased that our school once again received a commendable rating from the state. We were at the very top of our category. Thank you for working with us to help your child(ren) achieve at high levels.

QUOTE: This is the best school I have ever had.

That quote above was from one of our students who recently moved to Bowman Woods. Our staff strives to make Bowman Woods a welcoming and safe place for all students. Never hesitate to call or write us with any questions or concerns. We would much rather address an issue right away than have students worried about something.

Do not forget we have the wonderful Symbaloo site students can visit over break. There are so many fantastic learning opportunities and games on that site. Here is the link again: <http://destiny.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>.

If parents go to this site and choose Bowman Woods, it will take them to the BW Symbaloo. Please know we will miss your children next week. They bring us joy on a daily basis.

Thank you for the outpouring of love for our giving tree. Happy Holidays!

Tina March and the staff at Bowman Woods

Thank you to our December Volunteers!!!!

Gingerbread helpers in 5th grade - Christine Lehman-Engledow, Melinda Crow, Dawn Ovel, Jennifer Roberts, Linda Hasson, Kate Brockschink, Leila Eady, Lori Sipper, Elizabeth Beaumier, Kristen Beech, Stacy Shepley, Christine Hanson, Craig Hanson, Elizabeth Strimple, Angie Krueger, Katie Petersen, Carey Buresh, Jill Groezinger, JoAnn Carstensen, Kimberly Bennett, Russ Gerst, and Cheri Carter. **Winter Party helpers** - Dawn Ovel, Elizabeth Beaumier, Eric Groezinger, Jennifer Roberts, Kristin Getz, Lindsay Person, Megan Kmetz, Melinda Crow, Stacy Shepley, Terri Fritcher, Amber White, Angela Minard, Erin Wittkowski, Heather Lampe, Jen Brunsman, Kelsey Suther, Shertyn Lindeman, Becky Bolsinger, Danean Kirchner, Doug White, Jaci Denny, Joni Jackson, Justin Kensinger, Kim Carney, Magdaly Santos, Beth Meyer, Brittani Von Roden, Kristal Long, Madhavi Mungala, Mary Snapp, Amanda Pierce, Amy Sickels, Angel Payne, Anu Ambati, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Heather Mueller, Jennifer Stamy, Amy LeClere, Amy Lorenz, Brook McDonald, Elizabeth Strimple, Jill Groezinger, and Mary Schroeder. **Volunteer Workshop** - Ruth Noth, Beth Morrissey, Angie Krueger, Elizabeth Strimple, Melinda Crow, Ro Delaney, Ruth Schroeder, Janet Masters, Sherry Stark, and Camille Lindsay. **Lunch Room** – Linda Hasson, Melinda Crow, Danean Kirchner, Char Weuve, Darline Reid, Nicketa Burchell. **Ellison Press Production Lab** – Nicketa Burchell, Melinda Crow, Amy Noehren, Ruth Schroeder, Elizabeth Strimple, Angie Krueger, and Beth Morrissey. **Parent Night Out** - Rachel Haro, Sadie Staker, Lorelai Wilson, Grcie Viers, Ben Lindsay, Jonathan Lindsay, Jonathan Hecht, James Hecht, and Mike March. **Hot Chocolate Elves** – Angie Krueger, Ben Krueger, Tara Erickson, Melinda Crow and Angela Minard.

Our Santa's Surf Shop





DISTRICT NEWS

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

DECEMBER FUN AT BOWMAN WOODS

Gingerbread Houses - 2017



Orchestra Matinee



Early Bird Concert



Mr. Hart's Super Spectacular Spirited Traveling Children's Caroling Cantata



Mrs. Brockschink's Christmas Carol



Winter Parties



**WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON AT BOWMAN WOODS
OR ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT???**

LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:

www.linmar.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

**Looking for ALL children turning “5” by
September 15th**

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

Kindergarten Round-Up, Thursday, February 8th

**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@linmar.k12.ia.us.



**Bowman Woods Reaches Out
Information Coming Home soon**

Winter Band Concert

The 5th Grade Band Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, February 1st, 2018 in the HS Auditorium. Concert time is 6:15 PM, and monetary donations will be accepted. Band students from all 7 buildings will be performing together!

All fifth grade band students should arrive at the High School between 5:45 and 6:00 PM and be in the Little Theatre ready to warm-up NO LATER than 6:05 PM. Coats and cases can be kept in the LT. Students will need to bring their Instrument, and Band music from home. Tubas, baritones, and all percussion instruments will already be at the HS. Please have students wear nice dress clothes for this MAJOR concert (no jeans or tennis shoes please). During the concert we will be having a group photo taken by Hall's Photo. 8 x 10 color photographs can be ordered for \$10.00. Order forms will be sent home with students that day, and available at the concert.

In preparation for the concert we will be practicing together THAT morning BEFORE school (7:30 am – 8:30 am) in the HS Auditorium. **Please drop your student off at the HS AUDITORIUM Circle Drive entrance (DOOR 1) – Not the North Entrance....**between 7:15 and 7:20 am. All students will be transported from the HS to their building after our rehearsal. Because this is our only chance to rehearse with all 173 students together, it is VERY important that every Band student attend this rehearsal! The students have been working extremely hard to prepare for this big concert. We hope you will attend.

Kevin Makinster
Director of 5th Grade Bands
kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Puerto Rico Christmas-----



We have a family from Puerto Rico here at Bowman Woods. They have informed us that poverty is reigning loose in Puerto Rico, so it would be nice to bring some holiday cheer to kids! Thank you! They celebrate Three Kings Day on January 6th.

Toys 4 Puerto Rico
Lin-Manuel Miranda & Toys"R"Us

<https://www.toysrus.com/toys4PuertoRico>

Library Time!

Thanks to the Linn-Mar Foundation, the Bowman Woods Library has \$640 worth of new makerspace items that it added for students to use during STEAM rotations.



Why do STEAM rotations and WHY in the library?

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art and math. The library is the perfect place to foster the 4C's: creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking using STEAM activities. Last year, it was all about the organization and experiencing the activities, but this year students are being taught about the 4C's and how they play a part in each activity.



*****Visit the code symbaloo page with your child to extend**

[HOUR OF CODE](#) to your home!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

As cold weather keeps us indoors, unfortunately germs can be easily spread. Please remind your children to practice basic hygiene skills...especially keeping hands clean and coughing into elbows instead of hands!

Please continue to use the guidelines below for illness. It is helpful to the Health Office if you are specific in reporting illness symptoms. For example, let us know if "flu" means vomiting/diarrhea versus the cough/cold symptoms seen with Influenza A, B, or H1N1. Thanks for your help!

ILLNESS:

- Please notify the main or health offices if your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease. (e.g. strep throat, influenza, whooping cough, mono, pink eye, etc.).
- Please do not send your child to school until fever free (<100 degrees) for 24 hours.
- Please do not send your child to school until free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours.

COUGH DROPS/THROAT LOZENGES only require a written permission note from the parent/guardian. They MUST be kept in the health office, where the student will remain until the entire lozenge is dissolved.

ALL OTHER MEDS require that parents fill out a Linn-Mar Medication Permission Form. Over-the counter medications will need a physician signature.

HEAD LICE:

Parents/Guardians-please remind your children to avoid sharing hats, scarves, combs, brushes, and clothing to help prevent the spread of lice. Thank you!

CLOTHING DONATIONS:

Thank you for all the generous donations of clothing this year to the Health Office!!! If you are cleaning closets, extra elastic/drawstring-waisted pants sizes 6-10 are always in short supply here. If your child comes home in Health Office clothing, please remember to wash and return the clothing as soon as possible. If your child needs frequent clothing changes at school, please consider keeping an extra change of clothing in his/her backpack.

GRANT WOOD HEARING SCREENING:

Grant Wood will provide hearing testing at Bowman Woods on March 23, 2018, for grades 2 and 5, for students in other grades with known hearing loss, for students new to Bowman Woods, and for absences/rechecks. If you do NOT want your child's hearing screened, please contact the main or health offices and/or consult the Bowman Woods Family Handbook online.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. House at 447-3243 or at ehouse@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Thank you! Stay warm!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



Invention Convention Finalists

*These students will compete at the District Level.
Congratulations to Bennie Luzindya, Brevyn Morrissey,
Audrey Peterson, Addison Goody, Rita Mossman,
Faith Boyer, and Mackenzie Thompson.*

PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the movie night with Mrs. March and Mrs. Lawrence! Everyone had a "Rio" good time! Thank you to Mrs. March for coordinating this fun event!

Upcoming PTO events- mark your calendars!

1. January 19th-NFL Play60 and chili cook off
2. February 23rd- Sock Hop
3. March- STEM night
4. April 13th- Fun Fair
5. May 18th- TBD (Outdoor movie night? Matball?)

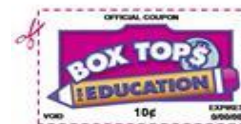
Some PTO events still need coordinators, contact the PTO if you are interested at bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com or through our website at <http://www.bowmanwoodspto.com>. You can also find/follow us on Facebook.

Over the last couple months the PTO has put your fundraiser money to good use by helping to pay for the movie night, the 2nd grade field trips and schoolwide winter parties. Thank you for participating in the Only Once fundraiser and making those special events possible for our students. You rock!

Please join us for our next PTO meeting Tuesday January 9th at 6:30 in the media center. There will be free Learning Adventures for the kids. We will be discussing the upcoming PTO events and have a special visit from some of the Lego League members to tell us more about their club. We hope to see you there!



Redemption



The Great Bowman Woods (paper) Snowball Fight boys versus girls contest is underway! For every 50 Box Tops or Hy-Vee receipts the boys or the girls bring in, another blue or pink snowball is added to the lunchroom bulletin board. The kids love to see the snowball piles grow! This collection contest goes until Friday, March 9th, 2018. Winning team earns bragging rights and a special theme clothing day!

As you get together with family and friends over the holidays, please remember to ask them for their Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts. Every little bit helps and truly benefits our school. Happy Holidays!



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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:**

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January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 <i>School Resumes</i>	4 Band AM 2 nd Grade Aquatics Orch PM	5 2 nd Grade Aquatics
8 2 nd Grade Aquatics	9 Orch AM Vol. Wkshp. 8:45-10:45 2 nd Grade Aquatics Mock Newberry Club 3:15-4 PTO Meeting 6:30	10 Early Birds 2 nd Grade Aquatics	11 Band AM Orch PM	12 Early Birds
15 NO SCHOOL	16 Orch AM	17 Early Birds	18 Band AM Orch PM	19 Early Birds Blood Drive 3:45-7 PTO Event NFL Play 60 – 6-7:45pm
22 1	23 Orch AM BW Night Chipotle 	24 Early Birds	25 Band AM Orch PM	26 Early Birds BEACH DAY 
29 1 st Grade FT	30 Orch AM	31 Early Birds		