



# BOWMAN WOODS BULLETIN

February 2018



Dear Parents,

Thank you to those families that were able to attend our Fuel Up for Football event last month. It was a great evening for football, cheers, chili, and fun! We appreciate our leaders of this event who are listed on page four of the newsletter.

We also saw seventeen dedicated volunteers donate blood that evening. These 17 units of whole blood will serve up to 68 patients with vital transfusions of platelets, red blood cells, cryoprecipitate, and plasma. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is truly grateful for your help, especially this time of year when blood supply continues to struggle.

The 2018-2019 school calendar was approved by the board and linked below.

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2018-19-Calendar-FINAL.pdf>

One thing to note about next year's calendar is that elementary buildings will now be on quarters rather than trimesters. Grades K-12 will now all be aligned.

February is a time of friendship and caring. This is a special time for our students. Kindness week kicks off next Thursday with a kindness assembly. We will hold a simple Friendship Party on Valentine's Day. Our focus is on friendship and opening valentines. We have plenty of Valentines here at school if your child needs some to hand out to classmates. Please have your student talk to his/her teacher.

We are seeing an increase in heavier make-up at school. While we respect this a parent decision, we will follow state guidelines on hair, make-up, and clothing. This means, *if it causes a substantial disruption in the school or educational environment*, it will need to be addressed by administration. Thank you for helping us navigate these tricky waters.

Please mark your calendars for our second set of conferences that will take place at the end of the month. Our face-to-face conferences are the perfect time to review your child's progress for the year as well as provide you an opportunity to ask questions and share reflections. A conference scheduler instruction sheet will be coming home with your student, February 9th. Our common conference nights are Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 1st. Thanks!

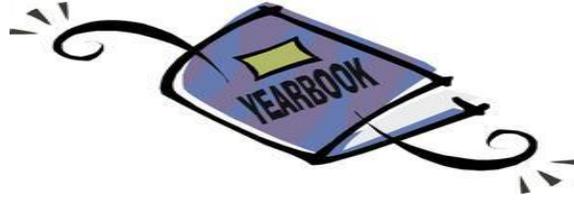
We are so lucky to have such a warm and caring community here.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping fill our food pantries this month.

Sincerely,  
Tina March, Principal

# **BOWMAN WOODS' MEMORIES!**

Order your yearbook now to keep all those memories from the  
2017 – 2018 school year.



*Add 2 custom pages to your yearbook if you choose!*

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School's passcode: 1014576276104991

Cost = \$17.85 **Order deadline is April 12th\_\_\_\_\_.**

MISSING ITEMS at



**Conferences are  
coming!!**

**Watch for important  
instructions to come home  
with your student(s) so that  
you can sign up for your  
parent/teacher conference.  
Conferences are the week of  
February 26th. Common night  
conferences are February  
27<sup>th</sup> and March 1st.**



February News from  
Mrs. Wiley

Kindness Week is coming. The week of Feb. 12-15 we will be celebrating Kindness Week at Bowman Woods. This is something that we have done for the past two years. Throughout the week, students will participate in kindness lessons and activities as well as try to complete their Kindness Checklists, where they have to do 25 random acts of kindness.

This year we will be doing Cans for Kindness- students will bring in canned food items (and other non-perishable food items) to be donated to HACAP and local food pantries.



# News from the Orchestra Director

## Mrs. Vieth



The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working very hard on new notes and rhythms in preparation for the Winter Orchestra Concert on Tuesday, February 6th. Students will be meeting in the High School Auditorium for the Dress Rehearsal before school that morning from 7:40 – 8:10 a.m. Parents, please drop your child off on the north side of the building (door #3) by 7:30 a.m. to allow students enough time to unpack and find their seat on stage. A bus will provide transportation back to school following our rehearsal together.

The concert begins that evening at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend and support our 5th Grade Orchestra!!

### Upcoming Orchestra Events...

- Friday, March 23rd – Members of the 5th Grade Orchestra will perform during the High School Band & Orchestra Assembly at 10:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 8th – 5th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert in the Oak Ridge Gym

Kelly Vieth  
Associate Director of Orchestras  
Bowman Woods ~ Indian Creek ~ Linn Grove  
Novak ~ Wilkins ~ Excelsior  
Office: (319) 447-3219

## *Notes from Music--Miss Morosky*



**CEDAR RAPIDS OPERA THEATRE:** Bravo to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers who performed in the CR Opera Theater production of Turandot!! They were fabulous listeners, singers, and performers. The directors thoroughly enjoyed working with our singers from Bowman Woods! **Singers:** Mikayla Carter, Isla Hamilton, Lauren Hasson, Chayse Lausen and Kinsey Neeley.

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONCERT:** On Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be present the first “decade’s concert’ with their concert called, “Welcome to the 60’s!” We will be celebrating the music, history, fashion, and popular culture of the 60’s through this informational and musical concert.

**ICDA HONOR CHOIR:** Six 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers have been selected to perform in the ICDA Honor Choir event on January 26, 2018. They have been learning five difficult pieces to be performed with other selected singers from across Eastern Iowa. Our own Tanya Rosenkranz from Indian Creek Elementary will be the director this year, we cannot wait to practice and perform at Coe College. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Singers:** Shreya Chinnakonda, Isabelle Jones-Getz, Mariselle Jones, Micah Langley, Ryllynn Shepley, Inga Schoenbeck.

## Pictures from Opera Theater production of Turandot



## BOWMAN WOODS PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fuel Up for Football night and Chili Cook-off in January. Thank you to Doug White, Lori Sipper, and Kristi Whitham for coordinating the event! And a big shout-out to Dawn Ovel for her award-winning chili – that's THREE YEARS in a row!! It was great fun!

And special thanks to the 17 donors who participated in the blood drive that afternoon. That's enough to save 63 lives - wow! Thank you for being so generous with your time and treasure!

During January, the PTO put the funds raised from the "Only Once" annual campaign to great use! Your donations helped pay for:

- Classroom enrichment materials: lots of books, Osmo genius kits, Kids Discover magazine, sensory toys, and flexible seating
- Movie Night with Mrs. March
- 1st grade field trip to the Children's Museum in Coralville
- Speaker fees for Colonial Day
- And 50 new iPads have been ordered and are on their way – it will be so exciting to see how they enrich the students' lives.

All of these help our students grow and learn their best! Your generosity makes this happen!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Family Fun Nights!

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Sock Hop

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Fun Fun

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Multicultural Fair

**We still need help planning the Fun Fair in April.** Grab some friends and donate a few hours of your time to make this special event happen – it's a Bowman Woods favorite! If you are interested, contact the PTO 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. The next PTO meeting is on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Free childcare provided to school-age children. We would love to see you there!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

♥ JANUARY BW VOLUNTEERS ♥

**LUNCHROOM HELPERS** – Danean Kirchner, Melinda Crow, Char Weuve, Angie Krueger, Linda Hasson

**VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP** - Ruth Schroeder, Stephanie Kathmann, Rosin Delaney, Karla Terry, Janet Masters, Angie Krueger, Beth Morrissey

**PTO NFL PLAY 60 NIGHT HELPERS – COORDINATORS** - Lori Sipper, Doug White, Kristi Whitham; **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** - Jason Sipper, Jace Whitham, Brock Whitham, Brady Haynes, Lauren White, Payton White; **ALL OTHER PARENT AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** – Dave Whitham, Jean Wenisch, Grace Wenisch, Sonali Patel, Steve Everett, Kari Ross, Dawn Ovel, Amy Junk, Evan Nash, Cole Henrichs, Ethan Henrichs, Isaiah Garman, Robert Read, Drew Martin, Alex Lahmon, Drew Strottman, A.J. Busch, Nagisa Carolin, Bridger Aucutt, Alex Hess, Kelly Johnson, Lorissa Hickson, Emily Pitsulka, Gabi Martin, Alexa Roudabusch, Madison Renz, the Linn Mar Wrestling Cheerleaders, the Linn Mar POM's and the Linn Mar Football team; **WINNER OF THE CHILI CONTEST** - Dawn Ovel (3 time champ); **SPONSORED BY** – Thrivent Financial Services and the Bowman Woods PTO

**FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS** – Brianna Peterson, Char Weuve, Dawn Ovel, Becky Bolsinger, Beth Morrissey, Melinda Berg, Tom Moran, Amy Lorenz, Maria Dohrmann, Roisin Delaney, Ruth Schroeder, Tara Erickson

**BOX TOPS/HYVÉE RECEIPTS** – Laura Nordine

## Just a reminder on 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 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, KWVL
- Radio Stations: KCCK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

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

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

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



**Save the Date! Friday, March 2nd, 6:00 p.m.**

**[Reserve Your Tickets Here!](#)**



**Join Us for the 2018 Mane Event Kentucky Derby, Racing For Education!**

**Friday, March 2nd, 2018  
Cedar Rapids Marriott, 6:00 p.m.**

**Proceeds from the Mane Event fund K-12 classroom, curriculum and enrichment grants for our students and staff at Linn-Mar!**

Get your early bird tickets by February 15th at <https://one.bidpal.net/2018maneevent>

**Attire:** Steal the show in your Kentucky Derby best, break out your fancy hat or fascinator and bow ties ladies and gentlemen!

**Evening Schedule:**

6:00 p.m. - Doors open, Silent Auction, Casino Games, LIVE Music with Terry McCauley  
6:00-8:00 p.m - **NEW Format - Heavy Hors' de ouvres & Cash Bar until 8 p.m. Don't miss the tasty mint julep station!**

Bonus! Delicious culinary samples from award winning Hy-Vee Chef Elizabeth  
8:00 p.m. - Special music by Linn-Mar Marching Band, Unveiling of the Dessert, Foundation Program  
Fun Heads & Tails game and Live Auction  
Casino Games resume after Live Auction  
9:30 p.m. - Silent Auction closes  
10:00 p.m. - Check out opens

**ATTENTION - Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students:**

Each year, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is given to all 5th graders in the district. The CogAT is a standardized test, but is quite different from NWEA and Iowa Assessments. The skills measured by the test show the cognitive processes that a child has developed to learn new things and solve problems. Experiences in and out of school affect this skill development.

The CogAT consists of three separate tests: Verbal, Non-Verbal, and Quantitative. The test battery will be administered over three days during the week of February 20-23 for 45-50 minutes each day. The results of this test, in combination with NWEA and Iowa Assessment scores, are used in the identification process for the Middle School Talented and Gifted (TAG) program.

Please make sure your child is at school on time each day. It is important that students are well-rested and eat a healthy breakfast to help them do their best. If you have any questions about the test, please contact your school counselor or Brenda Bauermeister, Elementary TAG Coordinator, at [bbauermeister@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bbauermeister@linnmar.k12.ia.us).



## 2017-18 District Invention Convention Winners

Congratulations to Audrey Peterson, Brevyn Morrissey, Rita Mossman, Addison Goody, Faith Boyer, Mackenzie Thompson, Kalli Kirchner, and Benie Luzindya for representing BW so well at the district competition.

All of the projects were fantastic!

Congratulations to Brevyn Morrissey, Rita Mossman, and Audrey Peterson who were among the top finishers.

## **CONFERENCE SIGN UP**

Parent On-line Conference sign up opens on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. and closes on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 p.m.

## **PTO Fuel Up for Football Pictures**





## February Library News

### Bowman Woods Night at Barnes and Noble

Thanks to everyone who trekked to Barnes and Noble on December 1 to support our orchestra, Early Bird singers and the library. The percentage of purchases that “Support Bowman Woods” came out to be \$243.45 This purchased 22 new books for the library.



### ICCA Challenge



ICCA stands for Iowa Children’s Choice Award books which are chapter books recommended by a team of Iowa educators who felt these books represent well rounded literature for children in grades 3-5. This year, the Whale of a Challenge is for all 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who read five ICCA books and pass the Reading Counts tests on them. Students may sign their name on the huge whale on the wall and

choose a reward from a basket of goodies, once they have passed the Reading Counts tests.

### Stories Alive Program

This year Iowa author and illustrator, Katherine Hannigan, will be visiting all Linn-Mar Elementary buildings to talk with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students about her career and books. She will be coming to Bowman Woods on Monday, March 26 in the afternoon.

### Grant Wood AEA Resources

A bookmark was sent home with an updated list of all the Grant Wood AEA resources for you to use at home. There is a username and password on the bookmark that will be used to get into all of the resources listed. Here is the website to access these: <https://www.gwaea.org/educators/online-resources>



# 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!



## BOX TOPS BONUS APP

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## Bowman Woods Reaches Out



During the month of February, we are reaching for Cans for Kindness. Students will bring in canned food items (and other non-perishable food items) to be donated to HACAP and local food pantries.



## WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT???

LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:

<http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

This address will direct you to the **DISTRICT Full Event Calendar**. Filter **“Bowman Woods”** if you just want to see what is happening at **OUR GREAT SCHOOL!**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Inspire Learning. **Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.**

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The Linn-Mar Community School District offers programs for three, four and five year old children. The number of sections, the location sites, and daily schedules for these programs will be determined by the district after schools have collected the data needed for making these decisions.

#### Preschool for Three Year Olds

- Age 3 on or by September 15, 2018
- \$200 Monthly tuition
- Half day, Four days a week

#### Preschool for Four Year Olds

- Age 4 on or by September 15, 2018
- No cost due to Linn-Mar being a part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program
- Half day, Four days a week

Online registration will be held Tuesday February 20th, 2018 at noon. Registration and preschool information can be located at <http://tinyurl.com/EarlyChildhoodLM>. Computers will be available at the LRC building at 2999 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Marion for those needing assistance for registering their three or four year old children.

***Priority enrollment will be given to families that live in the Linn-Mar School District and 20% of the enrollment for the four year old placements will be reserved for families that qualify as low-income.***

Children age 5 on or by September 15, 2017, may be served in one of two program models:

#### Kindergarten

Kindergarten Information Night is January 30th. Please contact your neighborhood school on the time.

#### Early Childhood Blended Program

If you are unsure if your child is ready for kindergarten, Linn-Mar's Early Childhood Blended Program may be an option. This program is an all-day program for children that qualify through a screening process.

Screening dates are March 5, 2018 and March 7, 2018. If you plan on having your child screened, please contact Dianne Van Praag at 447-3015 to set up an appointment.

Even if you are having your child screened, please plan on attending the Kindergarten Information Night at your neighborhood school.

For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/EarlyChildhoodLM>

# February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <sup>(1)</sup> Band AM Orchestra PM 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Winter Band Concert @ 6:15 pm HS	2 <sup>(2)</sup> Early Birds AM
5 <sup>(3)</sup>	6 <sup>(4)</sup> Orch. AM  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert @ 7:15 pm H.S. Audit.	7 <sup>(5)</sup> Early Birds AM	8 <sup>(6)</sup> Band AM  Orch PM	9 <sup>(7)</sup> Early Birds AM
12 <sup>(8)</sup>	13 <sup>(1)</sup> Orch. AM  Vol Workshop 8:45am  PTO Meeting @ 6:30	14 <sup>(2)</sup> Early Birds AM Friendship Parties -2:30  Parent Online Conference Sign Up Opens At 7 am	15 <sup>(3)</sup> Band AM  Orch PM	16 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
19 NO SCHOOL Prof. Learning	20 <sup>(4)</sup> Orch AM  Online Preschool Registration Begins @ noon	21 <sup>(5)</sup> Early Birds AM	22 <sup>(6)</sup> Band AM  Parent Online Conf. Sign Up Closes At 10 pm Orch PM  5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Concert @ 6:30 pm	23 <sup>(7)</sup> Early Birds AM  Report Cards Go Home <small>GW Hearing Screening 2nd and 5th</small>  Pride Day PTO Sock Hop 6-7:45
26 <sup>(8)</sup> Conference Week  Usborne Book Fair 3:15-4:30	27 <sup>(1)</sup> Orch AM Usborne Book Fair 8-7 pm  Late night common conferences	28 <sup>(2)</sup> Early Birds AM	March 1 <sup>(3)</sup> Band AM  Usborne Book Fair 8-7 pm Orch PM  Late night common conferences	