

Welcome to March-one of my favorite months!

Thank you so much for sending in the hats and mittens listing your favorite books. It has been a lot of fun reading these lists and I have personally gained some ideas for books I want to read in the future.

If you were able to make it to the Sock Hop last Friday evening, you know it was an evening of dance and delights. Thank you so much to our PTO for putting this event together year after year. Special thanks to Misty Holzwarth, Andrea Schoenbeck, Becky Streff, and Dixie Albertson for leading the Sock Hop this year. We could not do this event without a fabulous team of volunteers and we thank everyone who helped. Please find those names on page three of this newsletter. A huge thank you to the DJ for our events, *Aftershock*. What a tremendous job they do. We have some amazing dancers in our midst. The students all seemed to have a ball.

There are never enough words to thank you all for your incredible support during conference week. Thank you for making it a priority to come in and meet with your children's teachers. It is such a lovely time to share information back and forth. Thanks to the many parents who donated food for tonight's tasty taco dinner for our late night of conferencing and to our parents Johnny and Maria Qerimi (owners of Napoli's) for catering our delicious dinner on Tuesday evening for our late night conferences.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Dr. Seuss week in a variety of special ways this week. This afternoon, our own Angie Krueger and Beth Morrissey dressed up as Thing 1 and Thing 2 to go room to room to lead a stop, drop, and read. We ended the day with a Dr. Seuss all-school bingo game highlighting Dr. Seuss books. It will be fun to cap things off tomorrow with local celebrity, Scott Schulte, reading to our students and staff. We will also wear fun or mismatched socks to knock his socks off!

Next week we have the Old Creamery Theatre on Tuesday and the Cedar Rapids Skippers on Thursday to end our jump rope unit in PE. Thank you so much for the support of Jump Rope for Heart. We understand we had many outreach opportunities and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Tina March Principal



Thank you to the following volunteers for helping at workshop this month: Melinda Crow, Ruth Schroeder, Sheri Stark, Elizabeth Strimple, Stephanie Kathmann, Beth Morrissey and Karla Terry.

Spring Pictures – March 29th

Our photographers will be here on March 29th to take casual/informal pictures of our students.

A few weeks after picture day, your student will bring home a picture packet that includes pricing information. Simply send in the remittance for any pictures you would like to keep and return the pictures you do not wish to keep. Buy one, buy all of them, or return them and purchase none. The choice is yours! This is an excellent fundraiser for Bowman Woods, but you are under no obligation to purchase pictures.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ADVANCE!

If you are moving over the summer and not returning to Bowman Woods next year, please notify the office. Thank you!

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR KINDERGARTNER FOR SCHOOL NEXT FALL, PLEASE CALL 447-3240.

Parents, please help by not dropping your child off at school before 8:10. We *do not* have supervision before that time. You can bring your children at 8 am if they are to eat breakfast at school. Thank you for your cooperation on this safety issue.

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

For the safety of the student, all students arriving after 8:30 AM, whether they are tardy or coming from an appointment, are required to be signed into school by an adult.



Thanks to... Joni Jackson, Dixie Albertson, Misty Holzwarth, Becky Streff, Kendra Teff, Diane McPeek, Ruth Schroeder, Victoria Fernandez, Beth Steine, Angela Minard, Jaci Denny, Laura Nordine, Heather Waters, Heather Wilson Croskrey, Dawn Ovel, Sarah Roberts, Heather Zwanziger, JoAnn Carstensen, Kristal Long, and Sherry Lindeman.



Redemption News



Greetings Bowman Woods Families! March is a big month for our school with Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts. First, The Great Bowman Woods Snowball Fight boys versus girls contest ends on Friday, March 9th. Now is the time to turn in all redemption items! Students will find out who rules the school and wins a special theme clothing day after spring break.

Lastly, while our school collects all redemption items all months of the year, Hy-Vee's Cash for Students program (the receipt program) will be ending March 31st for this school year's collection. What does this mean? During the first week of April, turn in all of your Hy-Vee receipts that you have dated April 1st, 2017 through March 31st, 2018. Hy-Vee will continue this program for the 2018-19 school year beginning April 1st, so please continue to turn in receipts; they just won't be counted toward this year's check. Last year Bowman Woods received a check from Hy-Vee for over \$2142! Let's see if we can surpass that amount this year!

Many thanks! Keep collecting!



Bowman Woods Reaches Out



Linn-Mar HOSA will be collecting shoes at Bowman Woods through the month of March. HOSA is a nationally recognized organization for high school and college students. The goal of HOSA is to learn about healthcare through project that help us to understand this field of study.

Please bring in any size or type of new or gently used shoes. All of the shoes will be donated to third world countries through a program called Funds2Orgs to either be given away or used to start-up businesses. This will also benefit the Linn Mar chapter of HOSA.



A Message from the Volunteer Coordinators...

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 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.

Forms can be found:

- LinnMar website
- Bowman Woods Main Office
- We can email a copy directly to you or send one home with your child.

2) Email or call Karla Terry, Linn-Mar's Community Relations Coordinator in order to set up a short meeting

- <u>kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>
- (319) 447-3110

It is not too late to take advantage of fun volunteer opportunities still happening this school year or to get the volunteer process completed so that you are all set to go for next school year!

Questions or concerns, just email us at <u>bwvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u> .

We would love to help you become a part of the BW Volunteer Family!

Beth Morrissey & Angie Krueger Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators



Parent University Thursday, March 8th 6:30-7:30 pm Recognizing Anxiety in Students

The next Parent University will be hosted in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St).

The guest speaker for the evening will be Libby Dunnigan, Licensed Master Social Worker with Mercy Family Counseling. Ms. Dunnigan will share how to recognize normal adolescent angst versus possible anxiety and how to determine when additional support or intervention is needed.

The event is informal and open to anyone interested in attending to learn more. If attending, please park at the north end of the LRC and enter via the door under the metal awning. The boardroom is the first room on the left once you have entered the building.

For questions contact Karla Terry, Coordinator of Community Relations, at 319-447-3110 or <u>by email</u>.





Nomination Categories:

L – Legend: A person who has had an impact on students, staff and the community.
I – Innovator: A person who has brought new ideas that result in positive change and contribute to student growth.

O – **Optimizer:** A person whose leadership has unified people to benefit the students.

N – **Newcomer:** A person, who by his/her fifth year in the District, has made a significant impact on students through an extraordinary contribution of time and talent outside employment responsibilities.

S – **Service:** A person who has 25 or more years of service to the District as either an employee or a volunteer, and demonstrated exemplary character, service to students and/or staff, and loyalty to the District.

Lion Pride Award – Going the Extra Mile

Shirley Pantini Award – Excellence in Equity

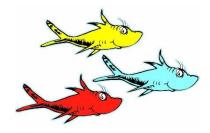
Nominations are due in the Superintendent's Office by Friday, March 9th, 2018. Please find a nomination form attached to this email. Questions may be directed to: Casey Fasselius at (319) 447-3009 or <u>cfasselius@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>

Nominations will be kept confidential.

Door Decorations for Dr. Seuss Week







Dr. Seuss Fun.....

Monday - Hat Day...



Tuesday - Celebration of 27,600 ROAR slips!! Cat in the Hat Movie

Wacky Wednesday – Dr. Seuss Style







THURSDAY – DR. SEUSS BINGO AVisit from THING 1 and THING 2













Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			Night/Usborne Book Fair 8-7 Day 2	Book Fair 8-12 MANE EVENT 6 PM Day 3
5	6 Orch. AM Vol. Wkshp.,	7 Early Birds	8 Band AM Orch. PM	9 Early Birds
Day 4	8:45-10:45 am Old Creamery PTO MEETING 6:30 Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
12	13	14	15	16
SPRING BREAK				
19	20	21	22	23
5th Grade FT	Orch. AM	Early Birds	Band AM Orch. PM	Early Birds K/2 Dental Screening
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
26	27	28	29	30
Author Visit	Orch. AM	Early Birds	Band AM Spring Pictures orch. PM	NO SCHOOL
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 1	

