

BOWMAN WOODS NEWSLETTER - MAY 2018



Dear Families,

We would like to recognize all of our staff who do such an amazing job each day. There will never be enough words to thank you for all you have done to make this year so special. Bowman Woods is a wonderful community. We have many activities coming up in the month of May, so check out your calendar of events for Bowman Woods on the back of this page.

The last school day for students is June 1st. This is a full day with a 3:15 dismissal. We also have our grill out day for lunch on that day. If your child would prefer a veggie dog over a beef hot dog, please send a note to Mrs. Matthews or call her at 447-3242. Report cards will be sent home with the students on this day as well.

We are wrapping up staffing placements and room assignments for the planning of 2018-2019. Our staffing for next year has changed slightly. Please see the list of teacher assignments below.

Kindergarten: LindsayThompson, Molly Schuett, Shauna Kendall
First Grade: Amanda Goodlove, Courtney East, Kim Ophoff*
Second Grade: Kristen Hatfield, Katie Kensinger, Kari Thomsen
Third Grade: Hannah Lenz, Keri Taylor, Nicole Davidson
Fourth Grade:, Jill Brockschink, Misty Holzwarth, Jesse Hart
Fifth Grade: Sandy Schneekloth, Dianna England, Kim Gansen, Jill Hazen

*Mrs. Ophoff has been in the Linn-Mar district for many years, most recently as an instructional coach. She will be a wonderful addition to Bowman Woods.

Mr. Fillner is taking a position as a technology coach at Linn-Mar. Mrs. Dabroski will be a literacy consultant at Grant Wood next year. We will miss these teachers greatly and thank them for everything they did for our students. We wish them each the very best.

We have a wonderful staff at Bowman Woods and we feel strongly that students will succeed with any teacher's instruction. Thank you for the timely notes some of you have sent about teacher styles or other information that will be helpful as we finalize class lists later this month.

Please see the article on page three of the newsletter about the practice ALICE drill we will hold on May 9th at approximately 2:35 in the afternoon.

Thank you all for being so wonderful.

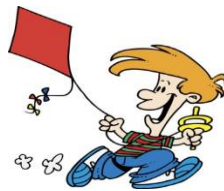
Tina March, principal



Important Stuff

Registration 2018

Please register ALL of your returning students using your PowerSchool account starting August 3rd. Call the office @ 447-3240 if you have not set-up a PowerSchool account. Please do not try to complete eRegistration on your smart phone. These two systems are NOT compatible.



Friday, June 1st is the
LAST DAY of
SCHOOL with a 3:15
dismissal time!

HEALTH OFFICE

The end of the year is approaching quickly! Parents...if your child has medication at school, please remember to pick it up on or before the last day of school. Medications left here after the last day will be discarded.

Thank you to everyone who has donating clothing to the health office.

I have enjoyed caring for your children and hope you have a safe, healthy, and FUN summer break!

Mrs. House

MOVING??

**If your student(s)
will not be attending
Bowman Woods
next year, please
contact the Bowman
Woods Office ASAP
@ 447-3240.**

Thank you

ALICE Drill: Parents, as part of our ALICE practice drills, our whole school will participate in a controlled run next Wednesday, May 9th, at 2:35. Students will run safely to the open field next to our school on the gym side. Students will completely understand this is only a drill just like our fire and storm drills. Please review the ALICE letter I sent home last September found at the back of this newsletter. It will explain how we approach these drills in a sensitive and low stress manner.

A sincere "thank you" from the BW staff to our Volunteer Co-ordinators, Beth Morrissey and Angie Krueger for their year of dedication to our volunteer program at Bowman Woods. Ro Delaney has graciously agreed to co-chair with Angie Krueger next year.



A special thank you to our PTO Officers this year. They were Becky Streff, Stacy Goody and Doug White as Co-Presidents; Misty Holzwarth and Ruth Schroeder as Co-Vice Presidents; Layce Fillner and Kristal Long as Co-Treasurers; Andrea Schoenbeck and Katie Kensinger as Co-Secretaries.

BW Night at the Kernels Game





5th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working hard in preparation for their final concert on **Tuesday, May 8th**, which will be held in the Oak Ridge Middle School Gym at 6:00 P.M. All friends and family members are invited to attend!

Students will also have a Dress Rehearsal before school that same morning at Oak Ridge Middle School – please drop your child off at 7:30 am and have your child meet in the Band Room (down the hallway from the main gym). Students will ride a bus back to their elementary building following the rehearsal. Cello and bass students are welcome to leave their instruments at the middle school until later that evening! Please contact Mrs. Vieth at 447-3219 or email at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us or Mrs. Hecht at 447-3439 with any questions.

Linn-Mar Summer Orchestra & Lesson Program

Students are encouraged to stay involved in music during the summer months and keep up their skills and improve for the next school year! Please consider registering your student for the Linn-Mar Summer Orchestra Classes or for Individual Lessons. Families may register online through the high school orchestra website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/linnmarorchestra/>

Beginning Orchestra Informational Meetings

All 4th and 5th grade students interested in starting the Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass are encouraged attend one of the orchestra informational meetings with their parents on **Tuesday, May 1st**. The meetings will be held at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Ridge Auxiliary Gym. Information will be given about the Linn-Mar Orchestra Program as well as info about the Summer Beginning Strings Program. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes. Representatives from local music stores will also be there to help answer any questions about renting an instrument and can offer suggestions to any family wishing to purchase an instrument. Students should also plan to attend with their parents so they can be fitted for the correct size!

If you are unable to attend either of the meetings and would like to receive more info about joining the Orchestra, please email Mrs. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us or Mrs. Schamberger at kschamberger@linnmar.k12.ia.us. Families may also visit the following website and register for Beginning Orchestra Summer Classes at: **<https://lmorchestraregistration.wordpress.com/>**



Band News

5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band will give its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 1st.

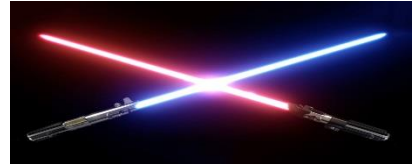
The concert will be held in the HS Auditorium and begin at 6:15 p.m. All band students should report to the HS Little Theatre between 5:45 - 6:00 p.m. The program will last about 30 minutes. Nice dress clothes should be worn for this MAJOR performance. In preparation for the Concert, we will be rehearsing together THAT MORNING at L-M HS. Please drop your student off at the HS Auditorium Main Entrance (circle drive) between 7:15 – 7:20 am for our 7:30 – 8:30 am rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal.

Current 5th Grade Band students are able to sign up for the Summer Band Program. They can participate in Program #2 - Private Band Lessons. Students receive a weekly, 15-minute individual lesson with a MS Band Director for 6 weeks. Program #2 will run from June 7th – July 17th. 5th Grade students can also participate in the 5th Grade Band Camp – Program 3.5. This is a Group Band experience directed by Mrs. Nuss that meets daily from 8:00 – 9:00 am for one and a half weeks beginning June 6th. This year all of the Summer Band Programs will be held at Oak Ridge MS. Registration forms were sent home with band students in late April.

Beginning Band for Current 4th Graders – TIME TO JOIN THE BAND!!!

All 4th graders met during late April to see a Band instrument demonstration, and try out some instruments. They also heard the 8th Grade Band perform. It was a very exciting time! Students should have brought home information about the band program, instrument choices, and parent meetings at that time.

Informational meetings for Parents of 4th Graders who would like to start a band instrument are being scheduled for Monday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held in the High School Little Theatre and last about 45 minutes. Parents only need to attend one meeting and your child does not need to attend. At the meeting parents will receive information about the 5th Grade Band program and our Summer Beginner lessons. Parents will also sign their child up for an individual 15 minute Band Interview to try out instruments (with parents in attendance). **NOTE: All beginner band students MUST interview.** Interviews will be held between May 15th – 24th. Parents who are unable to attend either meeting can call/email for information and to sign up for an interview beginning May 3rd. Email: kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us (email is preferred) or voice mail 447-3310.



Redemption News

Greetings Bowman Woods Families!

The Star Wars light saber bulletin board contest continues through Friday, May 25th. The students love watching the light sabers grow! For every 25 Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts brought in, one square is added to the specified grade's light saber on the board. The grade who builds the longest light saber will be known as Master Jedi of Bowman Woods Elementary!

We've had a record year for redemption! When it's all said and done, redemption will have raised **\$4005** (\$2639 from Hy-Vee & \$1366 from Box Tops) for the PTO this year—all from collecting those little rectangles and receipts. Many thanks! We could not have done it without you and your students!

This is my last year as Redemption Coordinator. What began as a two-year commitment turned into four, and as my girls begin phasing out of elementary school, it is time for me to move on as well. I would like to announce the new coordinators who will be taking over: Erin Wittkowski and Ruth Schroeder. You will be in good hands as they continue supporting these important programs for our school.

Keep collecting Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts all throughout the summer! —Laura Nordine

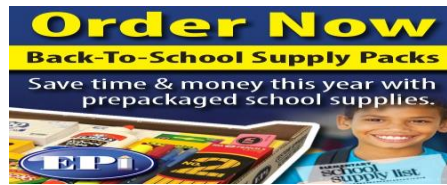


KINDERGARTEN CAMP IS THURSDAY, MAY 17TH.

All registered Kindergartners should have received a letter informing them of their scheduled time for camp. If you did not receive a letter or have a question regarding camp, please contact Denise in the office at 447-3240.

*******ART SHOW/COLLECTION WEEK*******

May 14-18- Last week of the Art Show/ Collection Week: You are invited to stop by anytime to collect your child's artwork from the halls to prevent damage to the work. Any remaining artwork will be taken down, returned to your child's classroom and sent home with your child.



Time to order your school supplies for next year.

This helps you save time and money when back-to-school shopping. Parents that use EPI school packs save up to 40% compared to the same supplies from a national retailer, ordering open May 1st.

Online order deadline is June 22nd.

To order online:

Go to: educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

Enter our school code: BOW051

Supplies will be delivered before school starts in August.

If you prefer to order by check, use the Order Form provided in your child's take home folder. **Make your check payable to Bowman Woods PTO and return it by May 31st** with the completed order form that is being sent home with students in backpacks.

For questions, contact Ruth Schroeder at schroedfam@yahoo.com



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING APRIL VOLUNTEERS...

2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP – Amy Lorenz, Kristal Long, Cat Horak, Terri Fritcher, Angie Krueger, Megan Kmetz.

3rd GRADE FIELD TRIP - Melinda Berg, Tara Erickson, Anna Miglia, Erin Littler, Amy Sickels, Laura Nordine, Angie Krueger.

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP – Ruth Schroeder, Sherry Stark, Angie Krueger, Jessica Schenk, Beth Morrissey, Aimee Noehren, Karla Terry.

LUNCH ROOM HELPERS – Elizabeth Strimple, Melinda Crow, Danean Kirchner, Brianna Peterson, Char Weuve, Mary Lou Althoff.

EARLY BIRDS – Char Weuve, Danean Kirchner, Jaci Denny, Lori Sipper, Mary Lou Althoff.

ARTWORK HANGERS – Christine Lehman-Engledow, Elizabeth Strimple, Melinda Crow, Brianna Peterson.

FUN FAIR HELPERS - Elizabeth Strimple, Becky Streff, Victoria Fernandez, Andrea Schoenbeck, Misty Holzwarth, Cara Lausen, Yalan Lee, Chris Jessen, Heather Zwanziger, Paula Moran, Beth Meyer, Holly Swanson, Jay Streff, Jenna Holmes, Danean Kirchner, Misty Holzwarth, Sean Waters, Amy Lorenz, Laura Nordine, Heather Waters, JoAnn Carstensen, Sherlyn Lindeman, Ben Oliver, Mary Lou Althoff, Melinda Crow, Amanda Pierce, Bonnie Jessen, Tara Erickson, Courtney East, Jason Schoenbeck, Erika Elles, Diane McPeek, Renee Wood, Dixie Albertson, Cat Horak, Ginger Halverson, Renee Wood, Boy Scouts and many Middle School helpers.



Volunteers News

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." – William Arthur Ward

This year the BW Volunteers have taken the most simple, mundane tasks, added love and made absolute magic happen at Bowman Woods!

Thank you for saying yes even when you were having a busy week.

Thank you for showing up with energy, enthusiasm and smiles.

Thank you for all of the big ways you saved the day, as well as the tiny special things you did that may have gone unnoticed.

We are grateful for every minute you spent doing an ordinary task while making an incredible impact!

And because of that we hope that you plan to return to our BW Volunteer Family next school year!

Please take a minute, and **complete a volunteer disclosure renewal form for the 18-19 school year so you will remain an active volunteer.**

Here are two options to obtain the form & continue receiving recruitment emails:

- Visit the Linn-Mar volunteer site: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/default.asp>
- Log in and, select the "profile" key on the left. (Can't remember your password – ask the system to send it to you.)
- On the first page, check your information. This is a great time to verify accuracy and confirm schools you wish to volunteer in next school year.
- When everything looks correct simply hit submit at the bottom of the page.
- On the second page, verify your students' grade level. Please graduate them on to the next grade for 18-19 and hit submit again.
- On the third page you will see a hotlink with your very own personal volunteer disclosure. **Please print, date and sign.**
- This completed form may be returned to any Linn-Mar school office and given to the school secretary, dropped off to the receptionist at the Learning Resource Center or mailed to:

Linn-Mar Learning Resource Center
Attn: Karla Terry
2999 N. 10th Street
Marion, Iowa 52302

- **Prefer the good ol' fashioned paper method. Just pick up a copy of the volunteer disclosure renewal form from the BW main office.** Completed forms that include a signature can be returned to the BW Office directly.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Library News



It is getting closer to the end of the school year, so there may be some questions about school library books. Here is a little information, but as always, if you have questions just contact the library with number 447-3245 and speak with Carla Clanin or Kelly Simons.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY, MAY 14-Students will be allowed 1 material at a time. We will begin to send home emails for materials. Disregard the reminder email, if you receive an email and the books or library fine payment are on the way to the library.

FRIDAY, MAY 25-ALL Materials are due from students.

LIBRARY POLICY:

Book Fines: Book Fines remain on a student's account from year to year! If a book is damaged, or lost/not returned, then a book fine is assessed to a student's account. If a student begins the year with a fine, he/she will not be able to check out until the fine is taken care of.

Refunds: Students have until May 31 to return any "lost" books that might have been paid for during the year, for a full refund. At the start of each school year, July 1, accounting starts over and no refunds are given for already paid books.

FUNDRAISING RESULTS FOR 2017-2018

PTO Enrichment funds of \$190 purchased 14 new books.

Fall Scholastic Fair earned \$2664.66 Scholastic Dollars which purchased 183 books.

December Barnes and Noble Fair= \$243.45 and the library purchased 22 new books with those earnings!

The Spring Usborne Book Fair earned \$2607 and there have been 260 books purchased so far.

GRANT RESULTS for 2016-2017

The library was awarded \$690 from the Linn-Mar Foundation in the Fall of 2017. Those funds were spent on developing STEAM rotations for students.

KEEP READING ALL SUMMER LONG with great reading programs from the area public libraries, Barnes and Noble, Kernels, or online Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. See you in the fall!



News from Nutrition Services

Meal account balances will carry over next fall. Accounts will automatically roll to the building where your student will attend.

Free and Reduced Meal Eligibility

If your family is eligible for free school meals based on **food stamp eligibility**, you do not have to complete a new application form next fall. If you qualify for free or reduced meals based on your **income**, we will need a new application completed in August. Forms will be mailed to households this summer. Please return your form on registration day. Sometimes families are surprised to see the upper limits of eligibility. Please take time to read through the information you receive. Reduced price meals are \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This can be a BIG savings for families. All meal choices are available to all students regardless of their status. Information regarding meal status is confidential and is not "identifiable" at the cashier station. Please contact the Nutrition Services office at 447-3302 if you have questions.



Linn-Mar's 'Virtual Backpack'

A reminder that at Linn-Mar we're now using a new "green" strategy to keep our students' backpacks a little more organized by sending home less paper. The solution? The Virtual Backpack!

To find Linn-Mar's Virtual Backpack, just ctl +click on this link <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/backpack/> You'll find those community flyers organized in a way that makes it easy to download items of interest to your family.

**Bowman Woods Country & Culture Fair May 18, 2018 at
6:00-7:30 pm in the Bowman Woods Gym.**

Bringing the WORLD to BOWMAN WOODS ELEMENTARY



**Bowman Woods Volunteer Appreciation Reception
Tuesday, May 15 at 2:30 pm
Media Center**

**RSVP by email to:
cfasselius@linnmar.k12.ia.us**



Linn-Mar Lion Open Golf Classic - June 7th

Hosted by the Linn-Mar School Foundation

Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Linn-Mar Foundation Lion Open Golf Classic! Tee it up for Linn-Mar kids on Thursday, June 7th at Hunters Ridge golf course. Four person best shot tournament, fun contests, prizes, hole-in-one contests, 50/50 raffle, catered lunch, cold refreshments and more. Enjoy a beautiful day on the links supporting our classrooms along the way! All skill levels welcome!

8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. shotgun tee times, catered lunch served from 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Lion Open fund classroom grants for K-12 teachers throughout the year.

Want to help our Linn-Mar classrooms in a BIG way, become a Lion Open Sponsor. [Details here!](#)

Register to golf soon, spots fill up quickly! <https://one.bidpal.net/lmflionopen>

Honor A Linn-Mar Educator with a Teacher Tribute by May 30th



Express your appreciation for a Linn-Mar teacher for their amazing work with students. Invest in the Teacher Tribute Fund through the Linn-Mar School Foundation with a tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 or more. Your Teacher Tribute gift can even be doubled if you match it through an [eligible employer](#).

Proceeds raised from Teacher Tributes are channeled back into classroom grants. You will be directly impacting our students with your gift and thanking an educator at the same time!

The Foundation recognizes all Teacher Tributes at the Lion Open Golf Classic, on our website, social media and in our newsletter. Tributes are also shared with each educator nominated with a teacher appreciation package.

One lucky Teacher Tribute honoree will be awarded a classroom cash award to spend on materials for their classroom this Fall. You will be invited to share the good news with them!

Who will you honor with a teacher tribute this year? **Deadline is May 30th.**

[Teacher Tribute Nomination Form](#)

Shelley Woods
Executive Director
Linn-Mar School Foundation
319.730.3638 direct
linnmarfoundation.org

Lion Open Golf Classic Teeing It Up For LM Kids!

Reserve Your Spot Today

<https://one.bidpal.net/lmflionopen>



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Orch AM 5 th grade band rehearsal at HS - 7:30am 4 th Gr LEO FT 5 th Grade Band concert - 6:15 HS Day 6	2 Early Birds 3 rd Gr LEO FT Beg. Band Parent Mtg. @ HS Little Theatre 6 pm Day 7	3 Young Writer's Wkshp. @ Coe 5 th Gr Swimming Kdg concert @ 6:00 Early Birds @ 7:00 Orch. PM Day 8	4 Early Birds 4 th Gr FT 5 th G Colonial Day Day 1
7 Day 2	8 Orch AM 5 th Gr - Orch practice @OR 7:45am Vol. Wkshp. 8:45-10:45 a.m. PTO MTG -6:30 5 th Gr. Orch. Concert 6 pm OR Day 3	9 Early Birds 2:35 Practice ALICE drill Day 4	10 Band AM 1 st Grade Muffins for Mom 5 th Gr Oakridge Last Orch PM Day 5	11 Early Birds Last One 1 st Gr FT Kndg FT Day 6
14 5th GRADE TRACK DAY Last Day to check out books Day 7	15 Orch AM Volunteer Recognition - 2:30 Media Center Day 8	16 4 th Grade Career on Wheels Day 1	17 Kindergarten Camp Day 2	18 3 rd Gr Wax Museum PTO Country & Culture 6-8 Day 3
21 Reading Open House Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 STATE FEST Open House 5:45-6:15 4 th Gr Concert 6:30 Day 7	25 4 th gr. Food Fest 5 th Gr Pool - PM Library Books Due Day 8
28 NO SCHOOL	29 Move up Day Outside Coop Activity 1:00 pm Day 0	30 Day 1	31 5 th Grade Picnic Day 2	June 1 5 th Gr Talent Show 9 am LAST DAY 3:15 DISMISSAL Hot Dog Cookout Report Cards go home



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

September 12, 2017

Dear Bowman Woods Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2017-18 school year, we want to update you on school safety drill planning for students and staff. We strive to be transparent in our communication with you in all matters here at Bowman Woods. This letter serves as one way to provide important information to you on our continued work as a district to prepare for emergency situations.

We will conduct four fire drills & four tornado / natural disaster drills this year (two per semester) at Bowman Woods. During each fire drill, staff and students follow our evacuation plan, staff sweeps the building to ensure that everyone is evacuated and attendance is taken when students have safely evacuated the building. Similarly, during each storm drill, students and staff move to their designated safety areas and staff takes attendance. Both fire and storm drills have been very effective over the course of time to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff should either type of emergency occur.

As a district, we are continuing to plan and prepare for ways to ensure the well-being of student and staff members in the district. All district buildings, including Bowman Woods, have been participating in ALICE training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate and pertains to emergency situations that involve an immediate threat in or around the building. Staff have, and will continue to receive, ALICE training 2 times per year by district personnel who have been trained and certified and in cooperation with the local police department. To ensure that students understand what to do in the event of a serious threat, we will lead instruction and participate in emergency drills related to these circumstances. Students will receive grade level lessons that address how they respond in the event of an emergency. These lessons are presented by our counselor in an age appropriate and low stress manner to children. We will hold two drills during this school year. In the event of an all-school evacuation, we walk to Faith Lutheran Church where we will be met by Linn-Mar buses and transported to the Linn-Mar transportation building. Our whole school practiced walking to this site last year, so this year we will only practice with our kindergarten class and students new to Bowman.

Our objective in having these safety drills each year is to ensure that students and staff are informed and can react appropriately and quickly should such life safety events ever occur at school. Our intention is to be prepared and ready through education and practice as we have done for many years with our fire and tornado drills.

We are looking forward to a great and safe school year. Thank you for your attention and awareness of our life safety drills and preparation. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding any of our safety drills.

Respectfully,

Tina March

Val Lawrence