BOWMAN WOODS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



ROAR PLEDE

At Bowman Woods, we are people of character.

We will be Responsible

We will **O**pt for kindness

We will **A**lways be safe

We will be Responsible

Our Mission:

We will all learn at high levels.

Dear Parents,

There are not enough words to thank you for your help as we started the new school year. You were instrumental in helping this be truly one of our smoothest starts to the year ever!

Please know that we welcome and value your input as parents. Please see the calendar included with this newsletter for important dates and opportunities. I am looking forward to our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 11th. We have two volunteer orientations scheduled at Bowman Woods this month. Our first orientation is this Thursday (September 6th) at 9:00 in our cafeteria. The next orientation will take place Monday, September 10th[,] at 6:00. Please look for signs once you come into the building to direct you to the meeting in Mrs. Holzwarth's room. We wanted to offer two sessions to make it as convenient as possible.

Please check out our thank you page in the newsletter. If we ever miss anyone, let us know immediately. We want to recognize people, but that comes with the risk of leaving someone off the list. We can make immediate corrections to the online newsletter and/or add it to our next month's edition.

Thank you for your encouragement, trust, and support of all our staff at Bowman Woods. It means the world to us. Thank you for your work with your children each night on reading or the many other ways you are helping to develop their love for learning. It makes a difference. Thank you for attending our parent night meetings or going over the information shared by your child's teacher. Informing parents of the expectations and routines for the year creates student success. Lastly, thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. They are wonderful.



Healthy Snacks!

Parents, thank you so much for the incredible job you are doing with sending in healthy snacks. As listed in the handbook, healthy snack options include pretzels, baked crackers (including goldfish -except for the extreme cheddar version), fruit or dried fruit,

dry healthy cereal, cheese, rolled up lunchmeats, dried meats, plain popcorn, a bread and butter sandwich, healthy granola bars (not chocolate covered), and healthy fruit snacks. Please follow any directives from your child's teacher if your child is in a classroom where there may be severe allergies. Thank you for your help and support. We truly wish to avoid any snacks that will leave residue on our books and/or iPads.

Please know you can call me or email me with any questions or concerns. My email is <u>tina.march@linnnmar.k12.ia.us</u>. My office line is 447-3241.

Sincerely, Tina March

My favorite color is rainbow! ~ Quote from one of our kindergarten students

Thank you September Volunteers!!!

Thank you

Thank you

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Thank you to PTO for providing the hot dog picnic: To Erika Elles for coordinating the picnic, Lance Viers, Blake Viers, Jonalee Ohrt, Lois Hinkley, Doug White, Amber White, Payton White, Lauren White, Kristal Long, Megan Reick, Camille Lindsay, Becky Streff, Elizabeth Strimple, Deborah Ryon, Tom Moran, John Sklarsky and the many parents, students and staff who jumped into helping clean up. It was amazing! Thanks to Life Touch Studio for the monetary contribution for the cookies. Thanks to (Erica Elles) for supplying the tables for the event, and for delivery and pick-up of the tables.

A big shout out to the PTO committee of Becky Streff, Andrea Schoenbeck, Erika Elles, Anu Ambati, Kristal Long, John Sklarsky, Heather Zwanziger, and Megan Adams Rieck.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts who helped with the school gardens this summer.

Thanks to Camille Lindsay and sons for helping beautify our flower beds.

Thank you to Sabeen Javed, Dawn Ovel, Thilagam Suresh, Ofeila Baez, Madhavi Mongala, Beth Morrissey, Sabah Hasan, Tara Erickson for bringing food for the back to school lunch for the teachers. Thank you to Tara Erickson for coordinating the lunch, decorating and setting everything up.

Thank you to Joni Jackson, Jessica Schenk and Elizabeth Strimple for stuffing registration folders.

Thanks to the PTO Hospitality Chair - Tara Erickson, for putting all of the PTO Hospitality events together.

Thanks to Ruth Schroeder for distributing class packs to the classrooms.

A BIG thank you to the lunchroom helpers for August – Ro Delaney, Angie Krueger, Stephanie Thompson, Melinda Crow, Camille Lindsay, Elizabeth Strimple, Lindsay Sullivan, Janet Masters, Mary Lou Althoff, Danean Kirchner.

Thanks to our incredible school picture helpers – Angie Krueger, Ro Delaney, Elizabeth Strimple, Stephanie Thompson, and Corrine Fosnaugh. You truly saved the day.

Thank you to all!



Linn-Mar Community School District Bond Vote 2018

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

On September 11, eligible voters in the Linn-Mar Community School District will be asked to consider an \$55 million bond package that will support a grade-restructuring plan. This plan will enable the district to construct two new 5-6 intermediate schools, a future elementary school.

This restructuring plan strategically addresses existing and long-term capacity, safety, security, and efficiency issues in our rapidly growing district. Implementation of the plan requires a successful bond vote.

By **2022**, the district's middle schools and three elementary schools will be over, or very close to capacity. Fifth-grade students at Indian Creek Elementary are already learning in portable classrooms.

The two **5th-6th** grade buildings would provide approximately **68** new classroom spaces and house **800** students each. Additionally, moving **5th** graders out of the elementary buildings and the **6th** graders from the middle schools will create valuable class space in nine of our buildings, allowing for future enrollment growth.

Visit <u>www.linnmar.k12.ia.us</u> to learn more. Thank you.

Costume Swap

Do you have costumes at home that you are not using? Do you need a costume? During

conference week- Oct. 16 & 18 (evening hours), Mrs. Wiley will have a rack outside of her office where you can come take a costume, leave a costume, or trade a costume just in time for Halloween.

But first I need your help. Please check and see if you have any costumes that your children have outgrown or do not use. Send them to school with your child anytime between now and Oct. 15th. If you have a dancer who has old costumes those would be great as well. Ask friends, neighbors, anyone who would like to donate their old costumes. Costumes can be left with Mrs. Matthews in the main office. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition.



Thanks, Mrs. Wiley

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 <u>ehouse@linnmar.k12.ia.u</u> 	IS				
 General School Information: Mrs. Kack 447-3240 or <u>dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u> 					

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

WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON AT BOWMAN WOODS

OR ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT???

LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:

www.linnmar.k12.ia.us

Dine Out For Our Schools - September 13th

Visit <u>www.linnmarfoundation.org</u> or Linn-Mar Foundation Facebook page for dining locations



Skip the kitchen and join us for a community-wide Dine Out For Our Schools event on **Thursday,September 13th**. Dining options to choose from all day, and includes dine-in, takeout and delivery!

10% - 20% of your total bill will be donated back to the schools. Proceeds will be directed to the Linn-Mar and Marion School Foundations which benefit K-12 students in the two school districts.

We launched our Dine Out program last academic year and it has been a great success! Thank you for Dining Out for the kids!

Part-Time Accountant/Administrative Assistant



The Linn-Mar School Foundation is seeking a part-time accounting and administrative professional to join our non-profit organization. The Foundation, established in 1985, is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization which raises private funds for public education to benefit the Linn-Mar Community School District. This position provides accounting and administrative support to the Executive Director and Foundation Board of Directors.

It is a great opportunity for someone who is interested supporting our non-profit mission of helping enhance educational excellence in the Linn-Mar Community School District.

Full job description - Apply today!

Job description link

Lunch/Recess Schedule

K - 10:50 to 11:20 Recess 11:20 to 11:40 2nd - 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 4th- 12:20 to 12:40 Recess 12:40 to 1:00 Sth - 12:40 to 1:00 Recess 1:00 to 1:30

Lexia[®] Core5[®] Reading

Why is eRegistration important!!

The eRegistration process is required to be completed annually by all families so we have the most up-to-date information on students, including but not limited to: parent/guardian contact information, health information, emergency contact information, and parental permissions. If you have not yet set up a family account in PowerSchool, please contact your student's building to obtain more information on how to do so.

This year your child will be using Lexia[®] Core5[®] Reading, a fun computer-based program that has helped millions of students. The activities in Core5 support and build on our classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Here's how Lexia Core5 Reading works:

- Your child begins Core5 at a starting point that fits his or her needs and works in online activities throughout the week.
- Online activities include direct instruction and feedback as your child learns new skills.
- Progress and performance in the program is reported so teachers can provide help when needed.
- Paper-and-pencil activities are also used for practice and may be done in school or brought home.
- Achievement certificates may be sent home to celebrate success and to show progress in the program.

We hope you share in our excitement about this program!



We truly understand that birthdays are special. Students celebrating a birthday or half-birthday get to come to the office for a special birthday band and lead our pledges over the intercom. They are also recognized in the classroom. Due to the Healthy Kids Initiative, we ask that **no food** be sent in for birthdays. This helps us also be sensitive to allergies and reduces health risks. Students will have special treats throughout the year at parties and other activities like the Bowman Blast. These pre-planned events allow our nurse to help us consider the best treat for all students.

Students may bring in stickers, pencils, or other small item to hand out to classmates, but this is completely optional. Thank you for your help.

Welcome to the Bowman Woods Library!

The Bowman Woods Library Mission

The mission of the Bowman Woods library program is to provide an inviting, learning environment that encourages technology integration, the development of the 4 C's (Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity), and the love of reading.

Library Information

Library checkout takes place during your child's library class time, once every eight days, for grades 3-5 and once every 4 days for grades K-2. Materials are checked out for 10 days and can be renewed if a hold is not placed on it and it is brought to the library. Kindergarteners check out three materials, first graders check out five materials and the remainder of the grades are unlimited. If there is an outstanding fee or late material, the student is not allowed to check out until the fee is paid or the material is returned. Occasionally, we send out notices or emails with overdue information in hopes that the books can be found and returned.

The Bowman Woods Symbaloo is a resource students are introduced to as a way to access kid friendly websites. <u>http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/bowmanhomepage</u>

There are reading, math, coding, and keyboarding skill sites already bookmarked for you to explore with your child.

Add this date to your calendar!

Our Fall Follett Book Fair will be October 15-19. The fair will be open later during the family conference nights on

Oct. 16 and Oct. 18 until 7pm.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 447-3245. Email librarian, Carla Clanin, at <u>cclanin@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>



Hello from the music room! Thank you for the warm welcome to Bowman Woods, I am very excited for this school year and getting to know all of your musicians. We all are starting the year with a strong focus on patterns and rhythms. I encourage creativity and collaborative work throughout the year and implement a balance of singing, instrument play, and movement.

OPUS HONOR CHOIR

Ten 5th grade singers from Bowman Woods will be auditioning for Iowa's Opus Honor Choir. The auditions will be held on September 15th and 16th with results being announced in October. Wish these singers luck as they practice to make fantastic audition recordings!

EARLY BIRDS

All 4th and 5th Grade students who love to sing are invited to join Early Birds! Our first practice will be September 19th, we meet Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45-8:20 a.m. (Not too early!) I am hoping for a large group of motivated singers who want to learn groovy and challenging music. We have two scheduled performances at our school as well as an event at Linn Mar High School, sporting events, nursing homes, Barnes and Noble night, and any other events that need music celebrations in between. Come check it out and see if you want to be an Early Bird!

NAME CHANGE!

Miss Morosky is getting married in October and will be changing her name to Jessica Dunnick (Mrs. D!). The best way to contact her is <u>Jessica.dunnick@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>



ORCHESTRA

The 5th Grade Orchestra has officially started for this school year! Orchestra members will be practicing together on Tuesday mornings from 7:45 - 8:20 am and Thursday afternoons from 3:25 - 4:00 pm. We will be reviewing skills that students learned over the summer and will also be practicing new songs in preparation for our first performance this fall, which

will take place on <u>October 25th at 6:00 pm</u> in the High School Auditorium. In addition to orchestra class, students will receive a weekly lesson where bowing technique and other challenging pieces are learned. I am excited to be teaching the 2018 - 2019 Bowman Woods *Orchestra* and invite everyone to attend our upcoming events!

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year! Go Lions!! \sim Ms. Vieth \sim



Thursday, October 25th

Celebrate Reading!

AMERICA READS: Reading is Contagious

The AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* event is designed to shine a spotlight on the importance of reading to young children to improve literacy and demonstrate the joy of reading through collective citizen involvement. In the Cedar Rapids metro area, it has become an annual fall tradition, bringing hundreds of volunteers into area schools to share a favorite book with students. AMERICA READS: *Reading Is Contagious* 2017 will be held Oct. 19-20. Bowman Woods Elementary will have the even on Thursday, October 25th.

Developed and launched in 1997, the initiative is a collaborative effort between the Cedar Rapids Community, College Community, Linn-Mar, Marion Independent, and Xavier Catholic school districts, as well Summit School and the five public libraries: Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, and Marion. Local businesses and organizations provide financial support.

More than 2,500 guest readers visited elementary schools over the two-day period in October 2015. Some 16,000 students benefited from exposure to the enthusiastic readers. Volunteer readers include everyone from parents and middle, high school and college students to school neighbors, senior citizens, business people and local "celebrities". The community readers share their love of reading by doing just that—each volunteer read a favorite story to a child, a small group of children or to an entire classroom of students.

Numerous studies indicate that children who have been read to on a regular basis are the ones who become good readers. Reading just 30 minutes a day with a child can significantly increase a child's reading ability. By sharing a story, AMERICA READS volunteers also celebrate their own love of reading with students. That special book might just become someone else's favorite! After all, reading is contagious!"

If you are interested in signing up to read at our school that day or have questions, please send an email to: bwamericareads@gmail.com.

Homecoming Parade September 27th





September PTO NEWS

Welcome back for the 2018-19 school year!

Vote to Win \$25.000 for our school

From September 17 – 30, vote for Bowman Woods in UnityPoint Health's "Imagine the Amazing" Contest. UnityPoint Health will award \$25,000 to the school with the most votes and \$1000 each to 10 runner ups. There is NO LIMIT to the number of times you can vote during the contest. Let's win this!! Details at <u>www.unitypoint.org/imaginetheamazing</u>

Keep up with School Happenings

Like us on Facebook (Bowman Woods PTO) to see upcoming events and dates for PTO meetings. More at: www.BowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: bowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: bowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: bowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: bowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: www.bowmanWoodsPTO.com Email: www.bowmanWoodsPto@gmail.com

Join the conversation

Every Bowman Woods parent is a member of the PTO. Attend the monthly meetings to stay informed of how fundraising dollars are spent, hear building/district updates from Mrs. March, brainstorm improvement ideas and voice questions/concerns. Meetings are held in the media center. Free childcare is provided. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.



WHAT WOULD YOUR SCHOOL DO WITH \$25,000?

Imagine the Amazing with UnityPoint Health.

Education is an essential part of living well and being well, and schools are at the heart of our communities. That's why we're launching a back-to-school contest to bring big dreams to life.

Vote for your school September 17-30

at unitypoint.org/imaginetheamazing

#ImagineTheAmazing





Dear Bowman Woods Parent:

What is Bowman Blast?

Each year, the Bowman Woods Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) holds its primary fundraiser with a fun event called Bowman Blast. During the school day on Friday, September 28th, all students will participate in Bowman Blast during their 'specials' period. While parents and the Linn Mar Lion cheer them on, students will walk/run laps, collect stamps, play dodgeball, and enjoy popsicles in the Bowman Woods Park to celebrate another successful fundraising campaign.

Key dates include:

- Tuesday, August 21st: the fundraiser kicks off at the Back-to-School picnic
- Friday, September 14th: amplify the FUN at the Glowman Run. This fun run event with your friends, families and neighbors will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and include glow sticks earned for laps run. Watch for more information soon!
- Friday, September 28th: the fundraiser concludes with the annual Bowman Blast event

What are the funds used for?

- Field Trips and Assemblies
- Enrichment resources (books, learning games, flexible seating)
- Reading Resources (RazKids)
- Technology (iPads, laptops, SeeSaw)FREE Family Nights like Sock Hop & Fun Fair
- After School Clubs
- Class parties
- Staff and Volunteer appreciation

If you donated in prior years, THANK YOU and would you consider increasing your gift? If you have not donated in the past, THANK YOU for considering it. With your generous support, these resources and opportunities will be available to ALL the wonderful students and staff at Bowman Woods Elementary.

How can you help?

- **FUNDRAISE:** Each student is asked to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to collect donations. Please read and share the attached letter with your students to help them reach their goals.
 - Regardless of what they collect, <u>each student needs to return their donation envelope (with a parent's signature) no later than Tuesday, September 25th.</u>

****NEW THIS YEAR:** each student has their own envelope. And we need a parent signature on each envelope before they are returned to their homeroom teachers.**

• **VOLUNTEER:** We need a lot of volunteers to make this fundraiser a success! Before volunteering at this event, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators at <u>bwvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u> to make sure you have completed the necessary paperwork.

<u>Questions?</u> If you have any questions about the event, contact Becky Streff at <u>rlstreff@gmail.com</u>.

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



Redemption News

Greetings Bowman Woods Families! We hope you've been collecting Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts all summer! For those who are new to Bowman Woods, the Box Tops for Education and Hy-Vee's Cash 4 Students programs are easy ways to help raise money for our school, at no additional cost to you. It's easy—just look for pink Box Tops on participating products with a valid expiration date, clip them, and send them to school with your student. Every time you shop at Hy-Vee, ask for and take your receipt. We want all of your Hy-Vee receipts dated April 1, 2018 and later, no matter the dollar amount! For more information and helpful tips on collecting, please refer to the redemption letter inside the family folder you received at Back to School night.

Everything is Awesome...when you collect Box Tops and Hy-Vee Receipts!

Our first redemption contest has started! Each classroom will earn one lego block for every 50 Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts turned in! At the end of the contest, the classroom with the most lego blocks wins a Lego cookie and milk party! Thanks to those that have already turned in their summer receipts and box tops - they will be counted toward this first contest. Contest ends Friday, November 30th. Questions? Email bowmanwoodsredemption@gmail.com.





Volunteering At Bowman Woods

We are looking forward to a great year of volunteering. Here are four quick items to help us all get started off on the right foot:

- 1. If you have volunteered in the past at Linn-Mar, but have not gotten any of our emails this year, it's possible that we do not have your renewal form. Please stop in the office to fill one out. This has to be done yearly. Think you've already done that but still haven't gotten one? Please send us an email to let us know!
- 2. If you are new to the district or to volunteering follow our easy application process: First, fill out a Volunteer Application Form. Second, attend an orientation with Linn-Mar's district coordinator, Karla Terry. Orientations at Bowman Woods are scheduled for Thursday, September 6 @ 9am and Monday, September 10 @ 6pm. Once you complete the orientation, you will be an active volunteer and will start receiving volunteer opportunities like field trips, class parties, workshops, Bowman Blast, etc.
- 3. Don't forget to record your time. Though it might not seem like a big deal to you, the district uses this important information with writing grants and for other things! New volunteers, we can help you learn how to do this! Just let us know if you need help.
- 4. Need more opportunities than you see or at a time that works for you? Contact us. We'd be so happy to help make something work for your schedule and interests!

Angie Krueger and Roisin Delaney--Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators

SEPTEMBER



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