



Dear Parents,

Welcome to December! Thank you for all that you have done this year to make it a true partnership between home and school. You may receive a letter next week regarding attendance or tardies. We are mandated to send these notes. We appreciate your help in calling students in when absent. That really helps.

Your volunteer efforts continue to astonish us. We have asked for so many volunteers recently and you come through time after time. Your time is a gift that means everything to our students and our staff. Thank you so much.

Please know how much we appreciate the gifts your children share with us each day. We are extremely fortunate to have students who constantly demonstrate our ROAR tenets of being kind, responsible, safe, and respectful.

The ornaments on this page represent our giving tree slips that you are graciously taking to fulfill the dreams and wishes of many families. Your dedication to our outreach efforts this year continue to make a huge impact on our community. Please know there will be an opportunity each month to participate in helping out our community or our own families. The outpouring of diapers and wipes for the Young Parents Network exceeded expectations.

Once again, we are grateful for all the support you give to your children to help with schoolwork and school projects. It makes a tremendous difference. Please know that you are always welcome at school.

Please consider supporting Bowman Woods at the Barnes and Noble Book Fair next Friday, December 7. Our amazing Early Birds and Fifth Grade Orchestra will be performing in the evening starting at 6:00 for Early Birds and 6:30 for our orchestra. Story time will follow at 7:00.

Mrs. Lawrence and I would like to invite you to our annual *Parents Night Out* movie on Friday December 14. Our wonderful PTO sponsors this. A flyer will be coming home next week with a returnable slip for reservations.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

*Mrs. March and the staff at Bowman Woods*

# THANK YOU BOWMAN WOODS VOLUNTEERS!

December 2018

Thanks to the following volunteers who donated time and talent this month to help Bowman Woods:

**5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Pow Wow** – Diane McPeek, Donna Bean, Asha Sivaprasad, Char Weuve, Janet Masters, Julie Martin, Elizabeth Strimple, Erin Harlan, Amy Hock, Melinda Crow, Tracey Chesmore, Jason Greenwaldt, Mary Hutton, Becky Bolsinger, Sue MacGregor, Danean Kirchner, Cristie Greenwaldt, Colleen Luckey.

**November Lunch Helpers** – Danean Kirchner, Mary Lou Althoff, Kathy Sharp, Ro Delaney, Rachael Bonefas.

**Volunteer Workshop** - Elizabeth Strimple, Ro Delaney, Janet Masters, Melinda Crow, Angie Krueger, Ruth Schroeder, Mary Hutton, Camille Lindsay, Mary Lou Althoff, Karla Terry, Brianna Riedel, Kathy Patterson, Milagros Gonzalez.

**Box Tops/HyVee Receipts** – Ruth Schroeder, Erin Wittkowski,

**Hearing Screening Volunteers** - Elizabeth Strimple, Kristi Kasper, Courtney Barrios, Mary Schroeder, Rachel Koth.

**Invention Convention Judges** - Kristal Long, Kevin Delaney, Janet Masters, Frank Morosky, Courtney Barrios, Brittany Grindeland, Elizabeth Strimple, Greg Holzwarth, Juergan Bruckner, Ro Delaney, Jeff Crow.

**Clay Volunteers** – Justin Kensinger, Karla Thompson, Kristi Kasper, John Sklarsky, Jill Groezinger, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Lisa Rohrbach, Donna Bean, Asha Sivaprasad, Colleen Luckey, Sue MacGregor, Ruth Schroeder, Tracey Chesmore, Sarah Dye, Dawn Ovel, Camille Lindsay, Melinda Crow, Heather Mueller, Corrine Fosnaugh, Jennifer Brunzman, Abby Smith, Janet Masters, Erin Littler, Wendy Vick, Courtney Barrios, Stacy Shepley, Mary Hutton, Erin Wittkowski, Kimberly O'Connell, Kristal Long, Cortney Zobel, Jennifer Buhr.

## COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:



Happy December from Mrs. Wiley!



### Giving Tree Gift Drop Off

Thank you to those of you who took tags from our Giving Tree. Please make sure that you deliver your UNWRAPPED gift to the office no later than Dec. 14th. Thanks!

## **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 website banner – [www.linmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linmar.k12.ia.us)
- 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, KWWL
- Radio Stations: KCCK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

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

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

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



**If we have an early dismissal:**

- Early dismissals are announced the same way that late arrivals/school closings are announced. We would encourage folks to sign up for the Txtwire alert.
- The school does **not** have the means to call parents to notify them that school is dismissing early, but we will send an all-school email if we have timely notice.
- Please make sure that the school knows where your child should go in case of an early dismissal. It’s important that your child also knows where he or she needs to go. Thank you for your help with this.
- All after school activities at Bowman are cancelled.

**Before/After School Care will open at regular time and will begin immediately after school dismisses if any of the above occurs.**

## **Winter Weather Dress**

Snowy Weather and the Playground If there is snow on the ground, these are the guidelines we will be using at Bowman Woods for the playground:

1. Children without snow boots (boots that are not worn all day long) will be asked to play on the shoveled areas of the playground only.
2. Children with snow boots will be allowed to walk in the snowy areas.
3. Children with snow boots, snow pants/snow suits, and mittens/gloves will be allowed to play in the snow.

It is also a good idea to send hat/hood, ear band or earmuffs, and mittens/gloves as well. Since we all know the weather in Iowa changes quickly, it would be helpful if you could send these things with your child daily (a plastic grocery bag would be a great carryall bag). This way we all are sure to enjoy the snowy days on the playground without becoming wet and cold. Please label each item with your child’s name. Our health office is no longer loaning winter wear for students to use at recess. Thanks so much for your help!!!!

## Indoor/Outdoor Recess

In the event of rain, or when the temperature reaches below zero, students will have indoor recess. The office staff will monitor the temperature according to KCRG TV 9.

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON HAVING LUNCH WITH YOUR STUDENT, OR IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL MRS. MATTHEWS AT 447-3242. LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 9:00 AM.**



**Looking for ALL children turning "5" by September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

Kindergarten Round-Up, Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

6:00 parent meeting

Please pre-register your student by contacting

Mrs. Kack at 447-3240/[dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

**ALL VISITORS ARE  
REQUIRED TO SIGN-IN  
AND WEAR A VISITOR  
BADGE WHEN VISITING  
DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

### 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**

**1st – 11:40 to 12:00  
Recess 12:00 to 12:20**

**3rd – 12:00 to 12:20  
Recess 12:20 to 12:40**

**4th – 12:20 to 12:40  
Recess 12:40 to 1:10**

**5th – 12:40 to 1:00  
Recess 1:00 to 1:30**

**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!**



### IMPORTANT UPDATE!

The 2018-19 Instruction Supply Fee of \$50.00 is due. Please call the office if you have questions.  
Thank you!

## From our Veteran's Day Assembly.....

Our Veteran's Day Assembly was powerful and compelling. Thanks to Mr. Makinster and Mrs. Dunnick for providing the inspirational music and program, the members of the American Legion Marion Post 298 and to our families for sending in the photos of their loved ones who have served or are currently serving our country. Thank you to those brave men and women.



Our Thanksgiving Turkey feathers were created by buddy classrooms and assembled by Mrs. Decious. The students wrote what each was thankful for on the feathers.



## December Library News



The week of December 5-11 is Hour of Code week. Why code in elementary? Here are just three reasons.

1. Kids love it AND get it!
2. It contains fundamentals of computer science, which once these students reach working age, will be an area of great need.
3. Coding promotes critical thinking, problem solving, math, and stamina!

At home, you can use CODE.ORG on our Bowman Woods Symbaloo or by going straight there.

Bowman Woods Symbaloo: <https://www.symbaloo.com/mix/bowmanhomepage>

Code.org: <https://studio.code.org/hoc/1>

Grades 3-5 have started STEAM activities in the library during classes. During STEAM time, students are given choices to extend their personal learning and interests. Each class starts with a lesson that highlights one of the key components, one of the 4 C's: collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. Students are expected to show learning during class whether it is reading a book, learning a new craft, exploring programming with a robot or diving into computer skills.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders have started using Code.org by signing in and working through the first puzzles using coding skills. By signing into the program, students can work at home and still keep any progress they make. We revisit typingclub.com to work on keyboarding every few classes.

1<sup>st</sup> graders have just finished listening to the first book in a mystery series called Haunted Library by Dori Hillestad Butler. They have been introduced to a keyboarding program called Dance Mat Typing, which introduces beginners to finger placement. We are slowly introducing STEAM games as part of library time.

Kindergarteners created individual dots after reading The Dot by Peter Reynolds. They have been introduced to our guest author this spring, David LaRochelle, by reading some of his picture books. Soon, we will start a keyboarding program called Dance Mat Typing which will introduce them to finger placement. STEAM games have been a part of library time on occasion and will become a bigger part after Christmas break.

**During the Follett Book Fair the library earned \$1599.59 for new books. This purchased a total of 141 new books for the library!**

**Thank you for supporting the fall book fair.**

This year's Winter Barnes and Noble Bowman Woods Book Fair is all day Friday, December 7. Just remember to say "I support Bowman Woods" if you make a purchase at the café or counter, so they can credit our school. The percentage earned from this evening at Barnes and Noble is spent on new books for the library.

# Notes from Music



## EARLY BIRDS EVENTS:



**December 7** – Barnes and Noble Night 6:00 p.m. performance, we will premiere a few of our Winter Concert songs as well as some fun carols and canons! Arrive at B&N around 5:55 p.m.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**- Winter Concert AND CAROLING! Immediately following our Winter Concert performance, families are welcome to sing carols with us as we celebrate the holiday season. A reception of cookies (provided by 5th grader's families) will conclude our caroling in the BW cafeteria. All are welcome to join in the fun!

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** - Linn-Mar Basketball Anthem singing at 7:30, arrive at Linn-Mar High School at 7:15 p.m. with Early Bird t-shirt.

**2ND GRADE CONCERT** on December 13th in the Bowman Woods Gymnasium at 6:30 for families.

## A Note from the Orchestra Director



The Bowman Woods Orchestra members have been invited to perform at Barnes & Noble on Friday, December 7th at 6:30 pm!! Students have been practicing hard on their new holiday music. Remember to wear holiday colors to school that day or your *Early Birds* t-shirt. Best of luck to all our musicians!!

\*\*There will be NO Orchestra rehearsal after school on Thursday, Dec. 20th. We will resume orchestra rehearsals after winter break!! Have a happy holidays, everyone!



~ Ms. Vieth ~

# December PTO NEWS



## Wowie WOW!!!

Every penny has been counted (and recounted). It is time to announce the donation total from this fall's Bowman Blast...drum roll, please...

**\$18,305.42**

Amazing!! Thank you so much for the generosity, support and enthusiasm for this year's fundraiser.

## Survey says...

Thanks to the nearly 100 parents who shared opinions on PTO's survey this fall. The executive board is grateful for your input as we make decisions for the next school year. We learned a lot... The majority (83%) of you want to continue with one major fundraiser per year. A similar number (80%) want to keep the fundraiser in the fall. Respondents were evenly divided on how to spend donated funds between classroom technology, classroom supplies, field trips/assemblies, reading resources and family/school community events. You shared great original ideas for how to use funds to improve the learning environment, school safety and teacher support.

Survey respondents were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the schedule as is for PTO events: Tuesday evening meetings (83%) with free childcare (73%) and Friday evening Family Nights (90%). You had wonderful ideas for new and innovative Family Nights: skating, bowling, STEM night, philanthropy project, crafts, magic night and more while also reminding us that some of the classics, like the Sock Hop, need to stay.

Didn't get a chance to take the survey yet? It's not too late: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRR6S6B](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRR6S6B)

## Mark your calendars!

**Tuesday, Dec 11, 6:30 – 7:30 PM:** PTO Meeting

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.

**Friday, Dec 14, 6 – 7:45 PM:** Parents' Night Out

Drop BW students off for a movie and other fun activities with Mrs. March and teachers, and then use the time for date night, holiday shopping or some quiet time at home!

## Keep up with School Happenings

Like us on Facebook (Bowman Woods PTO) to see upcoming events and dates for PTO meetings. Follow us on Twitter (@BowmanWoodsPTO).

Website: [www.BowmanWoodsPTO.com](http://www.BowmanWoodsPTO.com)

Email: [bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com](mailto:bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com)





# Redemption



Is holiday shopping on your to-do list? You can help support the Bowman Woods PTO just by remembering to shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Bowman Woods as your charity of choice. NEW! Our direct link can be found here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1405340>

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The classroom winner of the Everything is Awesome redemption contest will be announced soon! And stay tuned...details on the next contest are coming soon. Which grade will fill their hot cocoa mug with the most marshmallows??

Remember, the holidays are a great time to collect extra Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts from family and friends to help your class win in the upcoming contest. All non-expired Box Tops, and any receipts from Cedar Rapids or Marion Hy-Vees and Hy-Vee Drugstores are eligible.

## Volunteering At Bowman Woods

For all of the ways that you **give**

For all of the kindness you **share**

For all of the time and the things that you **donate**

We want you to know that we **care!**

You are a gift to the students and staff at Bowman Woods! This holiday season we want to give you the best thing we can think of: our gratitude!

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Angie Krueger & Roisin Delaney  
Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators  
Remember to record your volunteer hours at:  
<http://volunteers.linmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>



# DECEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>ART CLUB – 7:30</p> <p>LEGO LEAGUE</p> <p>cycle day 2</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>LEGO LEAGUE</p> <p>cycle day 3</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Early Birds</b></p> <p>cycle day 4</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>LEGO LEAGUE</p> <p>cycle day 5</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Early Birds</b></p> <p>Barnes &amp; Noble Night 6:00/Early Birds 6:30/Orchestra 7:00/Storytime</p> <p>cycle day 6</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>ART CLUB – 7:30</p> <p>cycle day 7</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45</p> <p>PTO Mtg. 6:30</p> <p>cycle day 8</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Early Birds</b></p> <p>cycle day 1</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Music Concert – 6:30</p> <p>cycle day 2</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Early Birds</b></p> <p>Winter Parties during essentials</p> <p>Giving Gifts Due</p> <p>PTO Movie Night (Parent Night Out) 6 – 7:45 pm Popcorn/water provided</p> <p>cycle day 0</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>ART CLUB – 7:30</p> <p>cycle day 3</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Early Bird &amp; Orchestra Concert – 6:30 pm</p> <p>cycle day 4</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>cycle day 5</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>cycle day 6</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>cycle day 0</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>_____</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>WINTER</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>BREAK</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>2018</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>School Resumes on January 2, 2018</p>

