

BOWMAN WOODS

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

ROAR PLEDGE

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,

October certainly flew by. As usual, we must thank you for all that you do each day as parents. The parental support at Bowman Woods is remarkable.

October brought fall conferences and this is a special time for teachers, parents, and students to share valuable information about the start of the year and to set goals for the future. Once again, your attendance at our scheduled conference times proved you deem this time important and we feel the exact same way.

Thanks for your support of our reading night, our book fair, and for our outreach project to the Young Parents Network. The stack of diapers and wipes we collected will mean the world for struggling families. You are very kind and generous.

The list of volunteers who helped make October a special month runs very deep. This list is found on page 2 of our newsletter. We know that there are folks who helped tremendously in some way who may not see his or her name. Please let us know. We understand volunteers do not serve because of recognition, but because of your love for our students and dedication to our school. We just never want to overlook anyone.

Thank you for helping your child find a costume for our fall costume parade. We appreciate the effort and help with keeping our costumes free of blood, weapons, and anything representing violence. We are grateful that many of you could come to see our students parade around the block. Thanks to our many volunteers for the fall parties. A special thanks to Angie Krueger and Ro Delaney for organizing the parties and making sure everyone had a treat to enjoy. What a fun tradition!

We will hold a Veterans Day assembly next Thursday from 8:45 to 9:30. Veterans are welcome to attend. Parents, please note on page 5 of the newsletter that we are seeking photos of those who have served in the military. Please submit the photo and/or name, the branch of service, and list of relatives at Bowman Woods to Ms. Lawrence at vlawrence@linnmar.k12.ia.us. For example: *Jim Fletcher, father of Tina March. US Army.* This is a special way for us to honor those who have served, or who are currently serving, in the military.

Have a wonderful November. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep this Sunday as we turn clocks back.

Tina March

Tina.march@linnmar.k12.ia.us

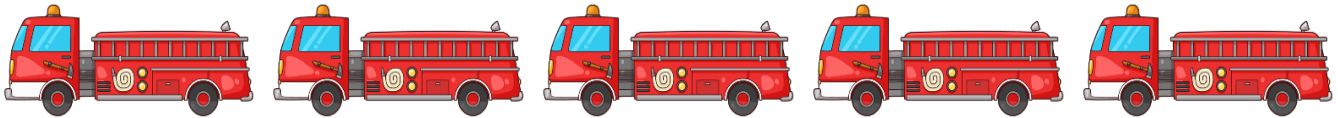
"Thank you to our Volunteers!"

November 2018

Thank you to our lunchroom helpers for this month. They are Danean Kirchner, Mary Lou Althoff, Jamie Damen, Amy Hock. **Thank you for the 4th Grade State Fair volunteers.** They are Dawn Ovel, Angie Krueger, Camille Lindsay, Tara Erickson, Rod Delaney, Stacey Shepley, Holly Wirtz, Vijaysaratha Jawahar, Abby Smith, Tara Todman, Brianna Riedel, Heather Waters, Erin Wittkowski, Mary Lou Althoff, Angela Minard. **Thank you to the following people who provided food for PTO Conference Meal.** They are Milagros Gonzalez, Tara Erickson, who are co-chairs, Kari Ross, Shawna Clemente, Beth Morrissey, Andrea Schoenbeck, Prathap Raju, Ro Delaney, Amy Hock, Amy LeClere, Tracey Chesmore, Tessa Fragul, Heather Zwanziger, Dawn Ovel, Jenna Collins. **Thanks for the volunteers at workshop this month.** They are Angie Krueger, Ro Delaney, Donna Bean, Elizabeth Strimple, Ruth Schroeder, Camille Lindsay, Sherry Stark, Mary Hutton, Deborah Ryon, Joselene Squires, Sabeen Jawed, Jenn Buhr, Milagros Gonzalez, Karla Terry. **Thanks to our State Fair Petting Zoo Volunteers.** They are Dawn Ovel, Terri Fritcher, Lisa Rohrbach, Corrine Fosnaugh, Krishnaveni, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Jill Groezinger, Courtney Barrios, Dawn Ovel, Heather Waters. **Thanks for the volunteers who helped with the PTO Reading Night.** They are Becky Streff, Anu Ambati, Andrea Schoenbeck, Angie Krueger, Kristal Long, Ali Maahs, Lisa Rohrbach, Erin Wittkowski, Renee Wood. **Thanks for the volunteers that helped with picture retakes.** They are Angie Krueger, Ro Delaney, Betsy McGlynn, Elizabeth Strimple. **Thank you to our Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch chaperones.** They are Cortney Zobel, Jill Groezinger, Chelsee Rotter, Stephanie Thompson, Amy Feight, Brianna Riedel, Angie Krueger, Jenna Bell Collins, Rachel Koth, Ro Delaney, Courtney Barrios, Erin Harlan. **Thanks to the LEO Landfill chaperones.** They are Anna Miglia, Patrick Morrissey, Erin Wittkowski, Amy Sickels **Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Fall party.** They are Erin Detweiler, Janet Masters, Sabeen Jawed, Andrea Schoenbeck, Kathy Sharp, Elizabeth Strimple, Beth Morrissey, Courtney Barrios, Heather Mueller, Anu Ambati, Beth Meyer, Heather Zwanziger, Stephanie Kathmann, Lisa Rohrbach, Dawn Ovel, Ruth Schroeder, Maria- Cristina Lipford, Becky Bolsinger, Brittany Grindeland, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Julie Wesselink, Mary Lou Althoff, Rachael Bonefas, Terri Fritcher, Ryan Ovel, Wendy Vick, Camille Lindsay, Betsy Rubin, Angela Minard, Stacy Shepley, Rachel Eilers, Diane McPeek, Doug White, Sue MacGregor, Tracey Chesmore, Heather Waters, Liz Lindner, Erin Harlan, Emily Messer, Rachel Koth, Jennifer Buhr, Jill Groezinger, Jenna Bell Collins, Julie Summers. **Thanks to our weekly classroom volunteers.** They are Rachel Bonefas, Heather Mueller, Betty Cote, Elizabeth Strimple, Marcy Schroeder, Tammy Haynes, Janet Masters, Ruth Schroeder, Jean Anderson, Lisa Rohrbach, Melinda Crow, Lisa Stevenson, Kathy Patterson, Brianna Riedel, Erin Harlan, Jen Brunsman, Rachel King, Mary Lou Althoff, Angie Krueger, Carol Wesselink, Dimpi Kumair, Amy Westfall, Ro Delaney, Christine Hanson, June Reeves, Char Wueve, Pat LaRonde, Sue Harkness, Carla Kelly, Debbie Tyson, Craig Hanson. **Thanks to Mrs. East's pumpkin volunteers.** They are Erin Detweiler, Tammy Haynes, Heather Mueller, Corrine Fosnaugh, Rebecca Caldwell.



CONGRATULATIONS to Logan Reyes!! He won the 3rd grade fire safety poster contest. Logan will get to ride the firetruck home.



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:**
Ms. Bunney 447-3243 or rachael.bunney@linnmar.k12.ia.us
- **General School Information:**
Mrs. Kack 447-3240 or dkack@linnmar.k12.ia.us

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 should come to the office to sign them in/out. We will call your student to the office when you arrive and not before. Please plan accordingly.

Your student's teacher appreciates a note or phone call ahead of time if your child will be leaving early.

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

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 12:30

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



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

The 2017-2018 Instructional Supply Fee of \$50.00 is due. Please call the office if you have questions. Thank you!

Remember to set back clocks on November 4th!



AMERICA READS
Empowering children to learn.



October 25th was an exciting day for the students at Bowman Woods thanks to our America Reads day-long event. Students were treated to guest readers throughout the day. Thanks to our parents and community members who supported this awesome program once again. Thanks to our coordinators this year, Amy Feight and Jenna Collins. They did an excellent job.

Attention – Afternoon pick-up from carline: if someone else is picking up your child(ren), please make sure that they are listed on Powerschool or the office has been notified of the change so that your child(ren) will be released to that pick-up person. Thanks!



Join us at Bowman Woods as we honor Veterans on 11/8 at 8:45 a.m.

If you have a family member who has served in a military branch, please submit his/her name, branch of service and BW relative and a picture if possible to Ms. Lawrence at vlawrence@linnmar.k12.ia.us by November 6.

Meet our new Health Assistant.....

Rachael Bunney



Hello! My name is Rachael Bunney and I am the new Health Assistant. I am so excited to be part of the Bowman Woods family! I have 4 children and 2 English Bulldogs (Georgia and Luna). My oldest son Michael is 19 and is attending Iowa State as a sophomore, Matt is 17, a senior at LinnMar, Max is 16, a sophomore at LinnMar and Meghan is 7, a 2nd grader at Echo Hill. My oldest son has both Type 1 diabetes and Epilepsy, which is what originally brought me to the health office where I subbed for years at Echo Hill and OakRidge. I am so happy to find a permanent home here at Bowman Woods and look forward to getting to know you and your children!

November Library News



Keyboarding is a skill that is taught starting in Kindergarten. Kindergarten students begin with finding letters on the keyboard and learning how to control the touchpad on laptops and mouse on desktops. Building a comfort level during the first part of the school year is important, then in the second half they are introduced to Dance Mat Typing, which is a fun website for introducing correct finger placement. First grade will continue with Dance Mat Typing to work further in the program. Second graders begin keyboarding with a website called Typingclub.com. Each student has an account that can be used at school and at home, which is found on the 2nd grade symbaloo page. If using this account, their progress will be kept while typing at home. Third through fifth graders use typing.com which is a website they can do at home or school. To access this account, students must go through Clever on the Bowman Woods Symbaloo main page, so that progress will be saved. Here is an article to help explain why keyboarding is a skill your child should develop early.

<https://www.missjaimeot.com/keyboarding-ages-and-stages/>

The Bowman Woods Symbaloo is where there are bookmarked sites your child is using at school.

To access the Bowman Woods Symbaloo

1. Go to a browser: Firefox, Chrome, Explorer
2. Google “Linn-Mar” and go to the main page
 - a. Go to the Tab Students and Staff
 - i. Go to Destiny Library

The Bowman Woods Symbaloo then shows up.

Epic is a great online library for kids to use at school and at home! I’ve set your child up with an account, so here are the steps to access your child’s library for free.

To access EPIC on computer or iPad

Click on App or Square on the Bowman Woods Symbaloo or go to “getepic.com”

If on the iPad: find the tiny blue “Sign in”, then choose the Sign in with the two kids faces.

If on a computer: find the blue words “Sign in with your Classroom Code”

If your child is asked to put in a code to show they are reading at school, type in “reading”

Classroom Code: EKS-4308





Notes from Music

FIRST GRADE CONCERT

The First Grade concert date is Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

5th GRADE POW WOW

On November 2nd, 5th graders will be celebrating the conclusion of their Native American Indian studies with a Pow Wow event. In the afternoon, Mrs. Dunnick will lead the 5th grade classes into authentic Native American performances and games.

Band



BAND NEWS

“PARADE OF BANDS” CONCERT:

On Tuesday November 13th, the BOWMAN WOODS/ECHO HILL/WESTFIELD (Westside) Bands will have their first concert. The program will be held in the Linn-Mar High School Auditorium and begin at **6:00 PM**. The concert will include performances by the Westside 5th Grade Band, the Oak Ridge MS 6th Grade Band, and the Linn-Mar HS Symphonic Band. The concert should last about one hour. We ask that students arrive at the High School between **5:30 – 5:45 PM**. All Band students should report to the HS Little Theatre for instructions before proceeding to the stage. *Please* have students wear nice dress clothes for this major performance. A free will donation can be made at the door.

In preparation for the concert, we will be practicing together that **MORNING** (Nov. 13th) at **L-M HS**. Please **drop your student off** at the HS North (Stadium side) Door 3 main entrance between 8:00 and 8:10 am for our **8:15 – 9:00 am morning rehearsal**. It is *very important* that your student attend this rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal. Percussion, baritone and tuba instruments will already be at the HS. All other students should bring their instruments and Band music.

Please note - With winter approaching, please remember that if there is a weather-related LATE START, Group Band WILL NOT meet - but students should still bring instruments to school for lessons.

FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!

Our school is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember that gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school.

Order forms will be sent home soon.



COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:



Happy November Bowman Woods Families.

Tis' already the season to start thinking about the holidays. The Holiday Assistance program is in full swing. If you feel like your family could use some holiday assistance this year, please contact Mrs. Wiley before November 8th.

swiley@linnmar.k12.ia.us or 447-3244



GIVING TREE!

This year's Giving Tree will be up on Nov. 16th in case you want to do some Black Friday shopping over Thanksgiving break. If you take a tag or two off the tree, please be sure to sign your name on the tag and return the yellow portion to Ann in the office so we can track gifts. Information about return date will be on the tag. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gifts or send gift receipts. Thanks!

FREE Family Holiday Photos

On Saturday, December 1st, several local photographers will be taking free family photos at First Presbyterian Church downtown near Greene Square Park. Please see the flyer for more details.



GREATER CEDAR RAPIDS AREA
HELP-PORTRAIT™

6th Annual Help-Portrait Photo Event

- What:** FREE PROFESSIONAL PORTRAITS
- Who:** Families/Individuals in Need that Would Like a
Holiday Portrait (Including Baby & High School Senior Pictures)
- When:** Saturday, December 1, 2018
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- Where:** First Presbyterian Church (across from Greene Square Park)
310 Fifth Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Greater Cedar Rapids Area Help-Portrait is offering FREE photo sessions and one framed 8" X 10" portrait & four 4" X 6" pictures, along with a USB drive containing pictures from the session; plus a written statement giving you the copyrights to print them.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

PLEASE CALL: 319-382-0944

You will be prompted to leave the following information:

- Your First and Last Name,
- The Best Phone Number to Reach You,
- The Number of People in your Family,
- If you have an infant (1 year old or less), and/or
- If you have a junior/senior in high school who would like free senior portraits.

A Help-Portrait volunteer will then contact you to schedule your Family Portrait appointment:

- Appointments will be scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2018 only... no make up sessions.
- Appointments are available every 20 minutes between 8:00 AM and 2:30 PM.

Help-Portrait is looking forward to giving you a portrait!



November PTO NEWS

Tell us how we're doing

Answer 10 quick Qs about PTO – Make an impact at Bowman Woods

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRR6S6B>

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, Nov 6, 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. Free childcare is provided.

Friday, Dec 7, 6 – 7:30 PM: Parents' Night Out

Drop BW students off for a movie and other fun activities with Mrs. March and teachers and 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 Email: bowmanwoodspto@gmail.com

We Had a Blast last Month at Reading Night!



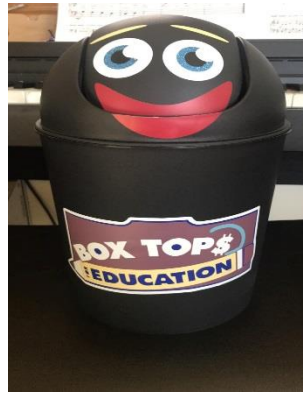


Redemption



Some Box Tops monsters have recently taken over Bowman Woods! These friendly little guys are ready to eat up your Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts and hand them over to our wonderful volunteers for counting. Tell your kids to look for them in the pods and keep them full by “feeding” them their Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts.

There is just one more month left in the “Everything is Awesome” redemption contest, so remember to bring in your Hy-Vee receipts and Box Tops by November 30th to help your classroom win the Lego cookie party.



Thanks to Melinda Crow for her help in creating our monster friends!

Do you have photo gift or holiday card shopping on your to-do list?

Do your shopping at Shutterfly.com, and Bowman Woods will get a whopping **13%** of your purchase!



It's easy - just go to:

<http://bowmanwoods.shutterflystorefront.com>

and click on either the ‘Shop Shutterfly’ or ‘Shop TinyPrints’ links to start shopping:

SHOP SHUTTERFLY > SHOP TINYPRINTS >

Make your creations, and checkout as normal. The 13% will be automatically tracked and credited to the Bowman Woods PTO account.

This link is good year-round, and can be shared with family and friends!



Interested in becoming an active volunteer but haven't gotten in for an orientation yet? You're in luck! There are three left in the next couple weeks; all will be held at the Learning Resource Center. Reservations are required. Email kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

November 7th @ 9am
November 8th @ 2pm
November 15th @ 3:30pm

☐ TIME FOR A POP QUIZ FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ☐

TEST YOUR VOLUNTEER HOUR RECORDING KNOWLEDGE WITH A 3 QUESTION QUIZ

1. Who benefits the most from recording your hours?

- A. You
- B. Administrators
- C. School District
- D. The Students
- E. All of the above

2. Where can I easily record my hours?

- A. At the school
- B. At home
- C. At work
- D. On your smartphone
- E. All of the above

3. How can I figure out my username and password if I forgot it?

- A. Ask a pumpkin
- B. See if you can find the answer by asking your pet
- C. Look in a fortune cookie
- D. Check on your pillow to see if the tooth fairy left it
- E. On the main volunteer website: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

If you answered E to Questions 1, 2 & 3 then celebrate!

Explanation of Answers –

1. E - Recorded Volunteer Hours are reported to our School Board, given to administrators, and used on grant applications. The school board wants to know the amount of community involvement, the number of recorded hours and the number of entries is given to them. Principals get a break down of hours in their building. They look at achievement data and how it correlates with volunteer hours.

2. E – You have access to the log in screen link at school on the volunteer sign-in computer. It is also under our signature line linked into every email you receive from [bwvolunteers](http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/). Check out our new addition to the office next time you're in! We have added a box for anyone to add their name and hours to if you don't have time or don't know how to log hours online!

3. E – Just go to <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/> and request your password. Your user name is the email address that you receive emails about volunteering on.

Recording your hours really does make a difference! It really does matter!

ANGIE KRUEGER & ROISIN DELANEY

BOWMAN WOODS VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

REMEMBER TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AT: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>

November



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | 1 Band AM Orch. PM cycle 7 | 2 Early Birds 5 th Gr Pow Wow cycle 8 |
| 5 Cycle day 1 | 6 Orch AM Art Club – 7:30 PTO Meeting – 6:30pm cycle 2 | 7 Early Birds cycle 3 | 8 Band AM Veterans Day Assembly 1st Gr Music Concert – 6:30 Orch. PM cycle 4 | 9 Early Birds cycle 5 |
| 12 Art Club – 7:30 Cycle day 6 | 13 Orch. AM Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45 Parade of Bands – 6:00 HS cycle 7 | 14 Early Birds cycle 8 | 15 Band AM Orch. PM OPUS HONOR Choir 6:30 Parent Univ - LRC cycle 1 | 16 Early Birds Giving Tree Up cycle 2 |
| 19 Art Club – 7:30 4 th Gr Invention Convention Cycle day 3 | 20 Orch. AM cycle 4 | 21 NO SCHOOL | 22 NO SCHOOL  | 23 NO SCHOOL |
| 26 Art Club – 7:30 GW Hearing Screeing Cycle day 5 | 27 Orch. AM cycle 6 | 28 Early Birds cycle 7 | 29 Band AM Orch. PM cycle 8 | 30 Early Birds cycle 1 |

For the full newsletter please go to [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YCLZ9HXQ](https://tinyurl.com/yclz9hxq)