

BOWMAN WOODS

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

ROAR PLEDGE

At Bowman Woods, we are people of character.

We will be Responsible

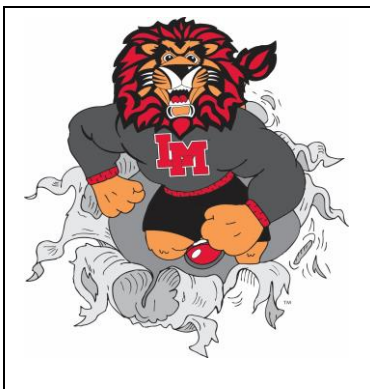
We will Opt for kindness

We will Always be safe

We will be Responsible

Our Mission:

We will all learn at high levels.



Dear Parents:

Thank you for making our past month one of sharing and caring. The generosity of our families has been inspiring-both in donations of funds and donation of time. We are clearly having a successful Bowman Blast and look forward to the actual event! This campaign has already raised over \$18,600 for our school. With budgets growing tighter, this funding will directly impact our Bowman students, providing valuable resources and opportunities to enhance and enrich learning.

Thank you for helping your child find items for special days like comfy clothes, sports team, wacky or hat day. We try to be sensitive in not asking for anything elaborate on those days and making it optional. We never want anyone to feel pressure to purchase anything.

We started a Bowman Woods Elementary Facebook page this month to highlight bell to bell learning and other special events at school. We will not be using names in any of our posts. There will also be a disclaimer about what comments will be accepted. To view our page, look for Bowman Woods Elementary and a photo of our red sign. If you “like” the page, it should start showing up in your feed. Bowman Woods PTO already has a strong presence on Facebook and does a fantastic job of sending out reminders of events.

Tonight is the BW restaurant night at Chick Fil A from 5:00 – 8:00. This is one of my favorite restaurant nights due to the extra fun and spirit. Sadly, I am unable to join you all this year due to a long-standing commitment. Thank you for supporting these restaurant nights.

Have a wonderful month.

Sincerely,

Tina March



Thank you to the volunteers that went on the 4th grade field trip. They were Stephanie Thompson, Jessica Schenk and Angela Minard.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped with Little Lions Vision Screening. They were Elizabeth Strimple, Kari, Ross, Mary Schroeder, Sue Tempus.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped with Camping Day. They were Erin Detweiler, Heather Mueller, Becky Caldwell, Corrine Fosnaugh, Ruth Schroeder, Janet Masters, Amy Sickels, Mary Lou Althoff, Melinda Crow, Elizabeth Strimple, Vijayasaritha Jawahar, Lisa Rohrbach.

Thanks to our lunchroom helpers for the month of September. They were Danean Kirchner, Lindsay Sullivan, Mary Lou Althoff, Rachael Bonefas, Melinda Crow, Joselene Squires, Rachel King.

Thank you to the parents that brought food for the Hospitality Harvest Celebration. They were Martina Kelm, Angie Krueger, Tara Rodman, Ruth Schroeder, Anu Ambati, Tara Erickson, Andrea Schoenbeck, Beth Morrissey, Jenna Holmes, Heather Zwanziger, Erin Wittkowski, Becky Bolsinger, Janet Masters.

We had a great turnout for our first Volunteer Workshop. The helpers were Janet Masters, Melinda Crow, Archana K.P., Ruth Schroeder, Lisa Rohrbach, Elizabeth Strimple, Jen Brunzman, Milagros Gonzalez, Deborah Ryon, Mary Lou Althoff, Jessica Schenk, Joselene Squires, Sherry Stark, Beth Morrissey, Sabeen Javed, Ro Delaney, Angie Krueger.

Thank you to Anu Ambati and Heather Zwanziger for coordinating the Glowman Run. Thanks to our DJ Aftershock, Jaci Denny for running the water station, Betsy Rubin as guide, to the entire PTO Board, and to our many helpers that night that made it a huge success!

Thanks to Katie Kensinger and Pam Moore for walking in the Homecoming parade. Our fifth graders did a wonderful job.

Just a Reminder....

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

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 ehouse@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 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

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 UPDATES!

We still have a few families that have not completed eRegistration. This must be done before your child can go on a field trip.



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 look under the "Programs & Services" tab on the gray bar above. (Or click here: [Virtual Backpack](#).) By clicking on this link, you'll find those community flyers organized in a way that makes it easy to download items of interest to your family.

To find out how to submit a flyer for posting in the Virtual Backpack, click [HERE](#).

Bowman Woods Library

10 Benefits That Highlight the Importance of Reading with Young Children

- 1. Reading to young children sets them up to succeed.**
- 2. Reading develops language skills.**
- 3. Exposure to reading exercises your child's brain.**
- 4. Reading enhances a child's concentration.**
- 5. Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge.**
- 6. A range of books teaches children about different topics.**
- 7. Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity.**
- 8. Reading books with children helps to develop empathy.**
- 9. Books are a form of entertainment.**
- 10. Reading together helps to create a bond.**

Posted by Chontelle Bonfiglio - Bilingualkidspot on October 19, 2017

<https://bilingualkidspot.com/2017/10/19/benefits-importance-reading-young-children/>

October is always a great month in the library since students are back in the groove and familiar with where they can find the books they enjoy. The whole school celebrates literacy on America Reads day with guest readers on Thursday, October 25. It is so fun to have so many volunteers showing up with picture books in hand! Don't worry, you can always borrow a book to share, too!

Library Policies

Preschoolers are allowed to check out 1 book at a time, Kindergarteners can checkout 3 materials at a time, 1st graders can check out up to 5 materials at a time, and 2nd-5th have unlimited check out which means they many check out as many materials as they can take care of.

Materials are checked out for 10 days and can be renewed if the book is brought to the library. If a materials is overdue, the student may not checkout until that materials is returned or, if lost, paid for. If a material becomes lost and then is paid for, but then found; it may be returned to the library for a refund that would be put into your student's lunch account. Overdue

reminders are sent to classroom teachers daily and emailed to parents periodically. Paper reminders are given to students occasionally as well.

Fall Follett Book Fair October 15-19

We hope to see you!

Monday-Oct. 15 8am-4pm
Tuesday-Oct. 16 8am-7pm
Wednesday-Oct. 17 8am-4pm
Thursday-Oct. 18 8am-7pm
Friday-Oct. 19 8am-4pm

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Lifetouch Photographers will be at Bowman Woods on Thursday, October 18th. All new students to Bowman Woods, or those students that were absent on the original picture day, will be photographed for school records and a class composite. If you would like to order pictures, please contact Mrs. Matthews in the office for an order envelope.

If you would like to have your student's picture re-taken, please send the original picture package with your student on picture re-take day.

If you have any further questions, please contact Lifetouch at 1-800-472-1998.



Class Parties and Fall Costume Parade

Our parade and parties are scheduled for Oct. 31st at the end of the day. Each class will get a chance to be in the parade, weather permitting. More information and the parade route will be coming home soon with your student. The parties will start at 2:00 and the parade begins at 2:10.



Bowman Woods Reaches Out Diapers & Wipes

Join us in October as we *Reach Out* to help the Young Parents Network by donating diapers and baby wipes. All donations may be dropped off in the front foyer near the office.



Bowman Woods

LEGO League Jr.



2nd & 3rd Graders

Do you want to build with LEGOs and learn about the moon and outer space?

Apply to LEGO League Jr.!

There is room for 6 team members

**Applications can be found in the office and must be returned by
Friday, 10/5/18.**



**The team will meet Tuesdays 3:15-4:30 beginning next Tuesday,
October 9th.**

**Pick up applications in the office and return by Oct 5 to be
considered for the team.**



Notes from Music

EARLY BIRDS

Early Birds practice has begun! Each Wednesday and Friday morning, practice starts at 7:45 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. Early Birds is Bowman's morning choir open for 4th and 5th grade singers. I have received so many sign-ups, the group is going to be loud and full of sound, I cannot wait to get started!

NAME CHANGE!

Miss Morosky is getting married on October 20th! Her new name will be Mrs. Dunnick and her email address is now Jessica.dunnick@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

A Note from the Orchestra Director

~ Ms. Kelly Vieth ~

The 5th Grade Orchestra members have been working very hard on reading notes and rhythms in preparation for our very first concert on **Thursday, October 25th** in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. All family and friends are encouraged to attend!!! Students will receive more information about our performance later this month.

Attention All Adopt-a-Beginners....

All students who signed up for this year's Adopt-a-Beginner Program will be finding out who their High School practice buddy will be very soon. Students accepted into the program will have the chance to meet and greet their buddy at our annual Adopt-a-Beginner Pizza Party, which will take place before our concert on October 25th. More details to come J

Keep up the hard work, orchestra students. Go Lions!!!

COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:

Welcome back BW Families. It feels like we have settled into our back to school routine and are ready for a fantastic year. Looking ahead: if you have costumes, whether dance costumes, Halloween costumes, or other dress up items that you are looking to get rid of, please send them to school with your student anytime between now and Oct.15th. I will be collecting costumes for our Third Annual Costume Swap, which will be held during conference week on the two late nights. The costume swap is where families can come take a costume, swap a costume, or drop a costume. Please make sure costumes are clean and in good condition. Thank you for helping others!



Bowman Woods Elementary will have the event, America Reads, on Thursday, October 25th

Olivia Troy, 5G, was selected as a finalist for the America Reads Bookmark contest winner for Bowman Woods. Congratulations, Olivia!

BOWMAN WOODS PTO NEWS

Glowman Run



Homecoming Parade 2018-2019





October PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, Oct 2, 5 – 8 PM: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 217 Collins Rd NE

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a meal with neighbors and school friends!! 15% of your receipt (dine-in, pick-up or drive-through) will be donated to Bowman Woods. **Mobile orders are excluded.

Tuesday, Oct 9, 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, Oct 12, 6 – 7:30 PM: Free Family Event – Reading Night

Books can take you to faraway lands, introduce you to interesting characters and weave dynamic stories. Join PTO, Mrs. March, Mrs. Clanin, Mrs. England, and Ms. Lawrence for a night of book themed fun. We will be joined this year by author Charlotte Gunnufson. She recently published the children's book titled "*The Prince and the Pirate*" and will share it that night.

Keep up with School Happenings

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



Redemption




Did you know you can support Bowman Woods **for free** every time you shop at Amazon.com? Amazon will donate a portion of each purchase back to Bowman Woods through their Amazon Smile program! Just follow the steps below to make the one-time selection of Bowman Woods PTO as your organization of choice, and then remember to start from smile.amazon.com each time you make a purchase for funds to be credited back to our school!

Bowman Woods has already earned almost **\$300** just from families starting at smile.amazon.com for each purchase! Contact BowmanWoodsRedemption@gmail.com with any questions.

How to donate with

- 1** Visit AmazonSmile

smile.amazon.com
- 2** Choose Your Charity

- 3** Make a purchase


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

The lego contest is ON! The homeroom with the most Lego bricks on the bulletin board at the end of the contest on November 30th will win a **Lego cookie party!** Each Box Top and Hy-Vee receipt contributes to the 50 needed to earn a Lego brick on the board...so every box top and Hy-Vee receipt counts!





A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all you volunteers who have stepped up to the plate to make amazing things happen for Bowman Woods in September! Bowman Blast was a huge success thanks to you! Whether you braved the lion costume, stamped hands, filled water cups, or blasted the water guns, we were so grateful to have you!



Our volunteers have also made significant contributions this past month by helping in the lunchroom, going on field trips, coming to volunteer workshop, and helping in the classrooms. **WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

FAQs...

- **Why do we need to record hours?** It's important for several reasons. It helps our school district, our school, and our students. Often these numbers are used when trying to quantify parent/community support for grant applications. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE DOING THIS! YOU'VE CAUGHT THE VISION!
- **How do I record my hours?** Go to this link: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>
- **What if I don't remember my username and password, or what if I have never received a username/password?** Go to the link previously mentioned, and click on the "forgot password or user name" button. Give the same email that you gave when you signed up to be a volunteer. If you're still not sure, you can email Nicole Krieger @ nicole.krieger@linnmar.k12.ia.us
- **What if it's been more than 2 weeks since my volunteering happened?** You can email us or Nicole about those items as well! Of course we do advocate getting those hours recorded asap; however, Nicole is very responsive about helping you record your time if more than 2 weeks have lapsed.
- **How do I know if I am an "active" volunteer?** You can always check with us if you're not sure. Active volunteers receive our regular emails and find out what volunteer opportunities are available. If you haven't received any email from us but used to be active from, you may just need to fill out the quick yearly volunteer disclosure again. It's available in the office and needs to be filled out yearly.
- **How do I become an "active" volunteer if I've never volunteered at Linn-Mar before?** Fill out the volunteer application, turn it in, attend a one-time orientation or interview and you'll be good to go! We would love to have you! There are always opportunities available!
- **How do I get one of those cool Linn-Mar lanyards with my name on it?** Linn-Mar likes to specially recognize volunteers that have recorded 100 or more volunteer hours by giving them a Linn-Mar lanyard with their name printed on it. You need to have recorded 100 hours of volunteer time within the district by May. It resets each year, so the hours do not continue to add upon past years. Volunteers that have given 100 or more hours are also treated to a special luncheon at the end of the year. Linn-Mar loves their volunteers!

OCTOBER 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1^{cycle 3}</p> <p>Stomp Out Bullying – Wear Blue</p>	<p>2^{cycle 4}</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>BW Chick Fil A Night 5-8</p> <p><i>Chick-fil-e</i></p>	<p>3^{cycle 5}</p> <p>Early Birds</p>	<p>4^{cycle 6}</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Orch PM</p>	<p>5^{cycle 0}</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>1st Grade FT</p> <p>BOWMAN BLAST (During Essentials)</p>
<p>8^{cycle 7}</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p>	<p>9^{cycle 8}</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>PTO Mtg. 6:30</p>	<p>10^{cycle 1}</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p>	<p>11^{cycle 2}</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Orch. PM</p>	<p>12^{cycle 3}</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>4th Gr. Iowa State Fair</p> <p>PTO Reading Night 6-7:30</p>
<p>15^{cycle 4}</p> <p>Book Fair Week</p>  <p>Book Fair 8-4</p>	<p>16^{cycle 5}</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Common Conference Night</p> <p>Book Fair 8-7</p>	<p>17^{cycle 6}</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>Book Fair 8-4</p>	<p>18^{cycle 7}</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Common Conference Night</p> <p>Book Fair 8-7</p>	<p>19^{cycle}</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>Book Fair 8-4</p>
<p>22^{cycle 1}</p> <p>Kndg FT</p> <p>LEO FT</p>	<p>23^{cycle 2}</p> <p>Orch. AM</p>	<p>24^{cycle 3}</p> <p>Early Birds</p>	<p>25^{cycle 4}</p> <p>AMERICA READS</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>5th Gr Orchestra Concert HS 6:00</p> <p>5th Gr FT</p>	<p>26</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Green Attendance For Students</p>
<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30^{cycle 5}</p>	<p>31^{cycle 6}</p> <p>Fall Parties 2:00</p> <p>Fall Parade 2:10</p> 		

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