



April 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It seems impossible that April is here, but we are ready for a busy spring and last two months of critical learning. Thank you in advance for all that you will do to help your students have a productive and positive ending to our school year.

We will all learn at high levels is the simple yet effective mission statement at Bowman Woods Elementary. We embrace this goal to help each student reach him or her potential in a safe, nurturing environment. We could not accomplish this without your support and partnership. It is so meaningful to us.

Parents, thank you so much for the incredible attendance at our spring conferences in March. Those face-to-face conferences are powerful.

Another huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with our March Sock Hop (Co-chaired by Erika Elles and Anu Ambati) and the Chemmusical night (Chaired by Andrea Schoenbeck). Both events were out of this world. A special shout out to our PTO Board members and volunteer coordinators who make our events possible.

Spring is also the time we start working on our class lists for the next year. We work together as a staff to determine student classroom placements for the 2019-2020 school year. We have a wonderful staff at Bowman Woods and we feel strongly that students will succeed with any teacher's instruction. We do recognize that finding the right fit of teaching and learning styles is important as well. The teachers, Mrs. Wiley, and I will consider many different factors when compiling class lists including special needs, academic balance, and the best fit for students and teachers. Please do not make specific requests for individual teachers. We do accept feedback from parents/guardians that will help ensure the best fit possible for their student. If you have information that you want to share about your student to help with the classroom placement process, please email me at Tina.march@linnmar.k12.ia.us (Make subject line *Class Placement*), or send me a written note no later than May 6th. Sometimes, we need to move students over the summer to balance classes and having that information on file is helpful. All communication is confidential.

Sincerely,
Tina March, Bowman Woods Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE



The **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
WILL BE WEDNESDAY, June 5TH.

(This will be early dismissal - 1:15)



If you are moving this summer and know that your child(ren) will not be attending school at Bowman Woods, please notify the office at 447-3240.



We  our Volunteers!

Bowman Woods is so blessed to have such a high number of active volunteers.

Thank you for everything!



**National Volunteer
Week,
April 7 - 13**

Old Creamery performed March 8th for all Bowman



Woods students. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring this event.



Thank you PTO for funding the roller skating unit for our PE classes, funding our fabulous field trips and classroom enrichment funds.





5th Grade art Club- Starting Soon!!

Art Club will meet Tuesdays after school until 4:00 from April 23rd until May 28th.

Watch for sign-up sheets the first week of April if you are interested.

Art Show Extravaganza and Open House

Please join us on **Thursday, April 25th** for our **Art Show Extravaganza and Open House**. Come anytime between **4:30pm and 6:00pm** to visit our classrooms and see our hallways decked out with fantastic student artwork. All classrooms will be open, and students will have several art works on display throughout the building. This show will feature students' clay projects, which can be taken home that night! There will also be many special and unique things to see in our classrooms. We hope you can bring your whole family to visit with our staff and tour the building. You won't want to miss this spectacular event!

We hope to see you soon!

Sara Krause

Art Teacher

skrause@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Contest Updates

Congratulations to **2nd Grade** for winning our winter Hot Chocolate contest! The 2nd grade classes enjoyed their hot chocolate before spring break. Thanks to all who submitted Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts.



Our last contest of the year has started! Who's ready to **RACE TO RECESS?**

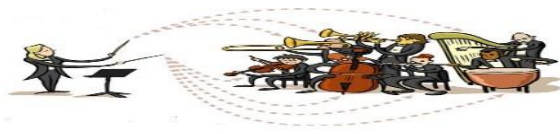
It's **Boys vs Girls**...and the group that submits the most Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts by **May 10th** will earn an extra recess at the end of the year! Remember to include your child's **name and grade** when submitting your Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts so we can credit the appropriate group.

Turn in your Hy-Vee Receipts by April 5th!

Please turn in Hy-Vee receipts dated **April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019** by April 5th so our redemption team can get them turned in. And remember, the collection year for Hy-Vee receipts starts over on April 1 - so keep collecting! Bowman Woods earned over \$2600 from the Hy-Vee Cash4Students program last year alone - so each receipt makes a difference for our school!

Which Hy-Vee receipts can be submitted?

- Hy-Vee receipts have to come from a store in **Cedar Rapids** or **Marion**
 - **Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Drugstore, or Hy-Vee Gas** receipts all count!
- Almost all purchases within made within Hy-Vee count, including **Hy-Vee Starbucks, pharmacy, or Wine & Spirits** purchases!



Orchestra News...

Upcoming Orchestra Events:

- 5th Grade
Orchestra Spring Concert - Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:00 PM in the Oak Ridge Gym
- Last day of Orchestra - Tuesday, May 14th
- Summer Orchestra Program - Classes and individual lessons will be held during the month of June in the High School Orchestra Room. More details will be available soon!

Attention All 4th Graders & Parents:

The Band & Orchestra demonstrations will be held later this month for all 4th grade students to see, hear, and try out instruments from the String, Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion families! Students will receive information on how to join the Orchestra or the Band Program during the presentation. If your child misses the presentation or if you would like further information on our program, please attend either of the parent meetings described below.

Beginning Orchestra - Informational Meetings:

4th and 5th grade students interested in starting a string instrument should attend one of the orchestra informational meetings with their parents. There are two meeting times scheduled for Thursday, May 9th. The meetings will be held at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Ridge Auxiliary Gym and will cover information about the Linn-Mar Orchestra Program as well as the Summer Beginning Strings Program. The meetings will last about 45 minutes.

Representatives from local music stores will also be there with suggestions for renting or purchasing instruments!

****5th Grade students wishing to learn to play a string instrument should attend the information meetings described above with their parents. Students are encouraged to take private lessons with a string teacher in the area or may sign up for the Linn-Mar summer beginning strings program in order to become a member of the 6th grade orchestra next fall. Questions: contact Ms. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us or (319) 447-3219.**



BAND NEWS



5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band will give its Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 30th.

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. Hall's Photo will take a group photo at the Concert, and order forms will be available - cost \$10.

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 (Door 1 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. Since this is our only chance to practice together before our concert it is very important that **ALL** Band students attend.

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 10th – July 19th. 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 Mon – Fri for two weeks beginning June 10th. This year all of the Summer Band Programs will be held at Oak Ridge MS. Sign up forms will be sent home with band students in late April. If you don't see one before our April concert have your student see Mr. Makinster for another one!

The kids have done a great job this year!

Beginning Band for Current 4th Graders – THE BAND IS COMING!!!

All 4th graders will meet during late April/early May to see a Band instrument demonstration, and try out some instruments. They will also hear the 8th Grade Band perform. It will be a very exciting time! Students will be bringing 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 Tuesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 15th 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 21st – 30th. Parents who are unable to attend either meeting can call/email for information and to sign up for an interview beginning May 16th. Voice mail - 447-3310 or kmakinster@linmar.k12.ia.us (email is preferred).

Kevin Makinster
Director of 5th Grade Bands



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Opera Iowa Volunteers – Ro Delaney, Janet Masters.

Early Bird Volunteers – Jaci Denny, Sherlyn Lindeman, Angie Krueger, Danean Kirchner, Colleen Luckey.

PTO Sock Hop Helpers – Erika Elles, Heather Zwanziger, Corrine Fosnaugh, Anu Ambati, Brooke Groezinger, Andrea Schoenbeck, Beth Steine, Megan Adams Rieck, Brianna Riedel, Amy Hock, Sherlyn Lindeman, Diane McPeek, Danean Kirchner, Kari Ross, Abby Smith, Becky Streff, Lorelei Wilson, Melinda Crow, Renee Wood, Ruth Schroeder, Kristal Long, Jenny Kramer.

Volunteer Workshop – Aimee Noehren, Beth Morrissey, Ruth Schroeder, Janet Masters, Mary Hutton, Sherry Stark, Elizabeth Strimple, Shalaka Kulkarni, Kathy Patterson, Mary Lou Althoff, Karla Terry, Kristin Biedermann.

Lunchroom Volunteers – Danean Kirchner, Ro Delaney

PTO Science Fun Night – Renee Wood, Laura Noehren, Brooke Groezinger, Kristal Long

Pig Heart Dissection – Tracey Chesmore, Erin Harlan, Sue MacGregor, Craig Hanson, Rich Block, Elizabeth Strimple, Jason Greenwaldt, Brett Bolsinger, Colleen Lucky, Amy Hock, Janet Masters, Rick Mersch, Cory Miles, Travis Axeen.

Spring Picture Day – Camille Lindsay, Elizabeth Strimple, Rich Block, Rachel Koth.

1st Grade Field Trip Volunteers – Heather Mueller, Janda Ciha, Kari Ross, Jaci Denny, Colleen Luckey, Ruth Schroeder, Amy Sickels, Kendra Teff, Svetha Kalyanaraman, Melinda Crow, Jennifer Jones, Jenna Holmes.

April Box Top/Hy-Vee Redemption Specialists – Jenna Homes and Andrea Schoenbeck

Time is running out to order your BOWMAN WOODS' YEARBOOK



Go to: www.TreeRing.com/validate

Enter our school's passcode: 1014576276104991

Yearbook Price: \$17.85

Deadline to Order: April 12



Notes from Music **Mrs. Dunnick**

3rd Grade Concert!

3rd Graders will be presenting a collection of songs about Dreams. We are taking new perspectives of dreams: careers, stardom, dreamcatchers, dream festivals, setting goals, and having dreams of changing the world we live in. We will perform for families and friends on April 11th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the BW Gymnasium. Doors to the gym will open at 6:10 p.m.

Keyboards: The keyboards will be back in the music room for three weeks in April! Music literacy lessons and application of so many of our music skills will be utilized with these instruments! Students that already take piano lessons are invited to bring their lesson books to practice during exploration time. This is also a great opportunity to play for the class any pieces you have been preparing in lessons!

Band and Orchestra Recruitment: Fourth graders will be given multiple opportunities to test out and listen to instruments before making their selections for next year's groups. String-family instruments will sign up for orchestra while Percussion, Woodwind, and Brass will sign up for band. Piano, guitar, harp, and organ are not included in these ensembles. Please reach out to your student and encourage them to pick an instrument that interests them. Sign-ups are encourage and not required.

OPERA Iowa performed for our school on March 7th. Thanks to a grant from the Linn Mar Foundation. The eight-member OPERA Iowa troupe presented "Little Red's Most Unusual Day"

Hills Bank Celebrates Stories Alive! at Linn-Mar

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We would like to send a BIG thank you out to Hills Bank & Trust for their 10th year of supporting the Stories Alive! visiting author program in our district. The Stories Alive! program, now 27 years at Linn-Mar, hosts a national author/illustrator to visit each of our elementary buildings to share their journey to becoming an author with our young readers and writers.

Our youngest students discovered the creative and colorful world of author-illustrator David LaRochelle. Mr. LaRochelle is this year's "Stories Alive" guest, an annual tradition funded through the Linn-Mar Foundation.

Thank you Hills Bank & Trust for believing in our students and supporting literacy in our schools.



April PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, April 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.

Tuesday, April 23, 4 - 8 PM: **BW Night at Panera Bread**

Panera Bread (5010 Council St NE) will donate **20%** of sales between 4 and 8 PM on April 23 to Bowman Woods. WOW!! Coupon flyers will be distributed in the kids' classrooms. Present the flyer when ordering to have your meal counted in the total.

There is no PTO Family Event in April – Rest up for **Fun Fair** on May 17!

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



Have you heard about Linn-Mar Junior Lion Football?

It was founded in 2018 in partnership with the Metro Youth Football Association and Linn-Mar Athletics. This all volunteer organization aims to make Linn-Mar Youth Football the area leader in participation, provide superior training/equipment which emphasizes safety, create and maintain a youth program through 8th grade, challenge our team by playing outside of MYFA, and make sure any kid that wants to play football can regardless of financial situation.

Spring practices and games start soon!

Contact Derek Jensen - Elementary & Middle School Liaison at 319-651-8940 or derekjensen@hotmail.com for more information.

Spring MYFA League

1st/2nd Grade Flag

3rd/4th Grade Flag

4th/5th and 6th/7th 7v7 Passing League

Fall MYFA League

3rd grade Modified -blends flag football with real blocking while players get a year of practicing tackling at practice vs air and dummies

4th grade 8 man football- a safer way to begin tackle football

5th grade and 6th grade 11 man football

Camps

Coach James LM Football Camps in February and Summer

ATTENTION - Parents/Guardians of 2nd Grade Students:

Next year at the beginning of the school year, all Linn-Mar 3rd grade students will take an assessment called the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Screening Form. This test is the first step in identifying students who show a need for additional academic enrichment through the Learning Enrichment Opportunities (LEO) program.

In past years, the CogAT has been given near the end of the year to a small group of 2nd graders who showed a need for academic enrichment as evidenced by the NWEA tests. However, because of recent changes to the district standardized testing requirements, we are now able to provide the CogAT Screening Form to all 3rd graders in the district.

The CogAT is a standardized test, but quite different from Fastbridge Assessments and Iowa Statewide Assessments of Student Progress. The CogAT measures students' learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities in the three areas most linked to success in school--Verbal, Quantitative, and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The CogAT measures the cognitive processes that a child has developed to learn new things and solve problems. Experiences both in and out of school affect this skill development.

The CogAT Screening Form is a shortened form of the CogAT and consists of three separate tests: Verbal Analogies, Number Analogies, and Figure Matrices. This test will be administered in one 45-minute session during the week of August 26. Your child's classroom teacher will notify you of the specific date and time of the test. Based on the results of the CogAT Screening Form, students who show a need for completing the full CogAT will be notified by mail in late September.

If you have any questions about this test, please contact Brenda Bauermeister, Elementary TAG Coordinator, at bbauermeister@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Safety Tips

If your kids walk to school, talk about these Bowman Woods safety tips:

If you're riding your bike or scooter, always wear your helmet and walk your bike across the street at the intersections and on the sidewalk once you get to the school grounds.



Remember, these driving safety tips to help protect our kids:

If you park on a side street before or after school, try to avoid blocking the street down to one lane. For example, on Kent Drive, park so that your car is facing away from Boyson Road. (On the south side of Kent, park on the west side of the street. On the north side of Kent, park on the east side of the street.) This will make it easier for other cars to get through, and make it safer to kids to cross at the corners.

APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>Kndg Field Trip SSS - Aquatics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Orch. AM Running Club 3:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Early Birds SSS - Aquatics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Band AM Running Club 3:15</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 8</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>Nat'l Vol. Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Orch. AM Vol. Wkshp. 8:45-10:45 2nd Grade FT Running Club 3:15 PTO Mtg 6:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Band AM Running Club 3:15 3rd Gr Musical Concert - 6:30 Orch. PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Early Birds SSS- Field Trip</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 5</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Orch. AM Running Club 3:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Band AM LEO Field Trip Running Club 3:15</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>No School Teacher Workday</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Snow make up day Crayola Recycling</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Orch. AM Running Club 3:15 Art Club 3:15 BW Night @ Panera 4-8</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day 3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Early Birds 4th Gr Band/Orc Concert - OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Band AM 5th Gr - Aquatics Running Club 3:15 Orch. PM All School Art Show- 4:30-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 6</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>5th Gr. Band Spring Concert - 6:15 HS Running Club 3:15 Art Club 3:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day 8</p>			

