

BOWMAN WOODS NEWSLETTER - MAY 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to May! What a special month ahead. May and the first week of June are packed with special activities, so please take a close look at the calendar on the back of this page. The last day of school includes a *Bowman Woods Barbecue*. Several staff members team up with Mr. Boardman to grill hot dogs (beef hot dogs) for the students and staff. Our cooks provide a sack lunch to go with the hot dogs including an ice cream cup and milk. Students will be charged on their lunch accounts for the hot dog lunch, unless he or she brings a cold lunch. Each grade level will be eating outside at the park that day. If your child needs a **veggie hot dog**, please call Ann at 447-3242 by Monday, June 3rd.

Next week is Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you so much for the many ways you help support our wonderful staff at Bowman Woods. Thank you, too, for being your child's first teacher.

I would like to recognize and honor a few staff members who will be leaving us next year:

Congratulations to Sandy Schneekloth, fifth grade teacher, on her retirement.

Congratulations to Barb Crawford, reading teacher, on her retirement.

Thanks to Sandy and Barb for the tremendous impact they have had on our students and for their many years of dedication to Bowman Woods and Linn-Mar.

Thank you to Terri Streicher who has been our Instructional Coach for the past five years. Terri will be teaching first grade at Westfield next year. Thank you to Shelly Pottebaum, .5 reading teacher, who is moving to a full-time reading position at Novak next year. Shelly was at Novak for 20 years before being moved to BW a couple of years ago.

These teachers will all be missed greatly.

Kim Gansen, current fifth grade teacher, will be joining our reading team next year.

Bowman Woods will be receiving Phase II of our facelift this summer. Most of the classrooms will be receiving new carpet except for two kindergarten rooms who had new carpet installed last summer. The library will receive new carpet next summer. Rooms and halls throughout the school will also receive updated lighting, new ceiling tiles and grids, and remodeled cubby areas. I am excited to see what it will look like when it is all completed. We are also having new security cameras installed throughout the building and roof. This will be very helpful. Next summer will also include plans to update our roof.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for everything you all have done this year. You make Bowman Woods the most special place.

Sincerely,

Tina March



Important Stuff

Registration 2019

Please register ALL of your returning students using your PowerSchool account starting August 5th. Call the office @ 447-3240 if you have not set-up a PowerSchool account and need help. Please do not try to complete eRegistration on your smart phone. These two systems are NOT compatible.

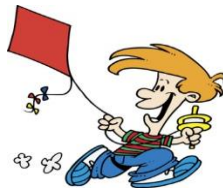
HEALTH OFFICE

The end of the year is approaching quickly! Parents...if your child has medication at school, please remember to pick it up on or before the last day of school. Medications left here after the last day will be discarded.

Thank you to everyone who has donating clothing to the health office.

I have enjoyed caring for your children and hope you have a safe, healthy, and FUN summer break!

Ms. Bunney



Wednesday, June 5th is the **LAST DAY** of **SCHOOL** with a 1:15 dismissal time!

MOVING??
If your student(s) will not be attending Bowman Woods next year, please contact the Bowman Woods Office ASAP @ 447-3240.

Thank you



A special thank you to our PTO Officers this year. They were Becky Streff and Andrea Schoenbeck as Co-Presidents; Erika Elles and Anu Ambati as Co-Vice Presidents; Kristal Long and John Sklarsky as Co-Treasurers; Heather Zwanziger and Megan Adams Rieck as Co-Secretaries.



5th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working hard in preparation for their final concert on **Tuesday, May 7th**, which will be held in the Oak Ridge Middle School Gym at 6:00 P.M. All friends and family members are invited to attend!

Students will also have a Dress Rehearsal before school that same morning at Oak Ridge Middle School – please drop your child off at 7:30 am and have your child meet in the Band Room (down the hallway from the main gym). Students will ride a bus back to their elementary building following the rehearsal. Cello and bass students are welcome to leave their instruments at the middle school until later that evening! Please contact Mrs. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us or Mr. Sentman at tsentman@linnmar.k12.ia.us with any questions.

Linn-Mar Summer Orchestra & Lesson Program

The **Summer Orchestra Class** will meet from 1:00-1:50 p.m. starting June 10th - 27th and will be taught by Mr. Sentman and Mr. Reznicow. The class will include tuning, sight-reading music (from easy to intermediate levels), ensemble skills, and of course playing a lot of *fun and challenging* levels of music! It is a great opportunity for students who would like to keep their skills up on their instrument over the summer, be part of the ensemble, and even meet new friends from other buildings throughout the district! Cost is \$90. *Registration is due by June 3rd.*

Summer Individual Lessons are also available for current 5th - 12th grade students. There will be a total of 3 private lessons during the month of June, each for 30 minutes (with Mr. Reznicow or Mr. Sentman). Spots are very limited, so if this is your top choice please register as soon as possible to reserve a spot. Cost is \$70. *Registration is due by May 17th.*

5th Grade families may **register online** or return the registration form to their orchestra director: <https://sites.google.com/site/linnmarorchestra/home/summer-orchestra-registration-non-beginners>

Beginning Orchestra Informational Meetings

All 4th and 5th grade students interested in starting the Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass are encouraged attend one of the orchestra informational meetings with their parents on **Thursday, May 9th**. The meetings will be held at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Ridge Auxiliary Gym. Information will be given about the Linn-Mar Orchestra Program as well as info about the Summer Beginning Strings Program. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes. Representatives from local music stores will also be there to help answer any questions about renting an instrument and can offer suggestions to any family wishing to purchase an instrument. Students should also plan to attend with their parents so they can be fitted for the correct size!

If you are unable to attend either of the meetings and would like to receive more info about joining the Orchestra, please email Ms. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Families may also **register ONLINE for Beginning Orchestra Summer Classes at: <https://lmorchestraregistration.wordpress.com/>



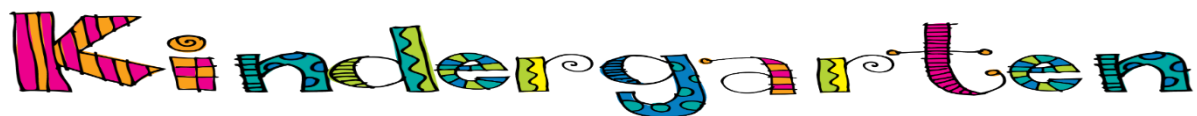
Band News

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. Registration forms were sent home with band students in late April.

Beginning Band for Current 4th Graders – TIME TO JOIN THE BAND!!!

All 4th graders met during late April to see a Band instrument demonstration, and try out some instruments. They also heard the 8th Grade Band perform. It was a very exciting time! Students should have brought 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. Email: kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us (email is preferred) or voice mail 447-3310.



KINDERGARTEN CAMP IS THURSDAY, MAY 16TH.

All registered Kindergartners will receive a letter in the next few days informing them of their scheduled time for camp. If you do not receive a letter or have a question regarding camp, please contact Denise in the office at 447-3240.

***** **ART SHOW/COLLECTION WEEK*******

May 14-18- Last week of the Art Show/ Collection Week: You are invited to stop by anytime to collect your child's artwork from the halls to prevent damage to the work. Any remaining artwork will be taken down, returned to your child's classroom and sent home with your child.

Redemption News



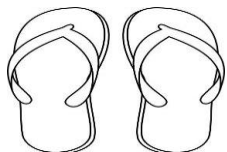
WAY TO GO, BOWMAN WOODS! With your help the redemption programs have brought in almost **\$3900** to support our classrooms in the 2018-2019 school year. Your help makes a real difference for our school!

Hy-Vee Receipts	\$2,573.26
Box Tops	\$1,080.90
AmazonSmile	\$140.43
Shutterfly	\$104.01



The **RACE TO RECESS** is on, and the **Boys are winning!** 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.



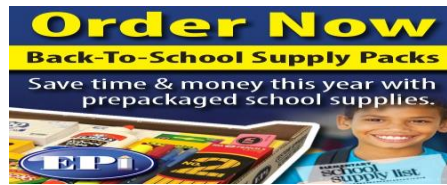
FLIP FLOPS AND BOX TOPS (and Hy-Vee Receipts)

Summer collection baggies will be coming home in May - remember to keep collecting over the summer. Any summer items turned in this fall will be applied to the first fall contest, so start saving!

NEW FOR 2019-2020:

Use Hy-Vee Aisles Online: E-receipts earn money and count towards contests too! Simply forward your receipts to bowmanwoodsredemption@gmail.com (include your child's name and grade in the email). Just remember, only one receipt (paper or e-receipt) per transaction can be submitted.

Box Tops is going digital! You may notice fewer "clippable" Box Tops as the program goes digital in 2019. Get started by downloading the Box Tops Bonus App and setting Bowman Woods as your school.



Time to order your school supplies for next year.

Order your child's School Supplies for the 2019-2020 school year today! Order forms will be coming home with students soon or you can order online. Go to <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> and enter Bowman Woods code BOW051.

The ordering DEADLINE is JUNE 5, 2019 for both paper and online!

Supplies will be distributed to student desks before the 1st day of school. For questions, please contact Ruth Schroeder at bwsupplypack@gmail.com

**** REMEMBER TO ORDER THE CLASSPACK FOR YOUR STUDENT'S UPCOMING GRADE!****

Please print your order confirmation as your receipt & keep for your records. Thank you!



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING APRIL VOLUNTEERS...

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP – Ro Delaney, Ruth Schroeder, Sherry Stark, Angie Krueger, Shalaka Kulkaeni, Elizabeth Strimple, Jenna Collins, Janet Masters, Mary Lou Althoff, Beth Morrissey, Melinda Crow, Kathy Patterson, Kari Ross, Karla Terry.

LUNCH ROOM HELPERS –.Danean Kirchner.

ARTWORK HANGERS – Stephanie Thompson, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Janet Masters, Jenna Collins, Ruth Schroeder, Ro Delaney, Dawn Franck, Danean Kirchner, Melinda Crow.

MAY BOXTOP REDEMPTION VOLUNTEER– Andrea Schoenbeck.

KEYBOARD HELPERS – Heather Mueller, Melinda Crow, Christine Lehman-Engledow.



Volunteers News

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." – William Arthur Ward

This year the BW Volunteers have taken the most simple, mundane tasks, added love and made absolute magic happen at Bowman Woods!

Thank you for saying yes even when you were having a busy week.

Thank you for showing up with energy, enthusiasm and smiles.

Thank you for all of the big ways you saved the day, as well as the tiny special things you did that may have gone unnoticed.

We are grateful for every minute you spent doing an ordinary task while making an incredible impact!

And because of that we hope that you plan to return to our BW Volunteer Family next school year!

Please take a minute, and **complete a volunteer disclosure renewal form for the 19-20 school year so you will remain an active volunteer.**

Here are two options to obtain the form & continue receiving recruitment emails:

- Visit the Linn-Mar volunteer site: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/default.asp>
- Log in and, select the "profile" key on the left. (Can't remember your password – ask the system to send it to you.)
- On the first page, check your information. This is a great time to verify accuracy and confirm schools you wish to volunteer in next school year.
- When everything looks correct simply hit submit at the bottom of the page.
- On the second page, verify your students' grade level. Please graduate them on to the next grade for 19-20 and hit submit again.
- On the third page you will see a hotlink with your very own personal volunteer disclosure. **Please print, date and sign.**
- This completed form may be returned to any Linn-Mar school office and given to the school secretary, dropped off to the receptionist at the Learning Resource Center or mailed to:

Linn-Mar Learning Resource Center
Attn: Karla Terry
2999 N. 10th Street
Marion, Iowa 52302

- **Prefer the good ol' fashioned paper method. Just pick up a copy of the volunteer disclosure renewal form from the BW main office.** Completed forms that include a signature can be returned to the BW Office directly.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Library News



It is getting closer to the end of the school year, so there may be some questions about school library books. Here is a little information, but as always, if you have questions just contact the library with number 447-3245 and speak with Carla Clanin or Kelly Simons.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY, MAY 20-Students will be allowed 1 material at a time. We will begin to send home emails for materials. Disregard the reminder email, if you receive an email and the books or library fine payment are on the way to the library.

MONDAY, JUNE 3-ALL Materials are due from students. Please help students find and return any books they may have checked out from the library.

LIBRARY POLICY:

Book Fines: Book Fines remain on a student's account from year to year! If a book is damaged, or lost/not returned, then a book fine is assessed to a student's account. If a student begins the year with a fine, he/she will not be able to check out until the fine is taken care of.

Refunds: Students have until May 31 to return any "lost" books that might have been paid for during the year, for a full refund. At the start of each school year, July 1, accounting starts over and no refunds are given for already paid books.

FUNDRAISING RESULTS FOR 2018-2019

PTO Enrichment funds of \$300 purchased 26 new books.

Fall Follett Book Fair- purchased 202 books from fair profits.

December Barnes and Noble Fair= 6 sets of 8 books for guided reading, 13 hardcover books.

The Spring Usborne Book Fair=6 books from the fair and \$888.50 for new books.

GRANT RESULTS for 2018-2019

The library was awarded \$1270 from the Linn-Mar Foundation in the Fall of 2018 to create a Mobile Makerspace for 3rd grade classrooms.

KEEP READING ALL SUMMER LONG with great reading programs from the area public libraries, Barnes and Noble, Kernels, or online Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. See you in the fall!



News from Nutrition Services

Meal account balances will carry over next fall. Accounts will automatically roll to the building where your student will attend.

Free and Reduced Meal Eligibility

If your family is eligible for free school meals based on **food stamp eligibility**, you do not have to complete a new application form next fall. If you qualify for free or reduced meals based on your **income**, we will need a new application completed in August. Forms will be mailed to households this summer. Sometimes families are surprised to see the upper limits of eligibility. Please take time to read through the information you receive. Reduced price meals are \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This can be a BIG savings for families. All meal choices are available to all students regardless of their status. Information regarding meal status is confidential and is not "identifiable" at the cashier station. Please contact the Nutrition Services office at 447-3302 if you have questions.

**PTO Bowman Woods Fun Fair is May 17, 2019
at 5:30-7:30 pm**



Bowman Woods Volunteer Appreciation Reception
Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 am
Media Center

RSVP by email to:
cfasselius@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Early Birds Barry Grove 5 th grade Day 1	2 Running Club 3:15-4 Kdg concert @ 6:00 pm Early Birds @ 7:00 pm Orch. PM Day 2	3 Early Birds – Last One 3rd Gr FT 5 th G Colonial Day Day 3
6 5th GRADE TRACK DAY Day 4	7 Orch AM 5 th Gr – Orch practice @OR 7:45am ART CLUB 5 th Gr. Orch. Concert 6 pm OakRidge Track Rain Date Day 5	8 5 th Gr to Oakridge Young Writer's – Coe – 8:35 Day 6	9 Band AM Beg. Orch Mtg Oakridge Gym 4:30/7:00 Orch PM Day 7	10 1 st Grade Muffins for Mom 1:30-2 pm Day 8
13 Day 1	14 Last Orch AM Volunteer Recognition – 9:00 am with Workshop following. ART CLUB PTO MTG -6:30 Beg Band Parent Mtg – 6 High School Day 2	15 4 th Grade Career on Wheels Day 3	16 1st Gr Field Trip Kindergarten Camp Day 4	17 3 rd Gr Wax Museum 8:45- 9:15 am PTO FUN FAIR 5:30-7:30 Day 5
20 Day 6	21 ART CLUB No More Book Check Out Title Rdg Night 3:15-5:30 Day 7	22 2nd Gr FT Day 8	23 Graduating seniors walk thru school – 9:30 am Day 1	24 Day 2
27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	28 ART CLUB Preschool Celebration Day 3	29 Day 4	30 STATE FEST Open House 5:45-6:15 4 th Gr Concert 6:30 Day 5	31 4 th gr. Food Fest 5 th – Pool Day 6
June 3 5 th Gr Picnic Move Up Day Day 7	June 4 5 th Grade Talent Show a.m. All-School Co-op p.m.	June 5 Last Day of School – 1:15 Dismissal	June 6	

