

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. Our Bowman Blast has already proven to be extremely successful. This event has raised over \$20,000 so far for our school. This is simply remarkable. With budgets growing tighter, this funding will directly impact our Bowman students, providing valuable resources and opportunities to enhance and enrich learning. Thank you so much for making a difference for our school in various ways.

Thank you for helping your child find items for special days like pajamas, hats, or mismatch 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 appreciate everything you do as parents and guardians. Parents often ask what they can do to help their child(ren) at home. Reading with your child is always powerful. Another tremendous help is talking over the school day with your child. Asking specific questions such as:

What is one thing you learned today?

What was the best part of your day? The toughest part?

How did you help someone today?

Thank you for encouraging your children to take risks and understand the power of effort. It really pays off.

Your students are working together to earn ROAR rewards. So far, we have had an all-school dance party and an all-school Bingo game. We are working this month to earn a crazy socks/slippers celebration. We believe in working together for incentives. It has been an incredible start to the year.

Have a wonderful month.

Sincerely,

Tina March and the BW Staff



Our volunteers make a huge impact at Bowman Woods!

Thank you to the School Picture Day helpers: Angie Krueger, Ro Delaney, Elizabeth Strimple, Corrine Fosnaugh.

Thank you to the volunteers that went on the 4th grade field trip: Angie Krueger, Cassie Parcher, Corey Miles, Cynthia Stineman-Miller.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped with Camping Day: Stacey Witzenburg, Melinda Crow, June Reeves, Heather Mueller, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Jenny Dirks, Mary Lou Althoff, Erin Wittkowski, Emily Messer, Jennifer Brunsmann, Chad Feight, Shantelle Franzen, Janet Masters, Sarah Dye, Jennifer Buhr, Courtney Barrios, Joselene Squires, Stephanie Thompson, Erin Harlan.

Thanks to our lunchroom helpers for the month of September: Elizabeth Strimple, Janet Masters, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Tara Rodman, Courtney Barrios, Alissa Philipp, Danean Kirchner, Katie Crespo, Melinda Crow.

Thank you to the parents that brought food for the Hospitality Harvest Celebration: They were Amy Hock, Andrea Schoenbeck, Angie Krueger, Becky Bolsinger, Brittany Grindeland, Dawn Ovel, Betsy McGlynn, Heather Zwanziger, Jennifer Buhr, Megan Chrissotimos, Sarah Dye, Chelsee Rotter, Stacey Witzenburg, Tara Erickson, Tom Moran, Donna Smrha, Shantelle Franzen.

Thanks to Rachel King for the treats last Friday.

We had a great turnout for our first Volunteer Workshop. The helpers were Janet Masters, Elizabeth Strimple, Alissa Philipp, Peggy Farley, Katie Crespo, Joselene Squires, Kathy Patterson, Mary Lou Althoff.

Thank you to the PTO Board and Volunteer Coordinators for their help with the Glowman Run. Thanks to our Aftershock (BW Parent Chad Brunsmann and Tony Von Alexander), Erika Elles and family, Heather Mueller, Corrine Fosnaugh, Alissa Philipp, Renee Miles, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Renee Wood, Ruth Schroeder, Emma Ovel, Shantelle Franzen, Melinda Crow, Jenny Kramer, Heather Zwanziger.

Thank you to Becky Streff and Jaci Denny for coordinating our Bowman Blast this year. A detailed thank you will be sent next week for all of our Bowman Blast volunteers.

Thanks to the PTO Board for the endless hours of counting money in our Bowman Blast envelopes.

Just a Reminder....

The 2019-2020 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:**

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 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 – 11:15 to 11:40
Recess 11:40 to 12:00

1st – 11:35 to 12:00
Recess 12:00 to 12:20

3rd – 11:55 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. Please let the office know if you need help with this. We are happy to have you stop by and use our office computer!



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](#).



Iowa Children's Choice Books Deep Space Challenge for Grades 3-5

This year there is a great selection of Iowa Children's Choice Award books available for students in grades 3-5 to read! These books are chosen by a professional committee as prime examples of stories for kids that incorporate all different genres and story plots. At the Bowman Woods Library, there is a whole wall dedicated for Iowa Children's Choice books from years past until now because this is where many students find just the right story to read. We are holding the Iowa Children's Choice Books Deep Space Challenge this year so students can move along the planets for each ICCA book they read and join in the celebration of Deep Space at the end of the year! This challenge works well with any free reading expectations classroom teachers may have, too.

Here is how 3-5th grade students get to DEEP SPACE!

1. Read ANY ICCA labeled book.
2. Pass the Reading Counts Test
3. Fill out the Google Form to say you are done.
4. Move your rocket from planet to planet until you reach DEEP SPACE!

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/>

America Reads Day

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 17. 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 check out 3 materials at a time, 1st graders can check out up to 5 materials at a time, and 2nd-5th graders have unlimited check out which means they can 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 material is overdue, the student may not check out until that material is returned or, if lost, paid for. If a material becomes lost in the current school year 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 November 14-21

We hope to see you there!

Thursday-Nov. 14 8am-7pm

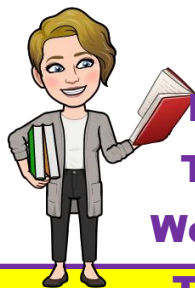
Friday-Nov. 15 8am-4pm

Monday-Nov. 18 8am-4pm

Tuesday-Nov. 19 8am-4pm

Wednesday-Nov. 20 8am-4pm

Thursday-Nov. 21 8am-7pm



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

Lifetouch Photographers will be at Bowman Woods on Tuesday, October 22nd. 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.





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!

FIRST GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

First graders are working on a positively positive concert featuring music that makes us feel happy! The event is on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Not only will our songs put you in a great mood, but they should have you tapping your feet and singing along!

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 24th in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. Students will be meeting before school that same morning to rehearse all their pieces together and will ride a bus back to school following the dress rehearsal. Additional information about the concert will be sent home later this month.

All family and friends are invited to attend and support our students during their first performance of the year!!! Keep up the hard work, orchestra students. Go Lions!!!

Band Families

Be sure to check out the "Linn-Mar Band Monthly Newsletter" for exciting information about all of the L-M Bands! https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FZK4n_ebvULgMiEKAFj2-Kkuu90kGMiW/view?usp=sharing

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Bowman Woods Elementary will have the event, America Reads, on Thursday, October 17th

Glowman Run



Volunteers

Lunch room help.

We need volunteers to help with 1st & 2nd shift lunch on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** for October.

Email us if you're interested at bwvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us! Lunchroom volunteers are just one of the fabulous things that makes Bowman Woods unique and the kids love to see you there. Help us keep up the tradition by taking a spot this month.

Thanks!!

Roisin Delaney & Kari Ross

Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators

Remember to record your volunteer hours at:

<http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>



October PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, Oct 1, 4-7 PM: Freddy's Frozen Custard Spirit Night.

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a meal with neighbors and school friends!!

Tuesday, Oct 8, 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 25, 6 – 7:45 PM: Free Family Event – Movie Night. Students can wear pajamas or comfortable Halloween Costumes.

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

Bowman Redemption News



How 'bout them apples?

Keep submitting your Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts for our latest classroom contest! The classroom with the most apples on Friday, Oct 25th wins an **apple cider and apple iPad party!**

Current contest leaders:

2T: 6 Apples

3L: 4 Apples

5H: 3 Apples



BUY **BOX TOPS PRODUCTS**

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN **YOUR RECEIPT**

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN **CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

Exciting news!

Your Box Tops purchases scanned through the app can now also be counted toward our classroom contests!

Just follow these steps:

- 1) Open the Box Tops app & hit scan
- 2) Take a photo of your receipt
- 3) Hit the star button (credit)
- 4) Type in **your student's name and classroom code** and submit

That's it! The app will remember your entry next time you scan a receipt, OR you can easily update it to a different child/classroom as needed. Your child will automatically receive 1 point in the contest for every 10 cents credited via the app, just like a printed Box Top.

You can also go back and add credit to any previously scanned receipts by clicking on:



My Lifetime Earnings → My Earnings → the earning you want to credit → 3 dots in the upper right → Give Credit.

Any previously entered app entries from June 1, 2019 on will be counted toward the current "Apples on Top" contest!

*Questions on the contest, the new Box Tops app, or anything redemption related?
Email Erin and Ruth at bowmanwoodsredemption@gmail.com.*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>cycle 2</p>	<p>1 cycle 3</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>Freddy's Frozen Custard Spirit Night 4-8</p>	<p>2 cycle 4</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>No L. L.</p>	<p>3 cycl 5</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>Orch PM</p>	<p>4 cycle 0</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>Pride Day –</p> <p>Bowman Blast (Rain or Shine)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Professional Learning Day</p>	<p>8 cycle 6</p> <p>Orch AM</p> <p>Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45</p> <p>Stomp Out Bullying – Wear Blue</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic PTO Mtg. 6:30</p>	<p>9 cycle 7</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>No. L. L.</p> <p>FT - LEO 5th Gr.</p> <p>Homecoming: Word Shirts</p>	<p>10 cycle 8</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>HOMECOMING PARADE – 5:15</p> <p>Wear Linn Mar/Bowman Shirts</p>	<p>11 cycle 1</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p> <p>3rd Grade Fire Safety</p> <p>Homecoming: All black or red</p>
<p>14 cycle 2</p> <p>4th Gr Aquatic</p>	<p>15 cycle 3</p> <p>Orch. AM</p>	<p>16 cycle 4</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>No L. L.</p> <p>FT - LEO 4th Gr.</p>	<p>17 cycle 5</p> <p>Band AM</p> <p>AMERICA READS</p> 	<p>18 cycle 6</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>4th Gr. Iowa State Fair</p>
<p>21 cycle 7</p>	<p>22 cycle 8</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Picture Retakes</p>	<p>23 cycle 1</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>No L. L.</p>	<p>24 cycle 2</p> <p>Orch. PM</p> <p>Kn dg FT</p> <p>5th Gr Orchestra Concert HS 6:00</p>	<p>25 cycle 3</p> <p>PRIDE DAY</p> <p>FT – 5th Grade</p> <p>PTO Family Fun Movie Night 6 – 7:45</p>
<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Teacher Work Day</p>	<p>29 cycle 4</p>	<p>30 cycle 5</p> <p>Early Birds</p> <p>No L. L.</p>	<p>31 cycle 6</p> <p>Fall Parties 2:00</p> <p>Fall Parade 2:10</p> 	

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