

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS - BOWMAN WOODS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ROAR PLEDE

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,

There are not enough words to thank you for your help as we started the new school year. You were instrumental in helping this be truly one of our smoothest starts to the year ever! Our Kindergarteners all came in independently their second day of school. That is incredible.

We welcome and value your input as parents. See the calendar included with this newsletter for important dates and opportunities. I am looking forward to our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 10th. Our volunteer orientation is this Thursday (September 5th) at 9:00 in our cafeteria. I may see some of you tonight at our Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Night.

Please check out our thank you page in the newsletter. If we ever miss anyone, let us know immediately. We want to recognize people, but that comes with the risk of leaving someone off the list. We can make immediate corrections to the online newsletter and/or add it to our next month's edition.

Thank you for your encouragement, trust, and support of all our staff at Bowman Woods. It means the world to us. Thank you for your work with your children each night on reading or the many other ways you are helping to develop their love for learning. It makes a difference. Thank you for

attending our parent night meetings or going over the information shared by your child's teacher. Informing parents of the expectations and routines for the year creates student success. Lastly, thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. They are wonderful.

I heard many comments about the beautiful upgrades to our building this summer. Some improvements are obvious like the carpet, new lighting, and new cubbies. Some improvements like our new security cameras are not as obvious, but equally important. We have been so pleased with this second phase of renovations. We look forward to phase III next year. Those big items will include a new roof and library carpet.

Healthy Snacks! Parents, thank you so much for the incredible job you are doing with sending in healthy snacks. As listed in the handbook, healthy snack options include pretzels, baked crackers (including goldfish -except for the extreme cheddar version), fruit or dried fruit, dry healthy cereal, cheese, rolled up lunchmeats, dried meats, plain popcorn, a bread and butter sandwich, healthy granola bars (not chocolate covered), and healthy fruit snacks. Please follow any directives from your child's teacher if your child is in a classroom where there may be severe allergies. Thank you for your



help and support. We want to follow the Healthy Kid Initiative and also avoid any snacks that will leave residue on our books and/or iPads. Please know you can call me or email me with any questions or concerns. My email is tina.march@linnmar.k12.ia.us. My office line is 447-3241

Sincerely, Tina March

Thank you August Volunteers!!!

Thank you

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Thank you to PTO for providing the hot dog picnic: To Erika Elles for coordinating the picnic, Lois Hinkly, Lance Viers, Gracie Viers, Molly Viers, Ella Viers, Dough White, as our master griller again, Donna Bean, Tom King, Colleen Luckey, Danean Kirchner, Matt Lewis, June Reeves, Victoria Fernandez, Megan Adams Rieck, Heather Zwanziger, Renee Miles, Janet Masters, Andrea Schoenbeck, Kristal Long and the many parents, students and staff who jumped into helping clean up. It was amazing!

A big shout out to the PTO committee of Andrea Schoenbeck, Erika Elles, Colleen Luckey, Kristal Long, John Sklarsky, Heather Zwanziger, and Megan Adams Rieck.

Thank you to Amanda Jewell, Andrea Schoenbeck, Angie Krueger, Becky Bolsinger, Brook McDonald, Jennifer Buhr, Jess Karlen, Megan Kmetz, Melinda Crow, Meredith Garrison, Tara Erickson, Tara Rodman, Tracey Chesmore, Donna Smrha, Shantelle Franzen for bringing food for the back to school lunch for the teachers. Thank you to Shantelle Franzen for coordinating the lunch, decorating and setting everything up.

Thank you to Paula Moran and Elizabeth Strimple for stuffing registration folders.

Thanks to the PTO Hospitality Chair – Shantelle Franzen, for putting all of the PTO Hospitality events together.

Thanks to Ruth Schroeder for distributing class packs to the classrooms.

A BIG thank you to the lunchroom helpers for August – Ro Delaney, Elizabeth Strimple, Kathy Sharp, Courtney Barrios, Janet Masters, Mary Lou Althoff, and Shawna Clemente.

Thank you to all!

Contact Information

- **Report Student Absences:**

Mrs. Matthews 447-3242

- **To order Lunch, please call by 9:00 a.m.:**

Mrs. Matthews 447-3242

- **Questions About Lunch Account:**

Katie Wedeking 730-3682

- **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:

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

Why is eRegistration important!!

The eRegistration process is required to be completed annually by all families so we have the most up-to-date information on students, including but not limited to: parent/guardian contact information, health information, emergency contact information, and parental permissions. If you have not yet set up a family account in PowerSchool, please contact your student's building to obtain more information on how to do so.

Lexia® Core5® Reading

This year your child will once again be using Lexia® Core5® Reading, a fun computer-based program that has helped millions of students. The activities in Core5 support and build on our classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Here's how Lexia Core5 Reading works:

- Your child begins Core5 at a starting point that fits his or her needs and works in online activities throughout the week.
- Online activities include direct instruction and feedback as your child learns new skills.
- Progress and performance in the program is reported so teachers can provide help when needed.
- Paper-and-pencil activities are also used for practice and may be done in school or brought home.
- Achievement certificates may be sent home to celebrate success and to show progress in the program.

We hope you share in our excitement about this program!



We truly understand that birthdays are special. Students celebrating a birthday or half-birthday get to come to the office for a special birthday band and lead our pledges over the intercom. They are also recognized in the classroom. Due to the Healthy Kids Initiative, we ask that **no food** be sent in for birthdays. This helps us also be sensitive to allergies and reduces health risks. Students will have special treats throughout the year at parties and other activities like the Bowman Blast. These pre-planned events allow our nurse to help us consider the best treat for all students.

Students may bring in stickers, pencils, or other small item to hand out to classmates, but this is completely optional. Thank you for your help.

Welcome to the Bowman Woods Library!

The Bowman Woods Library Mission

The mission of the Bowman Woods library program is to provide an inviting, learning environment that encourages technology integration, the development of the 4 C's (Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creativity), and the love of reading.

General Library Information

Library checkout takes place during your child's library class time, once every eight days, for grades 2-5 and once every 4 days for grades K-1. Materials are checked out for 10 days and can be renewed if a hold is not placed on it and it is brought to the library.

Kindergarteners check out three materials, first graders check out five materials and the remainder of the grades are unlimited. If there is an outstanding fee or late material, the student is not allowed to check out until the fee is paid or the material is returned.

Occasionally, we send out paper notices or emails with overdue information in hopes that the books can be found and returned.

The Bowman Woods Symbaloo is a resource students are introduced to as a way to access kid friendly websites. <http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/bowmanhomepage>

What is Digital Citizenship? Why is it important?

At Linn-Mar we have technology competencies for grades K-12. They are broken up into Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy skills. This is becoming more important as classrooms move towards 1:1. Full 1:1 will be implemented by the year 2022 with each Kindergartener using an iPad and every 1st-12th grader using a laptop. Mike Ribble, author of Digital Citizenship in Schools, defines digital citizenship as "the norms of appropriate responsible behavior with regard to technology use."

There are six strands of Digital Citizenship noted on Common Sense Media and in Susan M. Bearden's book *Digital Citizenship: A Community-Based Approach*, an online resource for educational and parental information. The most age applicable are discussed during library classes.

- **Internet Safety**

- Teaching the risks of the internet as well as the rewards.
- Identifying situations that are uncomfortable and what to do.
- **Privacy and Security**
 - Signing into and out of school computers with a username and password, which is not shared information.
 - Identify information that can and should not be shared online.
- **Relationships and Communication**
 - Learning to communicate respectfully and appropriately online.
 - Recognizing cyberbullying and steps to follow.
- **Digital Footprints and Reputation**
 - Internet can provide both positive and negative digital footprints.
- **Self Image and Identity**
 - Help students cultivate and encourage positive online identities.
- **Information Literacy**
 - Help students identify helpful information and trustworthy resources.
 - Giving credit where it is due and following copyright guidelines.

With my own children seemingly attached to their devices, I often wonder if I'm parenting my digital kids in a way that will help them in the future. Are they on their devices too much? Why are they SnapChatting instead of being with friends face to face? Do they use appropriate language or stand up to those who may not be kind? I found an article by the Family Online Safety Institute that has a great checklist of digital parenting tips. The article lists the number one item to talk to your child about what they are doing on the internet. This is so important and a sure way to find out how your child's growth is taking place in our digital world. Here is the full tip sheet.

<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/seven-steps-good-digital-parenting/>

Resources for more information on Digital Citizenship skills visit:

Common Sense Media: www.commonsensemedia.org

Family Online Safety Institute: <https://www.fosi.org/>

Add this date to your calendar!



Our Fall Follett Book Fair will be here November 14-21.
 The fair will be open later during the family conference nights on
 Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 until 7pm.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 447-3245.

Email librarian, Carla Clanin, at cclanin@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Notes from Music

September

Hello from the music room! Thank you for the warm welcome to Bowman Woods, I am very excited for this school year and getting to know all of your musicians. We all are starting the year with a strong focus on patterns and rhythms. I encourage creativity and collaborative work throughout the year and implement a balance of singing, instrument play, and movement.

OPUS HONOR CHOIR

Ten 5th grade singers from Bowman Woods will be auditioning for Iowa's Opus Honor Choir. The auditions will be held on September 15th and 16th with results being announced in October. Wish these singers luck as they practice to make fantastic audition recordings!

EARLY BIRDS

All 4th and 5th Grade students who love to sing are invited to join Early Birds! Our first practice will be September 25th; we meet Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45-8:20 a.m. (Not too early!) I am hoping for a large group of motivated singers who want to learn groovy and challenging music. We have two scheduled performances at our school as well as sporting events, nursing homes, Barnes and Noble night, and any other events that need music celebrations in between. Come check it out and see if you want to be an Early Bird!

Jessica.dunnick@linnmar.k12.ia.us

ORCHESTRA



The 5th Grade Orchestra has officially started for this school year! Orchestra members will be practicing together on Tuesday mornings from 7:45 - 8:20 am and Thursday afternoons from 3:25 - 4:00 pm. We will be reviewing skills that students learned over the summer and will also be practicing new songs in preparation for our first performance this fall, which will take place on October 24th at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. In addition to orchestra class, students will receive a weekly lesson where bowing technique and other challenging pieces are learned. I am excited to be teaching the 2019 - 2020 Bowman Woods Orchestra and invite everyone to attend our upcoming events!

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year! Go Lions!! ~ Ms. Vieth ~



A m e r i c a  R e a d s

Thursday, October 17th

Celebrate Reading!

AMERICA READS: Reading is Contagious

The AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* event is designed to shine a spotlight on the importance of reading to young children to improve literacy and demonstrate the joy of reading through collective citizen involvement. In the Cedar Rapids metro area, it has become an annual fall tradition, bringing hundreds of volunteers into area schools to share a favorite book with students. AMERICA READS: *Reading Is Contagious*. **Bowman Woods Elementary will have our event on Thursday, October 17th.**

Developed and launched in 1997, the initiative is a collaborative effort between the Cedar Rapids Community, College Community, Linn-Mar, Marion Independent, and Xavier Catholic school districts, as well Summit School and the five public libraries: Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, and Marion. Local businesses and organizations provide financial support.

More than 2,500 guest readers visited elementary schools over the two-day period in October 2015. Some 16,000 students benefited from exposure to the enthusiastic readers. Volunteer readers include everyone from parents and middle, high school and college students to school neighbors, senior citizens, business people and local “celebrities”. The community readers share their love of reading by doing just that—each volunteer read a favorite story to a child, a small group of children or to an entire classroom of students.

Numerous studies indicate that children who have been read to on a regular basis are the ones who become good readers. Reading just 30 minutes a day with a child can significantly increase a child’s reading ability. By sharing a story, AMERICA READS volunteers also celebrate their own love of reading with students. That special book might just become someone else’s favorite! After all, reading is contagious!”

If you are interested in signing up to read at our school that day or have questions, please send an email to: bwamericareads@gmail.com.

Homecoming Parade October 10th



September PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Thursday, September 5: **Fall Fundraiser Begins**

Look for donation packets in students' backpacks that afternoon. Help us reach our goal of **\$16,500!** Money raised underwrites field trips, assemblies, learning software, teacher wish list items, technology, and more to support our kids. More information and the donation link are at www.bowmanwoodspto.com/donate.

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: **PTO Meeting**

Every BW 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 library. Free childcare is provided.

Friday, September 20, 6 – 7:30 PM: **Glowman Run**

Kick off the fall fundraiser with this year's Glowman Family Fun Run. The music will be pumping, the playground will be bumping, and kids will collect glow bracelets with each lap around the neighborhood loop. See you there!

Tuesday, September 24: **Last Day to Turn in Fundraiser Packets**

Friday, September 27: **Bowman Blast**

During their "specials" periods, all students will participate in Bowman Blast. Parents are invited to cheer them on. Students will walk/run laps, collect paw print stamps, enjoy popsicles and more to celebrate the end of the fundraising campaign.

Keep up with School Happenings

Like us on Facebook (Bowman Woods PTO), follow us on Twitter (@BowmanWoodsPTO), browse our website (www.BowmanWoodsPTO.com) or email us at BowmanWoodsPTO@gmail.com

Bowman Redemption News



Apples up on top...

Welcome back! Our first redemption contest has already started! Each classroom will earn one apple for every 50 clipped Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts turned in. At the end of the contest, the classroom with the most apples wins an **apple cider and apple iPad party!** Thanks to those that have already turned in their summer Hy-Vee receipts and Box Tops - they will be counted toward this first contest. **Contest ends Friday, Oct 25th.**

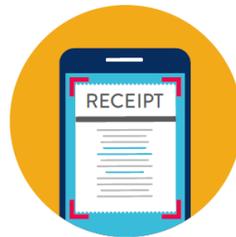
Hopefully you've all heard that over the next few years the Box Tops program is phasing out the clipped box tops and going digital. There will be **less clipping, and more scanning!** They have made it really easy to continue to earn \$\$\$ for our school - just download the app and take a photo of your store receipt, and they do the rest.

While Box Tops earned through the app won't yet count toward our current classroom contests, **stay tuned for some special app-only contests for an opportunity to win more fun prizes by downloading and using the new app!**



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.



Congrats to the Harksen family for winning a \$10 AirFx gift card by showing us a downloaded Box Tops app at the Back-to-School picnic! Enjoy your gift card!

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

Volunteering At Bowman Woods

We are looking forward to a great year of volunteering. Here are four quick items to help us all get started off on the right foot:

1. If you have volunteered in the past at Linn-Mar, but have not gotten any of our emails this year, it's possible that we do not have your renewal form. Please stop in the office to fill one out. This has to be done yearly. Think you've already done that but still haven't gotten one? Please send us an email to let us know!
2. If you are new to the district or to volunteering follow our easy application process: First, fill out a Volunteer Application Form. Second, attend an orientation with Linn-Mar's district coordinator, Karla Terry. Orientations at Bowman Woods are scheduled for Thursday, September 5 @ 9am. Once you complete the orientation, you will be an active volunteer and will start receiving volunteer opportunities like field trips, class parties, workshops, Bowman Blast, etc.
3. Don't forget to record your time. Though it might not seem like a big deal to you, the district uses this important information with writing grants and for other things! New volunteers, we can help you learn how to do this! Just let us know if you need help.
4. Need more opportunities than you see or at a time that works for you? Contact us: BWVolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us. We'd be so happy to help make something work for your schedule and interests!

Roisin Delaney and Kari Ross --Bowman Woods Volunteer Coordinators



A celebration of all things APPLE!!!
PTO Hospitality is looking for volunteers
to donate yummy apple-flavored treats
to share with our staff on Wednesday,
September 18th!
Sign up today at:
[https://signup.com/login/entry/276987
0745306480112](https://signup.com/login/entry/2769870745306480112)

SEPTEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Orch AM OPUS 3:20-4</p> <p>Cycle day 7</p>	<p>4</p> <p>No School – Little Lions</p> <p>Cycle Day 8</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Band AM Orch. PM Vol Orientation 9:00</p> <p>Cycle Day 1</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cycle Day 2</p>
<p>9</p> <p>OPUS 3:20-4</p> <p>Cycle day 3</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Orch AM Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45 OPUS 3:20-4 PTO Mtg. 6:30</p> <p>Cycle Day 4</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No School – Little Lions</p> <p>Cycle Day 5</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Band AM Orch. PM</p> <p>Cycle Day 6</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SCHOOL PICTURES</p> <p>SMILE </p> <p>SSS - FT</p> <p>Cycle Day 7</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Cycle Day 8</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Cycle Day 1</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No School – Little Lions</p> <p>Cycle Day 2</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Band AM Orch. PM</p> <p>Cycle Day 3</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PTO Glow Run 6 – 7:30</p> <p>Cycle Day 4</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Cycle day 5</p> <p>30</p> <p>Cycle Day 1</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Orch. AM</p> <p>Cycle Day 6</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School – Little Lions Early Birds</p> <p>Cycle Day 7</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Band AM Orch. PM</p> <p>Cycle Day 8</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Early Birds BOWMAN BLAST 5/AM <small>Preschool – 9:00</small> 4 – 10:00 3 – 10:55 2/PM <small>Preschool – 12:15</small> K – 1:10 1 – 2:00 0</p>

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