

# BOWMAN WOODS

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## ROAR PLEDGE

At Bowman Woods, we are  
people of character.

We will be **R**esponsible

We will **O**pt for kindness

We will **A**lways be safe

We will be **R**esponsible

### Our Mission:

We will all learn at high levels.



Dear Parents:

Our fall conferences are quickly approaching and will provide an excellent venue to learn about the start of the year for your child or children and set goals for the rest of the year. We are always grateful for the wonderful attendance at these conferences. It clearly shows us how much you value this time to talk to our teachers. Our staff loves this time as well.

Thank you for the tremendous support you provided in the month of October. This includes helping as a classroom or lunchroom volunteer, those who sent in resources, those who helped out with the staff pumpkin treats or will be helping with our conference night dinner, our field trip volunteers, our fall party helpers, our volunteer workshop participants, our volunteers for special projects, our helpers with classroom activities like our recent fifth grade Pow Wow and the fourth grade state fair, our fearless concession stand volunteers helping on a chilly night last Friday, those of you who supported America Reads, and those of you who helped get our students set up for the homecoming parade. Please check out our volunteer page included later in the newsletter. As always, let us know if we missed your name. We do not want to miss recognizing you!

We truly cannot operate without everything you do for our school. It is important to know that what you do is important to us. I know that many deeds go unrecognized and hope you know that you do means so much in the life of our students.

We are truly fortunate to have students who look out for others each day. This is a special trait in a child.

We have much for which to be thankful.

Sincerely,

Tina March

tina.march@linnmar.k12.ia.us

# VOTING INFORMATION

## Linn-Mar Families,

As many of you may be aware, school board elections have been moved from their traditional September date to the general election date in November. This is the first year under this new format. Election day is Tuesday, November 5th. There are two Linn-Mar related topics on the ballot this year:

- Linn-Mar School Board: We are fortunate to have eight people running to serve on the school board. It is vital for us to have strong leadership as a district, and we are thankful to have such a great candidate pool. The following candidates are running for the Linn-Mar Board of Education:
  - 2-Year Term (You can vote for 1 candidate): Tim Isenberg
  - 4-Year Term (You can vote for up to 4 candidates): Sondra Nelson, Clark Weaver, Bob Gabel, Barry Buchholz, LaSheila Yates, Brittania Morey, and Jeff Wisdo
- Revenue Purpose Statement: Last spring, Governor Reynolds signed into law an extension of Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE). SAVE allows Linn-Mar, and all public school districts in the state, the opportunity to borrow against the money each district would receive through the statewide penny sales tax levy for schools. These funds are used to pay for school infrastructure projects. However, before Linn-Mar can use the funding for long-term projects, the voters must approve a new Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS).
  - **Please note that a 'vote yes' for the Revenue Purpose Statement does not raise property taxes and a 'vote no' for the Revenue Purpose Statement does not lower property taxes.**
  - **Passage of the RPS simply allows the district to use the funds that the legislature previously approved.**
  - **The ballot is two-sided this year. So, don't forget to flip your ballot to vote on the Revenue Purpose Statement.**

For more information on either the school board election or the Revenue Purpose Statement, please follow the links listed below. Also, please feel free to share these links.

Linn County Auditor's office-Election Information:  
<https://www.linncounty.org/157/Election-Services>

Information on the Revenue Purpose Statement:  
<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/news/election-day-coming-learn-revenue-purpose-statement/>

Board candidate information and a link to the forum sponsored by MEDCO:  
<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/news/school-board-candidate-forum/>

Thank you,  
Shannon Bisgard,  
Linn-Mar Superintendent

## CONFERENCES

Parents:

Online Conference Sign-Up Opened at 7am on Fri., 11/1. This is the process to sign up for parent teacher conferences. The site will close on Sun., 11/10 at 10 pm. Please call the office if you did not receive an email about the conferences. Please contact your students teacher if you are needing to schedule a conference after the site closes.

### 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:**  
Stacey Fish 447-3302

□ **Health Office:**  
Ms. Bunney 447-3243 or [rachael.bunney@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:rachael.bunney@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

□ **General School Information:**  
447-3240

## 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 should come to the office to sign them in/out. We will call your student to the office when you arrive and not before. Please plan accordingly.

Your student's teacher appreciates a note or phone call ahead of time if your child will be leaving early.

## Thankful for our Volunteers!



**Thank you to our lunchroom helpers for this month:** Christine Lehman-Engledow, Katie Crespo, Karen Daniels, Danean Kirchner.

**Thank you to Jenna Collins and Kristi Kasper for heading up America Reads this year.** It was a wonderful day for our staff and students. Thank you to our amazing readers throughout the day.

**Thank you for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade State Fair volunteers:** Kristal Long, Victoria Fernandez, Mary Lou Althoff, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Anne Bass, Angie Krueger, Donna Bean, Abby Smith, Stephanie Kathmann, Joy Koepnick, Janet Masters, Amy Lorenz, Cynthia Stineman-Miller, Corrine Fosnaugh.

**Thank you to the following people who provided Pumpkin Treats for Staff:** Alissa Philipp, Amanda Jewell, Andrea Vonourney, Brittany Grindeland, Deborah Ryon, Diana Rodriguez, Heather Mueller, Jennifer Buhr, Jess Karlen, Rachael Bonefas, Tracey Chesmore, Erika Elles, Donna Smrha, and Nathan Franzen. Special thanks to Shantelle Franzen for setting everything up and once again providing outstanding decorations for the staff lounge.

**Thanks for the volunteers at workshop this month:** Janet Masters, Donna Bean, Mary Hutton, Stephanie Kathman, Karla Terry, Elizabeth Strimple, Kathy Patterson, Mary Lou Althoff, Ro Delaney, Kari Ross.

**Thanks to Deborah Ryan for donating pumpkins to Mrs. Brockschink's classroom.**

**Thanks for the volunteers who helped with the PTO Family Movie Night:** Lashae Robbins, Megan Adams Rieck, Jenny Kramer, Andrea Schoenbeck.

**Thanks for the Stress Ball volunteers:** Ro Delaney, Barb Crawford, Melinda Crow, Elizabeth Strimple.

**Thanks for the volunteers that helped with picture retakes:** Kari Ross and Ro Delaney.

Thank you to **Kari Ross, Janet Masters, Ro Delaney, Melinda Crow and Elizabeth Strimple** for the long-term help with project, Artsonia.

**Thank you to our Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch chaperones:** Diana Rodriguez, Josi Teneyck, Jill Groezinger, Jennifer Irons, Tara Rodman, Amanda Potts, Justin Kensinger, Roy Luo, Alissa Philipp, Kathy Sharp, Janda Ciha, Chelsee Rotter.

**Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Fall party:** Julie Summers, Lindsay Sullivan, Vanessa Taylor, Courtney Barrios, Mary Lou Althoff, Katie Crespo, Lindsay Wagoner, Heather Mueller, Cortney Zobel, Rachel Koth, Jennifer Brunsman, Jenna Bell Collins, Katie Petersen, Jennifer Buhr, Tracey Chesmore, Jenny McGrane, Jaci Denny, Beth Steine, Amy Sickels, Melinda Crow, Tara Rodman, Renee Miles, Becky Bolsinger, Dawn Ovel, Megan Moran, Brianna Peterson, Megan Kmetz, Ashley Woodman, Justin Kensinger, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Danean Kirchner, Heather Waters, Paula Moran, Angie Krueger, Betsy Rubin, Sherlyn Lindeman, Doug White, Jennifer Irons, Andrea Vanourney, Lashae Robbins, Kathy Sharp, Shantelle Franzen, Diana Rodriguez, Jill Groezinger, Tom Moran, Ann Jungblut.

**Thanks to the Linn Mar Concession Stand Volunteers:** Misty Holzwarth, Greg Holzwarth, Don Irons, Jennifer Irons, Heather Croskey, Colleen Luckey, Megan Rieck, Erin Wittkoski, Amy Hock, Erika Elles, Shantelle Franzen, Melinda Crow, Corrine Fosnaugh, Anna Walker, Jennifer Fredericks, Heather Mueller, Jenny McGrane, Catelyn Luckey, Ashley Woodman,

**WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON AT BOWMAN WOODS  
OR ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT???**  
**LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:**

[www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:55 to 12:20**

**Recess 12:20 to 12:40**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 12:20 to 12:40**

**Recess 12:40 to 1:10**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 12:40 to 1:00**

**Recess 1:00 to 1:30**



**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**The 2019-20 Instructional Supply Fee of \$50.00 is due. Please call the office if you have questions. Thank you!**



**October 17<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for the students at Bowman Woods thanks to our America Reads day-long event. Students were treated to guest readers throughout the day. Thanks to our parents and community members who supported this awesome program once again. Thanks to our coordinators this year, Jenna Collins and Kristi Kasper. They did an excellent job.**

**Attention** – Afternoon pick-up from carline: if someone else is picking up your child(ren), please make sure that they are listed on Powerschool or the office has been notified of the change so that your child(ren) will be released to that pick-up person. Thanks!



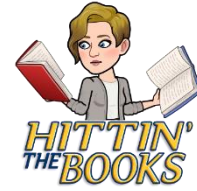
Join us at Bowman Woods as we honor Veterans on 11/11 at 9:00 a.m.

If you have a family member who has served in a military branch, please submit his/her name, branch of service and BW relative and a picture if possible to Ms. Lawrence at [vlawrence@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:vlawrence@linnmar.k12.ia.us) by November 8. We will continue to use pictures submitted in the past. You do not have to resubmit those names or pictures.

## Homecoming Parade



## November Library News!



**We have many students on the journey to different planets for the ICCA Deep Space Challenge! Way to go, space readers! Students in 3-5 can choose any Iowa Children's Choice Award winning book to read, complete the Reading Counts test with 70% or better and fill out a google form for Mrs. Clanin, then move along the eight planets to reach Deep Space! We will celebrate our space journey in the spring!**

**K-2 students have been enjoying Goldfinch Award winning books, learning the basics of digital citizenship and having mini reading celebrations. Kindergarten read The Dot by Peter Reynolds and made collaborative dots that are hanging in the library. First graders read The Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk and are really excited about being authors and illustrators of mouse-sized books to put in our library. I have a pocket chart just the right size for holding these so others can read the stories! Second graders read A Little Dog with a Big Heart: Gobi, a true story by Dion Leonard and then used Google Earth to look for the Gobi Desert and other famous places. We probably found your house, too.**

**Third graders took part in conversations surrounding the book Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson about how we act in person and on devices is a responsibility. Digital citizenship is part of being a good citizen and moved onto a collection of digital citizenship games by Common Sense Media called Digital Passport.**

**Fourth graders have started using Typingclub.com during library class to brush up on their keyboarding skills. This is a program they can access online at home, if there is a keyboard waiting to be typed on! Third graders will start TypingClub after Christmas break.**

**Fourth and Fifth graders read a story called But I Read it on the Internet and then became web detectives to evaluate four websites to see which ones are real and which ones are fake. We've also started sharing the books we are reading because that's the best way to pick out your next favorite reads!**



**Bennie is our new BenQ interactive panel that we use for instruction and collaboration in the library. He is gaining quite a reputation for being a pretty cool computer! Bennie was purchased for the library with a spring Linn-Mar Foundation Grant that was awarded to Bowman Woods.**



**Fall Follett Book Fair November 14-21**

**We hope to see you there!**

**Thursday-Nov. 14 8am-7pm**

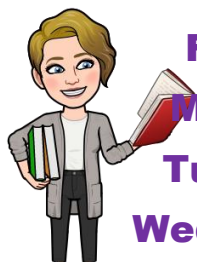
**Friday-Nov. 15 8am-4pm**

**Monday-Nov. 18 8am-4pm**

**Tuesday-Nov. 19 8am-4pm**

**Wednesday-Nov. 20 8am-4pm**

**Thursday-Nov. 21 8am-7pm**







## Notes from Music

### FIRST GRADE CONCERT

The First Grade concert date is Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:30p.m.

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE POW WOW

On November 1st, 5<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated the conclusion of their Native American Indian studies with a Pow Wow event. In the afternoon, Mrs. Dunnick taught the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes authentic Native American performances and games.

## Band

### BAND NEWS

#### “PARADE OF BANDS” CONCERT:

On Tuesday, November 19th, the BOWMAN WOODS/ECHO HILL/WESTFIELD (Westside) Bands will have their first concert. The program will be held in the Linn-Mar High School Auditorium and begin at **6:00 PM**. The concert will include performances by the Westside 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, the Oak Ridge MS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, and the Linn-Mar HS Symphonic Band. The concert should last about one hour. We ask that students arrive at the High School between **5:30 – 5:45 PM**. All Band students should report to the HS Little Theatre for instructions before proceeding to the stage. *Please* have students wear nice dress clothes for this major performance. A free will donation can be made at the door.

In preparation for the concert, we will be practicing together that **MORNING** (Nov. 19th) at **L-M HS**. Please **drop your student off** at the HS Auditorium entrance Door 1 (from 10th Street, turn into the South Lot by the digital L-M sign that's between the HS and the LRC, then turn left to the Door 1 circle drive) between 8:00 and 8:10 am for our **8:15 – 9:00 am morning rehearsal**. It is *very important* that your student attend this rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal. Percussion, baritone and tuba instruments will already be at the HS. All other students should bring their instruments and Band music.

Please note - With winter approaching, please remember that if there is a weather-related LATE START, Group Band WILL NOT meet - but students should still bring instruments to school for lessons.

# Art Room news

## Exciting Annual Art Fundraiser Changes:

For many years, Bowman Woods has participated in an art fundraiser to help provide our students with extra special supplies like clay, glaze, sketchbooks, pipe cleaners, feathers, and anything else that we need for special projects.

This year we will run our fundraiser in a whole new way through

**ARTSONIA.com!**

What does this mean?

Well, it means that you will have access to digital images of your student's artwork throughout the year, and you can order items with ANY of your student's artwork printed on them at ANY TIME throughout the year! This means you will not receive a paper order form in November this year. You can also **share your student's digital portfolio** with other family members by adding other emails to your Artsonia account.

We are very excited about this new opportunity because families will be able to keep digital images of student's artworks throughout the years. Artsonia has a **fabulous selection of merchandise**, and all items are **shipped directly to your home**. This makes gifting items with your student's artwork a breeze! **Not signed up yet?** Contact your student's art teacher, Mrs. Krause (skrause@linmar.k12.ia.us) for your online access code or **check your email** for an invitation to sign up from Artsonia.com.

## COUNSELOR'S UPDATE:



Happy November Bowman Woods Families.

Tis' already the season to start thinking about the holidays. The Holiday Assistance program is in full swing. If you feel like your family could use some holiday assistance this year, please contact Mrs. Wiley before November 7<sup>th</sup>. [swiley@linmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:swiley@linmar.k12.ia.us) or 447-3244

**GIVING TREE!**



This year's Giving Tree will be up on Nov. 20, in case you want to do some Black Friday shopping over Thanksgiving break. If you take a tag or two off the tree, please be sure to sign your name on the tag and return the yellow portion to Ann in the office so we can track gifts. Information about return date will be on the tag. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gifts or send gift receipts. Thanks!

# November PTO NEWS



## Mark your calendars

**Wednesday, November 6, 11 AM – 11:30 PM: Bowman Woods Spirit Night**  
**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
**1100 Blairs Ferry Rd NE**

Take the day off from cooking, hang out with school friends and raise funds for our students at this ALL DAY event. Be sure to mention Bowman Woods when you order so that a portion of sales will be donated to PTO. Yum!

**Tuesday, November 12, 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.

**Sunday, November 17, 2 – 5 PM: Bowman Woods Skates!**  
**Cedar Rapids Ice Arena**  
**1100 Rockford Rd SW**

Join PTO for a fun afternoon of skating at the CR Ice Arena. Just \$6 covers skate rental and admission for each skater. Bowman Woods students, their families and their guests are all invited. The best part? \$2 per skater comes back to fund projects at the school. See you there!

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WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
**HY-VEE  
REUSABLE BAG  
PROGRAM**  
When you buy this bag this  
month, \$1 will be donated to  
our organization.

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**We are excited to announce that every Reusable Bag purchased in November 2019 at the Hy-Vee Drugstore located at 505 Boyson Road NE will send a \$1 donation to us!** What a great way to support the community and the environment. These bags are perfect for toting snow pants and boots to school this winter. Let's buy out the whole store!

## Bowman Redemption News

Thank you for continuing to both **CLIP** and **SCAN** your Box Tops! Every dime matters to Bowman



Woods!!

Stay tuned for the winners of our **apple cider** and **apple iPad party**, and for details about our next **MONSTER-themed** contest!



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

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Volunteers! We're so grateful for all that you do!



For November, we'd love volunteers to help with 1st & 2nd shift lunchroom. Email us if you're interested at [bwvolunteers@linmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bwvolunteers@linmar.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.

Interested in volunteering at Bowman Woods but aren't receiving our emails? Email us at [BWVolunteers@linmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:BWVolunteers@linmar.k12.ia.us). We have so many opportunities to volunteer and give back to our school.

## THANKFUL FOR OUR STAFF

We are THANKFUL for our staff! And, what better way to say so than by providing our staff with a warm meal to gobble up during this fall conference season!

Please have your items delivered to the Main Office by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th. Remember to label all non-disposable serving dishes. All dishes will be clean and ready for pick up in the Main Office on Friday, November 15th.

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MZpZbjH>

## Lion King, Jr. presented November 15 & 16 at Linn-Mar

The Linn-Mar High School Drama department proudly presents Disney's Lion King, Jr. on Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16. This family friendly presentation is offered at special times to accommodate our younger theater patrons! The musical will be presented at 4:30 and 7 p.m. on Friday, November 15, and on Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for an adult, \$3 for young people from 3-18, and children under two may attend for free. As an added bonus, children who bring in a non-perishable food item will be entered in a drawing to receive one of the sets of The Lion King happy meal toys donated by the east-side Marion McDonalds. The toys will be on display at the high school. The donated food will benefit the Marion Food Pantry.

# November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 cycle 7 Early Birds 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Pow Wow
4 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DAY	5 cycle 8 Orch AM 1st Gr Music Concert – 6:30 VOTE!! Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm	6 cycle 1 Early Birds Little Lions Come Today BW Spirit Night Buffalo Wild Wings 11:00 am -11:30 pm 	7 cycle 2 Band AM Early Out – 1:15 NO LL	8 cycle 3 Early Birds LL Hearing Screening
11 cycle 4 Veterans Day Assembly -9  GW Hearing Screening	12 cycle 5 Orch. AM Vol. Workshop 8:45-10:45 PTO Meeting – 6:30pm	13 cycle 6 Early Birds Little Lions Come Today	14 cycle 7 Band AM Early Out – 1:15 NO LL Conference 2:00-7 Book Fair	15 cycle 8 Early Birds Book Fair
18 cycle 1 Book Fair	19 cycle 2 Orch. AM Parade of Bands – 6:00 HS Book Fair	20 cycle 3 Early Birds Little Lions Come Today Giving Tree Up Book Fair	21 cycle 4 Band AM Early Out – 1:15 NO LL Conference 2:00-7 Book Fair	22 cycle 5 PRIDE DAY
25 cycle 6 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr Invention Convention 3:15-4:30	26 cycle 7 Orch. AM	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL 	29 NO SCHOOL

For the full newsletter please go to [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YCLZ9HXQ](https://tinyurl.com/yclz9hxq)