

BOWMAN WOODS

JANUARY 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:

Welcome to 2020. It is always wonderful to start a new year and reflect back on the highlights of our school year thus far. We treasure the memories we have already made and look forward to adding many other special memories between now and the end of the school year. The start of a new year is a new beginning and an opportunity to renew our commitment to collaborate to educate every student, every one, every day. January is a busy month with the added goal to celebrate and focus more on our student accomplishments along with a continued focus on our positive behavior system. Students will be taking some mid-year assessments this month and early next month as we continue to use data to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all of our students.

We hope your family had a wonderful winter break. We have a couple of Mondays that are no school for students later this month. One thing that I mention often is the amazing Symbaloo site that Mrs. Clanin keeps updated. It contains a great many resources for students of all ages for exploration

on weekends and days at home. I am including the link again:

<http://destiny.linnmark12.ia.us/common/servlet/presenhomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>.

Our weather is looking promising for the next couple of weeks, but we have included reminders of winter inclement weather procedures in the newsletter just in case that changes. You know what they say about Iowa weather!

Overall, students are doing a fabulous job of being here before our tardy bell rings at 8:30. Being on time makes a huge difference for the start of your child's day. Our first bell rings at 8:20 and most of our students are here by that time. Thank you for helping your child arrive as close to the first bell as possible. Remember that our car line opens at 8:05 or so to allow for early drop-off to be sure all car riders can be in the building at 8:20 if desired. On inclement weather days, we allow all students to wait inside for the 8:20 bell.

Thank you for all of your help. We may be biased, but feel we have the best parents and students!

Tina March and the Bowman Woods Staff

ATTENTION!!

PowerSchool Unified Classroom

For the 2019-20 school year, Linn-Mar is rolling out PowerSchool Unified Classroom. **This will change how parents log into PowerSchool. Parents will need to create a PowerSchool ID for Unified Classroom –EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A USERNAME AND PASSWORD THAT YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST.** When following links from the Linn-Mar website, parents will be redirected to a set of instructions, which are located at <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/powerschool-unified-classroom>. **You will use your old username and password to link your students to their new Unified Classroom account.** Creating a Unified Classroom account should be quick and easy. But, if you have any problems, please let the office know at 447-3240.

IMPORTANT! The UC dashboard page looks totally different than what parents are used to seeing. You can click on the Quick Links button on the lower left-hand side to get to the PowerSchool screens you are used to using.



This beautiful tribute to our volunteers was created by Becky Decious. There is a handprint for every volunteer. Thank you, BW Volunteers, for giving us a hand!

Thank you to our December Volunteers!!!!!!

[2nd Grade Field Trip Volunteers](#) – Andrea Vanourney, Janda Ciha, Jaci Denny, Barb Crawford, Ruth Schroeder, Heather Mueller.

[Cocoa and Cookies Volunteers](#) - Alissa Philipp, Amanda Potts, Angie Krueger, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Dawn Ovel, Deborah Ryon, Elizabeth Strimple, Jennifer Buhr, Jennifer Irons, Jess Karlen, Renee Miles, Ryann Nemmers, Tara Erickson, Shantelle Franzen, Donna Smrha, Nathan Franzen.

[Hearing Screening](#) – Rachel Koth, Sarah Dye, Ruth Schroeder, Betsy McGlynn, Ro Delaney and Kari Ross.

[Clay Project Assistants](#) - Brittany Grindeland, Ro Delaney, Brianna Peterson, Kari Ross, Sarah Dye, Ruth Schroeder, Justin Kensinger, Kristal Long, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Jill Groezinger, Diana Rodriguez.

[Gingerbread helpers in 5th grade](#) – Jennifer Brunzman, Sherlyn Lindeman, Angie Krueger, Carey Buresh, Laura Nordine, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Angela Minard, Betsy Rubin, Tara Rodman, Amy Sickels, Dawn Ovel, Dick Grimm, Stacy Shepley, Eric Shepley, Erin Wittkowski, Melinda Crow, Abby Smith, Ro Delaney and Kari Ross.

[Volunteer Workshop](#) – Janet Masters, Alissa Philipp, Mary Lou Althoff, Anna Walker, Kathy Patterson, Karla Terry, Ro Delaney and Kari Ross.

[Writing Center \(KN\)](#) – Elizabeth Strimple, Sarah Dye, Carla Kelley, Janet Masters, Ryan McNall, Kari Ross

[Lunch Room](#) – Danean Kirchner, Sarah Dye, Kathy Sharp.

[Ellison Press Production Lab](#) – Ro Delaney and Kari Ross.

[Parent Night Out](#) - Angie Orr and Colleen Luckey.



We have handed out 24,609 ROAR slips so far this year. This is amazing! Our PBIS program at school is creating a positive atmosphere. This month's goal is a total of 32,000. Our reward will be an all-school assembly next month where students will be treated to funny staff tricks and/or talents and end with an all school dance party.

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:**

730-3541

- ❑ **Health Office:**

Ms. Bunney 447-3243 or rachael.bunney@linnmar.k12.ia.us

- ❑ **General School Information:**

Mrs. Messenger 447-3240 or Kristina.messenger@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

Indoor/Outdoor Recess

In the event of rain, or when the temperature reaches zero or below, students will have indoor recess. The office staff will monitor the temperature according to KCRG TV 9.

Inclement Weather

If severe weather, including fog, forces a late arrival, early dismissal, or cancellation of school for the entire day, announcements will be made on:

- District website banner – www.linmar.k12.ia.us
- District Facebook page as status update (“like” Linn-Mar Community Schools on Facebook)
- Txtwire – click on LM Emergency Notifications at the bottom of the LM webpage to register
- TV Stations: KCRG, KFXA, KGAN, KWWL
- Radio Stations: KCKK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

Unless you see an announcement, assume school is running as usual.

If we have late arrival: - Watch for our sign out front!



- Students may start arriving at 10:00 a.m.
- School will start at 10:30 a.m.
- All before school activities are cancelled

If we have an early dismissal:

- Early dismissals are announced the same way that late arrivals/school closings are announced. We would encourage folks to sign up for the Txtwire alert.
- The school does **not** have the means to call parents to notify them that school is dismissing early, but we will send an all-school email if we have timely notice.
- Please make sure that the school knows where your child should go in case of an early dismissal. It’s important that your child also knows where he or she needs to go. Thank you for your help with this.
- All after school activities at Bowman are cancelled.

Before/After School Care will open at regular time and will begin immediately after school dismisses if any of the above occurs.

Winter Weather Dress for the playground

If there is snow on the ground, these are the guidelines we will be using at Bowman Woods for the playground:

1. Children without snow boots (boots that are not worn all day long) will be asked to play on the shoveled areas of the playground only.
2. Children with snow boots will be allowed to walk in the snowy areas.
3. Children with snow boots, snow pants/snow suits, and mittens/gloves will be allowed to play in the snow.

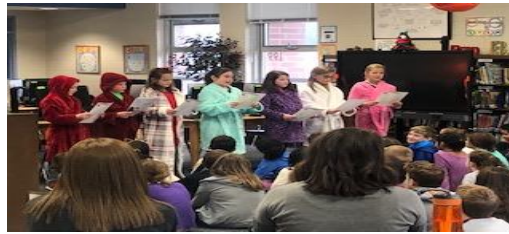
It is also a good idea to send hat/hood, ear band or earmuffs, and mittens/gloves as well. Since we all know the weather in Iowa changes quickly, it would be helpful if you could send these things with your child daily (a plastic grocery bag would be a great carryall bag). This way we all are sure to enjoy the snowy days on the playground without becoming wet and cold. Please label each item with your child’s name. Our health office is no longer loaning winter wear for students to use at recess. Thanks so much for your help!!!!

DECEMBER FUN AT BOWMAN WOODS

2nd Grade Concert



3rd Grade LEO Poetry



Orchestra Matinee



Early Bird Concert



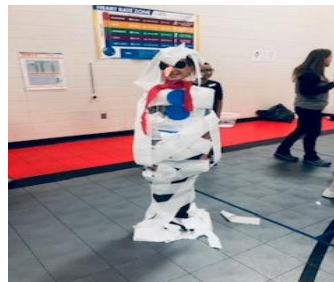
Mr. Hart's Super Spectacular Spirited Traveling Children's Caroling Cantata



Mrs. Brockschink's Christmas Carol



Winter Parties



**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 – 10:55 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

**Looking for ALL children turning “5” by
September 15th
who reside in the Bowman Woods attendance
area!**

**Kindergarten Round-Up, Tuesday, January 28th
at 6:00 p.m.**

**Please pre-register your student by contacting
Mrs. Messenger at 447-3240
Kristina.Messenger@linnmar.k12.ia.us.**



Notes from Music

Mrs. Dunnick- January

5th GRADE CONCERT: On Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. 5th graders will present the ‘decade’s concert’ with their concert called, “Groovy 70’s!” We will be celebrating the music, history, fashion, and popular culture of the ’70s through this informational and musical concert.

ICDA HONOR CHOIR: Nine 5th grade singers have been selected to perform in the ICDA Honor Choir event on February 4th, 2020. They will be learning five difficult pieces to be performed with other selected singers from across Eastern Iowa. These singers will have practice all day then perform at Linn-Mar High School that evening. The performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium (\$5 Adults, \$2 Student Tickets)

- 5th Grade Singers: Amelia Schloemer, Halie Shepley, Kaylee Parry, Kaylee Schwartzhoff, Madison Burns, Mya Ealy, Quinn Mason, Shyla Holt, and Sophia Baker

Orchestra Iowa Performers: Linn-Mar Elementary schools are very fortunate to receive performances from band and orchestra members of Orchestra Iowa. The 2nd graders will hear a string quartet, the 3rd grade will hear a woodwind quintet, and the 4th graders will see a brass quintet.



Invention Convention Finalists

Alex Bonefas, Molly Ruehlow, Gabe Krueger, Josie Wesselink,
Boden Hancock, Lily Davis, Emory Meyer, Simeon Junk

Noedic Math Winners



Team Winners

2nd Grade winner – Shriram Balasubramanian

3rd Grade winner – Catherine Sklarsky

4th Grade winner – Landon Kmetz

National Honor Roll Students

3rd Grade winner – Catherine Sklarsky

4th Grade winners – Arya Ravikumar, Aspen Long, Hudson Kensinger, Jacob Kmetz, Landon Kmetz, Sophia Ryon

Honorable Mention Students

2nd Grade winners – Avery Thomsen, Holden Harksen, Shriram Balasubramanian

3rd Grade winners – Bradyn Bantz, Brianna Holzwarth, Crew Erickson, Josh Groezinger, Lucy Burlage, Maeve Moran, Norah Rieck, Thomas Schoenbeck, Yuvi Huddar, Zareen Khan

4th Grade winners – Benn Snapp, Cait Anderson, Finn McCoy, Isaac Bass, Nolan Horak, Simeon Junk, Tate Thomsen.

Fourth Grade Team was a National Team Winner!

Library Highlights!



The end of November and December had students problem solving and coding for Hour of Code. There are so many great activities online to do!

In K-2 we read the story *How to Code a Sandcastle* by Josh Funk which talks about what code means, sequences and loops. Then we worked through some puzzles using the robot on the online game LiteBot. Students were introduced to other coding games such as Kodables, Angry Birds, Dance Party and Minecraft.

Students in 3rd and 4th grades were introduced to a coding project on the website Scratch called Code Your Hero. 5th graders were introduced to a coding project on Scratch called Create your Own Google Logo. Students were introduced to other coding games like Dragon Dash, Animate your Name, Grinch, Code Combat and <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>

The theme in the Bowman Woods Library is space this year, so there have been a lot of current events that I've shared with students to relate back to the coding we are doing, because much of what is being done in space is through robots, coded by humans on earth, to follow a sequence of events to find answers.

Some students visited the awesome website called Nasa's Eyes <https://eyes.nasa.gov/> where we can see active satellites in real time, activate a simulation of a lander on Mars, explore the solar system and the exoplanets. One of the current events I shared was an article about a golf cart sized robot being sent to the moon's polar region to look for ice water in 2022. This is to perhaps make the moon a stopping point where astronauts can create fuel and drinking water in order to allow them the essentials to go deeper into space. Another current event was that the Parker Solar Probe has been traveling towards the sun since 2018 and now is on its 3rd orbit of the sun where it is sending scientists the closest pictures of the sun and the way the sun's rays and energy passes through space. This helps to understand how space vehicles and astronaut suits need to be created to keep people safe from the sun's damaging rays. The Parker probe is also a great example of how collaboration has taken place with all of the scientists working together to make it such a success.

We will embark on makerspace activities in 2020, as well as continue with Digital Citizenship lessons, typing practice and sharing the good books we are all reading. The robots will be charged and ready to work, creative and expressive options will be introduced in makerspaces and as always hiding in a quieter corner and reading a good book is always an option!

Thanks to everyone who visited the Follet Fall Book Fair! It was great to see many of you during your visit to your child's classroom for conferences. The fair will be returning in March 5-12.

January PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, Jan. 7, Spirit Night at Red Robin from 4-8 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 14th 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.

Bowman Redemption News

Congratulations to 2nd grade for winning extra party games at the Winter Party!!

They turned in the most Hy-Vee receipts and Box Tops ahead of the party and had an amazing time at their great big **SNOWBALL FIGHT!**

Keep collecting your Hy-Vee receipts, cut-out Box Tops, and app Box Tops for our next contest...details coming soon!



Bowman Woods is getting a check for **\$809.60 from the Box Tops for Education program** in January!

This includes both physical box tops and app scans from June through November.

This program makes a huge difference for our school - keep **Clipping and Scanning** to benefit BW students!

Did you know...almost all of your Hy-Vee purchases from Cedar Rapids/Marion Hy-Vee stores can be submitted? This includes Hy-Vee gas receipts, Hy-Vee starbucks, and Hy-Vee gift card purchases.

QUALIFYING RECEIPTS	NON-QUALIFYING RECEIPTS
Hy-Vee Gas Stations (3 in CR and 1 in Marion)	Money Orders
Hy-Vee Car Washes	Western Union
Starbucks & Caribous (Located Inside a CR or Marion Hy-Vee)	Bill Payment
Laundry, Postage & Mailing Supplies	Gift Card Activation Slips
Wine/Spirits Department	Casey's Gas Stations
Pharmacy Department	Lottery
Hy-Vee Market Grille & Express (3 in CR)	Garbage Stickers
Electronic copies	
Floral Department	
Catering/Bulk Purchases for School Concessions or Celebrations	
Gift Cards (Purchased at Hy-Vee)	



Receipts for the Hy-Vee Cash 4 Students program must be from the 13 Cedar Rapids and Marion Hy-Vee Food Stores and Drugstores. Receipt total to include tax.



January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL	2 School Resumes Band AM Orch PM	3 Early Birds
6 2 nd Grade Aquatics	7 Orch AM 2 nd Grade Aquatics EB Singing @BB game 7:30 Spirit Night Red Robin 4-8 	8 2 nd Grade Aquatics No LL	9 Band AM 2 nd Grade Aquatics Orch PM	10 Early Birds 2 nd Grade Aquatics
13 NO SCHOOL TeacherWorkday	14 Orch AM Vol. Wkshp. 8:45-10:45 PTO Meeting - 6:30	15 Early Birds No LL Report Cards	16 Band AM Orch PM	17 Early Birds
20 NO SCHOOL Professional Day	21 Orch AM	22 Early Birds No LL	23 Band AM Orch PM	24 Early Birds
27 Day 6	28 Orch AM KDG Round Up 6:00 p.m.	29 Early Birds No LL	30 Band AM Orch PM	31 PRIDE DAY