



BOWMAN WOODS BULLETIN

February 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome to February.

We hope you know how much we appreciate you as our parent and guardian partners. It is obvious that our students clearly understand the importance of school. That is due to your support.

I am pleased and excited to announce that on the statewide report card released last week, Bowman Woods is rated *High Performing* and we are in the top tier of that category. There are six categories in all. Only 15% of all school across Iowa earned a rating of being High Performing. Six of those schools are at Linn-Mar! There are 25 schools (1.9%) in the state with an Exceptional rating. We were very close to that. Our rating puts us in the top 3% out of almost 1300 schools. A large part of the rating is based on growth. Thank you for helping us as our parent partners. You make such a difference. I would like to recognize our outstanding staff as well. Each staff member works hard to create an optimal environment for learning. We understand that nurturing our students is a key to helping them succeed in all areas.

We are grateful for the extra work you do with your child(ren) outside of the school. Listening to your child read or reading to your child are incredible ways to build literacy skills. Anything you can do to get your child in text makes a huge difference. Our library has an amazing collection of books for our students. Working on math games and encouraging creative play or playing outside is also wonderful.



Thank you for your help with our Kindness Challenge last week. We had a large number of students successfully complete each challenge on the list. I personally loved the sweet notes I received as did other staff members. So thoughtful. Our counselor, Sally Wiley, put together an inspiring mural in the hall that include a photo of each of our preschool through fifth grade students. We kicked off the week with a kindness assembly. Early birds performed, "Reach Out with a Kind Hearted Hand". Students shared the meaning of kindness at the assembly.





February is also a time of friendship and caring. This is a special time for our students. We hold friendship parties at the end of the day on February 14. These parties are quite low key, with our main activity focused around opening valentines. We have plenty of valentines here at school. Please feel free to have your child stop by the office and select a box to hand out for our Friendship parties on February 14. This year our PTO and volunteer coordinators are putting together a special treat for all students. Students will decorate a sugar cookie. We will provide a gluten free option. Our wonderful nurses, Mrs. Strand and Mrs. Bunny, work carefully with our party coordinators to make sure we are always proactive and

sensitive to health needs.

The district has decided on the school calendars for the next two years. Here are links for both of those calendars:

[2020-21 Linn-Mar School Calendar](#)


[2021-22 Linn-Mar School Calendar](#)

Please mark your calendars for our second set of conferences that will take place on March 5 and 12th. Those are also two-hour early dismissal days. You will receive a conference scheduler at the end of this month. Our face-to-face conferences are the perfect time to review your child's progress for the year as well as provide you an opportunity to ask questions and share reflections.

We are so lucky to have such a warm and caring community here. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Tina March, Principal

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Catch the memories of 2019-2020 at Bowman Woods.

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Enter your school's passcode: 1014576276104991

Deadline to Order: Apr 10

Cost: \$17.85 (additional cost for hardcover & customized pages)

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**Conferences are
coming!!**

**Watch for important
instructions to come home
with your student(s) so that
you can sign up for your
parent/teacher conference.
Conferences are March 5th
and March 12th.**

CONFERENCE SIGN UP

Parent On-line Conference sign up opens on Friday, February 21, at 7:00 a.m. and closes on February 28 at 10:00 p.m.

Orchestra News.....

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working very hard on new notes and rhythms in preparation for the Winter Orchestra Concert on **Tuesday, February 11th**. Students will be meeting in the High School Auditorium for the Dress Rehearsal before school that morning from 7:40 – 8:10 a.m. Parents, please drop your child off on the south side of the building (Door #1) by 7:30 a.m. to allow students enough time to unpack and find their seat on stage. A bus will provide transportation back to school following our rehearsal together. The concert begins that evening at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend and support our 5th Grade Orchestra!!

~ Ms. Vieth ~

Upcoming Orchestra Events...

- Monday, March 9th - High School Band & Orchestra will perform for Bowman Woods students and staff
- Tuesday, May 5th – 5th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert at Oak Ridge Middle School, 6:00 p.m.

Notes from Music—Mrs. Dunnick



5th GRADE CONCERT: On Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. 5th graders will present the 'decade's concert' with their concert called, "The 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 have been 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 LMHS Auditorium (\$5 Adults, \$2 Student Tickets)

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



February PTO NEWS

Mark your calendars

Friday, Feb 7 - Spirit Day Marco's Pizza 11 – 11pm.

Tuesday, Feb 11, 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, Feb 21, 6:00 – 7:30 PM: PTO Sock Hop

Dig out your poodle skirts and put some gel in your hair! The Bowman Woods PTO is hosting the annual Sock Hop Dance in the Bowman Woods gym. The event is FREE and will include a free meal, but they need your help to make this fun tradition happen! Sign up to be a volunteer.

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



2019-20 Bowman Woods Invention Conventions Winners

Congratulations to the following fourth graders: Alex Bonefas, Molly Ruehlow, Gabe Krueger, Josie Wesselink, Boden Hancock, Lily Davis, Emory Meyer, Simeon Junk.

All of the projects were fantastic!

Congratulations to Molly Ruehlow and Josie Wesselink who were the top finishers and will be representing Bowman Woods at the State Invention Convention.

JANUARY BW VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Workshop –Mary Hutton, Ro Delaney, Anna Walker, Alissa Philipp, Karla Terry, Mary Lou Althoff, Kari Ross. A big Thank You to Ro Delaney and Kari Ross for all their help in getting our volunteers lined up.

PTO Super Staff Tailgate Food Providers – A big Thank You to Shantelle Franzen and her mom, Donna Smrha for keeping our staff lounge cheery with every season and filled with goodies. Our food providers are Alissa Philipp, Amanda Jewell, Amber White, Andrea Schoenbeck, Anna Walker, Becky Bolsinger, Beth Meyer, Christine Lehman-Engledow, Dawn Ovel, Diana Rodriguez, Heather Zwanziger, Jennifer Buhr, Jennifer Irons, Julie Summers, Melinda Crow, Nuanpun Chumnanont, Tara Erickson, Tracey Chesmore, Donna Smrha, Shantelle Franzen.

Box Tops/HyVee Receipts – Ruth Schroeder, Erin Wittkowski, Jenna Holmes, Shawna Clemente, Elizabeth Strimple, Melinda Crow.

Just a reminder on 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 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: KCCK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

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

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

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



ATTENTION – FIFTH GRADE PARENTS!

Each year, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is given to all 5th graders in the district. The CogAT is a standardized test, but is quite different from NWEA, Fastbridge Assessments and Iowa Statewide Assessments of Student Progress. The CogAT measures students' learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities in the three areas most linked to success in school—Verbal, Quantitative, and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The skills measured by the test show the cognitive processes that a child has developed to learn new things and solve problems. Experiences both in and out of school affect this skill development.

The CogAT consists of three separate tests: Verbal, Non-Verbal, and Quantitative. The test battery will be administered over three days during the week of February 19-22 for 45-50 minutes each day. The results of this test, in combination with NWEA and Iowa Assessment scores, are used in the identification process for the Middle School Talented and Gifted (TAG) program.

Please make sure your child is at school on time each day. It is important that students are well-rested and eat a healthy breakfast to help them do their best. If you have any questions about the test, please contact your school counselor or Brenda Bauermeister, Elementary TAG Coordinator, at bbauermeister@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Linn-Mar School Foundation Roaring 20's Mane Event!
Kickin' It Up For Linn-Mar Kids
March 27th, 2020
Cedar Rapids Marriott

Please join us for a fantastic roaring 20's party as we kick it up for Linn-Mar kids and raise important funds for our district classrooms!

What is this fun night all about you ask? Linn-Mar education! The Mane Event raises private funds to enhance educational excellence in our district. The Foundation aims to support new and enhanced classroom materials, supplement curriculum needs, expand enrichment programs, serve emerging and underserved areas and to help bridge funding gaps our schools face each academic year.

This fun filled evening will feature our new format from last year with a longer social hour featuring a NEW social sharing photo booth, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and live music entertainment with Vibrations DJ. Exciting silent & live auctions, blackjack, craps, group games and cash raffles, wine pull, mobile bidding and more!

Proceeds from the annual Mane Event directly benefit the Linn-Mar Community School District by providing K-12 classroom, curriculum and enrichment program funding for each of our ten schools (soon to be twelve).

Purchase individual tickets or a table of 10! If you want to be seated with a specific table, just let us know in the special request section.

Mane Event Schedule:

6:00 p.m.

Doors open for social hour, silent auction bidding available, Philip's Diamond bling booth, cash bar, music with Vibrations DJ

7:00-9:00 p.m. Food available until 9:00 p.m. only

Hot & cold heavy hors' de oeuvres including carving station

Fun group games, interactive photo booth wine pull & casino open for your enjoyment

8:30 p.m.

Presentation of dessert, Foundation video & remarks, heads & tails game, live auction
NEW Campus Street Sign debut on live auction - claim your piece of Linn-Mar real estate and support kids all year long

Casino & games will resume after live auction

9:45 p.m.

Silent Auction bidding ends

10:00 p.m.

After party with Vibrations DJ
Check Out Open

Break out your best 20's Gatsby attire and kick it up for the kids!

Attire: Prize for BEST DRESSED!

Menu: Coming Soon!

Served from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



February Library Highlights

Robots for Littles!

The library was awarded a Fall Linn-Mar Foundation Grant of \$750 to buy Botley robots to use with K-2 students. The goal is to use the robots as means for encouraging the 4C's: collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity, with students. The Botley robots allow students a concrete example of what coding is and how it works with robots. This is a great building block from the games we explored on the computers with coding in December!



This is Bennie, our BenQ interactive screen, which is used daily in the library! Bennie was purchased with a Spring Linn-Mar Foundation Grant and has improved library lessons tenfold! Here are students coding Lightbot during class.

Here's Botley! We have 13 robots!



Botley

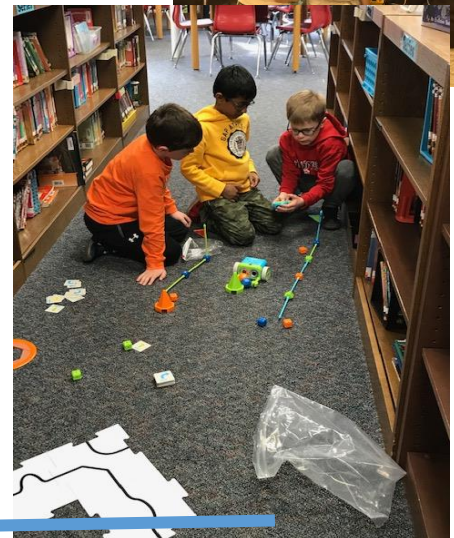
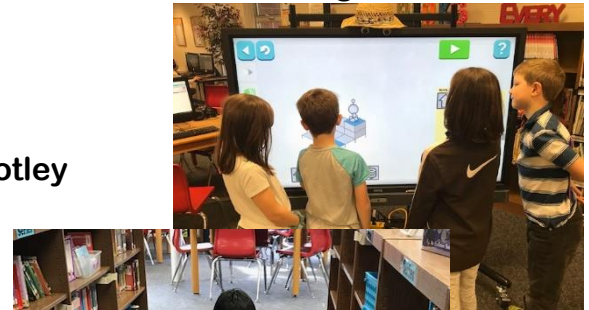
2nd
graders

challenged each other with Botley obstacle courses.



Groups are discussing what they are planning to do with Botley!

These students are figuring out an obstacle course for Botley.

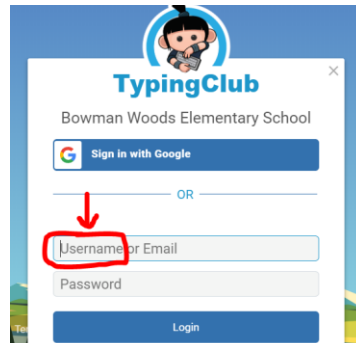
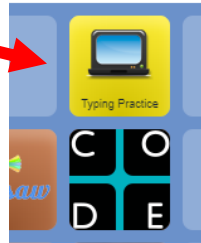


Typing Practices for All!

Typing is a skill that we try to exercise during library in 2-4th grades using Typingclub.com, but also in class and home. If your child wants to type at home, he/she can go to the Bowman Woods Symbaloo Students and go to their grade level, then to the Typing Club box. ONLY need to type in their username to get in.



If your child wants different ways skills at home, you can help them practice box on corner and looks



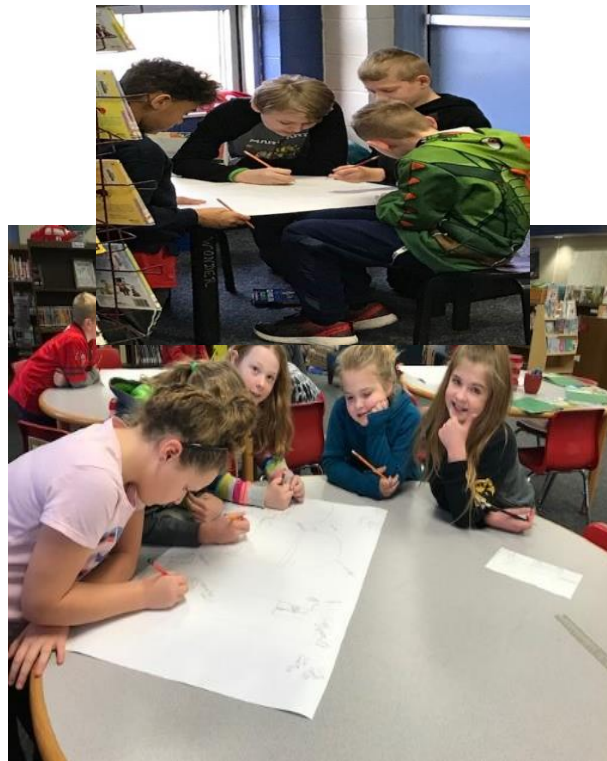
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the [Bowman Woods Symbaloo](#). It is in the right like this:

Students can use this box to find coding puzzles and games!

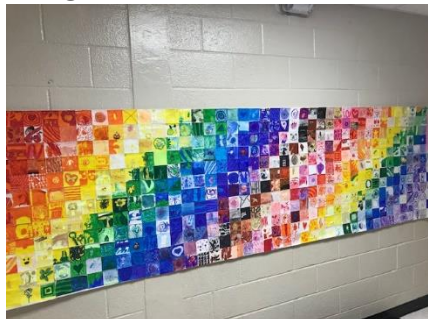
Collaboration Projects (warming up for Makerspaces!)

In grades 3-5, collaboration was a hot topic along with innovation during a two class lesson. Each class started by reading the book *If I Built a School* by Chris Van Dusen. The boy in this book gives his teacher his version of the best school. To branch off of the creativity in this story, 4th and 5th graders were asked to work in collaborative groups to create a blueprint of their vision of an ultimate school. This is a timely activity knowing our Bowman Woods 4th and 5th graders will be attending the new school next year. Many creative ideas and rich conversations took place with this activity and each class member stood up and explained their favorite thing about their school design. 3rd graders worked in collaborative groups to create and draw a unique and new type of backpack. They had to incorporate all group members' ideas while coming up with a design that fits all of them. They also had to speak in front of the class about their favorite part of their designs.



Global Mural Project

Bowman Woods students are taking part in a project called the Global Mural Project. All Bowman Woods students created a design on a 3X3 Post-It to use on the 10ft X 3ft mural. Mrs. Krause had students in each class use certain hot or cold colors to make their design. Once all of the Post-Its were put together, we



made a mural that looks like this Then it was cut into 10 long strips to send across the United States to nine other schools.

The other nine schools are still sending pieces to us and we hope to have a completed remix-mural soon so students can make global connection



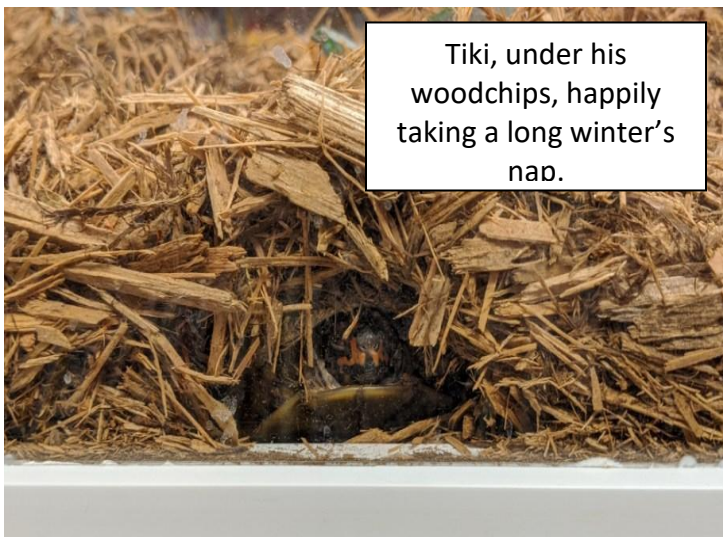
Read While Hibernating (tortoises and humans alike)!

When you feel like hibernating like Tiki, the library turtle, you can always grab a book and read!

Here, Tiki, read some good stories while you are warm and



Tiki, under his woodchips, happily taking a long winter's nap.



**WONDERING WHAT IS GOING ON
IN THE DISTRICT???**

LOG ONTO THE URL ADDRESS:

<http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

This address will direct you to the DISTRICT Full Event Calendar. Filter "Bowman Woods" if you just want to see what is happening at OUR GREAT SCHOOL!



Inspire Learning. **Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

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The Linn-Mar Community School District offers programs for four and five year old children. The number of sections, the location sites, and daily schedules for these programs will be determined by the district after schools have collected the data needed for making these decisions.

Preschool for Four Year Olds

- Age 4 on or by September 15, 2020
- No cost due to Linn-Mar being a part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program
- Half day, Four days a week

Online registration will be held Wednesday February 19th, 2020 at noon. Registration and preschool information can be located at <http://tinyurl.com/EarlyChildhoodLM>. Computers will be available at the LRC building at 2999 North 10th Street in Marion for those needing assistance for registering their three or four year old children.

Priority enrollment will be given to families that live in the Linn-Mar School District and 20% of the enrollment for the four year old placements will be reserved for families that qualify as low-income.

Children age 5 on or by September 15, 2020, may be served in one of two program models:

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Information Night is January 28th from 6-7 p.m. at your neighborhood school.

Early Childhood Blended Program

If you are unsure if your child is ready for kindergarten, Linn-Mar's Early Childhood Blended Program may be an option. This program is an all-day program for children that qualify through a screening process.

Screening dates are February 21 and 24, 2020. If you plan on having your child screened, please visit the Linn-Mar home page and click on the link to select a date and time. Or contact Dianne Van Praag at 447-3015 to set up an appointment.

Even if you are having your child screened, please plan on attending the Kindergarten Information Night at your neighborhood school.

For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/EarlyChildhoodLM>

February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3⁽⁷⁾	4⁽⁸⁾ Orch. AM	5⁽¹⁾ No LL Early Birds AM	6⁽²⁾ Band AM Orch PM 5 th Gr Band Concert – 6:15 HS	7⁽³⁾ Early Birds AM Spirit Night Marco's 11-11pm
10⁽⁴⁾ Kindness Week Hearing Screening	11⁽⁵⁾ Orch. AM Vol Workshop 8:45am PTO Meeting @ 6:30 Orchestra Concert HS- 7:15pm	12⁽⁶⁾ No LL Early Birds AM Freddy's Spirit Night 4-9	13⁽⁷⁾ Band AM Orch PM	14⁽⁸⁾ Early Birds AM Friendship Parties -2:30 
17 NO SCHOOL	18⁽¹⁾ Orch AM	19⁽²⁾ No LL Early Birds AM Online Preschool Registration Begins @ noon	20⁽³⁾ Band AM Orch PM	21⁽⁴⁾ Early Birds AM Parent Online Conference Sign Up Opens At 7 am PTO Sock Hop 6-7:30
24⁽⁵⁾	25⁽⁶⁾ Orch AM 5 th gr. Concert @ 6:30 pm	26⁽⁷⁾ No LL Early Birds AM	27⁽⁸⁾ Band AM Early Out – 1:15	28⁽¹⁾ PRIDE DAY Parent Online Conf. Sign Up Closes At 10 pm Backup for PTO Sock Hop