



BOWMAN WOODS NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Welcome to March!

February was full of many wonderful activities including the 100th day of school, amazing band and orchestra concerts, a fabulous 70's music program featuring our fifth graders, fantastic friendship parties, and the annual Sock Hop.

If you were able to make it to the Sock Hop last Friday, you know it was an evening of dance and delights. Thank you so much to our PTO for putting this event together year after year. Special thanks to Erika Elles for chairing the Sock Hop this year. We could not do this event without a fabulous team of volunteers and we thank everyone who helped. Please find those names on page of this newsletter. A huge thank you to our DJ's, Aftershock, featuring Bowman parent Chad Brunsman. What a tremendous job they do. The students and parents had so much fun dancing and enjoying pizza and soda floats.

Thank you for making it a priority to come in and meet with your children's teachers this month for conferences. Our late night conferences are Thursday, March 5 and Thursday, March 12. Conferences provide an excellent opportunity to hear about the many great things happening at school and to exchange information that will help make your child's last quarter the most successful. Thanks to the many parents who have signed up to send food for a tasty taco dinner for our teachers on the first conference night. What a treat.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Dr. Seuss week in a variety of special ways next week. Please remember all dressing up is optional and low key. Here is the plan for students:

Mixed Up Monday: Wear mixed-up clothing (can be mismatched, inside out, etc...)

Top Hat Tuesday: Wear your favorite hat to school

Wacky Wednesday: Wear wacky socks (Many students wear two different socks)

Thirsty for Books Thursday: Students will be treated to a special reading in the gym to start the day and all students will receive a Dr. Seuss bookmark.

Funny Food Friday: Wear anything green to celebrate Green Eggs and Ham

Sincerely,

Tina March

Lunchroom helpers: Christine Lehman-Engledow, Betty Young, Kathy Sharp, Terri Martin.

Hearing Screening helpers: Elizabeth Strimple, Ro Delaney, Kari Ross.

Volunteer Workshop: Ro Delaney, Angie Krueger, Penny Barnts, Anna Walker, Ruth Schroeder, Deborah Ryon, Karla Terry, Mary Lou Althoff, Mary Hutton.

PTO Sock Hop Volunteers: Andrea Schoenbeck, Angela Minard, Anna Walker, Becky Streff, Danean Kirchner, Harrison Kensinger, Kari Ross, Lindsay Sullivan, Melinda Crow, Misty Holzwarth, Renee Wood, Shantelle Franzen, Sherlyn Lindeman, Tracey Chesmore, Erika Elles, Jennifer Irons, Colleen Luckey. In addition, a special thank you to [Emery Place Assisted Living & Memory Care for their generous donation of Root Beer and Soda.](#)

Friendship Party Donations: Alicia Steines, Kristi Kasper, Angie Krueger, Kathy Sharp, Ro Delaney, Jennifer Buhr, Ashley Woodman, Heather Mueller, Tara Rodman, Tara Erickson, Elizabeth Strimple, Anne Bass, Stacey Witzenburg, Jennifer Irons, Karen Daniels, Katie Crespo, Valerie Walther **Volunteers:** Colleen Luckey, Jennifer Irons, Shantelle Franzen, Diana Rodriguez, Jennifer Brunsman, Angie Krueger, Ro Delaney, Kari Ross, Donna Smrha.

Staff Valentine Sweet Donations: Alissa Philipp, Angela Minard, Dawn Ovel, Erin Wittkowski, Jennifer Buhr, Jeanie Ruehlow, Melinda Crow, Tara Erickson, Tara Loeffler, Donna Smrha, Nathan Franzen, Shantelle Franzen.



Spring Pictures – April 3rd

Our photographers will be here on April 3rd to take casual/informal pictures of our students.

A few weeks after picture day, your student will bring home a picture packet that includes pricing information. Simply send in the remittance for any pictures you would like to keep and return the pictures you do not wish to keep. Buy one, buy all of them, or return them and purchase none. The choice is yours! This is an excellent fundraiser for Bowman Woods, but you are under no obligation to purchase pictures.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ADVANCE!

2020 LIONS Award nominations being accepted



Nomination Categories:

L – Living Legend: A person who has had an impact on students, staff and the community.

I – Innovator: A person who has brought new ideas that result in positive change and contribute to student growth.

O – Optimizer: A person whose leadership has unified people to benefit the students.

N – Newcomer: A person, who by his/her fifth year in the District, has made a significant impact on students through an extraordinary contribution of time and talent outside employment responsibilities.

S – Service Award: A person who has 25 or more years of service to the District as either an employee or a volunteer, and demonstrated exemplary character, service to students and/or staff, and loyalty to the District.

Lion Pride Award – Going the Extra Mile

Shirley Pantini Award – Excellence in Equity

A completed nomination form and cover letter (not to exceed one page) written by the nominator are due to the Linn-Mar Employee Recognition/Human Resources by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15th, 2020. Questions may be directed to: Casey Fasselius at (319) 447-3009 or cfasselius@linnmar.k12.ia.us



Parent University

HELPING CHILDREN WITH SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

TANTRUMS- EVERYONE HAS THEM

Resident Experts Kristin Hicks, Associate Director of Support Services and Catherine Muller, Behavior Consultant will share strategies on how to help children manage their emotions. All children need this help, and as adults in their lives, it is up to us to help them sort through those feelings and emotions.

Tuesday, March 3
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learning Resource Center (LRC)
2999 N. 10th Street - Marion -North entrance



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A Parent University in conjunction
with Linn-Mar Student Support Services



Follow the Rainbow to the Pot of Gold!

Help us fill the rainbow and the WHOLE SCHOOL can win prizes! It's simple:

Each grade has a color of the rainbow:

Pre-K - Violet
Kinde- Indigo
1st - Blue
2nd - Green
3rd - Yellow
4th - Orange
5th - Red
BW Staff - Pot of Gold!

Your grade earns 1 point for every:

- 1 Hy-Vee receipt submitted
- 1 clipped, non-expired Box Top
- 10¢ of credited Box Top app earnings

For every 50 points earned, another piece is added to your grade's color in the rainbow.

The grade with the most pieces of the rainbow by April 3rd will earn an extra recess!

But, that's not all...

If the school can work together to fill in the WHOLE RAINBOW by May 29th, EVERYONE wins rainbow Skittles AND an extra special game on Co-Op day! Good luck!

Don't forget to include your child's name and classroom on your submissions.



**IF YOU HAVE NOT
REGISTERED YOUR
KINDERGARTNER FOR
SCHOOL NEXT FALL,
PLEASE CALL 447-3240.**

**Parents, please help by not
dropping your child off at
school before 8:10.
We *do not* have supervision
before that time. You can bring
your children at 8 am if they
are to eat breakfast at school.
Thank you for your
cooperation on this safety
issue.**

Textwire: If you have previously signed up to receive notifications and are not receiving them, please click on LM Emergency Notifications at the bottom of the LM webpage to register again and select "District" to receive weather related notifications.



If you are moving over the summer and not returning to Bowman Woods next year, please notify the office. Thank you!

 *Notes from Music* 

Mrs. Dunnick-

March

3rd GRADE CONCERT

The 3rd grade singers are excited to share their concert, "Reading is FUNdamental" on April 9th, 2020 in the Bowman Woods gymnasium. Students are asked to wear nice clothing (like picture day). The performance is at 6:30 p.m. for friends and family to attend. Doors to the concert will open at 6:15 p.m. for families and kids will report to the music room at this time. Pictures and video are encouraged!

Library Highlights

There are so many things you can learn about, but you'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut. ~Dr. Seuss

Expedition Goggles

The students at BW were able to experience Google Expedition goggles in their classroom or library. Virtual reality took us to the Great Barrier Reef, National Parks or Celestial Objects. There are two expedition sets that are shared throughout the district and funded by the Linn-Mar Foundation.

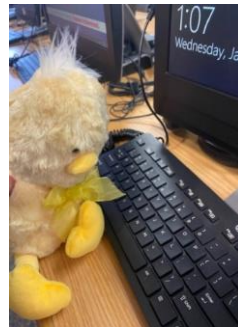


Little Quack's Bowman Woods Journey



Bowman Woods is excited to have author and illustrator, Derek Anderson, coming to visit with K-3rd graders on April 2. His visit is funded by the Linn-Mar Stories Alive program which receives funding from the Linn-Mar Foundation. The Foundation designates a portion of the funds given by Hills Bank each year to fund visiting authors and illustrators.

One of the characters Derek Anderson illustrates is Little Quack, who is a tiny and unsure little duck. Little Quack is visiting all of the K-3 classrooms with a journal, so he can write about the all the ways he is learning to be brave at Bowman Woods.



Stellar Stories

All students at Bowman Woods are reading 18 picture books in a competition to find the more loved “Stellar Story” at Bowman Woods. It is fun to watch the bracket getting filled in with what students vote for. So far, *Max Explains Everything*, *Soccer Expert* and *Truman* are moving to the next round. It is really exciting to see which books move onto the final rounds!

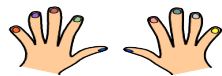


Online Safety

All grades were shown a short video about kindness online and choosing words that represent ourselves well. This will lead nicely into our next topic of digital footprints. 4th and 5th grade students were shown quick videos on safety when chatting and talking to adults when feeling uncomfortable online.

Keyboarding

Students in grades 2-4 have all started using Typingclub.com to practice correct keyboarding skills. Students can practice at home if they go to this [link](#) and just type in their username (the name they use to log into a school computer).



March PTO NEWS



We LOVE your spirit!

Thank you **SO MUCH** for showing up month after month to support BW Spirit Nights at local restaurants. It has been a lot of fun, and the funds are really adding up. Dollars raised during Spirit Nights and through redemption efforts support free family fun nights like Sock Hop and Fun Fair. Special thanks go out to our Spirit Night coordinator, Colleen Luckey, for her efforts.

Mark your calendars

Tuesday, March 3, 4:00 – 9:30 PM: Bowman Woods Spirit Night
Paradise Indian Grill - 5200 Fountains Dr NE

Delicious news! Our March Spirit Night will be hosted by a BW family at their beautiful restaurant, Paradise Indian Grill. 15% of proceeds will be donated to the school.

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: PTO Meeting

Meetings are held in the library. Free childcare is provided.

Spending Spotlight

Attendees at PTO meetings over the past few months have discussed with Principal March and teacher representatives how to best use your generous Bowman Blast donations to support the school this year. The fundraiser resulted in excess dollars beyond what is needed to cover budgeted activities. Here are the plans for utilization of those extra dollars:

- Two activity mats to replace worn out ones in the gym
- Two lion costumes for use during Bowman Blast and other spirit events
- Plug in headsets for iPads to improve students' dictation into Seesaw and other educational software
- Extra enrichment funds to be spent as desired by each grade level team on classroom wish list items:
 - \$300 for Preschool
 - \$500 each for K - 4
 - 5th grade will use their funds for an extra field trip
- End of Year Celebrations – PTO traditionally funds a sendoff celebration for 5th graders. This year, we will be saying goodbye to both the 4th and 5th grades. PTO will use excess funds to support the extra celebration.

Thank you, families, for your kindhearted financial support!! You are making a tangible, meaningful difference for our students.



March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Dr. Seuss Day Day 1	3 Spirit Night Paradise Indian Grill 4:30-9 Day 2	4 Early Birds Day 3	5 No LL Early Out 1:15 Conference Night 1:40 – 6:40 Book Fair 2:30-7 Day 4	6 Early Birds Book Fair 8-3:30 Day 5
9 Book Fair 8-3:45 Day 6	10 Orch. AM Vol Wkshp – 8:45am PTO Meeting – 6:30 Book Fair 8-3:45 Day 7	11 Early Birds Book Fair 8 -3:45 Day 8	12 Band AM Orch. PM No LL Early Out 1:15 Conference Night 1:40 – 6:40 Book Fair 2:30-7 Day 1	13 Early Birds Read Around School Day 2
16 SPRING BREAK	17 -----	18 -----	19 -----	20 -----
23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Early Birds No LL Day 6	26 Board Visit 1st Grade FT - 1G/1S Day 7	27 Early Birds Pride Day MANE EVENT 6 PM 1st Grade FT 1L/1E Day 8
30 NO SCHOOL Day 1	31 Day 2	APRIL 1 Early Birds No LL Day 3		

