Bowers Bugle

Bowers Elementary School
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April 2016

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Wow! What a productive month of March we had! It was wonderful to see so many parents during parent-teacher conference week. 99% of our parents participated in conferences with the majority (96%) coming to Bowers School to meet with teachers. Special thanks to our PTA for sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair where parents were able to have their children browse books while they met with teachers. Your continued support of developing your child as a reader—not only someone who is able to read, but actually enjoys reading—is so important to developing life-long learners!

Besides supporting your children's growth in reading, math and writing across all curriculum areas, please take some time to remind them of the importance of demonstrating our behavioral expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible in all areas of the school.

Arriving to school on time every day, demonstrating expected behaviors and giving forth their best effort in all they do are habits which will serve our students well as they develop into outstanding citizens of our community. I am always excited to learn of the accomplishments of former Bowers students as they continue to develop through high school and beyond! Thanks for your continued partnership as we nurture your beautiful children with whom we are lucky to spend each and every school day! Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Ruggiero & Pari Ghetia

Please be on time for school – tardy bell rings at 9:05. Please drive safely in the Bowers neighborhood where our children are walking and/or riding bikes to school.

April's Habit of Mind
Creating, Imagining, Innovating

https://vimeopro.com/wondergrove/habits-of-mind/video/105406236

Try a different way! Generate new and original ideas. Think about how something might be done differently from the norm. Einstein warned of the importance of having creative and innovative thinkers: "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." Learners who are inquirers and risk-takers demonstrate this habit of mind - being creative and imaginative in their thinking and in their approach to problem-solving and dilemmas!
Check out the main hallway bulletin board for more examples, special thanks to Mrs. Quaglia & Mrs. Trares.

April Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B 4	**C 5**	**A 6**	**B 7**	**C 8** 8:30-9:00 Math Chat
11 Spring Vacation	**12** Spring Vacation	**13** Spring Vacation	**14** Spring Vacation	**15** Spring Vacation
A 18	**B 19** 6:30 PM – PTA Meeting	**C 20**	**A 21** Gr. 4 Living Museum 6:15-7:15 pm	**B 22** 8:30-9:00 Math Chat
C 25	**A 26** 6:00-7:30 pm -Gr. 1 Family Fun Night	**B 27**	**C 28** Community Event – Northwest Park, 4:30-6:30 pm	**A 29** 3rd Annual Bowers Career Day 8:30-9:00 Math Chat
B May 2	**C May 3** 6:30 PM – PTA Meeting	**A May 4**	**B May 5**	**C May 6** School Spirit Day

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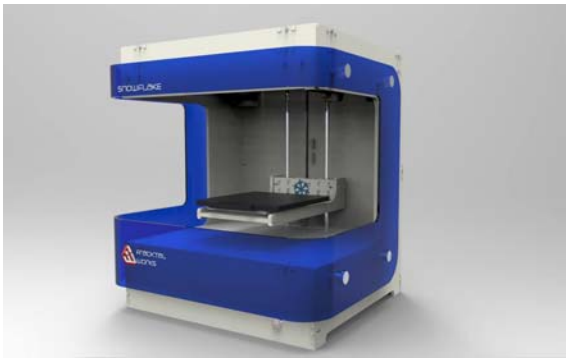
We're Proud Of…

- The following classes who earned Golden Awards last month for Safe, Respectful and Responsible behavior: Art – **Mrs. Tryon's** and **Mrs. Cocchiola's** classes; Physical Education: **Miss Emmerich's** and **Mrs. Gallant's** classes; Music: **Mr. Deptula's** class and Library: **Mrs. Magnotta's** and **Mrs. Dixon's** classes
- All of our students who participated in the Bowers Science Fair/Invention Convention. The following students will represent Bowers at the district science fair on April 23: **Prasun Modi, Delilah Matthews, Jermayne Allen, Kylee Lightfoot, Lucia Reyes, Jeffrey Johnson, Violet Robinson** and **Natalie Christopher –** Special thanks to Mrs. Becker and Mr. McDougal.
- The following students who were recognized in the Manchester Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest: Grade 4 **1st place – Madison Scott**, **2nd place – David Shapard** and 3rd place – **Lucas Thompson;** Grade 5 **1st place – Muntasir Hussain**, **Honorable mention – Alayna Brown**; special thanks to Mr. Vernali.
- **Stephen Kay**, kindergarten, who organized a pajama day fund raiser last month for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. He raised $545.30. One person truly can make a difference!
- **Gabby Tuohey, grade 5.** As part of her enrichment class, Gabby researched 3D technology and wrote a letter to Superintendent Matt Geary outlining her research and explaining why Bowers School needed a 3D printer. Mr. Geary, who is pictured below with Gabby, responded by scheduling a meeting, asking Gabby to defend her request and, ultimately, agreeing to purchase this wonderful piece of equipment for our school. One person can truly make a difference! Thanks, Gabby…and thank you, Mr. Geary!



Family Night at the Park

The town of Manchester's third community event of the school year is scheduled for **Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Northwest Park**. This event will be for the ***Bowers***, ***Robertson*** **and the** ***Manchester Preschool*** **families.** Please email Dr. Ruggiero at mlruggiero@mpspride.org to let her know if you are interested in participating in the planning committee meetings.

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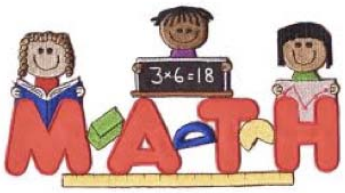
Join Mrs. Litwin for…….

Math Chat and Snack

Meet with the Math Coach for great conversation about your child and math!

Have questions answered and get tips on how to help at home!

When: **Friday mornings 8:30-9:00am**
Where: **Family Resource Center**



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Bowers and Buckley Have Heart

Upcoming Relay for Life Fundraising Events

April 16th - Can and Bottle Drive & Bake Sale
9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. at the
Buckley School Parent Pick-up Loop
BRING THOSE BOTTLES!!

April 29th – "3rd Annual Evening of Dancing, Food, & Fun"

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m
Georgina's Banquet Hall, Bolton, CT
Buffet, silent auction and DJ
Tickets on Sale NOW $30 per person!!
This is an adults only event!

Contact Susan Tryon (Bowers) or Trisha Bourcier (Buckley)

June 3rd - 4th **RELAY FOR LIFE at Northwest Park**

Join our team!

- You can go to www.RelayForLife.org
- click join, search for *Bowers and Buckley Have Heart*
- follow the prompts
- All youth participants need a Youth Waiver filled out.

** Any questions about the above events or the Manchester Relay For Life, please contact Susan Tryon b32stryo@mpspride.org or Trisha Bourcier b35tbour@mpspride.org. Thank you for your continued support!

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Bowers PTA

APRIL

On behalf of the PTA, thank you to everyone who attends PTA sponsored events, volunteers to help and purchases PTA memberships!!

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday April 19th at 6:30pm in the library. Please note this meeting is being rescheduled from April 4th due to inclement weather. This is an important meeting as we will be accepting nominations for the 2016-2017 Executive Board. We are looking for a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please consider joining us. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

Thank you to everyone who purchased from our Cookie Dough fundraiser to support the annual 5th grade celebration. We made approximately $200 to contribute to the celebration!

Please keep an eye out this week for our next fundraiser with Uncle Jerry's Tees!

A huge thank you to Kristin Aitken, Kyle Aitken, Michele Gara, Cori Gorcenski, Katy Duncan and Monique Hazlett for coordinating the 2nd grade family night Olympics. A great time was had by all!!

Yearbooks are currently on sale! They can be purchased at an early bird price of $12.00 until 4/15/16. After that, the price increases to $15.00. Please send in the order form along with cash or a check made payable to Bowers PTA. Or, you may take advantage of the online option by visiting YBPay.lifetouch.com and enter yearbook code 12083816.

Thank you to everyone who purchased an ad for the yearbook. At this time we can no longer accept any more ads.

The 1st grade Family Night will be Tuesday, April 26th from 6pm-7:30pm. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Amy Newman at amybill29@yahoo.com.

Bowers Luau will be May 20th at 6pm in the gym. Please join us for a fun night of dancing with DJ Mario. Concessions will be available for a small fee.

PLEASE LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Bowers Elementary School PTA

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