



# Bowers Bugle

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## Principal's Message

Dear Bowers Families,

February proves to be a productive month at Bowers School. We are working hard toward our school goals focused upon increasing students' math and literacy skills, strengthening students' habits of mind and nurturing good citizenship skills while at the same time maintaining a welcoming school community.

Most importantly, we strive to develop our students as lovers of learning—not only able to read, but readers who choose to read for entertainment or enjoyment, mathematicians who see the many real life ways in which mathematical thinking can be used to solve problems and writers who write purposefully with an audience in mind! As parents, you play an important role and we appreciate our work together with you! We recently received the results of a comprehensive assessment of family engagement at Bowers and are in the process of reviewing it. Preliminary plans focus upon soliciting your input to strengthen our communication with you.

During this month, teachers will be completing mid-year assessments. Our students across the grades, including our younger learners in grades K-2, are growing as readers, writers and mathematicians! The progress they have made since the beginning of this school year is incredible! Besides the academic learning, Bowers students are growing as caring, respectful citizens who know the difference between expected and unexpected behavior. Stay tuned for more information about this during parent-teacher conferences in March. As always, thanks for your continued support of our awesome school!

Sincerely,

*Mary Lou Ruggiero and Pavi Ghetia*

## BOWERS FRC STUDENT AMBASSADORS HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Hello, Bowers community. The Student Ambassadors are collecting hats and mittens to distribute during the winter to any friend that needs them. Can you help us by donating items? There are three boxes in the school that are used as collection boxes. They are located in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade hallway, the K & 1 hallway, and the top floor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade hallway.

Please contact Mrs. T if you have any questions 860-647-3521 ext. 73506 or [lturnq@mpspride.org](mailto:lturnq@mpspride.org)



## February Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>B 1</b>	<b>C 2</b>	<b>A 3</b>	<b>B 4</b>	<b>C 5</b>
	6:30 PM – PTA Meeting	1:17 dismissal for prof. dev.		School Spirit Day! Wear RED
<b>A 8</b>	<b>B 9</b>	<b>C 10</b>	<b>A 11</b>	<b>B 12</b>
			Parent/Guardian Math Night, 6:00pm,	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>C 17</b>	<b>A 18</b>	<b>B 19</b>
President's Day – NO SCHOOL	School Vacation NO SCHOOL			
<b>C 22</b>	<b>A 23</b>	<b>B 24</b>	<b>C 25</b>	<b>A 26</b>
			6 PM – 3rd Grade Family Fun Night, 6:00pm	
<b>B 29</b>	<b>C March 1</b>	<b>A March 2</b>	<b>B March 3</b>	<b>C March 4</b>

## We're Proud Of...

- **Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra** students who performed on stage for the first time last month. Special thanks to **Mr. Garrison, Mrs. Hilliard and Ms. Conway** for motivating and encouraging our students to shine and to all our families for your support!
- The following classes who earned the recent Golden Awards: Art- **Mrs. Garcia's & Ms. Comollo's classes**, PE-**Mrs. Magnotta's & Mrs. Dixon's classes**, Music – **Mrs. Dixon's class**, Library – **Mrs. Magnotta's & Ms. Pietkevichs classes**.
- The following students whose artwork was on display at the Lutz Museum last month: K:**Tommy Rinehart, Amir Waterman, Rayne Daigle, Jaclyn Parker, Mira Stebe, Angel Ruiz-Marentes, Zachary Bourcier, Kayleb Boseman**, Grade 1: **Anila Pagan-Folston, Aiden Hill, Mollie Ruganis, Gabriel Rader, Brianna Osei-Baffour, Elyana Duncan, Ethan Bonesteel, Noah Serrell-Dube, Gerrit Gademsky**, Grade 2: **Alexander Kingston, Rory Corso, Aspasia Nguyen, Gabby Straker, Cooper Gorcenski, Alex Corrado, Jamison Duncan**, Grade 3: **Riley Podann, Izaiah Crespo, Jaima Cabonita, Griffin Crandall, Abby Hayes, Phoebe Emery, Mya Ruiz, Autumn Marques, Carol Vilas Novas, Lillian Jones, Lorianna Lawhorn**, Grade 4: **Jasmine Rosario, James Waites, Patricia White, Kayla Savoir, Amia Hatten, Angelina Russo, Marquise Rivera, Savannah Smith, Promise Willis, Samantha Maneri, Trinity Robles, Cian Gara-Grady, Katherine Matute**, Grade 5: **Jadylise Ruiz, Paige Aitken, Aiden Hills-Nevin, Connor Ruganis, Samantha Beeler, Brianna Wallen, Jennaleise Jeferson, Makayla Bishop, Natalee Michaud, Tommy Deshaw**

## Special thanks to...

- **All our students, families and staff** who participated in Pajama Day last week and donated funds to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. We collected \$550.00!
- **Elsa Savoy, Mason Savoy's grandmother, and Susan Betz, Emma Kilbourn's grandmother**, for donating their time to guide 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families in last month's Paint Night. Special thanks to Kristin Aitken and Krista Tuohey, for coordinating the event, and to all parents who helped out.
- **Bowers alumni, Judith Lido Cowell**, who donated books to our school library in memory of her parents, Emil and Gemma Lido, who moved to Manchester, CT, from New Jersey in 1941. Mrs. Cowell shared the following about her parents: *They came to Connecticut as a young, married couple in search of a better employment opportunity at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford where Emil spent his working career. When building his home on Avondale Road, education was strongly emphasized to their children. Both my sister and I attended all Manchester Public Schools starting at Bowers where we walked to school in the morning, came home for lunch and then walked back again. I truly believe that their influence on our lives helped us embrace the concept of the importance of education. School attendance, completion of homework and respect for our teachers were of utmost importance to them. At the passing of my mother at age 100 last year, I thought how better to honor our parents than with a donation of books to the Bowers School Library. I know it will please them to know that their influence has continued on for several more generations!*
- **Mrs. Ware's husband, Peter Ware**, and his therapy dog, **Yella**, who volunteer their time supporting our students who are building their independent reading stamina!



# BOWERS PTA

February 2, 2016

It's hard to believe it's already February. Our next PTA meeting will be tonight at 6:30pm in the library. Please consider joining us to discuss the latest events and fundraisers. We are also looking for PTA members who may be interested in being a part of the 2016-2017 executive board. We are looking for a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to take over for the new school year in August. The 3rd grade teachers will also be on hand to update us on what our 3rd graders have been up to.

The 3rd grade Family Fun Night will be Thursday, February 25th from 6-7:30pm. If you have ideas and/or are interested in helping out, please email us at [bowersschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:bowersschoolpta@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details!

A huge thank you to our two Bowers grandmothers who graciously donated their time and artistic skills for the 5th grade Family Paint Night! Elsa Conley and Susan Betz led our 5th graders and their families through an instructional paint night of Winter Trees and Snowmen. A huge thank you to Kristin Aitken for her wonderful idea for a paint night and to Jen Chapman, Krista Tuohey, Michelle Clark and Katy Duncan for coordinating, running, and purchasing supplies for this fabulous and well attended event! Thank you also to everyone who attended and who donated to the upcoming 5th grade celebration! A special thank you goes to Shannon Savoy and Katie Kilbourn for helping out.

Munson's chocolate heart lollipops are on sale beginning today through February 12th. Each lollipop is 1oz. solid milk chocolate and sells for \$2. Please contact Krista Tuohey at 860-550-3129 or [bowersschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:bowersschoolpta@gmail.com) with any questions. Lollipops will be sent home with your child the next day after payment is received.

A committee has been formed to build a new playground at Bowers. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or have any questions, please contact Amy Newman at [amybill29@yahoo.com](mailto:amybill29@yahoo.com).

We will also be holding a Family Movie Night to benefit the 5th grade celebration. We are hoping for a Friday evening in March. We will let you know as soon as the details are finalized!

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

**Please like our page on Facebook:**

## February's Habit of Mind Striving for Accuracy

Watch the clip below to learn more about the importance of this habit of mind!

<https://vimeo.com/wondergrove/good-behavior-videos/video/102979015>

Striving for accuracy means taking the time to do things the right way. It means you really care enough about something to do it completely and correctly. When we are in a hurry, we do not do things accurately. **What will you do to adopt this habit of mind?**

Brand new band students perform on stage for the first time last month!



Grade Five Paint Night was a huge success