



Bowers Bugle

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Principals' Message

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Open House last month. 75% of our families attended. We are looking for feedback and would appreciate it if you would complete the survey below.

[Open House Parent Feedback Survey](#)

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the Board of Education will be meeting at Bowers School, 7:00 pm. Bowers staff and students will spotlight our major goals this year which include increasing student achievement by implementing the workshop model in Math and Language Arts. See page 2 for more information about workshop. Other goals include implementing Academic Parent-Teacher Teams in grades 1-2 and implementing our social-emotional learning curriculum.

Stay involved, keep informed and don't hesitate to let either of us or your child's teacher know your ideas to make our learning community more responsive to you and your child's needs.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Ruggiero
Anthony Brooks

Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important. Thank you for making sure your child attends school regularly and on time each day. If your child will be absent, please call into the attendance line, 860-647-3320. We make every effort to contact parents whose children are absent and we have not heard from the parent.

Please make dismissal plans with your child prior to sending him/her to school. Should plans change, please call the school office well in advance of dismissal time. It gets very busy in the office at dismissal time and we want to make sure all children are dismissed safely according to plans. Thanks.

Lunch-time Teachers Help Wanted

Are you looking for part-time employment? Do you enjoy working with children? Bowers School is looking for interested parents who would like to substitute for our lunch-time teachers when needed. Hours are 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact the school office if you are interested. Thanks.

SAFETY at Arrival Times

If you are dropping your child off in front of the school by car on Princeton Street in the morning, please be sure to have your child exit your car curbside and then once your child is out of the car safely, please move on so as not to create a traffic jam. If you prefer to watch your child enter the building, you must park the car on one of the side streets or on Princeton, south of the school.

October Calendar of Events

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
A 3 Picture Day	B 4	C 5	A 6	B 7 Spirit Day
10 Columbus Day No School	C 11 7:00 pm BOE at Bowers	A 12	B 13	C 14
A 17	B 18	C 19 Early Dismissal 1:17 pm	A 20 6:30pm PTA meeting	B 21
C 24	A 25	B 26 APTT Meeting, Gr. 1-2, 5:30-6:45 pm	C 27 Family Night Grade K	A 28
B 31				



Above: Everybody clap your hands! Students, families, and friends had a great time at our Back to School BBQ and Ice Cream Social this September. The event was hosted by our Bowers PTA and was another great way to kick off the 2016-2017 school year. The packed house dined on hamburgers and hot dogs, and danced into the evening!

Below: We all scream for ice cream (and our Bowers Staff)! These are just a few of the wonderful people who were on hand to serve some ice cream to our Bowers school community. Special thanks to everyone for their help, including Mr. Deptula (not pictured) for coordinating the ice cream social.

From left to right: Ms. Ferguson (3), Mr. Bradbury (2), Mrs. Becker (STEM K-2), Ms. Emmerich (5), Mrs. Turnquest (FRC), Mrs. Martinez (2), Ms. Pietkevitch (5), Ms. Gallagher (5)



New Bowers Community Partner

New River Community Church, located on Woodbridge Street is our new partner. New River has already had a positive impact on our school. They provided 5 brand new bins of clothing for our school nurse to use for our friends that need a change of clothes. They donated 50 backpacks with school supplies. If you have any questions, suggestions, or immediate needs please contact our Bowers FRC Coordinator, Latasha Turnquest. She is our contact person for New River Community Church.

What is Workshop and Why Do We Use It?

At Bowers, your child's instruction using the Workshop Model is in full swing! During Reading, Writing, and Math Workshops, your child will be able to show what they know, continue to practice their skills, and extend their learning.

What are the key components of the Workshop Model?

1. Mini Lesson

Each Workshop session will begin with a mini lesson that lasts approximately 15 minutes. Each mini lesson will focus on a strategy that your child will need for the subject area. There may be times where a strategy will be studied over the course of several days, in which case the mini lessons that week will be related to that strategy.

2. Independent/Partner time with Instruction

- Conferences-Teachers meet with your child on a 1-on-1 basis or small group, offering feedback on something great that they've noticed, and providing instruction that can help them further their understanding.
- Small Groups- Teachers meet with children to extend/expand their knowledge. This can be through two groupings.
 - Guided- helping your child at their independent level.
 - Strategy- grouped with students when they need assistance with a certain strategy regardless of their independent levels.

3. Sharing Time

During this time the class might:

- Meet as a whole group to refer back to the mini lesson and think further.
- Respond to questions.

Why is the Workshop Model Effective?

- Students have daily opportunities to talk about what they've learned.
- Students have time to work independently every day.
- Students work in the workshop model is replicable outside of the classroom.

We're Proud of the following students who completed their math packets this summer...

Grade One: Maxwell Brown, Valeria Bryant, Je'nene Crandall, Reagan Kerr, Ben Moreno, Michael Sokola, Emma Kilbourn, Alani Ranson, Morgan Savoir, Keegan Williams, Zachary Bourcier and Tommy Rinehart

Grade Two: Mara Andersen, Julia Berube, Kaden Bradford, Prasun Modi, Kylie Baba, Izaiah Arevalo, Justin Bennett, Lexi Crandall, Finnegan Johnson, Nektaria Pergantis, Gabriel Rader, Noah Serrell-Dube, Jayden Strickland, Jameson Watts, Izabel Bishop, Gerrit Gademsky, Alysson Galvez-Tapia, Jadalisse Morales and Mollie Ruganis

Grade Three: Lilly Aitken, Ella Berube, Alex Corrado, Aiden Thompson, Cooper Gorcenski, Nadia Jones, Annalyse McKenna, Mikaylah Ulett, Isaiah White, Shaelan Gara-Grady, Tyler Harrison, Molly Hazlett, Sam Luby, Arianna Moreno, Kyler Showers, Jermayne Allen, Joseph Christopher, Aiden Gann, McKenna Hills-Nevin and Sophia McCaulla

Grade Four: Aidan Anthony, Ryleigh Bennett, Alex Brown, Elias Robinson, Tiasia Turner, Cassidy Connors, Brady Clark, Mason Crandall, Kyle Ffrench, Max Kleykamp, Brynn Mesick, Blake Oliver, Clara Rinehart, Kevin Andersen, Soroya Barnett, Andrew Bourcier, Amelia Kerr, Hayden Watts and Zach Wilson

Grade Five: Carina Chapps, Cian Gara-Grady Sam Olivera, Kayla Savior, Tannell Webber, Micaela Arenas, Logan Hazlett, Rhys Mendenhall, Isabel Rivera, Angelina Russo, Madison Scott, Savannah Smith, Patricia White, Carson Gademsky, Ben Earle, Angelina Estrella, Hector Lugo and Rashad Watt

BOWERS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS

- Safe and Supervised Fun
- Socialization for Children (Birth to Four) and Adults
- Free development screenings
- Nutritious snacks and age-appropriate activities



Playgroup dates below:

Tues. Oct. 11 10am-11am
Tues. Oct. 18 10am-11am
Tues. Oct. 25 10am-11am
Tues. Nov. 15 10am-11am
Tues. Nov. 22 10am-11am
Tues. Nov. 29 10am-11am
Wed. Dec. 7 10am-11am
Tues. Dec. 13 10am-11am
Tues. Dec. 20 10am-11am



LUNCH BUNCH

Please sign up for a great program that the Bowers Family Resource Center will be providing for our K-3rd grade students and families. Come into the FRC once a month during your child's lunch time and participate in an interactive story time.



The PTA Pipeline

HAPPY FALL to our Bowers Bulldog families! We are off to a great start with PTA this year. We are grateful for your continued support.

Please come to the **next meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2016**, at 6:30pm in the Bowers School library. We will be discussing and voting on the proposed budget. In addition, we will be making final plans for Tasting and Treats. (Please read more about that below.) Additionally, at **each meeting**, the floor is opened to the general membership to hear **YOUR IDEAS!** We welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback. Also, there will be **DOOR PRIZES!**

Our first all-school event, the Ice Cream Social/Family BBQ was a great success! A large portion of our school families came out to enjoy dinner, dessert, and dancing in the gym! It was wonderful to see parents and children rejoicing in the sight of old friends and happily chatting with folks to make new friends, too! Thank you to our **amazing teachers and staff** for coming out to serve the ice cream. A special thank you to 4th grade teacher, **Mr. Deptula**, for organizing the purchase of the ice cream and supplies, as well as signing up the teachers to work. Also, thank you to **Superintendent Geary** for providing the food for dinner from district funds.

Our first fundraisers, Spirit Wear sale and Gifts and Things sale were successful. Thank you to those who participated. All funds raised go directly into paying for activities and events that benefit all of our students, such as field trips and Family Fun Nights. Our next fundraiser will begin on October 4, 2016. It is a **LYMAN ORCHARD PIE** sale. These delicious pies are sold in October, but delivered in time for Thanksgiving!

Our biggest (and most fun!!) fundraiser of the year is coming up: **TASTINGS & TREATS**. Tastings & Treats is a silent auction, raffle, and vendor fair--made up of all local artisans, with appetizers, and a wine & beer tasting, all wrapped up into one fabulous (adult-only) evening! The event will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016, 6:30-10:00pm, at Adam's Mill. Last year we raised **OVER \$5000 to offset the costs for our children's field trips and other school needs**. This year, a portion of proceeds will also go to fund our NEW PLAYGROUND if we exceed last year's totals! Tickets always sell quickly, so be sure to purchase yours early! **Tickets are \$35 each**. Order forms have been sent home with your students. You can also order via PayPal, https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=E4DYQHCGECCUQ.

Lastly, we are excited to have been able to gift our two new teachers, Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Ferguson with books for their classroom libraries. As a PTA, it is our goal to support all our teachers in any way that they need. We look forward to assisting more teachers as the year progresses.

We cannot accomplish our goals alone. We need your help.

YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOU!

BE A HERO. JOIN THE PTA.

~Amy Newman, Bowers School PTA President