



# Bowers Bugle

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

May is a very special month at Bowers School. It begins with **Staff Appreciation Week, May 2-6**, a time to let our staff know how much we appreciate all they do on a daily basis to encourage each and every learner at Bowers. Whether having your child wear his/her teacher's favorite color, sharing kind words or pictures, or most importantly letting your children know on a daily basis that you and their teachers are working in partnership, your support is truly appreciated.

May is also filled with many activities which enrich and culminate learning units at school. We end the month with our **Celebration of Learning** which will be held on **May 26, 6:00-7:30 pm**.

During the month of May, our students will be involved in district-wide benchmark assessments which will be reviewed, along with daily class work, to determine student progress and make recommendations for next school year. Speaking of which, May is also a month when we plan for transitions. Our incoming kindergarten class is visiting Bowers School this month while fifth graders will visit Bennet Academy. Later this month we will begin the thoughtful, deliberate process of determining class placements for next school year. This process involves your child's current teacher, our instructional coaches and, when appropriate, other members of the school staff. Among the factors considered in placements are reading and math instructional levels, learning styles and special needs, behavior records, social and emotional maturity levels, group dynamics, gender and race. Parents are welcome to share information regarding their child's optimal learning environment or needs in a letter to Dr. Ruggiero. However, we are unable to accommodate requests for particular teachers due to the criteria above. Please send your letters by June 1st. Thank you for your cooperation.

Aside from all of the special activities which occur throughout this month, as always, our learning expectations will be high as we nurture our students as readers, writers, thinkers, mathematicians and problem-solvers!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Ruggiero and Pari Ghetia

## May's Habit of Mind - Persisting

<https://vimeopro.com/wondergrove/habits-of-mind/video/112723704>

Persisting means trying hard to reach your goal; it means not quitting. We continue to work hard during the last six weeks of school to reach our goals. Sometimes it's not always easy and students think that if they need to persist at a task they might not be smart enough. They learn not to value persistence because they see it as a sign that they are not smart enough to "get it" the first time. It is important to let students know that persistence does not equal failure. As teachers and parents, rather than recognize and celebrate completion of a task, we should recognize and celebrate our students who go about finishing their work or task in the most thoughtful, effective way. Did they continue to try hard even if it was challenging? Did they get stuck and figure out how to get unstuck? By celebrating this, we demonstrate the value of persisting!

### May Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>B 2</b> Staff Appreciation Week	<b>C 3</b> 6:30 PM – PTA Meeting	<b>A 4</b>	<b>B 5</b>	<b>C 6</b> School Spirit Day/ Nurse Appreciation Day
<b>A 9</b>	<b>B 10</b>	<b>C 11</b>	<b>A 12</b> 6:30-7:30 PM – Social Thinking Parent Night	<b>B 13</b>
<b>C 16</b>	<b>A 17</b> Field Day	<b>B 18</b> 1:17 dismissal for prof. dev.	<b>C 19</b>	<b>A 20</b> 6:30-8:00PM – PTA End of Year Luau
<b>B 23</b> 2:15 & 7:00 pm – Gr. 4-5 Spring Concert	<b>C 24</b>	<b>A 25</b> 3:00-6:00, PTA Book fair	<b>B 26</b> 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Cele. Of Learning and Book fair	<b>C 27</b> 3:00-6:00, PTA Book fair
<b>30</b> Memorial Day – No School	<b>A 31</b>	<b>B June 1</b>	<b>C June 2</b>	<b>A June 3</b> School Spirit Day

## We're Proud Of...

- The following students who had their artwork on display at the Upper Woods Elementary School in Farmington with a reception last Saturday. The show was non-juried and celebrates the creativity of students in Connecticut during youth art month: **Cian Gara Grady, Jordan Trares, Alayna Brown, Soraya Barnett, Phoenix Harris.** Additionally, **congratulations to Cian Gara Grady whose artwork was selected to be on display in the Education Committee Room at the State Legislative Office Building in Hartford.**
- All students who represented Bowers at the district science fair and invention convention last month. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the different grade level categories: **Delilah Mathews**, kindergarten, who received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Investigations, K-1, **Prasun Modi**, grade one who received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Models, K-1, **Lucia Reyes**, Grade 3, who received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Inventions, 2-3, and **Natalie Christopher**, Grade 5, who received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Investigations, 4-5.

## Special thanks to...

- **Andrew Helmin**, former Bowers student, and Eagle Scout candidate, who built the bench and garden around our Bowers School flagpole, as his Eagle Scout project. Thanks for remembering all of us at Bowers, Andrew!
- **Our PTA and parent volunteers**, for all you do for our school!
- **Our Career Day volunteers**, who volunteered their time at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Career Day last month to teach Bowers students about many different careers from farmer to canine officer, diesel mechanic to radio personality, dentist to electrician and more! Special thanks to **Mrs. Clarke**, coordinator!





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**



**June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> RELAY FOR LIFE at Northwest Park**

**Join our team!**

- You can go to [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org)
- click join, search for *Bowers and Buckley Have Heart*
- follow the prompts
- All youth participants need a Youth Waiver

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

# Bowers PTA

## May 2016

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 May 3rd at 6:30pm in the library. The nominating committee will be presenting their recommendations for the 2016-2017 Executive Board. Anyone else who would like to add their name for consideration should attend the meeting and then submit their request in writing within two weeks.

The Uncle Jerry's Tees fundraiser is due this week. Please submit your orders NO LATER than Thursday, May 5th.

Everyone had a great time at the 1st grade Family Fun Night making bird feeders! A very big thank you to Amy and Bill Newman and Jessica Mendelsohn for coordinating this event!

Also thank you to everyone who attended the Bowers/Robertson/Manchester Preschool Family Picnic. What a great turnout!! Thank you to Amy Newman, Katie Kilbourn, Trish Oliver, Melissa Emmerich, Sara Suitor and Corinne Colman for running the Bowers PTA table.

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$15.00 each. 5th graders will receive free yearbooks. For all other students, please submit your order form with cash or a check made payable to Bowers PTA.

**Bowers Luau is scheduled for May 20th at 6:30pm in the gym. We are still looking for at least two volunteers to coordinate this event. If no one steps forward by Friday, May 6th, we may not be able to have this fun end of the year event. Please contact Krista Tuohey at 860-550-3129 or [bowersschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:bowersschoolpta@gmail.com) if you would like to coordinate.**

The BOGO Book Fair will be May 25th from 3-6pm, May 26th from 3-8pm, and May 27th from 3-6pm. Please contact Amy Newman at [amybill29@yahoo.com](mailto:amybill29@yahoo.com) if you wish to volunteer. For every family purchase, you will receive one raffle ticket to win a Summer Reading Book Basket worth \$100!!!