



Bowers Bugle

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December 2015

Principal's Message

Our social-emotional learning goals emphasize kindness and this month kindness abounds at Bowers School! We are collecting items needed for our Wounded Warriors. Friday, Dec. 4th, is School Spirit Day! Wear red, white or blue and consider making a donation for our wounded warriors.

In addition to our social-emotional goals, we set academic goals for our students and we need the support of each and every family at Bowers School to help us reach these goals. Please be sure to continue to send your child rested and ready for learning each and every day. Please encourage reading at home each day, practicing of skills learned at school and please limit the amount of passive, screen time. Holiday gift-giving is a great time to add some books to your child's library at home, as well as games to foster critical and creative thinking. Ask your child's teacher for recommendations. While at school, your children will be asked on a regular basis to set learning goals and reflect upon their learning. We strive to develop motivated learners who are persistent, self-directed and willing to take risks with learning challenges! We need your support to encourage these strengths within your children. Please help us by talking with your child about what they are learning and its importance. We will not be able to meet our goals without your constant support!

This week is Parent-Teacher conference week with shortened day dismissals at 1:17 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 1-3. Best wishes for productive, successful report card conferences this week. Please be sure to stop into the PTA Book Fair which is held on the stage, 1:30-5:30 pm on Tues. – Thurs., Dec. 1-3. As always, I appreciate all you do as partners with us in your child's education! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Ruggiero

December's Habit of Mind Managing Impulsivity

Check out the link below and hear about Cookie Monster waiting for that cookie! It's not easy!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9PnbKL3wuH4

Effective problem solvers think before they act. They intentionally form a vision of a product, plan of action, goal or a destination before they begin. Often students blurt the first answer that comes to mind. Sometimes they shout out an answer, start to work without fully understanding the directions, lack an organized plan or strategy for approaching a problem or make immediate value judgments about an idea—criticizing or praising it—before fully understanding it. They may take the first suggestion given rather than considering the alternatives. Our positive excitement for the upcoming break often leads to impulsive actions and it is important to make good choices. #controlmyself

December Calendar of Events

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
Early Dismissal , 1:17 pm for parent conferences, Dec. 1-3	C 1 1:17 pm dismissal 6:30 pm, PTA meeting	A 2 1:17 pm dismissal for parent conferences	B 3 1:17 dismissal for parent conferences	C 4 School Spirit Day!
A 7	B 8	C 9 1:17 dismissal for prof. dev.	A 10	B 11
C 14	A 15 Winter Concert, 2:15pm & 7:00 pm	B 16	C 17 PTA Holiday Shoppe	A 18
B 21	C 22	A 23	24 Happy	25 Holidays

Winter Break – Dec. 24 – Jan. 3. Back to School -Jan. 4

We're Proud Of...

- **Mikaylah Ulett, grade 2, who was awarded 2nd place for all K-5 art submissions in last month's Face the Need Event.**
- The following classes who earned Golden Awards for Behavior in special area classes during the month of November: Music: **Mrs. Cleary's class**, Physical Education: **Mrs. Ware's and Mrs. Tryon's classes**; Art: **Mrs. Magnotta's class**, Library: **Mrs. Sabatelli's, Mrs. Tryon's and Mrs. Garcia's classes.**

Special thanks to...

- **Michelle Clark, Krista Tuohey** and everyone who supported our successful 2nd annual Tastings & Treats! It was a huge success raising funds for our PTA to benefit our students.
- **Chloe Phillippe-Robles' mom, Wanda**, for coordinating last month's 4th grade Family Night. Check out the pictures below.
- **The Sisterhood of Beth Shalom B'nai Israel**, for donating knitted and crocheted scarves, hats and gloves to be distributed to our students.
- All parents and family members who volunteer their time to support our school community and our school PTA.

Please check out the Lost & Found Boxes

While you are at Bowers School for your parent-teacher conference, please check for your child's belongings in one of our two lost & found boxes. They are located outside the main office and outside the cafeteria. **Any items left in the boxes after December 14 will be donated to charity.**



4th grade Family Night
Students had fun showing off their many talents; including dancing and playing instruments. Thanks to all who attended!



BOWERS PTA

December 1, 2015

Hello! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and the nice 4 day weekend. Our next PTA meeting will be tonight at 6:30pm in the library. We hope you can join us!

A big thank you to Wanda Phillippe, parent of 4th grader Chloe Robles, for coordinating the 4th grade Family Fun Night! Thank you also to parents who were able to help out and students who sent in their artwork for display.

Bowers PTA 2nd Annual Tastings & Treats was another huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased tickets, donated and volunteered. We are hoping to bring Theatreworks USA from NYC back to Bowers in the Spring with the funds raised from Tastings & Treats.

The Butter Braid fundraiser to benefit the 5th grade picnic is due today. Please send your orders in if you haven't already. Please contact Michelle Clark at 860-306-7888 with any questions.

The Holiday Shoppe will be held Thursday, December 17th in the gym. Children will be able to shop for their loved ones with the help of PTA members, while parents will be able to enjoy coffee and baked goods in the cafeteria. Every student in the school will receive a \$1 voucher to use at the Holiday Shoppe. Please contact Jen Chapman at jchapman08@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our Scholastic Book Fair December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 1:30-5:30pm on the stage of the gym. You are able to leave your children at the book fair with our volunteers while you attend your parent/teacher conferences.

Thank you to everyone who supports the PTA by purchasing memberships, placing orders through our fundraisers, attending Tastings & Treats, and volunteering your time. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to provide all of the enriching activities and programs for the kids!

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