

# Bowen Parent Bulletin



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## Principal's Notes.....

**It's Carnival Time - tonight is the annual Bowen Carnival!** The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and we will be wrapping up with the festivities at 8:00 p.m. Our building has been transformed into a "Disco" and the kids have had fun decorating their classrooms. I look forward to spending time with you and your families this evening.

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is our final PTC meeting.** Please plan to be there as we will be electing officers for the 2012/13 school year. If you are interested in being a PTC member or officer next school year, please join us on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in the Bowen Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

Finally, I would like to extend an open invitation to everyone to attend the events that will be happening as we wrap up our school year. The end of the year is full of celebrations. ***Please feel free to contact your student's teacher if you would like to be a part of any of our end of the year class field trips, Bowen Field Day, or any of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations.*** Please know that our Bowen doors are always open to you and your families. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

**Blair Feldkamp**

## Dates to Remember

- ◆ **5/3-Bowen Carnival 6-8 pm**
- ◆ 5/6-Kindergarten Visitation
- ◆ 5/8-2nd grade to G.R. Museum
- ◆ 5/14-Bowen Field Day
- ◆ 5/17-5th graders to Calvin College
- ◆ 5/22-Kindergarten to Pony Farm
- ◆ 5/22-5th grade to Paris Park
- ◆ 5/23-1st & 3rd grade to Zoo
- ◆ **5/27-Memorial Day NO SCHOOL**
- ◆ 5/28-31-Book Fair
- ◆ 5/30-School Picnic
- ◆ 5/30-5th grade Field Day-AM
- ◆ 6/3-2nd grade to Fred Meijer Gardens
- ◆ 6/5-3rd grade-Lake Michigan
- ◆ 6/6-5th grade graduation
- ◆ **6/7-Last day of school-Half Day**

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

**SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION**

Now is the time of year to get your child registered for summer camp. They offer a wide array of activities for children ages 6-17. Recent studies show the importance in extra-curricular activities developing positive choices for our children. Camp Blodgett, Camp O'Malley, and Camp Tall Turf are wonderful examples of organizations which help develop these characteristics. They focus on self esteem, encourage positive relationships, and help give children tools to help them be more successful with school, and life.

For more information on West Michigan Summer Camps, please go to:

<http://www.westmisummercamps.org/guide.php>



Remember space is limited, register your child as soon as possible.

**Library Corner**



Hope to see all of you at the Carnival tonight!

Upcoming Events in the Media Center:

**May Reading Challenge** – All students are asked to keep track of their reading time during May. The top 4 – 5 readers in each class will win a fun afternoon on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Read! Read! Read! Bowen Arrows!!

**Used Book Sale – FINAL ONE OF THE YEAR – Thursday, May 16**

All used books are a quarter.

**Scholastic Book Fair – BUY ONE; GET ONE FREE FAIR – May 28 – June 5**

Shop when you come for the Bowen Family Picnic on May 30<sup>th</sup>! Stop any time during these days and stock up for summer reading. All items are buy one; get one free (the least expensive item is free). Join the fun and celebrate reading all summer long. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Mrs. Gombert.

All library materials are due by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get all the books and magazines back.

Mrs. Gombert  
Librarian

**Feeding America West Michigan (formerly known as Gleaners) will distribute food for those in need from their Mobile Food Pantry on:**

**May 14**

**July 9**

**September 10**

**November 12**

**At Mosaic Church, 4275 Shaffer SE, at 6:00 PM**

**K.I.D.S.**

**KENTWOOD TRACK CLUB**

- Mon & Wed-6-7:30 pm
- May 29-July 31, 2013
- Falcon Stadium
- Only \$60.

Elementary students interested in improving skills required by all sports in the FUN atmosphere of track and field are invited to join the **KENTWOOD TRACK CLUB**.

Registration forms available at [www.kentwoodtrack.com](http://www.kentwoodtrack.com). Send questions to Mike Bareman: [kentwoodtrack-club@gmail.com](mailto:kentwoodtrack-club@gmail.com) or 616-570-7960

**"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."  
-- Henry Brooks Adams**

**Happy Teacher's Appreciation Week  
Bowen Teacher's We Love You!**

**KINDERGARTEN PACKETS**

Now enrolling kindergarten students for 2013/14 school year. If you have a child that will be five by **November 1, 2013** please pick up a registration packet in the office now. You need shot records, birth certificate and proof of residency. Please do this before May 6th, for kindergarten orientation!

