

Bowen Parent Bulletin



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Principal's Notes.....

Hello,

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to take a moment and extend a very sincere **"Thank You" to the many volunteers** that have been in our building. The large number of parent volunteers that have come into classrooms to work with our teachers has been very much appreciated. We would also like send a great big **"Thank You"** to all of the mentors from Kids Hope, our Watch D.O.G.S. dads, our Bowen PTC, and our Board of Education member, Mrs. Mimi Madden, for all of their time and effort this school year. Bowen Elementary is a better place because of all these people and the time that they have given to the building and our students.

Secondly, this is a very special time of year for our 5th grade students. **Please take a look at the "Dates to Remember"** section on the right of this page to make sure that you don't miss any of the important events that are set up for our exiting class of 2013.

Lastly, some of our parents have been contacted regarding your child **attending summer school**. Please know that there has been a great deal of thought put into each of our summer school recommendations and we truly have the best interest of each child in mind. If you have any questions or concerns, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself, we would be glad to speak with you.

The school year is quickly coming to end. If you should have any questions regarding a class trip or after school activity, please do not hesitate to contact the Bowen Office. We would be glad to get you the information you need. Thank you again for all that you have done for our Bowen students this school year.

Blair Feldkamp

Dates to Remember

- ◆ 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**

AUGUST REGISTRATION For All Students

All students new and returning will need to register in **August**. At this time you will be asked to show current proof of residency and to update all student information. Watch for registration dates and times in the **Kentwood School News** this summer.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



As much fun as summer can be, some children may become "bored". Here are some activities to actively engage your children thru the summer months.

- Take a trip to the zoo, museum
 - Family game night once a week
 - Have you child pick a story and read to you
 - Make a home made scrap book/ comic book
 - Go to a ball game
 - Have a craft night an make paper bag puppets~ create a play from them
 - Create a sketchbook and document your summer vacation by drawing pictures
 - Have a picnic in the backyard
 - Ride a bike or roller blade
 - Join a summer camp/day camp
- Join an activity through Parks and Recreation

For a list of more activities, visit the web and search "summer activities for children".

Have a wonderful, fun, and safe summer!!

Kentwood Parks and Recreation Department website
<http://www.ci.kentwood.mi.us/cityhall/Departments/recreation/youthprograms.asp>

Library Corner



Hard to believe the school year is almost over! This was the last week to check out books from the Media Center. **All books are due back by Friday, May 24.**

Lost/Overdue Notices went home today for those who have not turned in their books. **Fifth grade parents – Lost book fees follow your child to Middle School and they will not be able to check out their textbooks if they owe for books at the Elementary level.

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

The Book Fair opens on the Tuesday we get back from Memorial Day weekend. Stop and shop to 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!

***Shop during the Bowen Picnic! The fair will be open so you can shop and eat and enjoy the fun with your student.

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

July 9

September 10

November 12

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

End of School Reminders



- * **Lost and Found:** Please check the lost and found table by Friday June 7th to see if any of the items are yours. After June 7th all items will be donated to charity.
- * **Medications:** All medications need to be picked up at the office by June 7. Medications need to be picked up by an adult. All leftover medications will be disposed of.

Year Books

We still have a few year books for sale in the office. They are available for \$8.00 each. On a first come, first serve basis.

**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY**



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.

