

March 6, 2024



# Bowen Elementary

## Newsletter

### A Message From the Principal



Hello Bowen Families,

I want to remind you about the changes in our Spring Conferences this year. Now, you can view your child's Spring Progress Report online through your Parent VUE account – the same one you use for school registration. Please take the time to review your child's current Progress Report in Parent VUE.

If you would like to discuss your student's progress in more detail please reach out to your child's teacher. On Friday, March 8, we will be sending a printed copy of the progress report home.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with our teachers and staff for your child's education!

Educationally Yours,  
Principal Campione



### Building Healthy Communities



March is nutrition month, and students will be learning from the BHC lessons 'Healthy Snacks' and 'Go Slow Woah'.

Students will learn what makes a snack healthy vs. unhealthy and how snacks can be good for us. They will also learn why it's important to include a variety of foods from the 5 food groups to make up a healthy diet, and to stop and think about which foods are most healthy to choose. To reiterate these lessons at home, ask your child(ren) about the S-N-A-C-K acronym they learned in class! Snacks should be: Simple, Nutritious, Affordable & Available, Colorful and Kid Friendly! Use BHC's [Shop Healthy & Save](#) tip sheet to help find healthful snacks to choose from. You can help be a healthy role model by providing and encouraging Healthy Snacks at home and at school. BHC helps our school staff be healthy role models too, to make our school environment the best it can be for our students' health!

### SEL Corner



This month in Social Emotional Learning we are focused on relationship skills.

Having healthy strong relationships is very important for our students. We work on this daily using free choice time, cooperative play activities and of course, when out at recess. Recess is the time students put the skills they learn during Social Emotional instruction to work. At home you can support the growth of relationship skill building by focusing on listening first and then responding. Game night is also a fun way to teach skills like asking questions, listening to directions, accepting feedback, and learning how to have compassion for others victories.

### Bowen Elementary Yearbook Order Form!



Celebrate your child's school year by purchasing a Bowen Elementary Yearbook! So many fun memories have been shared this year... follow the link or use the QR Code to purchase! Orders are due by March 29.  
<https://store.geskusphoto.com/search/YB58>

## World Down Syndrome Day



March 21, 2024 is World Down Syndrome Day! On this day we create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down Syndrome.

Show your support and love by wearing mismatched socks, your t-shirt, or your bracelet. Our Bowen community is lucky to celebrate our students with Down Syndrome, so show your love and support!

## Welcome to Camp Read S'More



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March is designated as National Reading Month. This is a celebration that encourages reading for all ages and promotes reading as a key feature for learning and social development. Dr. Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

We invite you to join our [March is Reading Month](#) celebration by encouraging your child to read for at least 15 minutes each night, or by being a guest reader in your child's classroom. Please contact your child's classroom teacher to coordinate a day and time.

## Bowen Dance – The Shamrock Shuffle!

You are invited to our family dance... wear your green and come dance the night away with classmates, friends and family!

**Date: Friday, March 22**



**Time: 6:00–8:00pm**



**Location: Bowen Elementary**

**Cost: \$5 per person or \$30 per family  
(dinner and dancing included)**



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## Registration for 2024–2025 School Year

Online registration for the 2024–2025 school year is now open!

**Current KPS students who will be returning next school year must register between now and May 10, 2024.**

Kentwood Public Schools participates in the Kent ISD Schools of Choice plan. This is for those students who live within Kent County, but outside of the boundaries of our district. We appreciate your interest in attending Kentwood Public Schools.

The Schools of Choice window for the 2024–2025 school year opens on April 8, 2024, and closes on May 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar...



March 6	1/2 Day Dismissal 12:15pm
March 7	1st Grade Field Trip (KDL)
March 7	PTC Meeting 5:30pm
March 7	Kindergarten Visitation 7pm
March 8	Progress Reports Go Home
March 11	5th Grade Middle School Visits
March 14	3rd Grade Field Trip (GRPM)
March 15	PTC Popcorn Sale
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day!
March 19–27	Scholastic Book Fair
March 26	4th Grade Field Trip (Lansing)
March 26	Y5/Kindergarten Book Fair Shopping Evening 4:30 – 6:30pm
March 28	1/2 Day Dismissal 12:15pm
March 29	No School – Spring Break Begins

## The Scholastic Book Fair is March 19–27!

The Scholastic Book Fair is back and will run from March 19 – 27. It will be open during evening conference times on 3/19 & 3/21 for families to shop. A special Young 5s/Kindergarten Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, March 26 from 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Don't want to send cash with your student? Set up an eWallet for them. Start this process on our Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bowenelementaryschool1>

Want to volunteer? Contact Mrs. Gombert or the Bowen Office.

