

BOWEN ELEMENTARY

Newsletter

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A Message From the Principal



Hello Bowen Families,

I am thrilled to have the new year underway! As the proud principal of Bowen Elementary, I am excited to extend a warm welcome back to students, parents, teachers, and community members. Bowen Elementary is a school with over 350 students. It is not just a place for learning, but an environment that is nurturing, supportive, and meets the students where they are.

We value the education of the whole child, infusing academics with social and emotional learning that helps our students grow and develop to their full potential. To help with this, we are a Capturing Kids Hearts school that focuses on developing the habits of highly effective children:

- Be proactive
- Begin with the end in mind
- Put first things first
- Think win-win
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood



At the heart of our school is a strong sense of community. We believe in open and transparent communication between all stakeholders – students, parents, and staff. Bowen's outstanding educators create the foundation for your child's success. In addition, a large part of Bowen's success can be attributed to its active and engaged parents who are involved with our PTC, serve on various committees, and volunteer in numerous ways throughout our school. We highly encourage active involvement from parents and value their partnership with their child's educational journey.

I look forward to our continued collaboration to provide your children with an effective, engaging learning experience. We appreciate our families being positive partners in their child's educational journey. Our staff's priority is to create a caring and compassionate learning community. This is done with professionalism, teamwork, action and expertise. The most important focus is the best interests of our students; they are always the center of our purpose.

As always, my door is open and we welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me via email or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year ever! It is an honor to serve as Bowen Elementary Principal and I am committed to working closely with our staff, stakeholders, and families to provide the best possible educational experience and helping every student build success stories.

Educationally Yours,
Miss Mary Campione



SEL Corner



This month we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his dream for humanity. When talking about social emotional learning (SEL) – what Dr. King dreamed of is the same as what we would love for all of our students. We want everyone to be seen and heard, we want students to be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin, background, or culture. This month at home with your children talk about Dr. King's dream of us all people being treated equally and with kindness. Talk at dinner time or during a car ride about a dream they have for this country, for their Kentwood community or for their school. It's always great to talk about ways to spread kindness, because change happens one person at a time.

Strive for Less Than Five!



As we start a new semester, we wanted to remind you about our Strive for Less Than Five initiative! Our goal is that each student have fewer than 5 absences in the 2023-2024 school year. Let's make every day count by getting children to school prepared to learn! If your child needs to be absent from school, remember to call our Bowen Office at 455-5220 to communicate the reason for the absence.

Chuck-E-Cheese Night

We are excited to partner with the Grand Rapids 28th Street Chuck E. Cheese to host our annual Family Night! Chuck E. Cheese will donate 20% of the sales generated from this event to Bowen's Parent Teacher Committee (PTC). You can find more information on our Bowen Facebook page! Flyers will be sent home Friday!

Location Chuck E. Cheese
3671 28th Street SE
Time: 4-9pm
Date: Friday, January 19



Building Healthy Communities



This month, our students will be learning about proteins including the variety of sources we get protein from, and what protein does for our body. To reiterate this lesson at home, you can discuss protein sources that your family eats, and how to cook them healthily.

Check out BHC's parent tip sheets featuring [Protein Sources](#) and [Making the Most of Mealtime](#), to learn about the benefits of sharing meals, making mealtime enjoyable for the whole family, and conversation starters! Let's make fostering an enjoyable, connected and healthy mealtime a priority this new year!

Winter Weather Gear



Our weather patterns have been crazy this season. Now that winter weather has arrived, snow pants and boots are required to play in the snow. The school has warm winter coats, hats and gloves available for students to wear. Please call the Bowen Office (455-5220) if you have a student in need of winter clothing.

PBIS at Bowen Elementary

Bowen students and staff kicked off the new year by reviewing the Bowen Behavior Expectations. Students continue to earn "Falcon Feathers" by showing respect, responsibility and making safe choices. Mrs. Gombert has been offering redemption times to redeem Falcon Feathers for treasures recognizing students' efforts. Many students have already received Bowen swag including a Bowen bracelet and a new Bowen Falcon t-shirt.

As we begin the 2nd Semester, students are working to earn a celebration with Miss Campione, cold treats with Mr. Connor, Art with Mrs. Endres, Music with Mrs. Bendert and the ultimate prize of a movie and popcorn. We encourage you to check in with your student and ask how many Falcon Feathers they have earned.



Mark Your Calendar...



January 19	Chuck-E-Cheese Family Night
January 23	Bowen Music Program 6pm
January 26	Popcorn Sale
February 8	PTC Meeting 5:30pm
February 14	Valentine Celebrations 2:45pm
February 19	No School: Mid-Winter Break
February 20	No School: Mid-Winter Break
February 23	Popcorn Sale
February 28	East Kentwood Black History Celebration



Bowen's Music Program!

Runnin' Down a Dream

An American Road Trip



Who? You! Me! All of the Bowen Falcons!

When? Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Where? East Kentwood High School Fine Arts Auditorium

What Time? 6:00 pm



