

Bowen Elementary

August Newsletter



Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

Dear Bowen Families,

Welcome back to Bowen Elementary for the upcoming academic year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare to embark on another year of learning and growth, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new students and families.

At Bowen Elementary, we believe in fostering a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment that encourages academic excellence, personal development and a sense of community. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality education, engaging in innovative teaching practices, and supporting each student's unique journey.

Throughout the upcoming year, we have an exciting lineup of academic programs, extracurricular activities and events planned to enhance your educational experience. From our renowned Capturing Kids Hearts Program to our Back to School Dance, there will be numerous opportunities for you to explore your interests, develop new skills, and forge lasting friendships.

For parents and guardians, your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's success. We value your partnership and look forward to collaborating with you throughout the school year. Open communication between home and school is essential, and we encourage you to reach out whenever you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for choosing Bowen Elementary as your educational home. Together, we will make this academic year exceptional.

Educationally Yours,

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Bowen Elementary Principal



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Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



Please help us assure the safety of our students by respecting the arrival times in the morning. Bowen staff members do not begin supervision outside until 8:45 AM.

A few reminders for the Care Rider Lane

- ◆ Students should wait until the car has come to a complete stop at the curb before exiting the vehicle.

- ◆ If your child requires a car seat or booster, please help us by moving the safety seat to the passenger side. We will help unload/load to keep things moving.

- ◆ A gentle reminder to park in a parking space if you plan to get out of your car. This helps keep the line from slowing down.

8:45-8:55am Arrival Time

8:55am-4:00pm Instructional Day

4:00pm Dismissal

Important Dates



August 19	Open House
August 31	ARCH Begins
Sept 3	PTC Meeting
Sept 4-7	No School
Sept 11	Picture Day
Sept 18	Back to School Dance
Sept 30	½ Day of School



Open House

Our team has been preparing for our best year yet and is excited to fill our building with our Bowen Falcons. We are hosting an Open House on Wednesday, August 19.

This event is a true open house style in that families can tour the building, find their classroom, and meet their teachers. This is especially helpful for our Young Fives and Kindergarten students as they may have some nervousness about starting school.

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

First Day of School



School begins on Monday, August 24, 2026. Bus pickup and drop off times and bus stop locations will be available in ParentVue. For Frequently Asked Questions about ParentVue, click [HERE](#). Please check your account for information regarding your bus route and pick-up/drop-off times.



Attendance

A gentle reminder to call the Bowen Office (616-455-5220) when your student has a doctor's appointment or is feeling ill. We participate in the Strive for Five campaign, encouraging families to focus on having students at school on time for all five days of the week. Our Attendance Team will work to monitor attendance patterns and celebrate achievements.

Our New Cell Phone Expectations



As we prepare for a wonderful new school year, we want to share an important update with you about cell phones and wireless communication devices at school.

At Bowen Elementary, our goal is always to create a safe, welcoming, and focused learning environment where every child can learn, grow, and enjoy being at school. Beginning this Fall, Kentwood Public Schools will be implementing a new cell phone and wireless communication device policy for the 2026–27 school year. This change is part of our continued efforts to support student learning and is also in response to new state legislation.

We know that changes to school routines can bring questions, and we want to make this transition as smooth and simple as possible for our students and families. We encourage all families to review the information below to learn more about the new expectations and how they will apply at the elementary level.

Read the District [Family Letter](#)

Please review the district's family letter for detailed information about the new cell phone and wireless communication device policy, including expectations for students and families.

If you would like your child to bring a cell phone to school, please review and complete the [permission slip](#). The form must be completed before your child brings a cell phone to school.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to review these materials with your child and discuss the expectations before the school year begins. Your partnership will help us ensure a smooth transition and maintain a consistent approach for all students.

Thank you for partnering with us to create an environment where our students can be present, connected, and ready to learn each day. We appreciate your support and understanding as we begin a new school year!