

Bowen Elementary

Newsletter

February 2026

A Message From the Principal



Hello Bowen Families!

This month is filled with exciting events and learning opportunities as we continue to explore new topics, celebrate important occasions, and grow as a school community. We are looking forward to working together to make the most of this month.

Educationally Yours,
Miss Mary Campione 

Honoring Black History and Culture

KPS Annual Black History Celebration

This week starts the celebration of Black History! This month we will take time to look at the many contributions African Americans have made to this country. We will honor the past while celebrating the future. There are many individuals who have paved the way for all of us, and it is important to take time to learn about these amazing people and great moments. While the past is our history, we also look to the future and celebrate those blazing their own trail now.

“Voices of Freedom, Roots of Resilience”—a night dedicated to honoring the legacy of those who fought for justice, while uplifting the strength, hope, perseverance, and joy that continue to define our story.

Date: February 18, 2026
Location: East Kentwood Fine Arts Auditorium
Time: Community Reception 5:30–6:15pm
Program & Student Performance 6:30–8:00pm



Choose Kindness: February Edition

February is recognized as Kindness Month, a time to promote kindness and inspire people to engage in acts of compassion and goodwill. The month serves as a reminder to practice empathy, understanding, and kindness, not only towards others, but also towards ourselves.

One of the most notable days that falls in February is Valentine’s Day (February 14), which aligns well with Kindness Month, emphasizing love, affection, and caring gestures. It also encourages people to go above and beyond and extend kindness to family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers.

In many ways, Kindness Month encourages reflection on how a simple act of kindness can have a ripple effect and make a difference in people’s lives. The idea is a small gesture – offering a compliment, helping a neighbor, or supporting a cause – can create a culture of compassion, making the world a better place, one act at a time.



Valentine Party Scoop



Students and staff will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13. Classroom celebrations will begin at 2:45pm. Students are encouraged to show their holiday spirit by wearing various shades of red or pink. For health and safety reasons, holiday treats must be store bought. Look for more information from your student's classroom!

Pencilgrams: Written with Love



Pencilgrams will be available from 2/9-2/13. Students and families can purchase a card and pencil for \$.25 each. Students can buy these during lunch and afternoon recess. Families may stop by the Collaboration Center any time or send an envelope with the information and money until 2/13. Funds will be used for special projects for our Bowen Falcons. Watch for flyers to come home next week.

Chuck E Cheese Family 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: 4-9 PM
Date: Friday, February 6



Mark Your Calendar...



- 5 PTC Meeting 5:30pm
- 6 PTC Popcorn Sale \$1.00
- 6 Chuck E Cheese Family Night 4-9pm
- 9-12 5th Grade Water Literacy 12-2pm
- 13 Classroom Valentine's Day Parties 2:45pm
- 16-17 No School Mid-Winter Break
- 18 Kids Have Rights Lessons
- 18 KPS Black History Celebration 5:30pm
- 20 Link-up Concert (Grade 3) 11:10am

What's coming up in March?



Kindergarten Registration (3/5)

Young 5s and Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is coming up! If you have a future Young 5s or Kindergarten student please join us for Registration Night on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions about the process please call Bowen Office (616)455-5220.

PTC Family Movie Night (3/6)

Lights, camera, Bowen! Join us for PTC Movie Night from 6-8pm at Bowen Elementary. Grab your chairs and blankets, get comfy, and enjoy a fun family movie night under the stars. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. More exciting details coming soon from the Bowen PTC!

Middle School Parent Night (3/12)

Big things are coming for our 5th graders! On Tuesday, March 10, students will visit their future middle schools and get a sneak peek at what's ahead. Then parents are invited to Middle School Parent Night on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 PM. Families will have the chance to tour the school, meet the amazing staff, and learn all about the exciting years to come. It's the start of a brand-new adventure—don't miss it!

