

Bowen Elementary

March Newsletter



A Message From the Principal

If you have a child who will be starting at Bowen Elementary next school year, please be sure to complete their registration as soon as possible. Early registration helps our school plan for classes, staffing, and resources to best support all students.

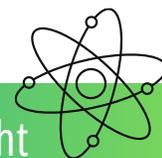
- Register early to secure your child's spot
- Submit or update any required documents
- Contact the Bowen Office (455-5220) if you need help with the registration process

Thank you for helping us prepare for a successful school year at Bowen Elementary!

- Visit www.kentwoodps.org
- Select "register for the 2026-2027 school year"
- Select K-12 registration
- Select "click here to create a ParentVue account" (existing users as well)

Please include all students in your family regardless of the building they will be attending.

Educationally Yours,
Miss Mary Campione 



Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled upon parent request this year. These conferences are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and connect with their teacher.

Families may choose to meet by phone, virtually, or in person—whatever works best for you. Teachers are available to meet before school, after school, or during their planning time. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a time that works for both of you.

We value the partnership between home and school and look forward to connecting with you about your child's learning and growth.

STEAM Community Night

Join the Bowen community for hands-on activities, educational games and so much more. The night will begin with dinner and entertainment from East Kentwood's ABC Orchestra. Afterwards, students will explore Science, Math and Technology related learning stations. Student STEM projects will be on display and the STEAM Book Fair will be open for shopping.

WHEN: Thursday, March 12

TIME: 5:30-7:00PM

We are asking all families to RSVP so we can plan for dinner accordingly. Please call the Bowen Office (455-5220) if you have any questions.

STEAM Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here soon! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dine into again and again. Studies show that children read more when they choose books for themselves. A love of independent reading boosts academic success, plus children who read more frequently also report improved mental health.

WHEN: 3/9 - 3/16

WHERE: Bowen Collab Center

TIME: Any time between 10 - 4:30PM

The STEAM Book Fair will be open for special shopping during our STEAM Community Night. Stop by on Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 - 7:00PM.

Jersey Mike's & KPS Education Foundation

The KPS Education Foundation is a strong supporter for Kentwood Public Schools in a variety of ways; including funding events and opportunities for our students. The Education Foundation is partnering with the new Jersey Mike's location that is opening in Kentwood this week. The campaign will raise funds for the Education Foundation.



Campaign: Donate \$3.00 to receive a Jersey Mike's coupon for a free submarine sandwich.

Location: Jersey Mike's, 6670 Kalamazoo Ave. SE

Dates: Wednesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 8
To participate in this fundraiser, you can send your donation with your student.



Bowen PTC - Family Movie Night

Bowen PTC presents
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY MARCH 6



**Thank you for coming
if you attended!**

World Down Syndrome Day



March 21, 2026 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 on Friday, March 20.** Our Bowen community is lucky to celebrate our students with Down Syndrome, so show your love and support! A reminder of this celebration will be shared in the coming weeks.

7 Ways to Encourage Your Child's Learning

1. Maintain a positive attitude
2. Focus on lessons around your child's interests
3. Find your child's learning style
4. Allow them to choose how they want to learn
5. Take breaks and get moving
6. Focus on learning, not their performance
7. Celebrate achievements

2026 Summer School

Goal: The 2026 Summer School program provides extended learning time to support student achievement in English Language Arts (9ELA) and Mathematics for identified K-5 students. Space is limited, and attendance is based on need. Further communication will be coming from your child's teacher.

Daily Schedule:

Breakfast: 8:45-9:00AM

Academics: 9:00-12:00PM

ARCH Program (optional) 12:00-3:30PM
(lunch included)

Dates: June 15-July 23

June 29 & 30 ALL students attend summer school

July 1 & 2 ARCH students only (8:45-3:30pm)

Days: Monday - Thursday

No Friday classes

Transportation:

Pick-up and drop-off bus routes will be published before Summer School begins

Morning transportation only is provided for Summer School students

Students in both Summer School & ARCH will receive transportation home

Cost: No cost for Summer School

Mark Your Calendar



- 2-3 Kent County Health Department (Hearing & Vision)
- 4 1/2 Day - 12:15pm Dismissal
- 5 PTC Meeting 5:30pm
- 5 Kindergarten Registration 6:30pm
- 6 Family Movie Night 6-8pm
- 9-16 STEAM Book Fair
- 10 5th Grade Middle School Visits
- 12 STEAM Community Night 5:30-7:00PM
- 12 STEAM Fair Evening event 5:30 - 7:00PM
- 12 Middle School Parent Night 6:30PM
- 13 Progress Reports Go Home
- 20 World Down Syndrome Day
- 20 Grade 1 Field Trip - KDL Library
- 23 Dental Hygiene Discussion (Grade K)
- 23 Kent County Health Department (rescreen)
- 27 Grade 1 Field Trip - Charlton Park

