



Bowen Elementary

May Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Bowen Families,

As we reach the final days of another school year, I want to take a moment to say thank you—for your support, your partnership, and for sharing your incredible children with us each day.

This year has been full of growth, laughter, curiosity, and more than a few unforgettable moments. From classroom projects and field trips to concerts, spirit days, and those everyday “aha!” moments, our school has been buzzing with energy and joy. It’s been a privilege to watch our students learn, take risks, build friendships, and discover more about themselves and the world around them.

To our students: you’ve worked hard, shown respect and responsibility, and reminded us daily why we love what we do. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

To our families: your encouragement at home and involvement in school life makes a real difference. Whether it’s helping with homework, attending events, or simply cheering your child on, thank you for being such an important part of our community.

And of course, a big shoutout to our staff, who bring patience, creativity, and care into the building every single day. Bowen is a special place because of our team, and we are lucky to have such a dedicated group of individuals.

As summer begins, I hope your days are filled with sunshine, relaxation, and time together. Read a good book, explore something new, and don’t forget to play!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for our Fall Open House on August 19 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Wishing you a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer!



Educationally Yours,
Miss Campione



All School Field Day - Volunteers Welcome!

We’re excited to invite you to join us for our All School Field Day on Thursday, May 28 from 1:00–3:30 PM at Bowen Elementary!

This is always a fun-filled afternoon for our students, and we would love your support to help make it a success. Families are warmly welcomed to come cheer on students and be part of the festivities.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Your time and support truly make a difference in creating a memorable experience for our students. We hope to see you there!



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, and it’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the incredible dedication and care our teachers bring to the classroom each day. To help make their week a little extra special, we invite families to contribute to our staff lounge by sending in single-serve drinks—such as soda, water, juice, or iced coffee—as well as chocolate or sweet treats. These small gestures go a long way in showing our appreciation and keeping our teachers feeling refreshed and valued throughout the week. Thank you for helping us recognize the amazing work they do!

Bowen Family Picnic on May 28

Dear Bowen Families,

You're warmly invited to join us for a Family Picnic on May 28. We are serving hotdogs, chips and fresh fruit - all free to our Bowen families. Your child will eat during their normal lunchtime:

Young 5s, Kinder & Grade 1 11:30am
Grades 2-3 12:00pm
Grades 4-5 12:30pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and enjoy a free lunch with your children in a relaxed, fun setting. We hope you can come connect with other families and make some great memories.

We look forward to seeing you there!



KPS Bond Proposal

Kentwood Public Schools is asking community members to consider the Safety and Success Bond Proposal on the May 5 ballot.

This proposal includes funding for district-wide safety enhancements, expanded Career and Technical Education (CTE) and STEM learning opportunities, a new Valleywood Middle School, improvements to the KPS Ice Arena, and enhancements to performing arts spaces.

You can learn more by visiting kentwoodbond.com, where you'll find [frequently asked questions](#), [financial information](#), and details about all proposed projects. The website also includes an [overview video](#) and a [video focused on Valleywood Middle School](#).

Thank you to those who have already submitted absentee ballots. Absentee voting remains open through Election Day, and polls will be open on Tuesday, May 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..



Golden Tickets

Students who are caught soaring above and beyond our Bowen expectations have been earning a Golden Ticket to bring home with their awesome behavior described on the back. Students rip off the raffle ticket portion to enter a drawing for amazing prizes to celebrate their behavior! Celebrate your child's success if they earn a ticket and make sure to encourage them to try their best!

-Whitecaps Game May 7

-Lunch with Miss Campione May 11

-Mud & Magic with Mrs. Endres May 11 & May 18

-Movie at Celebration South: Super Mario Galaxy May 19

Mark Your Calendars



- 1 The NED Show 1:15pm
- 6 Grade 5 CPR Training
- 8 Healthy Choice Color Run 10:30am
- 11 Senior Parade 10am
- 13 Grade 5 Field Day (EKHS) 10-2pm
- 14 Grade 3 Class Trip (Sagautuck)
- 18-22 BOGO Book Fair
- 25 No School
- 27 Grade 4 Class Trip (Lansing)
- 27 Grade 5 CLASS Trip (Tree Runner)
- 28 All School Picnic 11:30-12:30pm
- 28 All School Field Day 1:00-3:30pm

NED Yo-Yo Sale



May 4 - May 8

Students can purchase NED yo-yos in the Collab Center. Yo-yos cost between \$10 and \$18. Further information is available on your classroom platform.

Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

We're delighted to host our Buy One; Get One Free Book Fair from May 18 to May 22 in the Collab Center. Students can shop between 10:15am and 4:30pm each day. Families are welcome as well. You can send cash with your student or set up an e-wallet. Further information will come home closer to this event.



Grandparents Afternoon at the Fair

Grandparents are invited to join us on Tuesday 5/19 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm to shop with their grandchildren at the BOGO Book Fair. This is a special time set apart for them to come and enjoy time together.