BOWEN ELEMENTARY

2026 November Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

As we welcome November, I find myself reflecting on how grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful Bowen community. Each day, I have the opportunity to see the many ways our students, staff, and families make Bowen a special place to learn and grow.

Gratitude is often found in the little things—the smiles that greet us in the morning, the encouragement offered to a student who needs it, the patience and dedication of our teachers, the teamwork behind the scenes, and the countless ways our families partner with us to support their children. These moments may seem small, but together they make a tremendous difference.

I am continually thankful for the care, commitment, and pride that makes up our Bowen community. Whether you are helping in a classroom, cheering on a student, volunteering at an event, or simply encouraging your child to give their best each day, please know that your contributions matter. We are better because we work together!

One of the highlights of November will be our Parade of Nations on November 17—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the cultures, traditions, and experiences that make up our Bowen family. Our diversity is something to celebrate, and we are grateful for the richness it brings to our school community.

November is a shorter month, but it is filled with opportunities to learn, connect, celebrate, and show appreciation for one another. As we move through the month, I encourage everyone to take a moment to recognize the good happening around us and share a little extra kindness along the way.

From our Bowen family to yours, we wish you a wonderful November and a Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, joy, and time with those who matter most.

With Gratitude,
Mary Campione

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Save the Date

11.2	No School- District PD for Teachers
11.3-6	UofM v MSU Penny Contest
11.5	PTC Meeting 5:30pm
11.6	PTC Popcorn Friday
11.9-13	Student Council- Stuff the Bus
11.17	Parade of Nations 3pm
11.24	Used Book Sale
11.25-27	No School Thanksgiving Break
11.30-12.18	iReady Assessment Window

Stay Warm This Winter

As the colder months approach, it's important for our students to bundle up! Warm clothing helps keep everyone comfortable and healthy during outdoor activities.

Here are some must-have cold weather items:

- Warm jackets: A good winter coat will keep everyone cozy. If your child needs a warm coat, please contact the Bowen Office (616)455-5220.
- Hat and Gloves: Don't forget to wear hats and mittens to protect those little ears and fingers.
- Boots: Waterproof boots are great for playing in the snow.

Let's make sure our children are prepared for the colder weather. With the right gear, they can enjoy outdoor fun all winter long.



Frandale Sub Sale

The Bowen PTC would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Frandale Sub Fundraiser. The top 10 sellers will enjoy a fun lunch with Principal Campione very soon!

Our sellers raised $1,787

Orders will be coming home with your student Tuesday, November 17. Please plan to pick up large orders!

News from KDL

Has your family ever wanted to learn a new language? Whether you're curious about Spanish, interested in exploring another culture, or looking to build on language skills you already have, KDL has a great resource to help!

KDL cardholders have access to **Rosetta Stone**, an interactive language-learning program that makes practicing fun and engaging. Build speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while learning to think and communicate in a new language—not just translate words from English. It's a fun way for the whole family to explore new languages and discover new possibilities!

Try Tennis this December!

Bowen students are invited to serve up some fun this December with a NEW after-school **tennis program**! The East Kentwood High School Varsity Tennis Team and their coach are excited to introduce students to the game of tennis and what makes it one of the healthiest sports in the world.

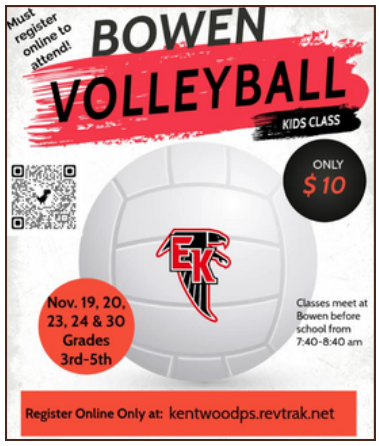
Varsity players will serve as mentors, helping students learn the basics of tennis while building skills, confidence, and a love for the game. No experience or equipment is needed—the team will provide everything!

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays in December **Time:** After school until 5:30 PM

Whether your child is picking up a racket for the first time or simply looking for a fun new activity, this is a great opportunity to learn, stay active, and have fun with our East Kentwood student-athletes!

If interested, please sign up **HERE**. Select **KIDS Tennis** and then **Bowen Tennis Camp**.

Volleyball with Hibma



Learn the concepts of volleyball! Focus will be on drills that improve serving, setting, passing, blocking, digging, and hitting techniques.

Sign up online on **HERE**.

Select **Kids Volleyball** and then **Bowen Volleyball**.

Halloween Candy

As students enjoy their Halloween treats, we ask that families keep Halloween candy at home. To support healthy eating habits and ensure students are fueled and ready to learn, candy will not be permitted as a school snack or included with school lunches. We appreciate your partnership and support in helping us maintain a healthy learning environment for all Bowen Falcons. Thank you for your understanding!