

Bowen Elementary Newsletter



October 6, 2025

A Message From the Principal



Dear Bowen Families,

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) is in full swing for the 2025-2026 school year. Over the past six weeks, students have been working hard to show "On Target" behaviors in all areas of the school. Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe are our core expectations. Students that follow these expectations are recognized by staff with Falcon Feathers that can be redeemed for rewards on the Falcon Feather redemption days.

Each month, students and staff will focus on one of the core behavior expectations. Individual classrooms will be nominated as the Champion Classroom, earning a Championship Belt to display throughout the week. This nomination is based on their ability to meet the "On Target" behavior expectations. Mrs. Schultz's Kindergarteners, Mrs. Treber's 1st Graders and Mrs. Kregel's Kindergarteners were our first three Champion Classrooms.

During the month of September we focused on being respectful. Students did such an amazing job that we celebrated them with an all-school pep rally. Decked out in school colors, students received black and red pom poms to wave proudly throughout the event. The celebration featured a lineup of exciting "Minute to Win It" games, bringing out the competitive spirit in everyone. It was a spectacular reminder of the school's PBIS values — encouraging respect, responsibility, and making safe choices in fun and engaging ways.



Educationally Yours,
Mary Campione

Bowen Spirit Wear

Get ready to show your Bowen pride with our official Bowen Apparel Store! From cozy hoodies and cool t-shirts to much, much more — we've got the perfect gear for students, parents, and staff to wear all year long. Let's all show our Bowen spirit — Go Falcons! Store Open: Friday, October 3 — Sunday, October 26

All orders must be placed online. Orders will arrive before Thanksgiving!

Don't miss out — this is a limited-time sale! Shop now:

<https://tinyurl.com/bowenapparel>

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Hard to believe we are almost 1/4 of the way through the school year! This means it's time for us to meet and discuss your student's academic and social-emotional progress.

By this time, your child's teacher has communicated with you to schedule a conference. We are looking forward to being together either in-person or virtually. If you have any questions or need to reschedule, don't hesitate to call the Bowen Office at 455-5220.

Wednesday, October 8

4:00-8:00pm

Thursday, October 9

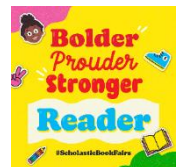
12:30-4:00pm

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be October 8-15. We're excited to welcome parent volunteers for this event! Classes will sign up for preview times, and have the opportunity to shop the remainder of the days. Families can shop during Parent Teacher Conference times as well as during the day.

You can set up an eWallet so your students can purchase items if you cannot be here.

If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Gombert by calling the Bowen Office at (616) 455-5220.



Grandparent Event at the Book Fair

Join us on Thursday, October 9 from 8 - 9am for a special family shopping opportunity at the Scholastic Book Fair. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

PTC Fundraiser

The Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) is hosting the annual Frandale fundraiser. This year students will be selling sub sandwiches, soups, pies and cinnamon rolls. The fundraiser will kick off on Friday, October 24. The fundraiser will run from October 24 – November 7. All money will be due November 20; just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. All proceeds go towards classroom field trips.

Penny Wars

Our annual MSU vs. UofM Penny War runs from October 20–24. Students and families can vote for their favorite team. We'll announce Bowen's choice for who will win the game on Friday, October 24. You can also vote during the family shopping times of the Book Fair.

Fall Harvest Celebrations

Students will be celebrating the fall harvest on Friday, October 31. As we approach this exciting date, we want to make sure that we share some important details with you!

- We will kick off the celebration with an all-school costume parade at 2:00pm
- Classroom celebrations will begin at 2:30pm.
- Students may wear their costumes to school.
- Please be mindful of school appropriate costumes – no large props or anything that can be perceived to be violent.
- Students will not be allowed to wear masks during the celebration.
- All food or treats must be purchased, nothing homemade.
- Your child's teacher will send further communication.

Family Literacy Night – You're Invited!

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Kent District Library

Bring the whole family for an evening full of fun, learning, and connection at our Family Literacy Night!

What to Expect:

- Literacy games for kids
- Explore library resources
- Hands-on STEM activities
- Dance it out at a Silent Disco
- Take-home literacy bags filled with activities, resources, and new books to keep!
- Plus – each family will enjoy a family-size pizza dinner!

This is a night you won't want to miss – filled with opportunities to spark a love for reading and learning in your child.

Where: Kent District Library

When: Thursday, October 23 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

We can't wait to see you there – Open to all elementary students and their families!

Important Dates

October 7	Fire Safety Assembly (Y5–2)
October 8	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 9	½ Day Parent Teacher Conferences
October 9	Grandparents Event – Scholastic Book Fair 8–9am
October 10	No School
October 17	Picture Retake Day
October 20–24	School Safety Week
October 20–24	The Penny War
October 23	Family Literacy Night (KDL)
October 24	PTC Fundraiser Kick-off
October 30	Halloween Safety Assembly 1:30pm
October 31	Progress Reports (send home)
October 31	Classroom Fall Harvest Parties

