

BOWEN ELEMENTARY

2026 October Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

Bowen Falcons are ON TARGET!

Our Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (**PBIS**) program is in full swing, and our Bowen Falcons are showing us what it means to be **"On Target"**! Over the past several weeks, students have been learning, practicing, and celebrating positive behaviors throughout our school.

At Bowen, our three core expectations are simple:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

When students demonstrate these "On Target" behaviors, staff members recognize their efforts with **Falcon Feathers!** Students save their feathers and use them as currency at our **Falcon Feather Fortunes Redemption**, where they receive a variety of fun rewards.

Each month, we spotlight one of our three core expectations and celebrate students and classrooms who are putting it into action. One classroom will be named our **Champion Classroom**, earning the coveted **Championship Belt** and having their class picture featured on our school televisions!

September: Be Respectful

Our first focus of the year was **being respectful**, and our Falcons have given us so much to celebrate! From classrooms and the cafeteria to the playground and bus, students have been working hard to show kindness, consideration, and respect for one another.

And when our Falcons rise to the occasion, we celebrate together!

To recognize their hard work, we are kicking off October with an **all-school Bowen Tailgater on Friday, October 2!** Students will enjoy field day activities, free-choice playground time, arts and crafts, and even a **bounce house!**

We are incredibly proud of the positive choices our students are making each day. Their hard work is helping make Bowen a place where everyone can learn, grow, belong, and SOAR!

It's a GREAT day to be a Bowen Falcon!

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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 7

4:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 8

1:00-4:00pm



Fall Harvest Celebration

Students will be celebrating the fall harvest on **Friday, October 30**. As we approach this exciting date, we want to make sure we share some important details with you!

- The Fall Harvest Celebration will kick off with an **all-school costume parade at 2:30pm**. Classroom parties will begin immediately following.
- 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 in regards to classroom needs.

Scholastic Book Fair



Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be October 7 through October 14. 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 using this link <https://tinyurl.com/BowenEwallet> so your student(s) can purchase items if you cannot be there.



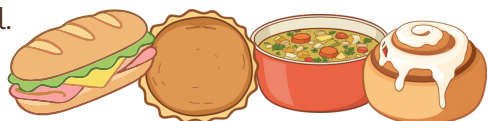
We're excited to welcome parent volunteers for this event!
If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Gombert by calling the Bowen Office (616)455-5220.

Grandparents Event at the Book Fair

Join us on **Thursday October 8 from 8 - 9am** for a special time at the Scholastic Book Fair with your grandchildren. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

Frandale Sub/Pie/Soup Sale

The Bowen PTC Frandale Sub Fundraiser is back! Stock up on subs, pies and soups for the upcoming cold months. Don't forget the cinnamon rolls! Order forms will be coming home with your student October 16. Please return them on October 30. Orders will arrive at Bowen Elementary on November 17 and will be sent home with students. If your student has a large order, please plan to pick them up from school.



Important Dates



- 10.1 Family Literacy Night (KDL Library) 5:30-7pm
- 10.2 PBIS Celebration
- 10.7-14 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10.7-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10.8 1/2 Day Dismissal 12:15pm
- 10.9 No School
- 10.16 PTC Popcorn Sale
- 10.16-30 Frandale Sub Sale
- 10.23 Picture Retakes
- 10.30 Fall Harvest Celebration 2:30pm
- 10.30 Progress Reports go home