

# Bowen Elementary Newsletter



September 5, 2025

## Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

Dear Bowen Families,

Welcome back to Bowen Elementary for the upcoming academic year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare to embark on another year of learning and growth, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new students and families.

At Bowen Elementary, we believe in fostering a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment that encourages academic excellence, personal development and a sense of community. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality education, engaging in innovative teaching practices, and supporting each student's unique journey.

Throughout the upcoming year, we have an exciting lineup of academic programs, extracurricular activities and events planned to enhance your educational experience. From our renowned Capturing Kids Hearts Program to our Back to School Dance, there will be numerous opportunities for you to explore your interests, develop new skills, and forge lasting friendships.

For parents and guardians, your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's success. We value your partnership and look forward to collaborating with you throughout the school year. Open communication between home and school is essential, and we encourage you to reach out whenever you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for choosing Bowen Elementary as your educational home. Together, we will make this academic year exceptional.

Educationally Yours,  
Mary Campione  
Bowen Elementary Principal



## School-Home Communication

Stay connected to the Bowen community, keep an eye out for!

## Attendance Procedure



A gentle reminder to call the Bowen Office (455-5220) when your student has a doctor's appointment or is feeling ill. We participate in the Strive for Five campaign, encouraging families to focus on having students at school on time all five days of the week. Our Attendance Team will work to monitor attendance patterns and celebrate achievements.

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## Important Dates



September 16	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ 6pm
September 19	Back to School Dance 6-8pm
September 22-26	Spirit Week
September 24	1/2 Day Dismissal - 12:15pm
September 26	Homecoming Football Game @7:00pm

## Homecoming Festival



The EK Homecoming Festival is Friday, September 26 near the baseball fields. Join for family fun before the football game! See you there!

## Strive for Less than 5!

Being in school all day, every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day and hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time than students with better attendance. That is why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.

### Make Every Day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school.



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## Back to School Dance

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



8:45-9:00 AM	Arrival Time (car & walkers)
9:00-4:05 PM	Instructional Day
4:05 PM	Dismissal

Please help us assure the safety of our students by respecting the arrival times in the morning. Bowen staff members do not begin supervision outside until 8:45 AM.

### A few reminders for the Car Rider Lane:

- Students should wait until the car has come to a complete stop at the curb before exiting the car.
- If your child requires a car seat or booster, please help us by moving the safety seat to the passenger side. We will help load and unload children to keep the line moving.
- A gentle reminder to park in the parking lot if you plan to get out of the car. This will keep from slowing down the Car Rider Lane.

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