

Bowen Elementary

September Newsletter



A Message from the Principal

Dear Bowen Families,

The school year is off to a great start! I hope you are as excited as we are for what the new school year holds for our students.

Here is our Student Vision at Bowen Elementary:

- I know we all belong and are valued.
- I am motivated to learn and achieve new and challenging ideas.
- I see myself and others in my learning.
- I am cared for, supported, and heard.
- I am empowered to influence my community.

By now, you have heard that Kentwood Public Schools is embracing a program called Strive for Less Than Five. Our district-wide attendance campaign is aimed at increasing attendance in all our schools. This means we all need to try to have no more than five absences, for any reason, for the rest of the school year.

As always, Bowen Elementary puts an emphasis on good attendance for all students everyday. This includes coming to school on time, and staying all day so we can keep students learning and making progress. Reliable attendance is a key habit for success and we want every student to be successful.

Throughout the year, we will share more information about Strive for Less Than Five, and recognize students for their attendance habits. We will promote the idea that more days in school means more learning and more success.

Educationally Yours,

Mary Campione



School-Home Communication

Stay connected to the Bowen community!

Facebook: Bowen Elementary School of
Kentwood Public Schools
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Important Dates



September 4-7	No School
September 10	PTC Meeting 5:30PM
September 11	Picture Day
September 18	Sneaker Ball 6-7:30PM
September 21-25	Spirit Week
September 25	Homecoming Festival 4:30PM Homecoming Football Game 7:00PM
September 30	1.2 Day Dismissal 12PM



Parent Teacher Committee (PTC)



The Bowen Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) consists of Bowen families, teachers and community leaders devoted to the educational success of our children, and the promotion of family engagement in school. We meet once a month to discuss educational and community initiatives to benefit our school community and children.

We would love to see you at our First meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 5:30PM.
We will meet in Bowen's Collaboration Center.



Bowen's Sneaker Ball - Lace Up & Dance

It's time to kick off the school year in style! Grab your favorite sneakers, bring your best dance moves, and join us for an evening of music, fun, friends, and Falcon spirit.

Sneakers required!

Dress up or dress comfortably—just make sure your sneakers are ready to dance!

Date: Friday, September 18

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Location: Bowen Elementary

Cost: \$5 per family

Concessions also for sale

Come ready to LACE UP, SHOW UP and DANCE IT OUT!

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

8:45-8:55AM Arrival Time (car & walkers)

8:55-4:00PM Instructional Day

4:00PM Dismissal

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

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.
- Please keep the sidewalk clear of traffic to allow pedestrians to safely pass through.



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking to be involved at Bowen?
Bowen Elementary provides a wide array of opportunities to engage in the learning environment.

These opportunities include field trip chaperones, classroom readers, lunchroom supervisors, library helpers, etc.

If you are interested, please stop by the Bowen Office to complete a **Volunteer Consent Form**.



Homecoming Spirit Week

Monday: PAJAMA DAY

*PJs or comfy clothes. NO STUFFED ANIMALS!

Tuesday: GRADE LEVEL COLOR CHALLENGE

*Wear your grade level color.

Wednesday: WACKY WEDNESDAY

*Wear your clothes inside out, or mismatched socks with a backwards shirt.

Thursday: HAT / HOODIE DAY

*Wear your favorite hat or hoodie.

Friday: EK DAY

*Wear red and black or EK gear!

