



Bowen Elementary

Newsletter

April 2025

A Message From the Principal



We have entered the final quarter of the school year, and we know the days go by quickly during this time of year. I want to highlight some important information for you as we head towards the conclusion of the school year.

First, a reminder that ALL students need to be registered online for the upcoming school year. You can register your child(ren) at kentwoodps.org. If you need assistance registering, please stop into the office and we will walk you through the process.

Second, end of the year testing takes place beginning the first week back from Spring Break. This includes M-Step testing for Grades 3-5 and iReady testing for ALL grades. We need your help to ensure students are getting a good night's sleep during the testing period. In addition, start each morning with words of encouragement, assure students that they have been working hard all year and they are ready to do well on their assessments.

We will continue to keep you informed about important information as we progress toward the end of the school year. Please see our updated times and dates in **red**!



Educationally Yours,
Mary Campione

Autism Acceptance Month



April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and supporting individuals who are affected by it. This month aims to promote understanding, acceptance and inclusion for people with ASD. On Friday, April 18, students are encouraged to dress in a unique way; a way that represents who they are, their strengths and perspectives.

Reminders



- Dress Code: As the weather warms up, please remember to follow the school dress code. Shorts and skirts should be an appropriate length, and tank tops must have thicker straps.
- School Supplies: Make sure your child has all the necessary supplies for the second half of the school year.
- Absences: Please notify Bowen Office if your child will be absent. You can call the school (616)455-5220 or send an email to Bowen.office@kentwoodps.org.

Mark Your Calendar!



April 2	Rock N' Roll Reading Celebration
April 3	Half Day Dismissal 12:15pm
April 4-13	No School - Spring Break
April 17	Bowen Community Night 5:30-7pm
April 18	Autism Acceptance Spirit Day
April 22	Parade of Nations 3pm
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Kindergarten Visitation
April 24	2nd Grade Field Trip 10am
April 25	3rd Grade Best Bee Ladies 9-11am
April 25	PTC Popcorn Sale
April 28-30	Kent County Hearing & Vision
April 29	Percussion Discussion (Grade 3) 1pm



PBIS Golden Ticket Raffle!

Students will have an opportunity to earn Falcon Reward Raffle Tickets after Spring Break! Kids who are caught soaring above and beyond our Bowen expectations will earn a ticket to bring home with their awesome behavior described on the back. Students will rip off the raffle ticket portion to enter a raffle for amazing prizes to celebrate their behavior! Celebrate your child's success if they earn a ticket and make sure to encourage them to try their best!



Summer School Information

Dates: June 9 – July 24
(no school June 30– July 3)
Monday–Thursday
Time: 9am– 12pm
Location Bowen Elementary



Classroom Teachers will be making phone calls to encourage students to participate before sending home a registration form. Summer School is for students who need extra support in Reading and Math.

Parade of Nations

Date: April 22, 2025
Time: 2:45 –3:30pm



Location: Bowen Elementary Cafeteria
All participants must sign-up by April 15, 2025

Kindergarten Visitation

A flyer for Kindergarten Visitation designed to look like a piece of lined paper with a yellow border. It features several colorful icons: a red apple, a yellow smiley face, a yellow book, a green globe, a green protractor, and a blue notepad. The text on the paper reads: "Bowen Kindergarten Visitation", "Please Attend One Time", "10am or 6pm", "Please bring your future Y5 or Kindergartener!", "Questions?", and "Call: (616) 455-5220". A green speech bubble on the right says "April 23".

Spring Assessment Calendar



- Week of April 14: 5th Grade M-Step Reading and Mi-Access testing begins
- Week of April 21: 5th Grade M-Step Math and All School iReady Reading and Math
- Week of April 28: 3rd & 4th Grade M-Step Reading and All School iReady Reading and Math
- Week of May 5: 5th Grade iReady Math and 3rd & 4th Grade
- Week of May 12: 5th Grade M-Step Science and Social Studies

The Scholastic Book Fair Update!

Thank you to everyone who shopped and volunteered! We appreciate the support to keep our Bowen Falcons reading. Mark your calendars for our final Book Fair on May 12 – 16.

