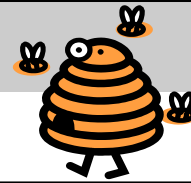


Bowen PTA Newsletter



Calendar of Events:

<u>December Dates:</u>	
Spirit Day	2nd
Bowen vs. Chenoweth Basketball @ 6pm	9th
Faculty/Staff Holiday Luncheon	12th
Classroom Holiday parties	16th
<u>January Dates:</u>	
Spirit Day	6th
Chick-Fil-A Night	17th
Winter Family Fun Night with DJ Ed Frank	19th
Skating Party at Champs	30th

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This holiday relax and enjoy some down time with your family

Wow! It's hard to believe that we only have less than two weeks before Winter Break. I hope everyone will be able to relax and enjoy some down time with family and friends. In all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, please take time to remember those in need and consider lending a helping hand in any way you can.

Thank you Bowen families for the generous response with donating food items for our Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to make over twenty baskets filled with all kinds of food as well as a Kroger gift card for those families who need it. What a great way to show our kids the gift of giving.

Bowen Dads' Club— The Bowen PTA is proud to welcome the Bowen Dads' Club to our school. If you attended the skating party last week, you probably noticed them in their black and gold t-shirts. They were already busy promoting the club and looking to spread the word about their services. Look for them at the Bowen basketball game on Friday night.

The purpose of the Bowen Dad's Club is to get dads active in events that make a difference in a student's life. The Bowen Dads club is hoping to help mentor students who may need a father figure in their life and provide learning opportunities for students. They will be supporting the PTA with events and activities when volunteers are needed, especially with family events. The services of the club will be promoted to all families within Bowen Elementary. We are thankful that we have a great group of dads who are willing to help make a difference in a child's life. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please fill out the form that was sent home in your child's folder or contact the PTA office.

Congratulations to our Art Reflections Winners!

We are so proud of the four Bowen students who have been selected as the winners of the 15th District Reflections Contest. Laila H., Alexandra M., Natalie S. and Ashley S. have all been selected as winners, moving on to the state level of judging. They have all attended an awards ceremony on December 6th to celebrate with their families. Great job everyone!

Again, a big thanks goes out to Sarah Hayden for organizing the first year of the Reflections program at Bowen Elementary which was a huge success! We look forward to participating again next year.

School Spirit!

Students, Teachers and Staff— Thank you for showing your school spirit last week! Congratulations to our winners, Ms. Kuhn's Kindergarten class and Ms. Graham's 4th grade class. They have the spirit trophies until our next spirit day on Friday, January 6th. Show your school spirit by wearing your Bowen black or yellow/gold or your spirit shirts on Spirit Day.

Go Bowen Bees!

Don't forget to save those Box Tops and Labels for Education.

The PTA continues to collect Box Tops for Education, Campbell's labels and Tyson labels throughout the year. Send them in with your child in a Ziploc baggie marked with your child's name and teacher.

The theme this year is "You Can 'Bee' a Box Top Collector". Keep those Box Tops and Labels for Education coming.

We welcome your ideas!

The PTA Board meets the second Monday of the month. We would love to hear from you! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please let us know!

We welcome your thoughts.
Email: bowenpta@gmail.com

Yearbook Pictures and Orders~

The yearbook orders are coming in strong. So far we have sold over 100 yearbooks. The cost of a yearbook is the same as last year. \$20.00 per yearbook. Don't forget to send in any school related pictures to bowen-yearbook@yahoo.com. Any pictures from family fun nights, field day, class parties, field trips, basketball games, and pictures of our teachers, staff and of course Mr. Tyra. You may send them directly to bowenyearbook@yahoo.com or if you want to send hardcopies of them, please make sure you put your child's name and teacher on the back and send them to the PTA office. Mark them "yearbook pictures". Thank you!

We had a great response to the yearbook cover contest as well. The winning design for the 2012-12 Bowen Yearbook will be chosen soon. Stay tuned for the winner!

There will be a table set up for yearbook sales at our Winter Sock Hop.

Look for the sample of pictures on display. A special thanks goes to Toni

Konz for taking some great pictures already and putting together our Bowen yearbook!

This is free money to help our school.

We are tallying up the numbers for the first quarter to determine who the lucky class is for being the top Box-Top collectors. Their class will all get a pizza party on their date of their choice.

Thank you for the box tops and labels for education we have already collected. It's free money for our school.

Bowen Day at Chick-Fil-A Day..

Tuesday, January 17th is our next Bowen's Chick-Fil-A fundraising day. 20% of all sales generated that day will be donated to Bowen. So whether you come eat breakfast, lunch or dinner, you can help us out. Even gift card purchases count! So come on out and help support our school. Don't forget to bring in your flier that will come home with your child.

Champs Rollerdomo..

We had a blast skating in our pj's at the last skating party. Mr. Tyra even put on a pair of skates. Mark your calendars for the next one on **January 30th**. I wonder what the theme will be? Stay tuned.

Fun Run for 2012

The PTA is already busy gathering information to organize a kid's Fun Run for the 2012-13 school year. We would like to form a committee to help plan our own event at Bowen Elementary. It will be our main fundraiser for the year with the potential to raise a significant amount of money for our school.

If you are interested in being involved in planning such an event, please let us know. We are hoping to get sports figures, a DJ and really make this fun for everyone.

For those of you who missed it at the last skating party—Mr. Tyra got on a pair of roller skates!! Do we have the best principal or what??? The kids all loved seeing him on skates. He looked like a giant because he was so tall!

Winter Family Fun Night featuring DJ Ed Frank—January 19, 2012

Bowen families are invited to spend an evening at our Winter Sock Hop in the Bowen Cafeteria on Thursday, January 19th featuring DJ Ed Frank. This is always a fun night to hear great music and dance the night away. We will be serving pizza from our very own Bowen family's pizzeria Johnny Brusco's. Also, since the response to the Graeter's Ice Cream truck was so popular, we will once again be selling individual delicious ice cream cups. This year we have decided to use our newly purchased snowcone machine and offer blue snowcones for sale.

The fun will start at 6:15pm with food purchases and the dancing will begin at 7pm. We encourage you to dress like the 50's and wear poodle skirts, vintage sweaters, scarves, capris,



Workfest Wednesdays!

Come help our Bowen teachers on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the school cafeteria. This is an important volunteer opportunity that **greatly** helps our wonderful teachers. Help is needed with a variety of tasks such as copying, collating, stapling—whatever they need. There is always something to be done. Come join us any Wednesday you have some free time. This is an all year, on-going need. *Thank you in advance for your help!*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS.....

Attention Bowen families: If everyone would consider signing up at least one additional family member to join the PTA, we would easily reach our school-wide goal.

Don't forget, our fearless Principal Mr. Tyra has agreed to dress like Justin Bieber and lip-sync a song from the rooftop of Bowen. Now, wouldn't we all like to see that?

Family Fun at Gattiland

We had a great turnout for our first fundraising family night at Gattiland last month. Thank you for joining us and supporting our school. We hope to do it again in the spring.

Basketball and Cheerleading this Friday night

Our first basketball game for the season will be this Friday night at 6pm at Westport Middle school against Chenoweth Elementary. Come support your fellow students and cheer them on! We will have a special "**cheer section**" so look for us in the bleachers. Don't forget to wear your Bowen spiritwear.