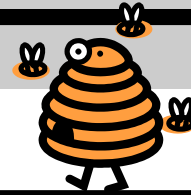


# Bowen PTA Newsletter

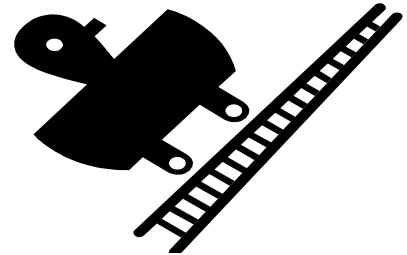


## Calendar of Events:

Spirit Day	2nd
Open House 6:30-8pm General Board Mtg. 6:15pm	6th
Kentucky Kids Day	8th
Stranger Danger Day	19th
Fall Pictures & Chick-Fil-A	20th
Homeroom Parent Meeting at 9:30am	22nd
Skating Party at Champs	26th
Fall Drive-In Movie Night at Georgetown Drive-In	29th

## The fun has just begun.....

It has been a very busy and productive first couple of weeks at Bowen! I hope that everyone is adjusting well to their new teachers and new routines. The PTA is busy with a lot of new and exciting things. We invite you to join us for the thrilling ride.



## Membership News—Join the PTA Challenge!

If you haven't already joined the PTA, it's not too late. It's \$5.00 per member and a member can be any adult or any child who has graduated from elementary school. Don't forget to sign up grandparents, aunts and uncles. Forms are available outside the PTA office. Students can earn prizes such as homework passes, skating party passes and a lot more. Business Memberships are also welcome.

The 15th District PTA has issued a goal for our school membership—a 10% increase over last years membership. That means our goal for the 2011-12 school year is 1,145 members. *If we reach our school-wide goal, Mr. Tyra has agreed to dress as Justin Bieber and lip sync a song from the rooftop of Bowen.* Wouldn't we all love to see that?!?! Be sure to get those memberships in.....

## Programs News—Are we having fun yet?

Amy Hilpp, our VP Programs has been busy planning skating parties, spirit days, Kentucky Kids Day and Field Day for this school year. The first skating party at Champs Rollerdom had a great turnout. We saw lots of kids enjoying speeding around the roller rink. Good thing there is no speed limit.....

Spirit Day is always a fun day to show our school colors and celebrate being a Bowen student. It is usually celebrated on the first Friday of the month and is headed up by Loren Stinnett. She has the fun job of tallying up the number of kids who wore Bowen Pride colors, and passes out the trophies to the winning class. All students have the opportunity to win a Bowen Spirit shirt as well by random draw. One student is selected each month, per grade level and is recognized by Mr. Tyra at the end of the day. The class with the most spirit for the month of September was Ms. Gondzur for K-2 and Mrs. Lewis for 3-5. Way to go!

Kentucky Kids Day is Thursday, September 8th. Bowen kids are special and we want them to feel special that day but also every day. We start off the day cheering them as they get off the bus and out of their cars. Each class gets popcorn and drinks that day too.

Field day is coming up on Friday, October 14th. We need lots of volunteers in order for this event to be a success. Please consider volunteering and joining in the fun!

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## Thank you for volunteering

We have had a great response from our volunteers. If you haven't already signed up to make a difference at Bowen, please do so. Dana Beam, our Volunteer Coordinator, will be contacting you soon.



Helping hands make a difference!

## Fundraising & Trash for Cash!

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 baggies marked with your child's name and teacher.

The class contest for the best decorated mascot will be starting this month.

Keep those Box Tops and Labels for Education coming. This is free money to help our school. **Cathy Finn, our Box Tops chairperson is collecting coffee cans and coffee containers for our room contest. If you can please send these in to the PTA office, she would appreciate it.**

## Let us know your ideas!

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

We want to hear your thoughts.  
Email: bowenpta@gmail.com

## Louisville "City Saver" Coupon Books

We are off to a great start with our fall fundraiser. The books are selling well and you can continue to sell them until September 16th. Remember how much you are helping our school raise money by selling them, not to mention the great prizes offered. Kim Colwick, our VP Fundraising has been busy coordinating this effort and filling your book orders. Remember to keep selling those books filled with big savings~

## Fall Pictures—September 20th

Inter-State Studios will be coming Tuesday, September 20th to Bowen for our fall pictures. An order form/proofs will be sent home a few weeks later for you to order your child's pictures. They will be doing full-length pictures this year in the fall instead of in the spring. Be sure to look your best and smile nice.

### **Thank you!**

Don't forget you can still purchase a pre-loaded Kroger card from the PTA office. You can re-load this card as many times as you would like to make everyday purchases.

You can also sign up for a Target Visa Card. Target will give back 1% of your purchases to Bowen in a cash reward. You can sign up in the store or online. Choose Bowen Elementary and code 54430.

**Continue to collect and save those box tops, Campbell's labels and Tyson labels. It's free money for our school.**

## 2011-12 PTA Reflections—

### "Diversity Means...."

Hopefully you have heard the buzz about the reflections art contest. Sarah Hayden, our Reflections Chairperson has been busy promoting it and Mrs. Lamb our Art teacher has started talking with the students in the art room.

Remember, this is an art contest that should be done with your child at home, not at school. Please consider allowing your child to participate. It's free and they have nothing to lose. A packet of information was sent home last week. Take a moment to read all about the rules and guidelines. There is even a state-wide contest to come up with next year's theme and the winner gets \$100.

## Scholastic Book Fair Coming in October~

Jen Buono, our Book Fair Chair and Secretary as well as other volunteers have been busy getting ready for our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. This year's theme is "From Books to Beyond". The dates are October 3-11th from 9am until 4pm. We are always excited to bring you this book fair because it promotes reading and allows you and your child (ren) to select quality books at good prices. Proceeds from the book fair will benefit our school library. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there! Please consider working the book fair if you haven't already done so. We need help that week assisting the students as well as decorating the library.

**"From books to beyond...." come fly over to our library for our Fall Book Fair. You'll be glad you did.**

## National Cafeteria Week is September 12-16th

Help us acknowledge the hard work of our lunchroom cafeteria workers this week. They have a big job of making sure 735 Bowen students are fed and eating healthy. A big thanks goes to our Lunchroom Staff!

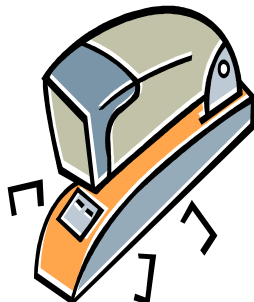
CC Funk and Mary Hernandez deserve a big thanks too for making sure the lunchroom is clean and a good place to unwind.

Make sure you give them a big "thanks" especially that week but every week too.

## Come help our teachers.....

Workfest Wednesdays are held each Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 am in the school cafeteria. This is an important volunteer opportunity that greatly helps our Bowen 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.

Thank you in advance for your help!



## Thank you Room Parents!!

Thank you to our Room Parents who have volunteered their time to work with the PTA through their classrooms. Parents, each classroom has a Room Parent, who you will meet soon. Holiday celebrations are scheduled this year for December 16th and February 10th.



Classrooms will set times that work best for them.

Teresa Letto is our Homeroom Parent Coordinator.

If you have been selected to be a Homeroom Parent, we invite you to attend our Room Parent Orientation on Thursday, September 22 at 9:30am.