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# October 2016 Newsletter

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## Bowman Broadside



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### DIRECTORY COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Here's your chance to show off your artistic talent! Submit your artwork for the chance to be featured on the cover of the Bowman school printed directory. The theme for the contest is "Bowman Spirit".

The contest entries will be accepted online only. The submission is open from **September 26th till October 9th**. More details are available on the Bowman PTA website. For questions, please email [directory@bowmanpta.org](mailto:directory@bowmanpta.org).

### BOWMAN SPIRIT WEAR

It's Spirit Wear time! Show your school spirit with colorful shirts, sweatshirts, pants, scarves, and hats. Sales begins on **Oct. 1st** and ends on **Nov. 13th**.

Bowman PTA is offering your favorites: Plaid and Polka-Dot Flannel Pants, Long and Short Sleeve T-shirts, Hooded and Front Zipped Sweatshirts, Tie Dye T-shirts, Knit pom-pom hats, scarves and Dri-fit T-shirts! Children and adult sizes available. We will be showing sample sizes at Bowman Adventure Run on 10/29. **Special for 2016/2017 - BOWMAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY TSHIRTS**. Due to the custom nature of these items, there are NO exchanges or returns so PLEASE be sure of sizes when ordering.

To ORDER, go to our PTA website: [Bowmanpta.org](http://Bowmanpta.org)  
Questions? Email [spiritwear@bowmanpta.org](mailto:spiritwear@bowmanpta.org)



### OUR FIRST WALK ON WEDNESDAY FOR THE YEAR

Come join us for our first Walk on Wednesday (W.O. W) celebration on **October 5th**. Let's see how green Bowman can be! Walk, bike, bus, or carpool to school on W.O.W and meet us at the blacktop **(8:15-8:30 A.M.)** for some fun activities

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## 1 MONTHLY EVENTS

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### PTA MEETING

Bowman Library  
Oct. 19, 7:00 P.M.

### PRINCIPAL COFFEE

Bowman Library  
Oct. 21, 8:45 A.M

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## 2 CALENDAR

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### OCTOBER 2016

01	Bowman Spirit Wear sale begins
03	No School (Rosh Hashanah)
05	Walk on Wednesday
09	Directory cover design contest ends
10	No School (Columbus Day)
12	No School (Yom Kippur)
17	Picture day & BOKS – new session begins
19	PTA Meeting
21	Principal/Parent Coffee; Picture Day rain date
26/27	Parent/Teacher Conference
28-31	Book Fair
29	5th Annual Adventure Run

### NOVEMBER 2016

02/03	Parent/Teacher Conference
11	No School
13	Bowman Spirit Wear sale

## **BOKS (BUILD OUR KIDS FOR SUCCESS) IS BACK!**

New session begins on **October 17th!**

BOKS is a free before school physical activity program aimed to get elementary school children moving in the morning and their brains ready for a day of learning. BOKS is an initiative of the Reebok foundation, started in Massachusetts by a few moms in 2009 and is now in over 1,000 schools. BOKS classes include warm ups, a skill of the week, running, relay races, obstacle courses, group games and nutritional tips-all kid friendly, non-competitive and for all skill levels. Classes provide plenty of opportunity for play as the program is filled with team-oriented games.

BOKS will be offered at Bowman on Mondays and Wednesdays before school from 7:45-8:30am to 1st through 3rd graders. We will be accepting 25 children for our fall session; participants will be selected through a lottery system upon registration (free!). Registration forms will be sent home via backpacks.

To learn more about BOKS please visit [www.bokskids.org](http://www.bokskids.org) or email Sandy at [sandyschwartz15@gmail.com](mailto:sandyschwartz15@gmail.com)

### **BOWMAN SCHOOL PICTURE DAY RESCHEDULED**

This year's school photos have been rescheduled for Monday **Oct. 17th** due to rain (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> is the raindate). Make a note on your calendars to get your son or daughter spruced up and looking picture perfect that morning! You still have time to send in your picture order forms if you haven't already. For online orders ([www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com)), please print the confirmation page and send that in with your child. Feel free to write to [schoolphotos@bowmanpta.org](mailto:schoolphotos@bowmanpta.org) with any questions.

Additionally, the PTA is in need of some volunteers to assist with getting the kids where they need to be and camera ready. There is a link below to sign up if you're available.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44a4af2aa1fc1-bowman>

Happy Fall!

Michelle Andronaco and Katie Collin

### **BOWMAN ADVENTURE 5K AND KIDS 3/4 MILE FUN RUN**

WHEN: **Saturday, October 29, 2016**

WHERE: Bowman School

TIME: **5K starts at 2:00PM** (Sign up on-line now)

Kids 3/4 mile fun run 1:30pm (free- kids sign waiver morning of race)

Sign up now- the first 150 adventurers will get a free, specially designed t-shirt for the event! Click on link below to sign up:

[http://www.NorthShoreTimingOnline.com/reglivecb.aspx?eventyear\\_id=1360](http://www.NorthShoreTimingOnline.com/reglivecb.aspx?eventyear_id=1360)

If you're not into running or walking this race we need many volunteers to make the day of the event RUN smoothly! No experience necessary!

Please click on the sign up genius link to volunteer. If you have questions about volunteering please don't hesitate to send an email at [bowmanrun@bowmanpta.org](mailto:bowmanrun@bowmanpta.org)

## **3 REMINDERS**

### **JOIN PTA**

Your support makes important events possible and our community stronger.

Even if you don't have time to take part in one of our committees, your membership is equally important and goes towards funding grants for teachers, curriculum enrichment for every grade, community building activities and programs, and more!!

This year we are offering new membership levels that come with special members-only benefits! Go to our website ([bowmanpta.org](http://bowmanpta.org)) and click on "Membership" to learn how to join.

### **NOVEMBER SUBMISSIONS**

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali ([broadside@bowmanpta.org](mailto:broadside@bowmanpta.org)). Deadline for November issue is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **TRAFFIC TIP**

Our Crossing Guards are here to help! Please abide by directions and use a signal to let the guards know your intentions.

### **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

Make sure to check out the PTA at our new Facebook page: [facebook.com/BowmanPTA](https://facebook.com/BowmanPTA).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a8a92ca64-bowman3>

Bowman School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! Show your Bowman pride by running or walking in this event. Tell your family and friends that all are welcome to join in!

Do you know a company that would like to sponsor this event? Please contact [bowmanrun@bowmanpta.org](mailto:bowmanrun@bowmanpta.org) we are still in need of sponsors big or small.

## **BOWMAN BOOK FAIR**

When: **Friday October 28th**: 8am-8:45am and 3:15pm-5pm Kids will come through with their class to make a WISH LIST! **Saturday October 29th**: 12pm - 5pm We will be open during the Bowman Adventure Run! **Monday October 31st**: 8am-8:45am. Last time to make a Book Fair purchase

Where: The Bowman Gym

We are excited to be partnering with the Bowman Adventure Run and Spirit Wear this year. Come see us in the gym, limited hours this year so be sure not to miss it! For volunteering opportunities, please check the volunteer sign up link below - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49aca823a1f94-the2016>

## **SEPTEMBER BOX TOP RESULTS**

First Place: Ms. Barbacano's class with 501 box tops! Second place: Mr. Avery's class with 247! Third place: Ms. Bennett's class with 199 box tops!

Honorable mentions (with totals over 100 each): Ms. Matthews, Ms. Sawka, Mr. Curhan, Ms. Kearns, Mr. Bruff, Ms. Archibald, Ms. Selhub, Ms. House, Ms. Day and Ms. D'Abreu!

Bowman collected over 3000 box tops in September, earning our school more than \$300.

Keep sending in those box tops, and use the fun box top sheets. Remind your friends, neighbors, and family members to collect box tops - then submit to your child's classroom! For questions about the program, please email [boxtops@bowmanpta.org](mailto:boxtops@bowmanpta.org), and visit <http://www.boxtopsforeducation.info/> for more information.

## **SITE COUNCIL FOR BOWMAN**

Congratulations to our newest Site Council Representatives, Alison Stevens and Kavita Ravi. This will be Kavtia's first terms serving on the Bowman Site Council and Alison's second. We thank them both for accepting this position!

## **STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS**

Beginning **October 7, 2016**, ([Bowman School](#)) – (ID#: 07679) has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop!

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT need to re-register your card if you participated the program last year and your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

To participate:

- Visit [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) and scroll down to the center of the page to select *REGISTER YOUR CARD* from the red box on the right marked *FOR CUSTOMERS*; or,
- Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance; or,
- Email the A+ Hotline. Please include the last name associated with your STOP & SHOP CARD, your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and our school name and school ID number\* of our school (or the name, city and state in which the school is located) to: [askaplus@cranecommunications.com](mailto:askaplus@cranecommunications.com).

*\* If you are supporting more than one (1) school, please include the ID numbers for both schools (or the names, cities and states of your schools.*

To earn points:

- Use your registered STOP & SHOP CARD each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2017 program, which is March 17, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS!

Thank you for supporting our school. Macy Jin (StopShop A+ Rewards program coordinator)

**TRIVIA BEE TEAMS WANTED**

Save the Date: Wednesday, **November 9th, 2016**

Calling all Lexington residents! The Lexington Education Foundation (LEF) will be holding its annual 'bee'-loved Trivia Bee on Wednesday, November 9th, 7:00 PM in the Lexington High School Auditorium. Three-member teams compete in this friendly battle of wits – do you have the right trivial stuff?

Teams compete in rounds (or swarms), with the winners of the swarms battling it out in the final round. All answers are a team effort, so no one person is ever put on the spot. Trivia questions are in the following categories: history, sports, popular culture, science, arts/literature and current events.

We would love to see all schools represented, just as they have been in past years. Represent your favorite Lexington school as a parent, an alumni, parent of an alumni, or education enthusiast!

We are delighted to announce that we will serve food from Red Heat Tavern this year. We've heard great reviews about their food.

If you have further questions, send an email to [bee@lexedfoundation.org](mailto:bee@lexedfoundation.org) or call the LEF office at 781-372-3288.

Team registration fee is \$375 per 3-member team. To register teams, click on the following link:  
<http://www.lexedfoundation.org/bee>

Registration will close on Friday, October 7th