
November 2016 Newsletter

Bowman Broadside



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BOWMAN SPRIT 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
Questions? Email spiritwear@bowmanpta.org



DIRECTORY COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Thank you for your overwhelming response for the contest. It was a tough decision for judges and all the students gave a stiff competition with beautiful and expressive drawings.

The winner of the contest is Juhi Kundu, Grade - 4, Ms. Udell class. Congratulations to the winner. The judges' comments on the winning entry "Drawing is on topic, clear and easy to read, the whole page is activated, it's colorful, has overlapping elements and has a focal point."

Thanks to the art teachers Mrs. Goldfarb and Mrs. O'Connor for judging the drawings.

Note: The directory printing process has started. If you have not registered in MSA yet, please do so at the earliest opportunity. The link to register to MSA is available in Bowman PTA website (www.bowmanpta.org). Please contact directory@bowmanpta.org for any queries.

1 MONTHLY EVENTS

PTA MEETING

Bowman Library,
Nov. 16, 7:00 P.M

PRINCIPAL COFFEE

Bowman Library
Nov. 18, 8:45 A.M

2 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016

- 02/03 Half Day (Parent/Teacher Conference)
- 06 Daylight savings ends
- 08 No School (Professional Development Day & Election Day)
- 09 Walk To School Wednesday
- 11 No School (Veteran's Day)
- 17 Storybook Character Day, Discussion about Diversity
- 18 Site Council Meeting
- 18 Principal Coffee
- 23 Half Day
- 24/25 No School (Thanksgiving Break)

DECEMBER 2016

- 07 Walk to School Wednesday
- 26-30 No School (Winter Break)

BOWMAN TRIVIA BEE TEAM

BEE sure to wear your school colors and spirit wear to school on Wednesday, November 9th and then come out to the Trivia Bee at 7pm at Lexington High School to support our Bowman teams!!:

Beary Brilliant Bowmanites: Joshua Curhan, Mayumi Kearns, and Caitlin Sawka

Not So Shab-bees: Christopher Bruff, Jaime Smith, and Leonard Swanton

Straight As: Lauren Archibald, Sean Avery, Maggie Aikenhead

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING BOOKS FOR UNFULFILLED WISHLISTS OF TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Wondering what books your kids' class might need? Or not sure what to give to the teachers or staff as holiday gifts? Stop by the main office and check out the unfulfilled wishlists for teachers and staff from the book fair! We have an extension from the vendor to submit the order, in case you would like to purchase books off those lists and donate to the teachers and staff. Please submit your order by **Wed, Nov 16th**. Your purchase will be tax free. Please note we can only accept personal checks for these purchases.

BOWMAN STORY CHARACTER BOOK DAY

Thursday November 17, 2016 will be Storybook Character Day. Your child is invited to come in costume as their favorite storybook character and bring a favorite book to school to share. Events of the day will include a character parade and many opportunities to share favorite books together. Stay tuned for full details!

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT DIVERSITY

This will be an opportunity to talk with school administration and staff about our initiatives to provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all students. We will be talking about ways to create the schools that our children need, to understand the barriers that can impact cross-cultural/racial understanding and to find supports for all groups within our community.

The first meeting will be **November 17**, at 7PM in the library. The other two dates are January 12 and March 2.

FAMILIES IN NEED GIFT DRIVE

Are you and your family looking for a way to help those less fortunate this holiday season? If so, please consider participating in the PTA's Families in Need Holiday Gift Drive. We are once again partnering with The Second Step, a non-profit based in Newton, MA and will have wish lists for many families generated by mid-November. Please keep an eye out for more details on the gift drive and how you can help make someone's holiday a little brighter. Thank you!

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!! Go to our website (bowmanpta.org) and click on "Membership" to learn how to join.

DECEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for December issue is November 17th.

TRAFFIC TIP

Please be patient! No passing in the drop-off and pick-up rolling car line.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Make sure to check out the PTA at our new Facebook page: facebook.com/BowmanPTA.

DONATE UNWANTED TEXTILES WHILE SUPPORTING BOWMAN

Drop off your bagged unwanted clothes, footwear, linens, and accessories in the collection bin located at Bowman. 95% of donated goods are reused or recycled. Bowman receives a \$100 rebate per ton donated. For a complete list of items that can be donated visit www.baystatetextiles.com off your bagged unwanted clothes, footwear, linens, and accessories in the collection bin located at Bowman. 95% of donated goods are reused or recycled. Bowman receives a \$100 rebate per ton donated. For a complete list of items that can be donated visit www.baystatetextiles.com

OCTOBER BOX TOP RESULTS

The October box top winner goes to: Ms. Barbacano's class with 464 box tops, wow! Second place goes to Ms. Selhub's class with 189 box tops and third place goes to Ms. Bennett's class with 185 box tops. Honorable mention goes to Mr. Curhan's class for collecting 100 box tops. Bowman collected over 1800 box tops in October, earning our school another \$180.00. GREAT WORK!!

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, and visit <http://www.boxtopsforeducation.info/> for more information.

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION - SAVE THE DATE

March 25, 2017. All That Glitters...Is Gold. An adult evening celebrating Bowman's 50th Anniversary. Socialize with staff and other parents. Silent and live auction. Invites to arrive late winter. Interested in helping with the auction? Know of a business that would like to donate an item or that would like to be our corporate sponsor? mail us at parentsocial@bowmanpta.org



Smiles All Around

It was wonderful, warm and sunny for our Picture Day on October 17 and we got great photos of Bowman students and staff. Thank you to Michelle Andronaco and Katie Collin for organizing it all and to the parent volunteers for helping it go smoothly!