
March 2017 Newsletter



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Bowman Broadside

“ALL THAT GLITTERS...IS GOLD” PARENT SOCIAL AND AUCTION

March 25th, from **7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**. This fun adult evening, in special celebration of Bowman's 50th Anniversary, will be held on March 25th at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. Come mingle with friends, other parents and staff. There will be great food, music, and incredible silent and live auction items for bid. This event only takes place every other year so start planning with your friends now to attend this fabulous evening! Don't forget - your attendance will greatly support Bowman School. Tickets are now available online at www.biddingforgood.com/bowman

THE CLASS BASKET RAFFLE IS HERE

The class baskets have arrived, and they look amazing! Baskets are on display in the school hallway until **March 3rd**. Get your tickets now and make your choices. Tickets will continue to be sold before and after school as well as at the beginning of Disco Bingo for \$1 each. Don't forget to write your name and telephone number on each ticket and then drop the tickets into the bin next to the basket you would like to win. We hope to see you on Friday (night), March 3rd when we raffle off the baskets (no need to be present to win). Thanks to all for your participation!

DISCO BINGO NIGHT

Join us for Disco Bingo Night and the Class Basket Raffle on **Friday, March 3rd from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. Get your boogie outfits on and groove down to the Bowman Gym for Disco Bingo Night 2017. Come join for the Live Class Basket Raffle, DJ and a chance to Dance your socks off! The entire family is welcome and disco attire is encouraged (although not required!). Don't forget your pennies for Bingo!

BOWMAN MOVIE

Friday, March 17th, 6:15 PM-8:30 PM, Bowman Cafeteria and Gym
\$5/ child - adults free, \$10 Pizza Package, \$1 concession stand

Join us for our **ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT** on Friday, March 17th. There will be two movies. **Pete's Dragon** (gym) and **Finding Dory** (cafeteria). Bring your own blankets, come in pj's and sit and enjoy the show. You will be able to order a \$10 pizza package that includes a large cheese pizza and 4 small waters. The Concession stand will have popcorn, candy and water available for \$1 each. Look for the signup genius and ticket order form in your child's folders soon. For more information contact Terri Rosica at Terri.rosica@gmail.com

DISCUSSION 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

1 MONTHLY EVENTS

PTA MEETING

Bowman Room 3
March 22, 7:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL COFFEE

Bowman Library
March 17, 8:45 A.M

2 CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

01	Safe Routes to School
02	PPC School Committee Candidate Forum
03	Disco Bingo/Class Basket Raffle
06	School Committee Election
08	Family Math Night
09	Discussion Around Diversity (Note: Moved from March 02)
10	Site Council Meeting
15	Wilson Farm's Shopping
16	Kindergarten Orientation
17	Movie Night
17	Principal Coffee
22	PTA Meeting
25	Parent Social & Auction
30	4 th & 5 th Grade Hour of Code Event

APRIL 2017

05-06	Parent-Teacher Conference
07	Site Council Meeting
12	Safe Routes to School
12-13	Parent-Teacher Conference
14	No School (Good Friday)
17-21	No School (Spring Break)

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.

At this meeting we will:

- share with you aspects of our presentation at Harvard
- share information with you about our current work on the Dismantling Racism curriculum
- talk about work we are doing to support our students who are muslim, immigrant or otherwise impacted by our current realities
- invite your feedback and participation

The next meetings will be on **March 9th at 7 PM** (originally scheduled for March 2nd) in the Bowman library.

FAMILY MATH NIGHT RETURNS TO BOWMAN THIS WINTER. THIS TIME K/1 NIGHT

Family Math Nights are a great way for parents and students of all ability levels to experience the fun of math together. We'll have games, puzzles, brainteasers, and lots of hands-on activities. Challenge your student to a logic game, build a symmetrical pattern, or measurement estimates. It's your choice at Family Math Night!

When	Who	Where
March 08, 6:30-8:00 pm	Grades K-1	Bowman Cafeteria

Due to its popularity, we are running this in 2 sessions. Please sign up for your preferred slot at the SignUp Genius link below. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4a72d6-bowman1>

Look for specific details also on the Bowman PTA website, listserv, and through your room parents. Note that this is NOT a drop-off event. Questions? Contact familymathnights@bowmanpta.org.

SHOP AT WILSON FARM

Bowman's Shop at Wilson Farm Day is on **Wednesday, March 15th** so mark your calendars! Shop anytime during business hours (**9:00 AM – 7:00 PM**) and 20% of your pre-tax spending will be donated back to Bowman. Just remember to bring in a Bowman Shop at Wilson Farm day flyer and present it at the register. We will also be sending an emailable version that can be displayed on your smart phone through the room parents. So tell your friends, neighbors and other community members to shop at Wilson's on March 15th for Bowman!

BOWMAN 4TH AND 5TH GRADE HOUR OF CODE EVENT

We live in a world surrounded by technology, but only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. That's why Bowman PTA is joining in The Hour of Code. More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. No prior experience required!

A one and a half hour volunteer facilitated event where each student will work on a tutorial that teaches basic coding skills while building games and solving problems will be held on **March 30th** between 6:30-8:00 PM. We aim to build excitement for building with technology and confidence in the ability to get started doing so. We encourage any student to give it a try!

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.

APRIL SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for April issue is March 23rd.

TRAFFIC TIP

Spring is in the air! Be mindful of children crossing at the crosswalks.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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

With a limit this first year of 35 spots, student registration will open on **March 1st at 7am**, first come first serve at <https://goo.gl/n6UvRv>

Please go here <https://goo.gl/TGtW8S> to show interest as a parent volunteer, no experience required (And no solid commitment yet). This will only require 3 hours: a 1.5 hour training evening and 1.5 hour event with the kids.

PPC SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES' FORUM

The School Committee Candidates' Forum sponsored by the PTA/O Principals' Council (PPC), will be held **On Thursday, March 2nd from 9:15 AM to 11:30 PM**, in the Large Meeting Room in the lower level of Cary Library.

Residents are encouraged to come to learn more about those running for School Committee, both the three-year and the one-year terms. There will be ample time for audience questions. For more information please email ppcchair@gmail.com. School committee election is on **Monday, March 6th**.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is over flowing! Please come by and check the table for your child's item(s). Please remember to label all sweat shirts, coats, hats, lunch boxes and etc. Bowman Lost and Found coordinators check and organize the table at least once a month. If a lost item has a child's name on it we bring it to the office to be reunited with the student. It is a huge help to us if you label your child's items. Thank you!

DECEMBER-JANUARY BOX TOPS RESULTS

The combined December and January box tops results are as follows:

First place, Ms. Bennett with 269 box tops
Second place, Ms. D'Abreau with 143 box tops
Third place, Ms. Perdiz with 133 box tops
Honorable mentions to the classes of Archibald, House, Barbacano and Bruff for each collecting over 100 box tops.

As a school, Bowman collected almost 1800 box tops during December and January, earning our school another \$180.00. Keep up the great work, and keep collecting box tops!

MATH TEAM NEWS

The 3rd grade before school math team at Bowman recently participated in the first Continental Math League competition of the year, and the 4th and 5th grade teams participated in the third Continental Math League competition of the year. There are 2 levels of competitions of the 4th and 5th grades, and the groups from Bowman are registered with the Pythagorean level, the higher of the two levels. Students had to solve 6 problems in 30 minutes. Problems were designed to test students' reading comprehension, problem solving skills, and the ability to set up and solve complex and challenging problems.

3rd grade: There were 326 teams from around the country reporting the CML1 scores, including 33 from New England. The median score for the country was 22/36. The Bowman team's score was 28/36, among the top 33 teams in the country, or top 10%. They were also among the top 3 teams in New England.

4 THANK YOU!

SCIENCE FAIR

Thank you to all the Bowman student scientists for making the Science Fair such a successful evening! Your curiosity and enthusiasm were evident in all the projects, and it was wonderful to see the student's interest in and support of each other's work. Also, a special thank you to the Visiting Scientists for sharing their love of science with the students!

The PTA thanks Karla Nash, Lackshmi Katragadda, and Roshni Jagadeesan for organizing and running another successful Science Fair.

PRAISE FOR PASTA

The Bowman cafeteria was a sold out venue for the Spaghetti Dinner held on Feb 16. Hundreds of plates of the well-known and -loved pasta were served to Bowman families by our tireless 5th graders! The event organizers want to applaud the 5th graders for a job well done. They'd also like to thank the 5th grade faculty for inspiring and preparing your students for this work, and to Dr. Anton, Ms. Glick, and the 5th Grade Activities chair people for your planning support. Of course, the success of the event is also thanks to all the parent volunteers, for their time and yummy desserts!

Finally, the PTA would like to especially thank first-time Spaghetti Dinner co-chairs, Theresa Minogue and Victoria Moule, for all the time and effort you put into organizing and running this event. You did an amazing job!

4th grade: There were 137 teams from around the United States, 13 of them from New England. The median score for the country for three competitions combined was 76/108. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the third test, and 108/108 for three tests combined, the only one with the perfect score in the United States.

5th grade: There were 188 teams from around the United States, 12 of them from New England. The median score for the country for three competitions combined was 77/108. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the third test, and 108/108 for three tests combined, among the top 5 teams in the country and #1 in New England.

Congratulations to everybody on the excellent performance. Every member of each team worked hard, and can take pride in the accomplishment. The fourth competition for the 4th and 5th grade teams and the second competition for the 3rd grade team was in February.