

Bowman Broadside

VARIETY SHOW

Please save the date! The Bowman Variety Show will be **May 5th, 7:00-8:30**. Flyers and sign-ups will be posted in the next few weeks.

THE LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is overflowing! 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!

GLITZ FOR A GOOD CAUSE

March 25th marked the return of the PTA's Parent Social and Auction. It was also a chance to celebrate Bowman School's Golden Anniversary. Through the generosity of our community, thousands of dollars were raised so that the PTA can continue to support our school and students. Our Bowman Bear made a surprise appearance and attendees were even able to snap a coveted picture with Bowman's top celebrity. Thank you to all the parents that bid for such a great variety of prizes. We'd also like to thank our local businesses, families and school staff for donating their products, time, and talents, without which this event wouldn't have been possible. The Auction Co-Chairs would like to thank Flo Donaghy and Rebecca Fagan Gorospe for their great help in marketing and advertising the event. The PTA wants to especially recognize Auction Co-Chairs, Kristin Sleeper, Gary VanDeurse and Katie Quick. These individuals put a tremendous amount of work into making this an elegant, enjoyable, and successful event! Thank you!

CLASS BASKET RAFFLE A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2017 Class Basket Raffle was a Huge Success! Ticket sales for this year's raffle baskets raised over \$6200 for the PTA! THANK YOU to all the parents who created such fun and exciting baskets and to all the parents, students, teachers and staff who participated in the raffle. Congratulations to the 28 basket winners-we hope you are enjoying them! Thank you to Joanne Cheng, Courtney Lauriat, and Melissa Moscow for the fantastic job of coordinating the baskets and the raffle.

MOVIE NIGHT FUN

Bowman families discovered Pete's dragon and found Dory at another fabulous movie night! Special thanks to Terri Rosica, Karin Gehring, Carrie Pitts, Liza Leventhal, and Emily Gude for organizing this fun evening! Thank you also to all the parents who helped make the event run smoothly by volunteering to help with check in and selling concessions. Special thanks to Nick's Pizza in Lexington and the Capitol Theater in Arlington!

1 CALENDAR

APRIL 2017

03-05	MCAS – Grade 5 (English)
05-06	Parent-Teacher Conference
07	MCAS – Grade 4 (English)
10	MCAS – Grade 4 (English)
11	Site Council Meeting
12	Safe Routes to School
13	MCAS – Grade 4 (English)
12-13	Parent-Teacher Conferences
14	No School (Good Friday)
17-21	No School (Spring Break)
25	MCAS – Grade 3 (English)
26	MCAS – Grade 3 (English)
28	MCAS – Grade 3 (English)

MAY 2017

01	MCAS – Grade 5 (Math)
03	MCAS – Grade 5 (Math)
03	Safe Routes to School
05	Variety Show
05	Site Council Meeting
05	MCAS – Grade 4 (Math)
08	MCAS – Grade 4 (Math)
09 -10	MCAS – Grade 3 (Math)
10	PTA Meeting
12	MCAS – Grade 5 (Science)
15	MCAS – Grade 5 (Science)
19	Principal Coffee
29	No School (Memorial Day)

GAMIN' AND GROOVIN'

Bowman's gym was filled March 3rd with funky fashion and spare change for Disco Bingo Night. A big thank you to organizers and MCs Alexa Elliot, Jennifer Velis, Jeff Hrkach, and Jennifer Fujii. Thank you as well to our guest caller, Mr. Bruff, announcer, Mr. Curhan and all the other parents and staff that volunteered their time AND 'moves' to make it an exciting Friday night.

IT ALL ADDS UP TO FUN

Family Math Nights in January, February, and March offered a time for students and parents to enjoy a playful evening of hands-on mathematical exploration. Whether you were stumped by the brain-teasers, tried a new approach with the equations, or solved the puzzles in a snap, it was great to do it together. Thank you to Kavita Ravi, Judy Perry, Sarah Carter, and Lisa Ellsworth for organizing and making the numbers fun!

MATH TEAM NEWS

The 3rd grade before school math team at Bowman recently participated in the second Continental Math League competition of the year, and the 4th and 5th grade teams participated in the fourth 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 349 teams from around the United States, 35 of them from New England. The median score for the country for two competitions combined was 47/72. The Bowman team's score was 31/36 for the second test, and 59/72 for two tests combined, among the top 25 teams in the country (top 7%) and #4 in New England.

4th grade: There were 180 teams from around the United States, 14 of them from New England. The median score for the country for four competitions combined was 92/144. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the fourth test, and 144/144 for four tests combined, the only one with the perfect score in the United States.

5th grade: There were 189 teams from around the United States, 12 of them from New England. The median score for the country for four competitions combined was 98/144. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the fourth test, and 144/144 for four tests combined, among the top 4 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 fifth competition for the 4th and 5th grade teams and the third competition for the 3rd grade team is in March.

2 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.

MAY SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for May issue is April 20th

TRAFFIC TIP

No zooming...pull out slowly after dropping off and picking up your children.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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