
December 2017 Newsletter

Bowman Broadside



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YES! FOR LEXINGTON – Q&A

The YES campaign is hoping to pass a debt exclusion for the Maria Hastings, Lexington Children's Place and Fire Station Headquarters projects.

School Committee Members, Jessie Steigerwald and Kathleen Lenihan, and Board of Selectman member, Joe Pato, will join us for a Q&A on **November 30th, at 7:00pm in the Bowman School Library.**

Please come with your questions and to learn more about these projects! For more information, please visit the YES! for Lexington web site. <http://www.yes4lex.org/>

CALLING ALL AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS!

Did you know that you can support our school while you shop on Amazon? You shop. Amazon donates. Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday season at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065984 and Amazon will donate a 0.5% of all eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Bowman Elementary School PTA! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

It's as easy as:

- 1) Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065984
- 2) Log-in to your Amazon account (if prompted)
- 3) Bookmark "smile.amazon.com" for future reference. Purchases made through the regular Amazon site (Amazon.com) are NOT eligible for the program. Make sure to use smile.amazon.com to participate.

Spread the word to family, neighbors, and friends! Anyone can go to the link smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065984 and support Bowman!

If you have any questions, contact amazonsmile@bowmanpta.org.

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. This year the Bowman community is once again partnering with The Second Step, a non-profit based in Newton, MA (www.thesecondstep.org). The Second Step partners with women and child survivors of domestic violence to foster a supportive community and identify pathways to physical and emotional healing, housing, and financial security. For survivors who have left their homes and remain separated from their familiar neighborhoods, families and friends, the holidays can be a particularly stressful and bittersweet time. The Holiday Gift Drive is a terrific opportunity to meet the immediate needs of these folks and help make their holidays a little brighter.

To access the Holiday Gift Drive sign-up sheet and see a list of recipients and their wishes, please use the following link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C45A8AB2AA6FA7-bowman

THE LIST IS LONG! PLEASE KEEP SCROLLING FOR ADDITIONAL PEOPLE/GIFTS. You may sign up to donate a single gift to one person, or fulfill a person's entire wish list. There are also opportunities to donate wrapping supplies at

1 CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2017

01	Families In Need Gift Drive Begins
06	Picture Retake Day
08	Families in Need Gift Drive Ends
11	Science Fair Registration opens
14	Bowman Parent Event on Anxiety
19	Site Council Meeting
25-29	No School (Christmas Break)

JANUARY 2018

09	PTA Meeting
11	Family Math Night
15	No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
17	Science Fair Registration closes (condition applies, check announcement for details)
19	Movie Night
19	Site Council Meeting
25	Principal Coffee

the bottom of the list. In the case of gift cards, we suggest at least \$25+ but any amount will be greatly appreciated. Gifts should be unwrapped and labeled with the recipient's name code attached. Drop-off specifics are detailed in the sign-up sheet. The Drive begins on **Friday, December 1st** and ends on **Friday, December 8th**.

Thanks for making this holiday season a little brighter for these families! Questions? Email familiesinneed@bowmanpta.org

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If you missed picture day for any reason, or are not completely satisfied with your child's school pictures, we have a picture retake day! It is scheduled for **Wednesday December 6th**. If your child missed picture day, just tell your child to come to get them taken when their classroom is called. If you are not happy with your pictures, please keep the class picture and return all other pictures from your original package to school with your child. They will hand it in, and your retakes will be ready in about two weeks.

BOWMAN SCIENCE FAIR

Attention young Bowman scientists! Mark your calendars for the annual Bowman Science Fair on Thursday, February 2nd from 7pm to 8pm. Bowman students from all grades are welcome to participate. This is a fun opportunity to further explore and share a science topic of interest to you.

Everyone is welcome to attend even if they are not presenting a project. Please plan to come and support your fellow students!

Registration begins on Monday, December 12th. To ensure a meaningful experience for all students and guests, the Science Fair is accepting 100 projects this year. **Registration will close on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, or when the 100 project capacity is reached**, whichever comes first.

FAMILY MATH NIGHTS RETURN TO BOWMAN THIS WINTER

Mark your calendars for the return of Family Math Nights! 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 investigate the volume of 3-D shapes. It's your choice at Family Math Night!

Plan to attend a Family Math Night with your student this winter. Save the date for an upcoming Family Math Nights: January 11th Grades 4-5, February 13th Grades 2-3, March 21st Grades K-1

We kick off with Grade 4-5 Family Math Night on **Thursday, January 11th** from 6:30-8:00pm in the Bowman cafeteria. Look for more grade level specific details on the Bowman PTA website, listserv, and through your room parents in the new year. Questions? Contact familymathnights@bowmanpta.org

BOWMAN PTA MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 19th, 6:15-8:30, Bowman Cafeteria and Gym
\$5/ child - adults free
\$10 Pizza Package
\$1 concession stand

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.

DECEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for January issue is December 13th.

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.

Join us for our ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT Friday, January 19th. There will be two movies. Cars 3 (gym) and Despicable Me 3 (cafeteria).

Look out for Signup Genius and Flyers in your child's folder.

For more information contact Terri Rosica at terri.rosica@gmail.com

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE

Final numbers are in for the Sept-Oct 2017 Box Tops classroom collection competition, and the winner is.....Ms Archibald's Class with 388 boxtops! Congratulations - the Box Top BOT, the Bowman Box Top mascot, will now spend the month of November in Ms. Archibald's classroom. Mr Bruff's class came in second with 341 and Mrs. Moloney's class collected 327 for third place. Overall, 3,808 boxtops were collected....an amazing number for a few short months. Thank you all for clipping those Box Tops and keep up the great work!

As a reminder, you can find the Box Tops logos on participating products such as Annie's Organic snacks, General Mills cereals (like Cheerios), Green Giant vegetables, Old El Paso products, Ziploc bags, Huggies diapers & pull ups, Hefty trash bags, Pillsbury rolls and many more. You can send your Box Tops into the classroom in a plastic bag, envelope or on the collection sheet provided here, once or twice a month. Questions? Contact the Box Tops Coordinators: boxtops@bowmanpta.org

A CALL FOR MARKERS

This year, Mr. Curhan's second-grade class is coordinating a schoolwide recycling project in conjunction with Crayola called Crayola ColorCycle! As part of the program, Crayola takes used and dried-out markers (of any brand and type, including washable markers, permanent markers, dry erase markers, flair pens, and highlighters) and turns them into fuel to cook meals, heat homes, power vehicles, and more. Over the past several years, we have recycled more than 10,000 markers! If you have any dried-out markers at home, please send them in with your child and the markers will be added to the collection container in your child's classroom. For more information, please visit <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>. Thank you for your support!

HOOR OF CODE

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. The Hour of Code was originally scheduled for December 07. It has been postponed and the new date is in the process of being determined. Stay tuned!

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to the Bowman Book Fair! We raised \$4,499 for the PTA and 366 books were donated to the school from parents and students! The Book Fair could not have been as successful without the help of the teachers and staff who brought the students in and allowed us to take over half of the gym for so much time and the volunteers who helped set up, made class wish lists, sold books and packed up. Thank you all so much! An extra special thanks goes to Katie Quick for an excellent job organizing and running the Book Fair for the first time! Until next year, keep reading.

IN THE SPIRIT

Our Spirit Wear sale was another hit this fall. With pompom winter hats and tie dye T-shirts the top sellers, the sale generated about \$600 in support for Bowman School! A big Thank You goes to Tish Apstein, Susie Hammond, Kristen Grant, Jackie Anderson and Lora Malone-Quinlan for running this year's sale and to Tricon Sports for their support. This once-a-year sale will be back next fall, but in the meantime, if you have any suggestions for new items, please don't hesitate to send them to spiritwear@bowmanpta.org. Look out for information coming soon about Spirit Wear pickup night in early December. And don't forget to show your support and Bowman pride by wearing your new Spirit Wear!