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# November 2017 Newsletter

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## Bowman Broadside



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### **BOWMAN SPIRIT WEAR**

On sale through Sunday, **November 5**. Show your school spirit with colorful shirts, sweatshirts, pants, scarves, and hats. Ordering begins on October 1, 2017 at this link: <https://bowmanfall17.itemorder.com/sale>. Questions? Email [spiritwear@bowmanpta.org](mailto:spiritwear@bowmanpta.org). For more information, see the flyer on the last page of the October Broadside newsletter.

### **BOWMAN BOOK FAIR**

In the Bowman Gymnasium from **October 25 - November 2**. New this year! Order online through November 3. Students will make a wish list with their teachers to bring home. The book fair will be open before and after school and during parent teacher conferences in the Gym.

Please see the link below for hours, the online book fair and to volunteer. <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/bowmanelementaryschool2>

### **BOWMAN STORY CHARACTER BOOK DAY**

**Thursday November 16**, 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!

### **IN NEED OF METCO HOST FAMILIES**

We are still in need of host families for METCO boys in 1st grade and 2nd grade. Please contact Sarah Wolfson by email at [metzger.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:metzger.sarah@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a host family

### **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 Dec. 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. There will be a flyer sent home in a few weeks with more details.

Happy Fall! - Michelle Andronaco, Bowman PTA member

### **BOWMAN LOST AND FOUND**

The Bowman Lost and Found is growing by leaps and bounds! The tables are filled with water bottles, lunch boxes, sweatshirts and coats. Please stop by and take a look. Winter is coming and many of these items will help keep the students warm and cozy.

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## **1 MONTHLY EVENTS**

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### **PTA MEETING**

Room No. 3, Bowman School  
November 15, 7:00 P.M.

### **PRINCIPAL/PARENT DISCUSSION**

Bowman Library  
November 28, 8:45 A.M.

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## **2 CALENDAR**

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### **NOVEMBER 2017**

01-02	½ Days (Teacher Conferences)
02	Book Fair Ends
05	Spirit Wear Sale Ends
09	LEF Trivia Bee
10	No School (Veteran's Day)
13	No School (Lexington Learns)
15	PTA Meeting
16	Storybook Character Day
21	Site Council Meeting
22	½ Day (Thanksgiving eve)
23-24	Thanksgiving Break
28	Principal Coffee

### **DECEMBER 2017**

06	Picture Retake Day
07	Hour of Code
25-29	No School (Christmas)

Please remember to label your child's belongings. If items are labeled we do our best to return it to it's owner. Thank you!

### **FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITIES**

Fifth Grade Families...it is an exciting time for the fifth graders as they embark on their final year at Bowman School! There will be many special activities planned for the fifth graders this year and we need your help to make them a success. We are still looking for 2-3 additional volunteers to help with the Yearbook and Video committees (we already have one other volunteer for each, so you won't be alone!). We are also collecting donations from 5<sup>th</sup> grade families to help fund these special activities. If you're able, we suggest donating \$20-\$30 per student to cover the costs for all these events, but we appreciate donations of any amount! There are two ways to donate:

Donate by check - Send a check to the Bowman office, made out to the Bowman PTA. Please earmark "5th Grade Activities Donation" on the envelope.

Donate online

- Login to [myschoolanywhere.com/login.a5w](https://myschoolanywhere.com/login.a5w). Click "Our Store" at the top of the page, scroll down, and select "5th Grade Activities Contribution".
- If you don't know your login; confirm your family information after clicking the link: <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?fam=BowmanPTA21114>

Then you'll receive an email with a link to "Our Store" where you can select your donation amount.

With these donations, ALL fifth graders will receive a class t-shirt which they will wear while they work the Spaghetti Dinner. Near the end of the year, students will also have a Luau party, Field Day, Moving On ceremony and reception, and receive a class yearbook and a secure link to a whole class video. Please contact Fifth Grade Activities Chairs Lisa Ellsworth or Courtney Lauriat at [fifthgradeactivities@bowmanpta.org](mailto:fifthgradeactivities@bowmanpta.org) if you'd like to volunteer to chair a committee, to help out, or if you have additional questions. Thank you for your support!

### **PRESENTING LEF'S 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TRIVIA BEE!**

**Thursday, November 9, 7pm**, Lexington High School Auditorium

Lexington Education Foundation's Trivia Bee is a fun Lexington tradition in which three-person teams compete to answer trivia questions about history, sports, popular culture, science, arts, literature and current events.

The PTA is supporting two teacher teams from Bowman - cheer them on if you can!

Team #1: Sean Avery, Lauren Archibald and Maggie Aikenhead

Team #2: Neil Taylor, Maggie Moloney and Jessica Durling

## **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](http://bowmanpta.org)) and click on "Membership" to learn how to join.

### **DECEMBER SUBMISSIONS**

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali ([broadside@bowmanpta.org](mailto:broadside@bowmanpta.org)). Deadline for December issue is November 16.

### **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](https://facebook.com/BowmanPTA).

Register, sponsor or learn more at [LexEdFoundation.org/trivia-bee](http://LexEdFoundation.org/trivia-bee)

Lexington Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that brings the community together to support the Lexington Public Schools in fostering innovation in teaching and learning to provide our children a world-class education.

### **PTA SPONSORS FALL STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS**

On behalf of the entire Bowman community, the PTA sponsors events in both the spring and fall to recognize and thank the many teachers and staff members who work tirelessly for our children. On Monday, August 28th, the PTA treated all staff to a "Welcome Back" luncheon. Sandwiches, salads, beverages, and delicious desserts were provided to help ease the transition back to the working week. Additionally, to give the teachers the energy they needed to get through Curriculum Night on September 28th, the PTA provided hot pizza, salad, and drinks to staff who needed to stay at school into the evening hours.

Looking forward, in the spring, Bowman designates one week as "Staff Appreciation Week." This week will be filled with little treats for teachers and staff. Traditionally, each classroom honor its own teachers during this week as well. Class room parents usually come up with very creative ways to show the students' and families' appreciation; please contact your class parents if you would like to help or for more information.

To end the year, all Bowman families are invited to contribute to a year end potluck luncheon for the staff. This usually takes place near the end of the school year in June, and includes many homemade international specialties (like dumplings, noodle dishes, and the like) that reflect the rich and varied heritage of our families at Bowman. The staff looks forward to this tasty event all year! Stay tuned for more information.

Anyone wishing to help with staff appreciation events or simply wanting more information may contact [staffappreciation@bowmanpta.org](mailto:staffappreciation@bowmanpta.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE - HOUR 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. Mark your calendar for the Hour of Code this year – **December 07, 2017**. Details to follow.

### **THANKS FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS**

Thanks to the leadership of Mary Anton and the generosity of families and staff, the Bowman community donated nearly \$10,000 and over 1,300lbs (2/3 of a ton!) of water, food and supplies to schools recovering from Hurricanes Harvey and Maria this fall. And we know the families of the Escuela Benigno Carrión in Cayey, Puerto Rico will be touched by the thoughtful cards written by our students. Additional thanks to the Bowman front office staff, Ann Matthews, Limaris Barrios, DHL, and custodial staff for their work in making this possible. We are proud to be part of this wonderful community!

### **SITE COUNCIL FOR BOWMAN**

Congratulations to our newest Site Council Representative, Lauren Avery. This will be Lauren's first term serving on the Bowman Site Council. Thank you to our other candidate, Rita Dulgarian, for also running and thank you to everyone who voted!

### **PUT A SMILE ON**

It started out brisk, but the morning of October 4th turned out to be another great Picture Day. The sun was shining, we were smiling, and with our backyard as a backdrop, we got great photos of Bowman students and staff. Thank you to Michelle Andronaco for organizing it and to the parent volunteers for helping it go smoothly!

## **BOWMAN ADVENTURE RUN**

A few thank yous...

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the Bowman Adventure 5K and Kids 3/4 Fun Run! The weather was beautiful and it was wonderful seeing families, friends, children and teachers of Bowman and the community enjoy a fun, healthy activity! We hope you all had a great time!

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers for helping out, the race depends on you and we really appreciate it! Thank you to Dr. Anton for starting our races and Ms. Scheer, the gym teacher, for leading stretches for the children.

The PTA would like to also thank race organizer, Diane Callahan, and her team, Cindy Arens and Justine Cohen, for putting together a wonderful event enjoyed by runners and spectators alike!