
January 2018 Newsletter

Bowman Broadside



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BOWMAN PTA RECEIVES AWARD FROM STAPLES



The Bowman PTA has been awarded \$2500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called 2 Million & Change that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct donations in the total amount of about \$2 million each year.

The grant will be used to fund PTA programs and to purchase materials, technology, and enrichment for the school that are outside the school's normal operating budget.

Created in 2012, the 2 Million & Change program is a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations of their choosing that are focused on education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization. In 2015, associates globally directed more than \$2.5 million of Staples Foundation grants to 875 non-profit organizations.

We'd like to thank Staples Associate Mark Cautela for nominating us for this generous grant.

BOWMAN SCIENCE FAIR

Attention young Bowman scientists! Mark your calendars for the annual Bowman Science Fair on **Thursday, February 8th** 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 began 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.

1 MONTHLY EVENTS

PTA MEETING

Room No. 3, Bowman School
Tuesday, January 9th, 7:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL/PARENT DISCUSSION

Bowman Library
January 25, 8:45 A.M

2 CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY 2018

08	Science Fair
09	Site Council Meeting
13	Family Math Night
19-23	No School (February Break)
27	Principal Coffee

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. The upcoming Family Math Night is on Jan 11th for Grades 4 and 5.

January 11th	Grades 4-5
February 13th	Grades 2-3
March 21st	Grades K-1

The events will be held from 6:30 to 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

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

You can sign up for movie tickets and pizza here - <http://bowmanpta.org/movie>

We need your help for successful screening of the movie. For volunteering opportunities, check out the following link - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094dada92ea7fe3-2018>

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

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE

Final numbers are in for the Nov 2017 Box Tops classroom collection competition, and the winner is.....**Ms. Barbacano's Class** with 599 boxtops! Congratulations - the Box Top BOT, the Bowman Box Top mascot, will now hang out in Ms. Barbacano's classroom. 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 a collection sheet, once or twice a month. A variety of fun collection sheets can be found here: [Collection Sheets](#)

Questions? Contact the Box Tops Coordinators: boxtops@bowmanpta.org

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.

FEBRUARY SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for January issue is January 18th.

TRAFFIC TIP

With the added chill comes the want for warmth! Remember that Bowman is an idle free zone.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

A sincere "thank you" to all of the Bowman families who donated gifts for the PTA's Holiday Gift Drive supporting The Second Step, a non-profit organization in Newton, MA (www.thesecondstep.org). Everyone at Second Step shares their sincere gratitude for the continued generosity of the Bowman community during the holiday season. This year, Bowman families fulfilled over eighty "wishes" for women and children survivors of domestic violence. Wishes fulfilled included warm clothes, kitchen items, and a wide variety of toys. Thank you for making the holidays a little brighter for these women and children! The PTA would also like to thank Karla Nash and Carrie Rose for their wonderful work to organize the Families In Need Gift Drive.

MATH TEAM NEWS

The 4th and 5th grade before school math teams at Bowman recently participated in the first 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.

4th grade: There were 129 teams from around the United States, 5 of them from New England. The median score for the country was 18/36. The Bowman 4th grade team had 24/36 points, among top 19% of teams in the country.

5th grade: There were 109 teams from around the United States, 8 of them from New England. The median score for the country was 22/36. The Bowman 5th grade team had 36/36 points, 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 second competition for the 4th and 5th grade teams is in mid December.

BOWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN DONATION DRIVE

(Article written by Mr. Taylor's 5th grade class)

In the beginning of the school year, kids that go to school in Lexington often have worries about the people in their class, or what their teacher will be like. This year, Puerto Rican kids haven't had to just worry about their teachers, but about whether or not their school was starting at all. This year they faced a different problem with Hurricane Maria, which caused huge damage and destruction to their area.

Students and families at Bowman Elementary School have been working to donate food, water, and money for the people in Puerto Rico who were affected by Hurricane Maria. We have been helping a school called Escuela Benigno Carrion, which is located in a place called Cayey, located 30 miles south of San Juan.

"Whenever I hear about this, my heart and stomach feel heavy," said a 5th grader. "I'm glad that they have power back and that we were able to help them get started with their year. I can't imagine how hard it was for them."

Students and families at Bowman collected some food such as dried pink beans, other types of beans, chickpeas, rice, canned corned beef, sausages, cooked ham, fruit, breakfast cereal, and a lot of bottled water. All in all, the Bowman students and families collected 40 boxes of water, 21 packs of individual water bottles, 25 boxes of non-perishable foods, and one box filled with cards. It weighed a total of 1,316 pounds.

In addition to food and water, the Bowman community raised money to help out the families of Escuela Benigno Carrion. As of now, they have raised \$6000, and the total continues to grow.

Kids all over the school have not only donated a good amount of money and food, but we also made 500 cards to give hope and happiness for the kids, too. Hopefully, it made them feel much better now. Some of the things that kids wrote in cards are, "I hope you and your family are healthy and safe", or "We are sorry for what you have been through, and I hope this card makes you feel so much better," or "Have a good school year".

Brenda Barnes in the office of Bowman helped facilitate all of the collections and organized all the boxes. "I think it's wonderful," Barnes said "I am sure it makes everyone happy at that school that we could help them."

The total amount of money that it would take to ship everything that we sent to Puerto Rico would be \$1000 in all, but Mr. Anthony Baglio, who works at DHL, completely covered this expense, so that we could get our donations to Puerto Rico. Bowman students also wrote cards to thank Mr. Baglio for his generosity. Mr. Baglio has also helped pay for other things during hurricane Maria and Irma like food, water, and other needs of people affected by the hurricane. We never could have done this without him.

A fifth grade student at Bowman Elementary said, "I am happy the the kids at the Escuela Benigno Carrion will be able to go to school again."

The Escuela Benigno Carrion school recently just got power and water so they will be going back to school on November 7th, 2017. And we are hoping that they have a good start to their year!

A message from the Principal Dr. Mary Antón:

School opened on November 7th, they have electricity and are operating full time , from 7:30 to 3:00 . With the supplies they received from Bowman school they made food packets that were distributed to 65 families . They have also used supplies to complement breakfast and lunch services that are provided to students everyday. There are still 26 students that are unaccounted for (they don't know if they left the country or what happened to them) but they are also providing water to other people from the community that have need.

Conditions in Cayey are still difficult . There is no electricity in the majority of communities and some households still have no access to water. Internet is not working and phones work sporadically.

Attendance at the elementary school is about 82% , which is not too bad considering the circumstances . Kids saw and enjoyed all the cards from your school and they are working with the English teacher on grammar to work on letters to send back.

We will be sending the funds raised through DHL in the next week or so.

Mary