



Bowen Elementary Newsletter

December 2024

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Bowen Families,

As we enter the month of December, we are excited to share the many wonderful events and activities planned for the holiday season! It has been a great year so far, and we are looking forward to ending 2024 on a high note.

Upcoming Events:

- Classroom Holiday Parties

Classroom holiday parties will take place on Thursday, December 19 beginning at 2:45pm. Each class will have fun activities and games. If you would like to donate snacks, crafts, or help with the party, please contact your child's teacher for more information.

- Holiday Sing-Along

Mrs. Bendert will lead the Bowen community in our annual Holiday Sing-Along on Friday, December 20 at 11am. Students will showcase their musical talents, singing along to traditional holiday songs. The Sing-Along will be held in the school cafeteria.

- Winter Break

Winter break will begin on December 21st and will run through January 5th. Students will return to school on Monday, January 6th. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and joyful holiday season with family and friends!

Wishing you all a warm and joyful December filled with family, fun and learning!

Educationally Yours,
Miss Mary Campione

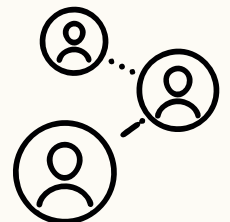
Holidays Around the World

Our students explored special holidays from around the world – celebrating with song, dance, crafts and traditions of the holiday. As a culminating activity, students decorated our hallways with symbols and images to represent Hannakuh, American and Russian Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chinese New Year. Students learned that no matter the location, faith, or culture, all holidays celebrate family, friends, sharing and love. We invite you to explore our Holidays Around the World Museum during the holiday parties or all-school sing-along.

Stay Connected

Staying connected with your child's school through School Messenger is a great way for you to stay informed and engaged in your student's education. School Messenger provides a wealth of resources and tools to help you keep track of important information and updates. Other ways to stay connected include:

- Teacher Platforms (Class Dojo, Google Talking Points, etc.)
- Kentwood Public Schools website (visit Bowen Elementary)
- Monthly Newsletters
- Facebook: Bowen Elementary



PBIS Championship Behavior

Championship behavior is characterized by a range of positive actions and attitudes that show respect for others, responsibility, and safe choices. Some key aspects of championship behavior include:

- **Respect for Others:** A Bowen Falcon who listens attentively when others are speaking, shares with peers, and values differences and demonstrates respect. They show kindness through words and actions and express gratitude and appreciation.
- **Responsibility:** A responsible Bowen Falcon takes care of their personal belongings, completes tasks, and takes responsibility for their actions, including owning up to mistakes.
- **Safe Choices:** Championship behavior includes the ability to make safe choices, such as waiting for their turn, not interrupting others, and managing emotions when frustrated or upset.

During the month of December, staff members are nominating Bowen students that display championship behavior on a consistent basis. These students earn an ice cream sundae party, one session of free time with Miss Campione, and the opportunity to wear a gold medal to highlight their nomination. We encourage you to ask your Bowen Falcon if he/she has been nominated!

Winter Weather Gear

Winter is here! As you prepare for the new season, be aware that snow pants and snow boots are required to play in the snow. We recommend labeling all warm weather gear with your child's name. If you have a need for warm weather gear, please call the Bowen Office at (616) 455-5220. The school has warm weather gear available for students to wear.



Winter Gear Checklist

*Warm, winter coat

*Snow Pants

*Snow Boots

*Gloves

*Hat



Holiday Shop

The Bowen PTC is putting a fresh spin on our annual holiday shop. Students will browse and shop from December 9-13. The shop will be filled with thoughtful gifts for everyone. Prices range from \$1-\$4 per item. Please refer to the schedule below to know when your student will visit the holiday shop.

Monday 12/9

Tuesday 12/10

Wednesday 12/11

Thursday 12/12

9:30-10:00 AM	Silver	Bishop	Shaw	Kregel
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Dykstra	Pope	Treber	Schultz
11:30 - 12:00 PM		Hamilton	Wyman	Everhart
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Redmond	Born	Gauthier	Schuen
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Serrell		Allen	Stonerock