

# Bowen Elementary Newsletter



October 2, 2024

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Bowen Families,

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) is in full swing for the 2024–2025 school year. Over the past six weeks, students have been working hard to show “On Target” behaviors in all areas of the school.

Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe are our core expectations. Students that follow these expectations are recognized by staff with Falcon Feathers that can be used as currency to purchase items from our Falcon Feather Fortunes.

Each month, students and staff will focus on one of the core behavior expectations. Individual classrooms will be nominated as the Champion Classroom, earning gold medals to wear for the entire week. This nomination is based on their ability to meet the “On Target” behavior expectations. During the month of September we focused on being respectful. Students did such a wonderful job that we celebrated them with an all-school Bowen Tailgater. Students in Grades 3–5 played in a staff versus student football game while their Young 5s through Grade 2 peers cheered from the sidelines. After the game, all students enjoyed a grilled hot dog with chips, and free time on the playground. It was a great day to be a Falcon!

Educationally Yours,  
Mary Campione



## Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Hard to believe we are almost 1/4 of the way through the school year! This means it's time for us to meet and discuss your student's academic and social-emotional progress. By this time, your child's teacher has communicated with you to schedule a conference. We are looking forward to being together either in-person or virtually. If you have any questions or need to reschedule, don't hesitate to call the Bowen Office at 455-5220.

Wednesday, October 9 (in-person)

4:30-8:30pm

Thursday, October 10 (virtual)

1:30-3:30pm

## Music Program Information



Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:00 PM

East Kentwood High School Fine Arts Center

- The day of the program students will take a field trip to EKHS during the school day to do a dress rehearsal for the program.
- Students should be brought to the high school BY YOU starting at 5:45 pm. Students are not to be dropped off – parents are expected to stay. If your child participates in ARCH they will travel to the high school as an ARCH field trip – if you do not plan on attending the program your child will need to be picked up from ARCH early that day.
- Students will sit with their classmates in the back portion of the auditorium while they are not performing. Young Fives, Kindergarten, First Grade, and MoCI students will sit with their parents after they perform – all other grade levels will return to sit with their class.
- It is expected all students and audience members stay for the entire performance!

## Important Dates



October 3	Family Literacy Night at Kent District Library 5:30 – 7:00 PM
October 7–16	Scholastic Book Fair
October 9–10	Conferences
October 10	Half Day Dismissal 12:15 PM
October 11	No School
October 11–28	PTC Fundraiser
October 16	Bowen Music Program 5:45 PM
October 18	Picture Retakes
October 22–25	Penny Wars
October 25	PTC Popcorn Sale
October 31	Fall Harvest Celebrations 2:45 PM

## Scholastic Book Fair



Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be October 7 through October 16. We're excited to welcome parent volunteers for this event! Classes will sign up for preview times, and have the opportunity to shop the remainder of the days. Families can shop during Conference times as well as during the day. You can set up an eWallet so your students can purchase items if you cannot be here. If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Gombert by calling the Bowen Office.

## Grandparent Event at the Book Fair

Join us on Thursday 10/10 from 8 – 9am for a special time at the Scholastic Book Fair. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!



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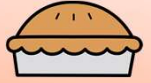
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## Penny War



Our annual MSU vs. UofM Penny War runs from 10/21 – 10-25. Students and families can vote for their favorite team. We'll announce Bowen's choice for who will win the game on Friday, 10/25. You can also vote during the Book Fair family shopping times.

## PTC Fundraiser



The Frandale Sub Sandwich and Pie Sale will kick off on Thursday, October 10. The fundraiser will run from October 11 – October 28, 2024. All money will be due November 1, and items will be delivered November 15; just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday!

## Fall Harvest Celebration



Students will be celebrating the fall harvest on Thursday, October 31. As we approach this exciting date, we want to make sure that we share some important details with you!

- All celebrations will begin at 2:45pm.
- Students may wear their costumes to school.
- Please be mindful of school appropriate costumes – no large props or anything that can be perceived to be violent.
- Students will not be allowed to wear masks during the celebration.
- All food or treats must be purchased, nothing homemade.
- The Fall Harvest Celebration will be kicked off with an all-school costume parade.
- Your child's teacher will send further communication in regards to classroom celebrations.

