
February 2016 Newsletter



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Bowman Broadside

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

All second and third graders and their parents are invited to participate in Bowman's annual Family Math Night. Join us in the cafeteria **on February 9th from 6:30-8:00pm** where students can challenge their parents to a variety of math-based games, puzzles and problems. All ability levels are encouraged and welcome. We look forward to seeing you then!

Save the date for the Kindergarten/First Grade Family Math Night on March 2nd.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Bowman PTA and the 5th grade class cordially invite you to the 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Thursday, February 25, 2016, in the Bowman Cafeteria**. Seatings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Order your tickets before it is too late – last year the event was sold out!!

Tickets on sale until Friday, February 19, 2016. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!** Ticket order forms have gone home in backpacks but are also available to print from the PTA website. For more information, contact: Adrienne Ortyl at aortyl@verizon.net

CLASS BASKET RAFFLE

Each class is putting together a creative basket for a school wide raffle. We will have all baskets on display in the school hallway from **Monday, February 29th until Friday, March 4th**. During Bingo night on March 4, the winning raffle tickets will be drawn for each basket and announced throughout Bingo Night. (Winners do not need to be present to win.)

We will be selling raffle tickets for you to participate. Each ticket is \$1. You can purchase as many tickets as you wish, and can even purchase for friends and relatives too! **Don't forget to write your name and telephone number on each ticket** and then drop the tickets into the bin next to the basket you would like to win!

Between February 29th-March 4th drop in your raffle tickets during the following hours: 8:15-8:45am and 3:15-3:45pm (12:15-3:30pm on Thursdays) and during the start of Bingo Night. For your convenience, we will be selling tickets in rolling carpool line both before and after school that week, so have your cash and/or checks ready and we'll come right to your window to give you your tickets. Tickets will also be available at the start of Bingo Night. A flyer for ordering raffle tickets will also be going home with your child. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the PTA, which directly benefits your child. Thank you so much to all the room parents who put together baskets and to all the students who participate in the raffle! If you have any questions, please email: classbasketraffle@bowmanpta.org

1 MONTHLY EVENTS

PTA MEETING

Bowman Library
Feb. 23, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

2 CALENDAR

FEB. 2016

05	Site Council Meeting
10	Family Math Night 2 nd & 3 rd grades
15-19	No School
24	PTA Meeting
25	Spaghetti Dinner

MARCH. 2016

02	Family Math Night
04	Disco Bingo
04	Site Council
10	Principal Parent Coffee
23	PTA Meeting

DISCO BINGO

Friday, March 4th, 6:30-8pm, @Bowman Gym. Come for a night of family fun! We will have a DJ so you can show off your Disco moves. Bring some pennies to play Bingo, which will be donated to our sister school SAGAM at the end of the night. The Class Baskets will be raffled off during the evening.

CALL FOR CRAYONS

This year, Mr. Curhan's second-grade class is coordinating a school wide 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 permanent markers, dry erase markers, and highlighters) and turns them into fuel to cook meals, heat homes, power vehicles, and more. Over the past three years, we have recycled more than 6,000 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 each classroom. For more information, please visit <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>. Thank you for your support!

YOUR MONEY AT WORK: PTA SPONSORED SCIENCE ASSEMBLY FOR 4TH GRADERS - ANIMAL ADAPTATION FROM THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE (BY MR. BRUFF)

Every Fourth grade students took part in a presentation from the Museum of Science. Students used their background knowledge from their previous science unit as a building block. They knew an adaptation is a way an animal's body helps it survive, or live, in its environment. As humans, we have many adaptations, such as our teeth. With our incisors, k-9's and molars for teeth, that allow us to pierce, tear and grind all sorts of food (they make survival simpler). During the presentation the students learned how the White Tree Frog has mucus on its feet to help it climb. They learned about the prehensile tail that acts as another leg for the Prehensile-tailed Skink and the flexible spine of the Ferret which allows it to burrow in tight places. Check out a video of the awesome presentation here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0BLxlxNIJ7QdXpXM0hSbGF5MmM/view>

MATH TEAM NEWS

The 4th and 5th grade before school math teams at Bowman recently participated in the second Continental Math League competition of the year. There are 2 levels of competitions of the 4th and 5th grades, and the teams 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 197 teams from around the United States, 21 of them from New England. The median score for the country for two competitions combined was 53/72. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the second test, and 72/72 for two tests combined, among the top 12 teams in the country and #1 in New England.

5th grade: There were 206 teams from around the United States, 15 of them from New England. The median score for the country for two competitions combined was 55/72. The Bowman team's score was 36/36 for the second test, and 72/72 for two tests combined, among the top 8 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 third competition for the 4th and 5th grade teams and the first competition for the 3rd grade team was in January.

3 REMINDERS

JOIN PTA

Currently 53% of Bowman families are PTA members. If you are not one of them, join right away!!!

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!!

Joining is easy, just go to our website bowmanpta.org and click on the "join" link.

MARCH SUBMISSIONS

Broadside submissions should be sent to Suman Murali (broadside@bowmanpta.org). Deadline for Feb. issue is Feb. 26.

TRAFFIC TIP

Help with efficiency! During morning drop-off, all cars in the designated drop-off zone should unload children. Please do not wait until you are at the front of the line to unload.