

Bearfoot News

Bowdoin Central School - Where Every Child Matters

We prepare all children for a lifetime of learning by setting high expectations within a nurturing and thoughtful environment. To do this we are all Safe, Respectful, and Responsible so that we may all focus on learning.

Focus on Learning:

Kindergarten: Our Kindergarten students are busy learning to write opinion pieces. Ask your student about what they are trying to convince you of in their writing and what are reasons they think you should agree. For example, I had a great conversation with a student today about why we should not leave our clothes on the floor. Did you know that you could trip on it, that it might make it harder to find what you are looking for, and that others might think the clothes are theirs. I also had a lot of opinions of the best super hero. I agree with the Batman proponents!

Fourth Grade: The 4th grade math students are working on some heavy duty math, and are excelling. They are multiplying and dividing two and three digit numbers, including numbers with decimals. Move over current accountants of America.

MEAs Wrapping up:

Over the next two weeks our students will be finishing MEA testing. On Tuesday, May 3rd our Fifth Grade students will be taking the MEA Science test. This two hour-long computer based test will assess the students on their broad based science knowledge. The students will take the test in two shorter sessions. The following week our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will take the new Writing MEA test. This hour-long test will ask students to write organized and evidence supported opinion or informational writing. I know our students will be well prepared and will do exceptionally well. These tests will mark the end of our major state based testing for this school year. Thank you for your support on these important tests.

Girls on the Run:

Next year Bowdoin Central School will be starting an exciting new program to promote leadership and wellness for our girls. The Girls on the run program is a well-established empowerment program that teaches girls leadership skills, positive self-image, and the importance of a healthy well balanced life. Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Theberge and other dedicated staff we will be able to offer this program and its culminating 5K race at a discounted price of \$75. Additional opportunities for scholarships are available on an individual need basis. We are excited about this new opportunity for Bowdoin Central students. (See the attached sheet for more information.)

The calendar of events is filling up quickly as the end of the year approaches. Please be sure to take a few minutes to review the items below and to mark your calendars so you won't miss a thing!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

April 10	K-5 Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Literacy Fun Night @ BCS, 5:30 -6:30
April 14	No School @ BCS – Prof Dev.Day
April 15	Deadline to order personalized yearbook online
April 17-21	No School – Spring Break
April 24	Cub Club for incoming K, BCS 1:00 p.m.
April 24	Magazine Orders due to BCS
April 25	Spring Photo Day @ BCS
May 20	Town-Wide Clean Up Day (see info below)
May 20	Fire Auxiliary Garage/Bake Sale (see below for info)
May 20	BCS 5K & BBQ, BCS, 10 a.m. - noon
May 22	Cub Club for incoming K, BCS 1:00 p.m.
May 24	5 th Grade Step Up Day to Middle School
May 29	No School – Memorial Day
May 30	No School – Professional Development Day
June 1	Celebration of Learning, BCS, 5:30-6:30
June 5	Parents' Night for Incoming K, BCS 5:30-6:30
June 9	5 th Grade Boston Trip
June 19	Field Day @ BCS (more info to follow)
June 20	Rain Date for Field Day
June 22	5 th Grade Spaghetti Dinner,
June 23	Volunteer Breakfast & Awards Assembly
June 23	Last Day of School – 12:10 p.m. dismissal

- **Science Explorers Sign-ups have gone home. Remember students are assigned to a session on a first come first serve basis. Get your ranked slips in now. Sessions start on May 10th.**
- **June 1st Celebration of Learning. This all school evening event will feature a showcase of student learning, including our 5th grade Aspirations projects.**
- **Active April Sheets Due this Week:** Hopefully many of you took the Active April challenge and have been moving a lot this month. If you completed the log, please return it to Mr. Jones at school by Friday, May 5 to be eligible for prizes. And please, keep MOVING IN MAY!!

Community Day

The pieces for the upcoming Bowdoin Community BBQ and 5k scheduled for May 20th are starting to come together. There are many ways you can get involved. This event is being sponsored and organized by our PTC, but they can't do it without your help. It is through events like this that the PTC is able to fund activities for our students and programs such as the generous "free book" certificate given to each student during our recent Book Fair. This is a way families can give back and say "thank you" for all the PTC does for our school. Stay tuned for a Sign-up Genius that will be available soon

Community News**THERE'S STILL TIME TO WIN A RIDE TO SCHOOL & THERE'S ONE MORE RIDE!!**

The items continue coming in and the boxes are filling up. Let's fill up the shelves at our local food pantry!! We'll be drawing names at the end of May for rides to school in a fire truck and a police car on June 14th.

Bonus items (5 tickets) for: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, flour & sugar.

We have just recently received another ride opportunity...Ride to School in a State Trooper's Car!! One winner will ride to school with Kyle Pelletier, who is a local state trooper and BCS father.

TOWN OF BOWDOIN CLEAN-UP DAY – SATURDAY, MAY 20th

Waste Items – Collected @320-328 West Road (Former Tire Dump) 9-3

Acceptable Items: Couches, Mattresses, Bicycles, Appliances, (\$10.00 disposal fee for any item that used Freon). Lawnmowers, 2 Tires off rims, Swing Sets, Metals.

Wood, brush, rocks and bricks (separated) may now be disposed of at same West Rd site.

E-Waste Materials: Collected @ Recycling Center (Town Office) 8 am -1 pm

Computer Monitors and Televisions Screens Small=\$5.00 19" or more = \$10.00

Printers, Game Consoles and Digital Picture Frame

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH NO GLASS

GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

The Women's Fire Auxiliary will be holding a Garage Sale on Saturday, May 20th at the fire station (next to the town office). There will also be a bake sale and raffle opportunities. Table rental is \$10 each. For table reservations contact Alberta Greenleaf 666-5752 or Patti Elwell 666-5974. Proceeds will go towards equipment purchase for the Volunteer Fire Department.



Enjoy With Us the
44th **Bowdoinham Library**
Plant Sale

Saturday, **May 20th**
Bowdoinham Town Hall

9:00-4:00

Perennials, Herbs, Trees, Shrubs,
Vegetable and Annual Seedlings

For more
information
or to donate
plants or
volunteer
call
666-8405

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available at
the Library