



Bowers School
141 Princeton St.
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November 2019



Principals' Message

This past month has been incredibly engaging for not only our students, but for our families as well. As you can see from our grade level newsletters and this edition of the Bugle, our students have been hard at work in math, reading, writing and in SEL.

Check out the Bowers Power Writers newsletter where students' writing showcases small moments and the detail they add in their writing. Could these small moments be about what they are discussing in their Tell Me Who You Are Time or could it be about special events like Fallfest? These are questions you could ask your children and their teachers at conferences. Take this opportunity to review their work and discuss their progress towards their goals.

As we celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday and all the work that we do together at Bowers, we give thanks to all of our families for your engagement in your child's learning and for the strong partnership we have established. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Ruggiero
Max Echevarria

November Calendar of Events

				A 1 School Spirit Day - Wear Bowers Blue!
B 4	5 No School Election Day/Teacher PD	6 C	7 A	8 B PTA Movie Night 6:30 - 8:00
11 Veterans Day No School 	12 C	13 A Parent Conferences Early dismissal/12:40 Usborne Book Fair	14 B Parent Conferences Early dismissal/12:40 Usborne Book Fair	15 C <u>Picture Retakes</u> Parent Conferences Early dismissal/12:40 Usborne Book Fair
18 A	19 B	20 C PTA Meeting 6:30	21 A	22 B
25 C	26 A	27 B Early dismissal/12:40	28 Thanksgiving No School	29 No School

Inclement Weather

Inclement Weather Plans...

✳ As winter weather approaches, we want to remind all of our families to make sure to have a plan in place in the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

Winter Weather Gear...

✳ Also, please note that, weather permitting, we go outside for recess each day. Please make sure that your child has appropriate winter weather gear including hats, gloves or mittens, jackets, boots and snow pants, if appropriate. Placing your child's name in all items ensures that they will be returned to your child if lost. Thanks for your cooperation.

Inclement Weather Schedules...

✳ Please check out the FYI section of the Bugle for Emergency Dismissal, Two Hour Delay, and Three Hour Delay start and end times.

Newsletters

Enjoy reading about all the events happening in our school!



Kindergarten Newsletter	1st Grade Newsletter
2nd Grade Newsletter	3rd Grade Newsletter
4th Grade Newsletter	Bowers Power Writer
STEM Spotlight	District Newsletter

Bowers Bulldog News

Open House

On October 10th, we held our Open house and despite the rainy weather, our halls were abuzz with excitement. Our students were eager to show their classrooms to their families and to have them meet and greet their teachers. As



you can see from these pictures, everyone had a great time. Our teachers were so honored to meet all of you and

look forward to working together with you to make this a memorable year. Thank you all for attending.

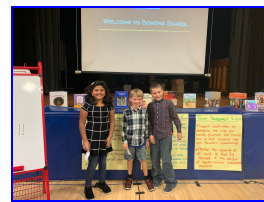


Bowers BOE Presentation

Bowers hosted the Board of Education at their October 7th meeting. Our teachers transformed the gym into a classroom. Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Estrella,



Becker, and our student ambassadors led a presentation which provided an overview of our [school improvement goals](#).

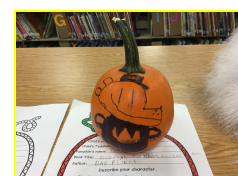
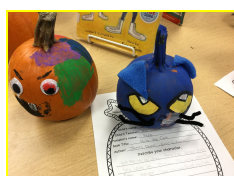
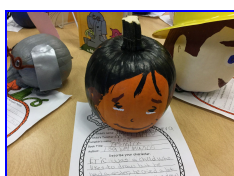
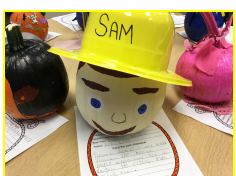
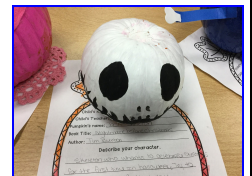
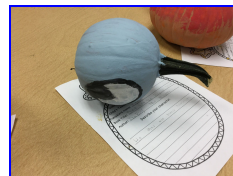
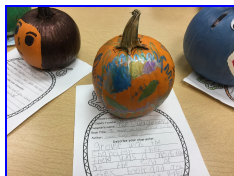
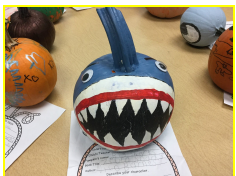
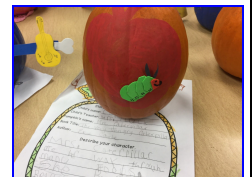
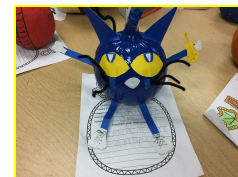
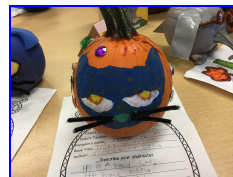
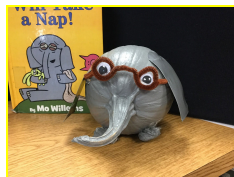


The presentation included how we use our Peace Path, how our teachers differentiate in writing to empower students' voices, and how our Tell Me Who You Are time is used to address

equity. Check out the [presentation here](#).

The Bowers Storybook Pumpkin Patch

When Ms. Colman announced that Bowers needed help with growing a storybook pumpkin patch, our students and families answered the call! Check out some of the most spectacular creative designs brought to school. If you want to see more, be sure to stop by the media center the next time you come and visit us.



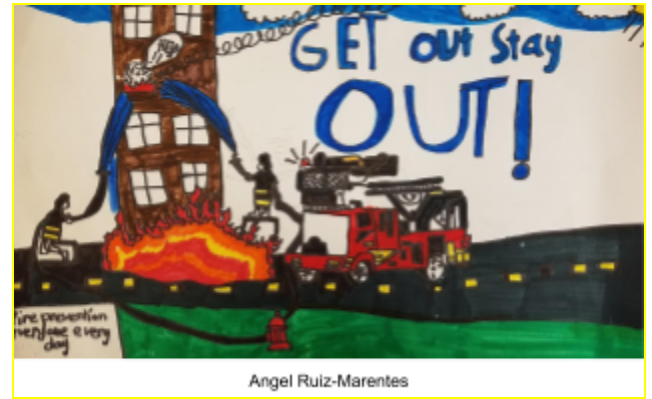
Firefighters Visit Bowers



Our Bowers Bulldogs were treated to an amazing assembly led by the Fire Department's 8th Utilities District. As part of Fire Prevention Week, they provided students with information on ways to stay safe in the event they were in a fire. Several guest speakers included Spiderman and the Hulk! Students were even given the chance to get an up close view of a fire truck, the equipment used to fight fires, and Smokey the Bear.



Fire Prevention Posters



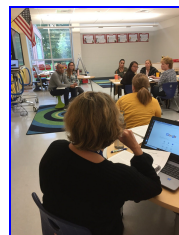
Angel Ruiz-Marentes



Alexandra Alvarado

Bowers-Verplanck Collaboration

Several professional development days have passed and a few more are ahead. Here are a few pics of our October 9th PD where our teachers collaborated with their Verplanck counterparts. All grade levels focused on planning for their upcoming writing workshop units.



Christmas Wish CT

One of our students, 4th grader, Emma Grabowski, is spearheading efforts at our school to collect school supply donations for children and families in crisis between November 12 and December 6th. Please consider joining her efforts in this worthwhile cause. For more information please click on the picture below.



Tell Me Who You Are

This month, our TMWYA time has resulted in some amazing community building work in each of our classes. Grade three has made connection with some of our friends at Manchester High School. Students have written letters while our high school friends have begun developing games to engage our students in exploring more about themselves. In Mrs. Cocchiola's second grade and Miss Norton's 3rd/4th grade classes, bonds of friendship have begun to take hold and their highly anticipated first visit took place on Friday, November 1st. We are all so proud of our students. Their leadership and engagement in conversations about themselves and others is truly inspiring. We look forward to telling you more in the months ahead.



Unified Arts Update

Physical Education Happenings:

Students are reminded that with winter weather quickly approaching, make sure to pack sneakers in their backpack, especially if they are not wearing them to school so that they can be prepared for Physical Education.



Kindergarten through Second Graders have been working on underhand throwing skills. Ask your student if they throw underhand with their right hand and which foot they should step with?



Third and Fourth graders are finishing up their Pacer test which measures their Aerobic Endurance. Ask your student what they think of the test?

Check out the pictures. These are of students from Mrs. Then's class working on their underhand throwing skills. Great job! ~Ms. Suitor

Art:

Hello Bowers Families!

Our fourth graders are participating in the statewide Fire Prevention Poster Contest. This is a joint educational effort between schools and fire services to make children aware that preventing fires requires everyone being alert to the everyday dangers which cause fires. Good luck fourth graders! Check out a couple posters created by our talented students on page 3.

~Mr. Vernali

Music:

Hello Parents and Families,

As the school year progresses, students of all grade levels are beginning to expand upon the knowledge and experiences they have gained at the beginning of the school year. This month, ask your student to show or sing these activities for you:

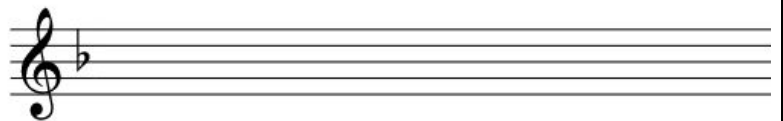
- Kindergarten- They chant this rhyme and do motions with their thumbs. "Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill. One named Jack and the other named Jill! Fly away, Jack! Fly away, Jill! Come back, Jack! Come back, Jill!"

- 1st- Students play the steady beat on a woodblock and sing this song. "Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe. Mend my shoe for half past two. Too-ra-loo-ra-loo. Half past two is far too late, mend my shoe for half past eight. Too-ra-loo-ra-loo."

- 2nd- Students are learning to sing this song in 3 languages! Ask them to sing it for you in French or Spanish. "Are you sleeping, are you sleeping, Brother John? Brother John? Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing, ding ding dong! Ding ding dong!"

- 3rd- Students learned this silly rhyme and then decode it using rhythm syllables. Ask them to perform it for you with the words and using "du" and "du da di" "Oh, my, fish in the sky! Shoes on the ceiling and trees walking by! Reaching down low, bending up high, everything seems to be wrong, right?"

- 4th- Students are learning to read Do Re Mi on the staff after using their hands as a staff. Can they show you where Do Re Mi goes on this staff?



~Ms. Peck

Media Monthly News

For Hispanic Heritage Month the upper grades learned about Pura Belpré and the awards that are given each year in her honor. She was the first Puerto Rican children's librarian in New York City. The upper grades also consulted print atlases and almanacs to find information on countries in South and North America.



In November we'll be reading nonfiction with every grade, and the older students will be working with the print dictionaries and thesauruses.



Soon, students will be able to read in a different reading area. At Open House you might've seen the ocean scene set up in the library. That was created because last year's 4th graders asked for different, creative reading areas that were conducive to reading. Our new scene will be set up after the November



Book Fair.



Family Resource Center (FRC) Update



Hello from the Family Resource Center! October has been a busy month in the FRC. All of our Lunch Bunch, Positive Youth Development, Ambassadors, and Girl Power groups are up and running. In

Lunch Bunch (grades K-2) we celebrated all different kinds of families and how each is special in its own way. The kids were able to make a family tree and talk about how and why their families are special. In our Positive Youth Development groups (grades 3 & 4), we talked about getting to know each other and how even though we may see each other every day, there are many things we may not know about each other. Our student ambassadors are brainstorming ideas for a service project and how we can help our Bowers and Manchester community. Look for a flyer soon! In Girl Power we talked about friendship and how to be a good friend. The girls made keys to being a good friend.



FRC Book Giveaway Winners for April:

- 🌟 K- Juliet Kaneal 🌟 1st- Olivia Graboski
- 🌟 2nd- Julie Rodriguez 🌟 3rd- D'Andre Thames
- 🌟 4th- Aidyn Alicea

Mrs. Tuohey will stop by your classrooms so you can choose a book.

If you are interested in joining any of the FRC programs or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860)647-3521 extension 73506 or ktuohey@mpspride.org.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the Golden Award winners for the month of October! Great job demonstrating our school wide expectations including being engaged learners and being safe and respectful in both our words and actions!

- 🌟 Golden Book Awards - Mrs. Cocchiola and Mrs. Cleary Evans
- 🌟 Golden Volleyball Award - Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Tryon
- 🌟 Golden Paintbrush - Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Cocchiola
- 🌟 Golden Recorder - Miss Gunter and Mrs.
- 🌟 Golden Cylinder (K-2) - Mrs. Cleary
- 🌟 Golden Cylinder (3-4) - Mrs. Garre

FYI

SAFETY and SECURITY at BOWERS

- All visitors must enter through the main entrance on Princeton.
- When picking your child up in the office, please note that ID is required.
- Visitors, including family members, will only be able to eat lunch with children during our Family Resource Center Lunch Bunch Programs.
- When buzzed into the office or MELC program, please do not let others enter with you. Kindly let them know that our security procedures dictate that each person wishing to enter must ring the doorbell and given entry by either office staff or MELC staff. Thanks for your cooperation!

Inclement Weather Schedules

Emergency Dismissal	Delayed Opening 2 hour Delay	Delayed Opening 3 hour Delay
Start: 9:10 End: 11:40	Start: 11:10 End: 3:40	Start: 12:10 End: 3:40

Start and End Times Regular Schedule Days
Start: 9:10 End: 3:40

Start and End Times Early Dismissal Days
Start: 9:10 End: 12:40

Transportation

- Do you have questions about transportation? Check out the [District Transportation Handbook here.](#)

Lunch Time Teacher Substitutes Needed

- Lunch Time Teachers needed to monitor students during their lunch waves. If interested in this part-time position which affords you the opportunity to get to know your child's school from the inside, please call the school office at 860-647-3313. Thanks!

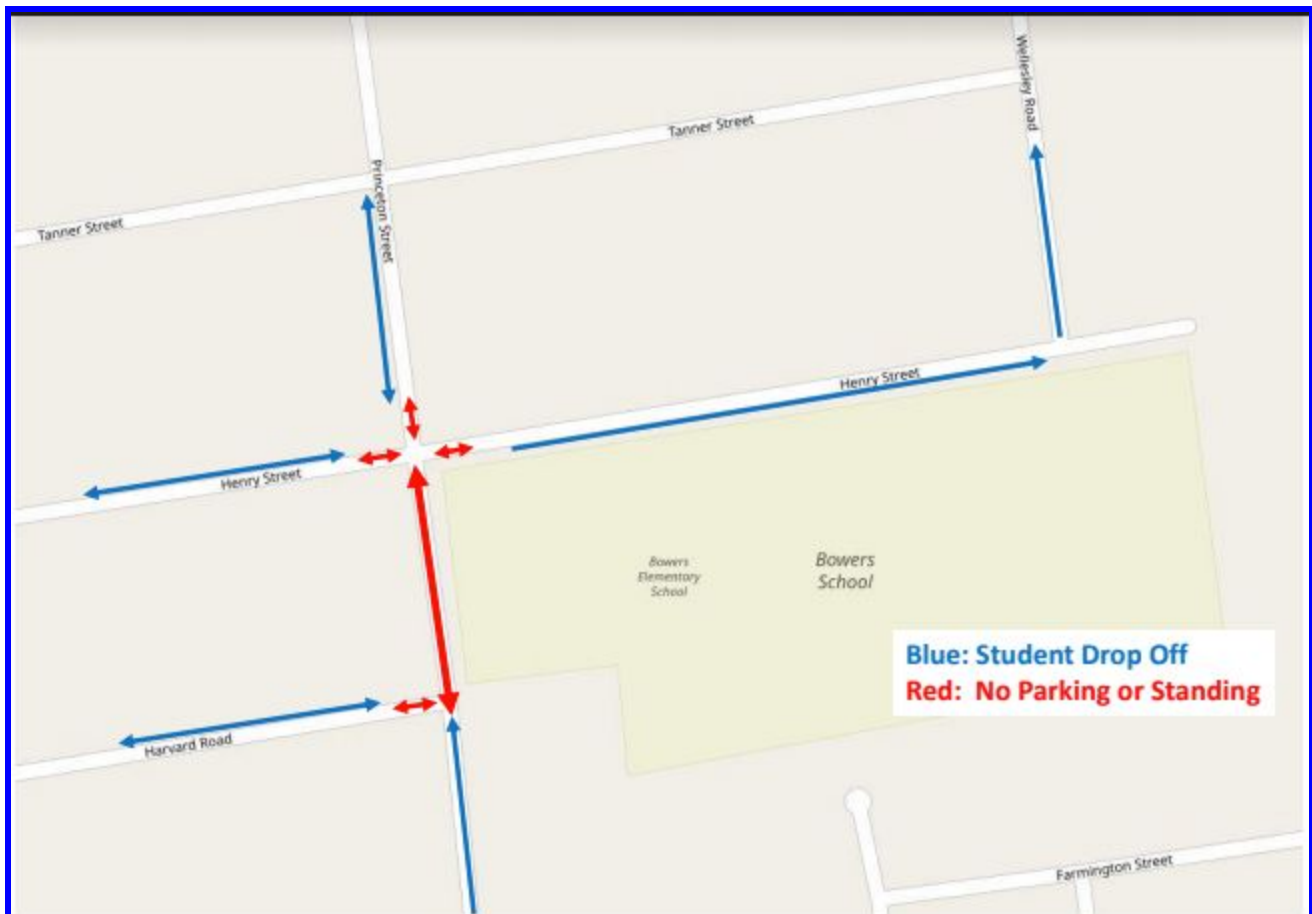
Early Pickups and Late Arrivals

- When picking up your child early for an appointment or other event, please send a note to the main office.
- On the note please indicate the time and purpose for pick-up. We will then communicate this information to the teacher. Please note that all pick ups must be communicated to the office prior to 3:00 pm.
- Prior to departing, please do not forget to sign your child out.
- When students are being brought to school after the 9:10 start time, please be sure to bring your child to the main office and sign them in.

SAFETY AT BOWERS SCHOOL During Arrival and Dismissal Times

- Please see the map below which designates areas where student drop off is allowed. **There is no parking or standing on Princeton Street in front of the school between Henry and Harvard.** If you want to see your child enter the school building, please park your car and walk your child to the entrance door.
- The first bell rings at 9:00 and this is when walkers/dropped-off students may enter the building. While we make every effort to have a staff member by the arrival doors by 8:50 am, this is not always possible. Please do not drop off students early.
- All students and family members who cross Henry Street should do so at the corner with the crossing guard or at the cross walk by the entrance to the bus loop.

Thanks for your cooperation!



THE PTA PIPELINE

Hello Bowers Families-

Welcome to November! It is hard to believe we are thinking about conferences already but they are right around the corner. We had a fun family night at Fall Fest in October- painting pumpkins and playing games- thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out and came to support this event. Spirit wear orders have been delivered and sent home with students- if you didn't get a chance to order this time we will have another spirit wear sale in the Spring. Pie orders from our Lyman Orchard fundraiser will be delivered on November 8th- please mark your calendars- orders must be picked up on this date. This fundraiser was very popular again this year- we thank you for your continued support! In November we will

be running an Usborne book fair in the library after school on conference dates (November 13th, 14th and 15th 12:30-6:30). Books purchased at the fair help to earn books for classroom libraries. See the attached letter from our Usborne rep or use the link to check out what's available online (shop online through November 17th and get free delivery to the school). Be sure to click on the link for Bowers Elementary in "Shop" to credit our fair with purchases.

www.Bookshelfwarrior.com

We are currently putting together our "Conference Days Luncheon". This is our chance to show appreciation for staff during busy conference days. By offering lunch options and healthy snacks, donated by generous Bowers families, we hope to keep staff fueled for long days. Please use the following link to sign up to bring in a special treat for our wonderful school staff. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoB4DA4A82CA4F49-bowers>

Every little bit helps. If you prefer letting us do the shopping please send monetary donations to school labeled "PTA/conference lunch donation".

Important Dates:

November 8th- Lyman Orchard pies will be delivered and must be picked up after school- between dismissal and 6:15. Contact us if you need to make other arrangements. Pies come in frozen and we do not have a place to store them.

November 8th- Our first Movie Night. We will be showing the movie Brave in the cafeteria. Wear your comfy clothes and come hang out. Come enjoy the movie and a free craft. Concessions will be sold for \$1.00 each.

November 13th, 14th & 15th- Usborne Book Fair in the school Library. 12:30-6:30.

November 13th, 14th & 15th- Conference "Luncheon" for staff.

November 20th November PTA meeting- 6:30 Library

Everyone is welcome-We want to hear from you!

Stacey, Kristy, Sarah, Nina, Chrissy and Deanna

Bowers PTA

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To Bowers Elementary Parents:

Bowers Elementary School will be sponsoring an Usborne Books & More Book Fair November 13 -15, 12:30-6:30. All books will be cash and carry, (paid with cash or credit card) but you are also welcome to order online many more additional books using the special website BookshelfWarrior.com . Be sure to click on "Bowers Elementary Book Fair" in **SHOP** to credit the school. Online link will be open through November 17. **FREE SHIPPING if you ship your order to the school!**

Having quality books in the home is essential for children. These were specifically designed so that children would really enjoy reading at home and develop a love of reading and learning on their own. There are books for all ages that include humor, full color, a wealth of information on all subjects, engaging activities and crafts, stunning illustrations, and simple text in titles for the younger children. With chilly, fall days before us, reading together and enjoying books is a great activity to do with kids and to develop memories and strengthen the bond between reader and child!

It's a win-win situation! While you are getting some fun reading shopping done (don't forget that books make perfect Christmas, Hanukkah, birthday, and other holiday gifts!), the profits from the book sales will enable the school to receive books for free! Whatever the amount in sales total is Bowers can get half of that back in free books of our choice!!

We appreciate your support and know the children will enjoy the books from Usborne Books & More!

Sincerely,

Bowers Elementary PTA (BowersschoolPTA@gmail.com)
Katrina, Usborne Books & More Educational Services Representative

