

Bower Buzz



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FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT >>>

As many of you may have heard by now our Fall Fling was a huge success. Of course, we were nervous and not sure what to expect when you take something on for the first time. Everyone had a great time and we raised \$12,000.00 for Bower School. There are many volunteers who put much time and effort into this event, we could not have done it without all of them. Thank you so much!

The PTA Board will be meeting with Mark Kohlmann, Ellen O'Rourke and our teacher representatives so that that the Bower Staff can decide where these funds will be best utilized. They have shown a great interest in using this money to purchase some SMART Boards for the school. SMART boards are a interactive classroom tool that engages our technologically smart students. Teachers are able to use the computers to create interactive lessons. SMART boards when combined with the computer and projector can help the kids to explore websites, deliver presentations and take virtual field trips. As soon as all of the information is collected we will update you on what the staff has decided to do.

At the January PTA meeting we plan on having a demonstration to show you how the kids and teachers will use the equipment in the classrooms. This technology is something Bower Staff believes can really make a great contribution to our school. I hope you enjoy a wonderful break with your families and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lisa Mentzer, PTA President

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR LOST AND FOUND >>>

We need a volunteer to help with the Lost and Found. This will include straightening the clothes occasionally and if names are on any items they can be taken to the child's classroom. Prior to the holiday break these items then will be donated to charity. Please contact Lisa Mentzer at 630-393-3009 or at mentzers@sbcglobal.net if you can help. Also, please take a moment to check the Lost and Found, there are many items there at this time that could be your son or daughters.

BOWER SPIRIT DAYS >>>

Bower Students & Staff!! Show your Bower Spirit on the first Friday of the month! December 4th Bower spirit day—wear your favorite holiday colors/clothes. Watch the buzz to see what's next month!

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORIES >>>

A huge thank you to Selena Pierce for compiling our directory...it looks wonderful! Also, thank you to Cheryl Cluchey & Shannon Fox Fraser for their help with filling out and organizing the membership cards. If you are a member of the PTA and you did not receive a directory, please contact Pam Nielsen at jpnielsen@comcast.net. Extra directories are for sale at \$5.00 each.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SPIRIT DAY 6-11

REFLECTIONS CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 6-11

NO TV WEEK - DECEMBER 6-11

MARKET DAY - DECEMBER 9

5TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM
DECEMBER 17

WINTER PARTIES - DECEMBER 17

WINTER BREAK - DECEMBER 21-
JANUARY 1

SCHOOL RESUMES - JANUARY 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL >>>

Happy Holidays! Thanksgiving Break is upon us and I can't believe how fast the school year is going. I hope everyone comes back on Monday, November 30th rested and I'm sure I don't have to remind most of you that Winter Break is only a few weeks away.

Please remember that on Monday, November 30th we will be starting a Breakfast Program at Bower (information about this program was sent home last Friday). The Breakfast Program is open to all students. Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

I wanted to thank all of you that were able to donate this week for Christmas Sharing. I also wanted to remind everyone that we will continue to collect donations the week after Thanksgiving until Friday December 4th. All Warrenville schools will be collecting money for gift certificates instead of non-perishable food items and this year Bower is holding a coin drive to raise money for gift cards. In addition to monetary and gift card donations, the following items are in great need:

New clothing in infant to adult sizes,
new socks and underwear

Winter coats, hats, mittens & gloves

New toys for infants to teens

Games, Books, and other nice gifts

Household items

Please contact our School Social Worker, Kate Schleyer if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help sort donations for the program.

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parent/Teacher Conferences this month and to the PTA for all the wonderful things they do for the students and staff of Bower. As I stated in the last Bower Buzz, I would like to thank all of our Bower families and our staff members for being so generous with their time and talents. Everyone is invested in the growth and success of all our children. Within the Bower community, we all work together "inspiring within everyone a passion to excel". Thank you for your commitment to all our children.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful week.

Mark Kohlmann, Principal

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM >>>

Thank you for making our PTA Reflections programs a big success. We would like to recognize the hard work and creativity of each student who entered. Please plan to attend our **PTA Reflections Art Show and Awards Night on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 p.m.** in the Bower lunchroom. Don't forget your camera, as each student will receive his or her award from Principal Mark Kohlmann and PTA President Lisa Mentzer. It is a wonderful "Reflection" on Bower Elementary School that so many children are willing to share their artistic creativity through this program.

Konnie Maskell and Jennifer Logan, Reflections Committee

LLC CORNER

BY JAN JOHNSON >>>

The library has been a busy place this year. With the help of a wonderful group of volunteers, we check out (and back in) approximately 1,500 each week. Both the fourth and fifth grades have had Readerobics (Breakfast with Books) events in the last few weeks. We read two books by a favorite author named Avi. The fifth graders recently finished up projects on energy. The third graders learned all about chocolate. And, the fourth graders are doing author studies. There's never a dull moment in the library.

It's the library's turn to have a book fair now.

December 7th -10th are the dates for our winter holiday book fair. This fair comes to us from Anderson's Book Fair Company. **We will be open two evenings, Tuesday, December 8th and Wednesday, December 9th from 5:30-8:00 PM. All proceeds will go directly to the library to purchase books and other materials.** If you'd like to volunteer to help at the book fair, just call the library 393-4627 or send in a note with your child.

Thanks to the PTA each year we have been able to have authors visit Bower School. We already have Cindy Aillaud, the author of Recess at 20 Below and a teacher in Alaska, scheduled to visit in February. It is always exciting to meet real authors!

Stop by the library when you're at school. It's a great place to be!

FALL FLING >>>

We sincerely thank everyone who helped to make this year's Fall Fling such a success. There were countless donations from Warrentville businesses, Bower families and Bower Staff. The following businesses are operated by members of our Bower family. These companies made contributions to our fundraiser. Please do what you can to support them!

Mike Dalan—**Chiropractic Wellness Center**
Laura Simpson—**Custom Magnetics & Vinyl Graphics**
Dave Deutsch—**Deutsch Plumbing**
Jill Strandberg—**Functional Fitness DuPage, Inc**
Mark Kostko, DDS—**Grove Dental**
Heidi Fitzgerald—**Heidi's Salon**
Dan & Julie Temesvary—**Hot Joey's Hot Sauce**
Carol Hameister—**Internal/External Aesthetic**
Vincent Ioli—**Impac Sales**
Chelsea DePasquale—**MaryKay Cosmetics**
Scott Harding—**SirSpeedy**
Vincent DePasquale—**VHS, Inc**
Yvette Closset—**Yvettes Nail Spa**
Karen Voegtler—**Voegtles Auto Service**
John Choi M.D.—**The Eye & Facial Clinic at Cantera Lakes**

Thank you to the following individuals and families for their contribution toward our fundraiser.

Casey Blair	Ron & Ginger Lovstad	John & Hannah Choi	Pam Lowe
Rebecca Cline	Jeff & Pam Nielsen	Ellen O'Rourke	Brian & Cheryl Peaslee
Ron & Rosanna Grutzmacher	Salena Pierce	Lance & Debbie Haack	Brad & Kristen Hays
Harry & Katheryn Wolf	Mark & Irene Kostko	Jeff & Karen Zeitler	Nic & Joy Tosto
Greg & Carla Zweig	Jessica Banaszek	Lea Mercury	

We could not have accomplished what we did at this event without these volunteers. If we have inadvertently left someone out, please accept our apologies Thank you! Jessica Banaszek, Judy Bilitzki, Julie Clark, Karen Cook, Chelsea DePasquale, Jen Diomar, Rosanna Grutzmacher, Debbie and Lance Haack, Christine Igo, Allison Ioli, Carla Kibler, Jayne Koldoff, Tina Lehman, Lisa Mentzer, Tom Marks, Rita Molnar, Pam Nielsen, Salena Pierce, Kristen Siebert, Melissa Sider, and Carla Zweig. **Thank you to all who donated items for this event, whether it was small or large, everything helped to make this event a success.**

Save the Date!
Wednesday, January 27th
Bower Restaurant night at
Buffalo Wild Wings



Photo by Pam Nielsen

Bower Elementary's first ever Fall Fling was a success!

The highest selling silent auction was a breakfast with Warrentville Firefighters and then a ride to school in a fire truck for the winner and their family. It was quite a sight to see as the fire truck, with its lights flashing and sirens blaring, delivered the Ioli family from the Warrentville Fire House to the drop off line at Bower.

Thank you Warrentville Firefighters!

BOWER BUZZ >>>

The Buzz comes out the last Friday of the month. Please send in your submissions early that week to: Julie Clark @ monark97@sbcglobal.net

