
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:

Fifth Grade is learning about the American Revolution. Our students have been learning about the lead up to the Revolutionary War, including the Boston Tea Party, the Declaration of Independence, Constitutional Convention, Bill of Rights and the various battles of the Revolutionary War including Yorktown.

Second Grade is immersed in the world of Fairytale writing. Today the students were working on the importance of transitional words in their writing. The students are going beyond the plain language of first, then, and later to make them more fairytale appropriate. Really what is a fairytale without “Once upon a time”, “meanwhile in the dark forest”, and “they lived happily ever after”...

Springtime at BCS:

We are so excited to have spring arrive at Bowdoin Central School. With springtime we try to spend more time learning outside. Students have been learning about stream ecology, micro-invertebrates, seasonal changes, life stages, browntail moths and more. As we move on towards summer please enjoy our school grounds, but do so in a safe and informed manner. Please conduct regular tick checks when you have played in our fields. Also be on the lookout for Wild Parsnip, around the stream, which can cause severe blistering. Don't let these issues keep you from enjoying time outside though. Nature has so much to offer and so many learning opportunities. If you are looking for a fun spring-themed book to share as a family, I suggest *Possum and the Peeper* by Anne Hunt.

Perseverance:

Our Core Value for the month of May is Perseverance. At BCS we teach our students that even though they may face difficult challenges it is important to never give up and that through hard work comes success. We feel strongly that students taking risks educationally, not being afraid to fail, and having grit when things don't go their way, will help them develop to be independent and well-balanced learners. Success comes from tackling worthwhile and difficult challenges. Please talk with your students to help reinforce these important life lessons. Thank you for your support!

Sign-Up: A sign-up sheet for the Bowdoin Community BBQ and 5k, scheduled for May 20th, is attached to this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to check it out.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

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 (info attached)
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
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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

The Spring Science Explores sessions begin next week. You should have received a note with your child's approved session. The K-2 sessions are now full. There are a few spaces left for the 5/10 Insects /Stream Ecology with Mrs. Egan and a few spaces for the 6/7 Zoology/Animal Science with Mr. Keith. Please call Ms. Mayo if your child is interested in one of the available sessions.

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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.