



August/September 2010

Important Dates!!

September 6	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
September 9	Open House 7:00 - 8:00 PM
September 15-16	Keogh Photography
September 20	Parents Club Meeting 7:00 PM
September 20	Timeless Tales Theatre 9:15 AM
September 27	Speech/Hearing Screening

Great Beginning!

What a wonderful beginning! Our first days at Bowman have gone very smoothly. Your children have come excited and anxious to begin the school year. New shoes, new clothes and new lunch boxes have been displayed with pride. We are eager to make this year a fun-filled, educational experience.

Open House, Thursday, Sept. 9

Join us for a "Parents Only" Open House Thursday, September 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

- **Teachers and staff will share an overview of their objectives, curriculum and plans for the 2010-2011 school year.**
- **You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents and find out how you can be involved in the classroom and in the school.**
- **Enjoy refreshments and explore the facility.**

The Open House is not meant to serve as an Individual Parent Conference for each child. Individual Parent Conferences will be held in October. The Open House is for parents only, so please be aware that we are unable to provide childcare and there is no supervision on the playground. Thank you for your cooperation and support! We look forward to seeing you on September 9!!

Welcome New Staff Member

We are excited to welcome Jacqueline Fernandez as an Assistant Teacher in our 2-year class. Jackie has an Associate in Arts Degree from Hillsborough Community College and has experience as a Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Aide in the Hillsborough County School System. Jackie is also currently a Dance Instructor at Dancemakers School of Dance working with children 3 - 5 years of age. She is the mother of two children. Her youngest, Nicholas, will be attending Bowman in our Pre-Kindergarten Class. Jackie is a wonderful asset to our school.

Dance, Art and Soccer

Dance, Art and Soccer classes will begin this month. Forms and information will be sent home this week. If you do not receive them please contact the Office. After-Care hours will be charged during these specials as Bowman Staff provides assistance and supervision.

Parents Club

The Parents Club sponsors three major fundraisers during the school year, the Fall Festival, Cookie Dough sales and the Book Fair. Without parent support and participation these events would not be possible. Not only are these fun, family events, but also the proceeds from these events are used by the Parents Club to be spent as the Parents wish. The Parents Club plays a vital role in enhancing the education of all the Bowman students. We are happy to have Janet Chan and Beth Harris return as our Parents Club Co-Presidents. The Parents Club will meet on Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm.

Student Directory

We will be distributing a student directory to all Bowman Academy students. This directory is intended for private use by parents, students and staff only and must not be used as a mailing list, other than for school purposes. ***If you do not wish to be included in the directory, please call the office by September 1st.***

Important Reminders

Shoes: In the interest of safety it is very important that students wear appropriate shoes to school. Properly fitting sneakers provide the most support. **Please do not send your child to school in open toe sandals, flip-flops or clogs.**

Drive with Caution: Please drive with extreme caution when entering and exiting the parking lot. Parking is limited, so please try to be courteous of others. Thank you!!

Weather Alert Policy

Bowman Academy **does not** follow the Hillsborough County Public Schools policy for closings due to inclement weather. If a storm is approaching, Bowman Academy will make the decision to remain open or closed by 6:00 pm, the night before. A message will be sent to your email address and there will also be a message on the school answering machine. Teachers and assistants will attempt to contact you at your home number if school is closed. However, it is your responsibility to know the status of your child's school. Information will also be posted on Fox 13 News, WFLA-NBC News, and Bay News 9.

Daily Classroom Report

Preschool children do not always give parents much information about their school day. So, in order to facilitate communication between teachers and parents, your child will be bringing home a daily classroom report. Look for these reports and if you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or call the office.

Carol Keogh Photography

Carol Keogh will return on Sept. 15 & 16 to take individual pictures. Carol does a beautiful job of saving the memory of your child's experience at Bowman. Information will be sent home with each student in the near future.

Timeless Tales Theatre

The Timeless Tales Theatre is a professional "interactive" touring Theatre Company designed to entertain and educate children of all ages through the use of live theatre. We are looking forward to four productions this year. The first performance of "Mother Goose and the Day Storyland Lost It's Manners" will be on Monday, Sept. 20. Future performances will be announced at a later date. A fee of \$4.00 will be billed to your account.

Speech and Hearing Screening

Ann O'Brien, a private Speech Pathologist, will be offering a Speech, Language and Hearing Screening on Monday, Sept. 27 for students 3 years and older. This is an optional screening for articulation and language development. Forms will be sent home with your child.

Please see Page 3 for Important Arrival & Dismissal Policies

School Hours

Before-Care: Before-Care begins at 7:30. Students who arrive between 7:30 and 8:30 will be charged Before Care fees.

School-Day: It is very important that your child not miss any early activities, so please arrive on time. The school day begins at 8:45 for all students and ends at 11:45. After Care charges begin at 12:00 and are provided daily until 6:00 pm.

Arrival: Students should be dropped off in the drive-through by the front door, except for the 2 year old students, who should be walked to the 2 year old Side Door. If you choose to walk into the building with your child, please enter and exit through the Side Office door. **Please never walk up to the Front Door.** Walking to the Front Door creates congestion and safety concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you arrive after 8:45, you may not enter through the drop off front door entrance, because you will disrupt a class in session. Please enter through the Main Office.

Nap and Lunch: Children who stay for lunch only, must be picked up at 12:45. Children staying for nap may be picked up after 2:00 pm. Please inform the staff in the morning if your child will be staying for lunch or nap beyond regular school hours. Also, please tell your child what his or her plans are for the day. This will prevent any unpleasant surprises!

If your child will be staying for nap, please send in a small blanket and pillow for naptime. These items will remain at school and will be sent home on Friday to be washed. We have limited storage space for these items, so please do not send large pillows or multiple blankets.

Dismissal: All students staying just for the school day are dismissed at 11:45. 2-year-old students are dismissed from their classroom. All other students will be escorted to your car in the drive through by the front door. **In the interest of safety, please utilize the drive-through. Place the colored pick up card with your child's name in a visible spot on your dashboard.** Experience tells us that Drop Off and Pick Up will be delayed the first few days, but it does get better. Please have patience with us and other parents. Thank you!! If you choose to walk into the building for your child, please enter and exit through the side Office door.

Late Charges: Since we do not provide After-Care after 6:00 pm, a charge of \$1 per minute will be added after 6:00 pm.

Bowman Teachers and Staff

Director

Assistant Director
Office/Reception

Teresa Burgess
Mary Hedgecock
Gennie Swenson

2 Year Class
3 Year Class
3 Year Class
3 Year Class
Pre Kindergarten Class
Pre-Kindergarten Class

Teacher

Bobbie Perez..... Colleen Tamashiro and Jackie Fernandez
Mary Hedgecock.....Joani Chickillo
Susan McGilvrey Anne Hull
Kara Dozier..... Denise Lazzara
Lana Vargo Dawn Scott
Patty WoodDiane Vicari

Assistant

Spanish
Music

Rosie Ramos
Mercy Bennie

Aftercare

Mary Hedgecock.....Diane Vicari
Joani Chickillo Denise Lazzara