



August 2011

Important Dates!!

August 17	Classroom Visitation
August 18	First Day of School
September 5	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
September 8	Open House 7:00 - 8:00 PM
September 14	Parents Club Meeting 7:00 PM

Classroom Visitation

Bowman Academy wants to provide a positive experience for your child on the first day of school; therefore we encourage your attendance during Classroom Visitation on Wednesday, August 17. At this time, you and your child will meet the teacher and assistant, find his or her cubby, and explore the classroom. You may want to bring your camera to record the event! Please try to adhere to the schedule listed below.

9:15 – 9:45 Ms. Bobbie's Pre-K-2 Class (2 Day only)
10:30 – 11:00 Ms. Bobbie's Pre-K 2 Class (3 & 5 Day only)

9:15 – 9:45 Ms. Susan's Pre-K 3 Class
9:15 – 9:45 Ms. Hedgecock's Pre-K 3 Class

10:00 – 10:30 Ms. Dozier's Pre-K Class
10:00 – 10:30 Ms. Vargo's Pre-K Class
10:00 – 10:30 Ms. Wood's Pre-K Class

Weather Alert Policy

Bowman Academy **does not** follow the Hillsborough County Public School's policy for closings due to inclement weather. If a severe 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.

Dance, Art and Soccer

Dance, Art and Soccer classes will begin in September. Forms and information will be sent home the week of August 22. 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.

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!!

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.

Open House, Thursday, Sept. 8

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

- **Teachers and staff will share an overview of their objectives, curriculum and plans for the 2011-2012 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 November 1-4. 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 8!!

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 Cathy Edwards, Melissa Walters and Andi Scott as our Parents Club Co-Presidents. The Parents Club will meet on Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm.

[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 Front Drive-through Door, except for the 2 year old students, who should be walked to the 2-year-old Side Door after 8:30. If you choose to walk into the building with your child, please enter and exit through the Side Main Office door. **Please never walk up to the Front Drive-through Door.** Walking to the Front Drive-through Door creates congestion and safety concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you arrive after 8:45, you may not enter through the Front Drive-through Door entrance, because you will disrupt a class in session. Please enter through the Side Main Office Door.

Nap and Lunch: Children who stay for lunch only, must be picked up at 12:45. Children who have not been picked up by 1:00 will be escorted to the nap room. 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 by the Front Drive-through 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

Pre-K 2 Class

Pre-K 3 Class

Pre-K 3 Class

Pre-Kindergarten Class

Pre-Kindergarten Class

Pre-Kindergarten Class

Spanish

Music

Aftercare

Teresa Burgess

Mary Hedgecock

Gennie Swenson

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

Rosie Ramos

Mercy Bennie

Mary Hedgecock.....Diane Vicari

Joani Chickillo Denise Lazzara

Assistant