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School NEWSLETTER

The Principal's Corner

Welcome Back to School

Dear Bowie Families,

We are so excited to welcome our students back for another fantastic school year at Bowie Elementary! The first day of school is Thursday, August 14. Doors will open at 7:15 AM each morning. Please note that families will not be able to walk students to class on the first day of school—our staff will be ready to greet students at the door and help them get to their classrooms safely.

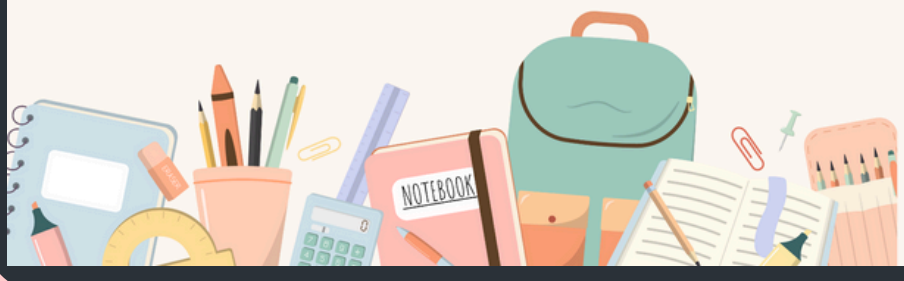
This year, dismissal will be at 3:15 PM each day. Please make sure your child knows their after-school plan and how they will get home.

At Bowie, we are committed to creating a positive and supportive learning environment for every student. Our Core Values guide everything we do:

Safe – How we use our body and our space.
Respectful – How we use our words and our minds.
Responsible – How we use our materials and time.

We can't wait to see all our Bowie Patriots back on campus, ready to learn, grow, and shine this school year!

With excitement,
Ashley Gould
Principal, Bowie Elementary

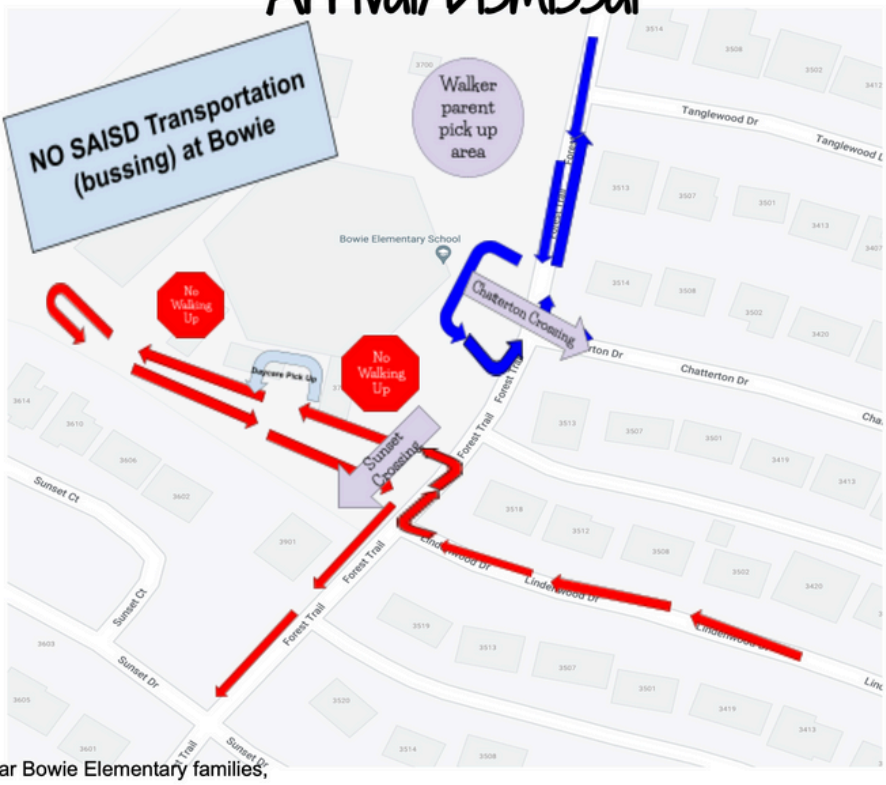


Upcoming Events

Sept 2-Sept 19 BOY MAP Testing 2nd-5th
Sept 1-Labor Day, No School
Sept 5- ASU Volleyball (4th and 5th)
Sept 9-19 BOY mClass Testing K-1st
Sept 15-Instructional Planning Day-No School for Students
Sept 22-30-Behavior Screener (K-5)
Sept 23 Open House 5-6 PM
Oct 9-End of Nine Weeks/SMART Squads
Oct 10-School Holiday
Oct 13-Instructional Planning Day-No School for Students
Oct 14-24 Panorama Surveys
Oct 18 Boo Bash
Oct 25-30 Red Ribbon Week

Important UPDATES

25-26 Bowie Elementary Arrival/Dismissal



Dear Bowie Elementary families,

If you have older siblings, the older siblings go to/with the youngest sibling.
ALL CAR PICK UPS MUST HAVE A CAR SIGN. Please make sure it is visible at pick up.

K-1 Parents: Please enter from Lindenwood and follow the RED arrows on the map to drop off/pick up students. **When you exit the pick up line, please turn right towards Sunset**. Do not turn back towards the school. No walking up allowed on this side for arrival or dismissal.

2-5 Parents: Please come down Forest Trail and follow the BLUE arrows on the map in the front of the school through the circle drive. **Turn left onto Forest Trail to exit.** From there you can turn off on Chatterton or any street after that. Please do not turn back towards Lindenwood or Sunset.

Walkers: No walking up on K-1 side. If you want to walk to pick up a student, they must meet you in the pick up area as a walker. All walkers will cross at Chatterton crosswalk or walk with staff to cross at Sunset. No one can cross without a staff member or at a crosswalk. This is for student safety.

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Important UPDATES

Electronic Device Procedures

The Student Code of Conduct, in accordance with House Bill 1481, prohibits the use of electronic communication devices, including cell phones, smartwatches, wireless/bluetooth earbuds and headphones, paging devices, tablets, or gaming devices while on campus during the school day.

Procedures:

Any adult on campus who sees a student using a device on campus during the school day will:

1. Confiscate the device
2. Lock it in a designated location
3. Write a referral
4. Turn in the device to the Administrator's office

Using - defined as out and visible

School day - defined as the time from the first bell to the last bell of the day (including passing periods and lunch).

On Campus - defined as the campus property

Consequences:

First Offense:

1. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office
2. Parent signs stating they understand further consequences if the student has another infraction.
3. The student receives a verbal warning.

Second Offense:

1. The device is confiscated for three days.
2. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office.

Third Offense:

1. The device is confiscated for 10 days.
2. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office

Any additional offenses:

1. Device is confiscated for 90 days.
2. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office

Refusal to turn over device to school staff:

If a student refuses to turn in their device, it will be considered defiance and a failure to comply with an administrative directive.

- Consequences will result in an out-of-school suspension.

Scan for more info

Dear Bowie Elementary Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are excited to begin another year of learning and growing together. To help ensure a safe, smooth, and successful start for all students, we kindly ask for your support with the following campus expectations:

1. Spill-Proof Drinks Only in Classrooms

To keep our classrooms clean and pest-free, only spill-proof water bottles or drinks are allowed. This means:

- No fast food cups, cups with lids and straws that do not close, or coffee-style cups (even with lids).
- All drink containers must have secure, spill-proof lids.

This policy helps prevent accidental spills, as well as issues with ants and rodents.

2. Closed Campus for Lunch Until After Labor Day, no visitors in the cafeteria.

To help our students establish routines and build independence, Bowie Elementary will have a closed lunch campus until after Labor Day. During this time, we'll be focusing on teaching cafeteria expectations and procedures. We look forward to welcoming lunch visitors later in the semester!

3. No Food Deliveries to Campus

Please do not send food through delivery services such as DoorDash, San Angelo To Go, Uber Eats, etc. These orders often do not include student names and create confusion in the front office. For the safety and efficiency of our campus, all food should come with the student in the morning or brought by parents to the front office.

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Capturing Kid's Hearts

CKH Character Trait for September

EMPATHY

Connect with Heart

WHAT IS EMPATHY?

EMPATHY IS THE ABILITY TO BE AWARE OF, UNDERSTAND, AND BE SENSITIVE TO ANOTHER PERSON'S FEELINGS. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON HOW THESE FEELINGS IMPACT OURSELVES, EMPATHY MOTIVATES US TO FOCUS ON OTHERS AND RESPOND WITH CARE AND COMPASSION.

WHY FOCUS ON EMPATHY?

EMPATHY BUILDS A POSITIVE CLASSROOM CULTURE. EMPATHY EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO LEARN TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER TO BUILD TRUST AND SAFETY IN THE CLASSROOM.

EMPATHY STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY. EMPATHY HELPS STUDENTS STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLASSMATES, OTHER STUDENTS AND ADULTS AT SCHOOL, AND AT HOME.

EMPATHY PREPARES YOUR STUDENTS TO BE LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE BEST LEADERS UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE THEY LEAD AND ARE ABLE TO SHOW THEY CARE.

EMPATHY IN ACTION:

TAKE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. WHEN YOU TAKE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, YOU PUT ASIDE YOUR OWN FEELINGS AND REACTIONS TO SEE THE SITUATION THROUGH ANOTHER'S EYES.

PUT ASIDE JUDGMENT. TAKE A PAUSE, AND RATHER THAN EXPRESS CONCLUSIONS ABOUT A SITUATION BASED ON WHAT YOU SEE, STEP BACK AND CONSIDER OTHER THINGS YOU MAY STILL NEED TO KNOW OR UNDERSTAND.

COMMUNICATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND. INSTEAD OF GIVING ADVICE, RESPOND WITH REFLECTIVE PHRASES LIKE, "IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU..." OR "I HEAR THAT YOU..." TO EXPRESS THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND CARE.