

# School NEWSLETTER

## The Principal's Corner

Dear Bowie Families,

February has been a month full of learning, growth, and exciting opportunities for our students! As we move quickly toward March, it's hard to believe that Spring Break, spring events, and state testing will be here before we know it. The second semester always seems to fly by, and our students are working hard each day to prepare for a strong finish to the school year.

We are excited to share that we will have a special guest on campus in March — Fleece Witherspoon from our district administration team (see her picture in this month's newsletter!). She will be joining us at several upcoming events and activities. Be sure to keep an eye out for her in pictures and stories as she visits classrooms and celebrations across campus.

A reminder that STEM Night is this Monday! This is one of our biggest family engagement events of the year. We are thrilled to welcome many of our community partners who will be on campus providing hands-on learning experiences and interactive activities for students and families. We hope to see everyone there for an evening of fun, exploration, and innovation!

As we approach the fourth quarter, we have big goals to accomplish together. Our teachers and students are focused, determined, and committed to growth. Thank you for continuing to partner with us — your support at home makes a tremendous difference in your child's success.

We appreciate all you do and look forward to an exciting and productive spring season ahead!

## Upcoming Events

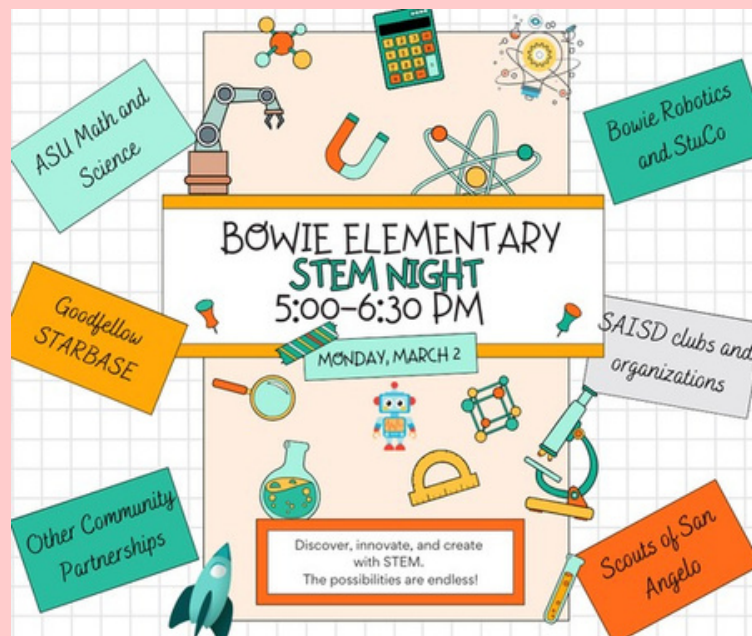
March 2-STEM Night (5:00-6:30 PM)  
March 13-SMART Squads/last day of 9 weeks  
March 16-20-Spring Break-No School  
March 23- No school for students  
March 26-Spring Pictures  
April 2-Patriot Picnic (Tentative)  
April 3-Good Friday No School  
April 6-No School  
April 6-10 Asst Principal Appreciation Week  
April 13-May 1 EOY mClass Testing (K-1)  
April 14-16 STAAR Math  
April 20-May 1 Panorama Surveys  
April 22-23-STAAR Science (5<sup>th</sup> Only)  
April 28-30-STAAR RLA



Welcome  
Fleece



# Important UPDATES



# Capturing Kid's Hearts

## CKH Character Trait for March

# Courage

## Step Up

### WHAT IS COURAGE?

COURAGE IS THE ABILITY AND STRENGTH TO FACE SOMETHING THAT MAY BE DIFFICULT OR CHALLENGING. COURAGE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR BUT RATHER PERSEVERANCE IN THE PRESENCE OF FEAR AND THE WILLINGNESS TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT OR TRY SOMETHING NEW, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE OR UNCERTAIN.

### WHY FOCUS ON COURAGE?

COURAGE ENCOURAGES ENGAGEMENT. COURAGE HELPS STUDENTS RAISE THEIR HANDS, PARTICIPATE, TRY NEW THINGS, AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS.

COURAGE BUILDS SELF-CONFIDENCE. COURAGE IS THE CHOICE TO ACT. BY DOING SOMETHING, STUDENTS INCREASE THEIR BELIEF IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR ABILITY TO DO DIFFICULT OR CHALLENGING THINGS.

COURAGE CAN HELP REFRAME A NEGATIVE. WHEN SOMETHING DOES NOT GO AS PLANNED, OR A STUDENT GETS UPSET ABOUT A MISTAKE OR FAILURE, COURAGE CAN HELP REFRAME THE EVENT IN A POSITIVE LIGHT.

### COURAGE IN ACTION:

PROVIDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. STUDENTS CAN LEARN AND DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP BY TEACHING AND MENTORING OTHERS, CLASSROOM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, OR COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION AND DEBATE. FOSTER CURIOSITY AND EMPOWER STUDENTS TO FORMULATE IDEAS AND ENGAGE IN RESPECTFUL DISCOURSE AND CONVERSATIONS.

CELEBRATE FAILURES. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE FEAR OF FAILURE AND CELEBRATE WHEN STUDENTS TRY SOMETHING NEW, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL THE FIRST TIME.