

# Bow Elementary School



## Welcome Back Issue

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Hello Bow School Community:

As I begin my fifth year as Superintendent of Schools for SAU 67, I am excited to welcome you to a new academic year. We are continuing the work of previous years and our overall focus continues to be using data to improve our instruction for each student.

Our biggest change this year will be the roll-out of the new student information system called Infinite Campus that we have been working on for the last year. This system should improve communication between home and school, as we will be able to open a portal to allow students and parents access to certain grade and attendance data. It also has a message board feature for people who log in, as well as a messenger system that will allow us to target e-mail announcements and information to specific groups. We will continue to use AlertNow for emergency communication and will move more toward paperless communication with the Infinite Campus system. More information on this will come out in the fall.

The district continues to use data from assessments to review individual progress of students and to make instructional and curricular adjustments. We have been mapping many courses using Curriculum Mapper and we hope to make that information available to the community sometime this year. We also continue to implement technology with Interactive White Boards, Blended Instruction (internet and face to face), and Bring Your Own Device initiatives. Technology has changed our students and we need to keep up with them and help them learn not only in the context of today, but also in the context of how they will work and learn in the future.

On the political and money side, we continue to be in challenging times. We will be working to settle both of our master contracts this year with the teachers and support staff, and we will be responding to legislative changes in the framework of laws regarding evaluation, retirement and tenure. Our enrollment does seem to be leveling off after years of decline, so we will not have the staff reductions due to decreased numbers that we had in the past. Because of uncertainty in obligations for retirement and evergreen, we have been very conservative in spending the approved budget. In spite of this we continue to keep the students and their education the main focus of our work.

As a district, we are committed to serving the community and responding to concerns. I encourage you to call, or e-mail me, or administrators with any concerns, comments or questions. We need to hear your thoughts so that we can continue to keep our priorities focused on the educational concerns of the community. Bow continues to be a great school district and we are committed to continually improving our schools. We are laying plans to do additional survey work with the community similar to the transportation survey of last year. I hope the rest of your summer is restful and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Dean S. T. Cascadden

**OPEN HOUSE for Grades 1-4**

**August 30th 4:00- 5:30**

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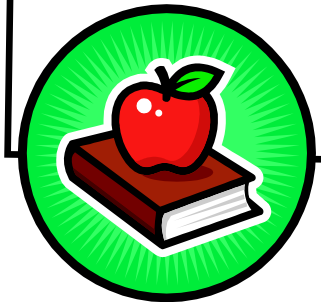
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### Mark Your Calendars

**August 30th- Open House Grades 1-4**  
4:00- 5:30

**August 31st- First Day of School**

**September 1st- School Board Meeting 7:00**

**September 5th- Labor Day-No School**

**September 30th- School Picture Day**

## School Board's Letter

**BOW SCHOOL BOARD**  
32 White Rock Hill Road  
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Dear Families of Bow Students:

The Bow School Board welcomes you to the 2011-2012 school year. We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bow High School. The meetings are open to the public, and there are several opportunities for public comment. We encourage you to attend any or all of them. Please also use the Bow School District website ([www.bownet.org](http://www.bownet.org)) as a resource. You can find information about each school, the staff, important contact information, and calendars.

Five School Board members are elected at large from the community, and terms are 3 years. The School Board sets policy for the district, formulates and recommends a budget to the taxpayers at the March Annual Meeting. It approves curriculum and approves nominations for hiring personnel for the District. The School Board serves as the last appeal in the District for many kinds of issues, after the appropriate processes have been followed.

We are also, most importantly, your neighbors and friends. We've all had children in the Bow schools at one time or another, and are committed to maintaining the education of Bow students at the high quality we've become accustomed to while being mindful of the needs of property taxpayers.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Pansy Bloomfield  
Chair, Bow School Board

# Principal's Letter

August 1, 2011

Dear Families and Friends,

Summer will soon come to a close and we will greet the busy days of fall. We hope all of you have had an enjoyable vacation, and we welcome families of first through fourth graders to attend our open house on August 30th from 4:00-5:30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your teacher and see the classroom before the start of school. Kindergarten open house will be scheduled at a later date. More information about kindergarten open house will be forthcoming.

We look forward to greeting students back to school on August 31st. Students in grades one through four should arrive at 7:45 am. The BES academic school day begins promptly at 7:55. Afternoon dismissal begins at 2:15 pm. Kindergarten and preschool students will have modified schedules, which will be outlined in a letter from your child's teacher.

The Bow Elementary Staff is committed to continual improvement and enhancement of our academic programs and practice. We value and appreciate your participation in our school community and invite you to share your ideas, concerns, and questions with us at anytime. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 30th. Enjoy the final days of summer!

Dr. Deb Winings, Principal

Jane Morrill-Winter, Assistant Principal



# School Supplies—If you DID NOT order school supplies through the Bow PTO, the general supply lists are below:

## KINDERGARTEN ...

- 1 RED PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 BLUE PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 CRAYOLA CRAYON 24 COUNT
- 2 GLUE STICKS
- TICONDEROGA #2 PENCILS-1DOZEN



## THIRD GRADE ...

- 2 DOZEN #2 TICONDEROGA PENCILS
- 4 SMALL GLUE STICKS
- 1 CRAYOLA THICK MARKERS-8 CT
- 1 CRAYOLA THIN MARKERS-8 CT
- 1 CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS-12 COUNT
- 1 YELLOW HIGHLIGHTER
- 2 MULTI COLORED FINE TIP LOW ODOR DRY ERASE MARKER
- 2 RED PENS
- 1 PKG SMALL PENCIL TOP ERASERS (ARROWHEAD/WEDGE)
- 1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 1 PACKAGE OF MECHANICAL PENCILS
- 1 PACKAGE OF REPLACEMENT LEAD
- 2 HANDHELD PENCIL SHARPENERS
- 1 HARDCOVER MARBLE COMPOSITION BOOKS
- 1 GREEN PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 PURPLE PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 YELLOW PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 RED PLASTIC FOLDER
- 2 BLUE PLASTIC FOLDERS

## FIRST GRADE ...

- 2 CRAYOLA CRAYONS-24 COUNT
- 1 CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS-12 COUNT
- 1 CRAYOLA MARKERS THICK—8 COUNT
- 1 CRAYOLA MARKERS THIN—8 COUNT
- 6 SMALL GLUE STICKS-0.7 OZ
- 2 BLACK LOW ODOR THIN EXPOS
- 1 GREEN PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 RED PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 BLUE PLASTIC FOLDER



## FOURTH GRADE ...

- 2 ULTRA FINE SHARPIE MARKER-BLACK
- 3 COLORED HIGHLIGHTERS (DIFFERENT COLORS)
- 1 RED VINYL 1" BINDER
- 1 BLUE VINYL 1" BINDER
- 1 GREEN VINYL 1" BINDER
- 1 PKG ARROWHEAD/WEDGE PENCIL TOP ERASERS (SMALL)
- 1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 3 SMALL GLUE STICKS-0.7 OZ
- 1 BLUNT EDGE SCISSORS
- 1 DOZ. #2 TICONDEROGA PENCILS
- 3 PKGS. 5-TAB ASSORTED COLOR BINDER DIVIDERS (WRITE ON TAB)
- 1 PKG COLLEGE RULED FILLER PAPER-100 CT
- 3 MEDIUM POINT ERASABLE PENS
- 1 PLASTIC RULER-12" STANDARD & METRIC
- 1 CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS-12 CT
- 1 RED PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 BLUE PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 GREEN PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 YELLOW PLASTIC FOLDER

## SECOND GRADE ...

- 2 DOZEN #2 TICONDEROGA PENCILS
- 2 BLACK LOW ODOR THIN EXPO MARKERS
- 1 CRAYOLA MARKERS THIN- 8 COUNT
- 3 SMALL GLUE STICKS-0.7 OZ
- 1 RED PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 GREEN PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 YELLOW PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 WHITE PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 PURPLE PLASTIC FOLDER
- 1 BLUE PLASTIC FOLDER



# PTO VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

My name is Kristin Cohen and I am the Volunteer Coordinator at Bow Elementary School for the upcoming school year. The volunteer program has always been an invaluable part of the educational experience at BES. For over 20 consecutive years, BES has received the Blue Ribbon Achievement Award in recognition of our outstanding volunteer program. This award is co-sponsored by the NH Partners in Education and the NH Department of Education.

In August, an open house will take place at BES and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and sign up for volunteer opportunities in the classrooms.

Below, please see an email request asking any parent or community member who would like to volunteer to sign up for our volunteer e-mail list. The e-mail list is the main way I am able to communicate with volunteers about various opportunities to help out within the school.

There are many other areas where help is needed such as the magazine drive, ski and skate sale, picture days, Invention Convention, craft fair, and the Scholastic book fairs, just to mention a few. Even if you are unable to volunteer in the school, there are many opportunities to help out from home. The volunteer e-mail list is a great way to find out what events are happening at the school.

I am looking forward to a great year at BES, so please show your spirit and enthusiasm by volunteering! If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at [kristincohen.bow@gmail.com](mailto:kristincohen.bow@gmail.com).



*Kind Regards,*

*Kristin Cohen*

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**If you would like to be added to the BES Volunteer List, and currently do not receive volunteer opportunities emailed to you, please send an email to me at [kristincohen.bow@gmail.com](mailto:kristincohen.bow@gmail.com) with "add me" in the subject line.**  
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Please note the following important dates and events:

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:**

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 6:30pm**

**MAGAZINE DRIVE:** This is a great fundraiser for BES, so please hold off subscribing or re-subscribing to your favorite magazines until the Fall.

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