

# Bow Elementary School Welcome Back Newsletter

August 29, 2008

Bow School District

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## Upcoming Dates

- **September 4-** Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6:00 p.m.
- **September 10-** First and Fourth Grade Open House and Introduction to the Trimester Standard Based Report Card
- **September 11-** Second and Third Grade Open House and Introduction to the Trimester Standard Based Report Card
- **September 17-** School Picture Day
- **September 19-** Junkman Show at Bow High School

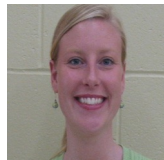
## Coming Soon

A Parent Guide designed to support your understanding of the Bow Elementary School Report Card. At the end of each trimester, parents will receive a report card that will show how their child is progressing relative to the district's expectations. As a school, we are committed to the high standards outlined in each grade level report card.

*Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year. We were very happy to greet our new and returning students on August 27th and look forward to a wonderful year learning together. We have several new faculty and support staff members and invite you to join us in welcoming them to the BES Community. Please read about their backgrounds and experiences.*

### Kindergarten

Hi, my name is Kelly Wood. I am originally from Pennsylvania where I received a bachelor's degree in psychology from West Chester University. I completed my master's degree in New York City at Teachers' College, Columbia University. My husband and I moved to New Hampshire two years ago after vacationing here and falling in love with the state. I am thrilled to have joined the staff at Bow Elementary School and look forward to getting to know the community.



### Special Education, Grade 1

Hello, my name is Megan Charpentier. I graduated from Providence College and have taught in Special Education for three years. I recently moved back to NH from Boston. I went to the Dominican Republic this summer and tried scuba diving. I love to travel! Recently, I got engaged and am getting married in July.



### Art Teacher

My name is Mary Straub. I am so happy to be returning to Bow Elementary School after doing my student teaching here four years ago. I worked as a textile and apparel designer before getting my teaching certification.



### Art Student Teacher

Hello, my name is Smyth Bouchard. I am a student teacher at Plymouth State University.



### Second Grade Teacher



My name is Ann West. After a summer of many changes, I am happy to start the year at Bow Elementary School. At the end of last year you would have found me living in upstate New York, single, teaching sixth grade. Now I have moved to NH, got married, and am embarking on a new phase of my career, teaching second grade. As my new husband and I have merged two households, I find myself the proud parent of a son and daughter and two stepdaughters. When not in school, you'll find me in my glass workshop, or enjoying the outdoors, hiking or biking. I am honored to be joining this supportive and dedicated school community.

### Special Educator, Grade 3



My name is Beth Udelson. I live in Bow with my husband and five children. My children go to school in Bow and through them I have come to admire and respect the staff here. I am excited to be part of the BES Community. I like to hang out with my family and also enjoy reading, baking and doing Suduko number puzzles.

**New Staff Continued:****Special Educator, Grade 2**

Hi, my name is Kristin Menard. I have been a special educator for ten years. I am married and have three children ages 6, 5, and 2. In my free time I enjoy reading and scrapbooking.

**2nd Grade Special Education Assistant**

Hello everyone, my name is Jennifer Collins. I recently relocated to New Hampshire from Utah. I enjoy traveling, making crafts, and scrapbooking. I really look forward to becoming part of the team here at Bow Elementary.

**4th Grade Special Education Assistant**

My name is Melissa Jordan. I grew up in the wonderful White



Mountains in a very tiny town called Columbia. I spent a year in Iowa at Faith Baptist Bible College where I had the opportunity to go on mission trip to South Africa. In May, I graduated from NHTI with my associates degree in Education.

**4th Grade Special Education Assistant**

Hi, My name is Holly Dymant. I have been working with children for the past five years and am a graduate of NHTI.

**Secretary**

Hello, my name is Paulette Rouse. I am very excited to join the Bow Elementary staff as the new secretary.

I live in Loudon with my wonderful husband and three beautiful children. Besides enjoying spending time with my family, I like to garden, read and travel.

**Physical Education Teacher**

Hi, my name is Joan Tinker. I came to Bow as a veteran teacher



from Merrimack, NH. My position in Bow brings me full circle in my career. I earned my undergraduate degree from Notre Dame College. My career includes teaching in the early elementary grades, a Program Director for Women & Girls in Aquatics, and a long term experience as a physical educator and department head. My passions have been towards dance and gymnastics, lifetime and outdoor activities as well as Yoga and gardening. I look forward to returning to the elementary level.

**3rd Grade Special Education Assistant**

Hi, my name is Donna Colman. I was born in Holyoke, MA. I graduated from West High School and have been working with children since my sophomore year. I have two daughters and a have been married for twenty four years.

**Reading Specialist**

Holly Kimball-Rhines is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and received her masters in curriculum and instruction from Notre Dame College. Holly has teaching experience at the elementary and middle school level and has enjoyed her role as an adjunct professor in the Education Department at New England College. Holly's professional interests include ongoing research of best literacy practices and the development of Professional Learning Communities. She has joined the District Literacy Leadership Committee and the District Data Team. Holly is the mother of three and lives with her family in Hopkinton.

The mission of Bow Elementary School is to provide a challenging academic setting for all students. The foundation of our success will be that each child feels a sense of community, empowerment, freedom and fun.

*As always, we invite you to join us as partners in the importing work of guiding and supporting student learning. Please share your ideas and questions at any time.*