

# The Bowley Banner



<http://www.am.dodea.edu/bragg/bowley/>

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## Principal's Corner

Mrs. Mial, Principal

Happy New Year 2013 and welcome to Bowley Elementary and our on-going plan for your child's continued safety and academic growth.

At Bowley we are redoubling our efforts to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our students and employees. In adherence of DoDEA policies Bowley will continue the following safety measures:

- **Periodic Safety Drills**- Periodically students and staff participate in safety drills. These drills include fire, inclement weather, lock down and shelter in place.
- **Bowley's Parking Lot Arms** – When visiting Bowley during school hours and accessing the front parking lot: 1) approach the security camera and press the call button; 2) show ID; 3) once the parking lot arm is raised drive through and park in designated parking areas. Vehicles are discouraged from parking in the fire zones at the front and side of the building. There is ample parking in the designated parking areas.
- **Photo ID in Exchange for Visitor and Volunteer Badges.** Visitors and volunteers to Bowley will exchange a photo ID for a badge. IDs will be kept in a secure location until the badge is returned to the main office. Badges are to be visibly worn for the duration of the visit.

Parents are encouraged to stay in constant communication with children about anything unusual they hear or observe at school and to reiterate the need to "drill seriously" in the event of a true emergency

"**Be here!**" is DoDEA's attendance motto to encourage regular school attendance. In light of studies on the relationship between attendance and achievement, I ask that you make every effort to ensure your child/ren attend school each day school is in session. Students should arrive to school well rested and fed before the tardy bell at 0825 and remain in school until dismissal at 1450 and 1350 on Wednesday. Late arrivals, early pick-ups, and vacations scheduled outside of school breaks interrupt the teaching and learning process and can adversely affect student achievement.

Bowley families are encouraged to review the DoDEA Attendance Policy available on the following websites:

<http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/index.cfm>  
<http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/faqs.cfm>  
<http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/toolkit.cfm>

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. Together, we will maintain an environment conducive to safe and on-going student learning.

Don't be a stranger,

Andrea Mial  
Principal, Bowley Elementary School

## PTA EVENTS

BOOK FAIR –

Dates: Feb.14, 15, 19-22

Times: 8:15-3:30 -14, 15, 19, 21, 22...

Wed. 20th 8:15-2:30

Family Event: Thur. 14th 3:30-5:30

No school on Monday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

**BOWLEY YEARBOOKS** - Yearbooks are coming soon! Time is running out to purchase your child's yearbook for the 2012-13 school year. The yearbook is going to be even better than last year and I am excited for you all to see it! You can pay online at [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com) or send the money in to school with your child.

**POPCORN FRIDAY** - Our next popcorn Friday is scheduled for Friday, February 22<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to buy a small bag of popcorn for 25¢.

**SPIRIT WEAR** - Bowley Spirit Wear order forms have been sent home with students for the spring semester. To place an order please return the completed order form with payment in a sealed envelope to your child's teacher. Items will be delivered to your child's teacher within one week. If you would like to see the items or check sizing before purchasing you may visit the Spirit Store every Wednesday during lunch in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. Spirit items include Bowley T-shirts (\$12), lanyard (\$5), car magnet (\$5), and coin holder (\$3). Thank you for supporting the Bowley PTA!!!

## FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

5	<b>Report Card</b>
12	<b>Spring Pictures</b>
14-22	<b>Book Fair</b>
14	<b>Book Fair Family Night 8:30am-5:30pm</b>
18	<b>President's Day</b>
22	<b>Popcorn Friday</b>

## PTA NEWS

**LOST AND FOUND** – Please stop by and check out the Lost and Found box for any missing items! It is filling up quickly and it's getting cold out so students really need their jackets, hats, and gloves! The Lost and Found bin is located in the main entryway in the front of the school.

**EMPTYES4CASH** – Send in any empty printer ink cartridges to your child's teacher this year and the PTA will redeem them for cash for our school. The more you send in...the more money we get! Bowley PTA earns \$20 per month for every 10 empty ink cartridges we recycle.

**BOX TOPS** – Students who turn in 20 or more Boxtops each quarter should bring them to school in a sealed envelope and labeled your child's name and teacher's name. Each child will earn a free bag of popcorn at the end of each quarter! Next deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**LABELS FOR EDUCATION** – Thanks to everyone who has been sending in their Labels For Education! We were able to fill up our entire allotted 25 bonus forms in the past 6 weeks earning Bowley an extra 1,250 points! Points can be banked and used to purchase items from the Labels For Education catalog for our school. Also, don't forget turning in 5 labels a month gets your child a gift certificate to the Bowley Spirit Store! Remember to place the labels in a baggie, or envelope with your child's first and last name, and teacher's name. Thanks!  
Angie Shinkle ----Labels for Education Coordinator

**TYSON LABELS** - Some people are surprised to find out that EVERY "Tyson A+ For Kids Project" label is worth \$.24 EACH to our school! If you like Chicken make sure to stock up on Tyson brand products, and cut the "A+ For Kids Project" label off of the package. These labels can be turned in to your child's teacher as well. With your help we can earn money rewards for our school!  
Angie Shinkle-----Tyson Labels Coordinator

**SPIRIT STORE** – The Spirit Store will be open every Wednesday during lunch from 10:45 – 1:00. All items cost \$1 or less!!!! Please make sure your child's Spirit Store money is clearly marked with your child's name, teacher, and Spirit Store!!! We don't want students using their lunch money at the store!!!

**SPIRIT DAY IS EVERY FRIDAY!!** - Wear your Bowley t-shirt or any bobcat or paw print sticker, bracelet, tattoo, etc... every Friday to show your school spirit!!!

**CHECK WRITING POLICY** - If your check is dishonored or returned for any reason, CheckTrack via First Citizens Bank will electronically debit your account for the amount of the check plus a processing fee of \$25. The Bowley PTA will also be fined a \$7 fee by the bank for which you will be responsible for repaying to the PTA as well. So PLEASE consider your funds before writing us a check! An \$8 bounced check can quickly become a \$40 charge!

## HELP WANTED

**READ ACROSS AMERICA VOLUNTEERS** - We need volunteers to read in classrooms on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:45- 10:30. If interested please email [bowleybobcatpta@yahoo.com](mailto:bowleybobcatpta@yahoo.com).

## USEFUL WEB SITES

Fort Bragg Schools -

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/bragg/>

Bowley Elementary School -

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/bragg/bowley/>

'Like' Bowley Elementary PTA on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/page/s/Bowley-Elementary-PTA/159273397427016>

## MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

11-15

**Terra Nova Testing 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

19

**Family Night**

29

**No School**