



## Calling All Families: Help us make 5<sup>th</sup> Grade a Magical Year

The 5th grade is an important time for our Bowen students. They are enjoying all the privileges of being the "Top Dogs" at school, learning new skills that will help them in the upper grades, and enjoying that final year with the teachers and staff that have helped them grow over the past 6 years. Soon, they will be off to a new adventure at Oak Hill.

The Bowen PTO and fifth grade parents traditionally work hard to make this a special year for the kids. Here is a sampling of what to anticipate for the 2015/2016 Bowen class.

- **The 5th Grade Musical:** an all-grade inclusive family event
- **Step-Up Day:** Students visit Oak Hill during school hours.
- **Class Legacy Gift:** Our class gift for the school
- **Yearbook:** an exciting keepsake of the Bowen years. Each 5th grader gets to contribute a page and all kids get a yearbook free of charge.
- **"Moving On" Ceremony:** A ceremony for families, a slideshow of the kids, including baby pictures, and "diplomas" for the students. Families will have time for photos with the rising Middle Schoolers.
- **Year End Celebration:** It's a party following "Moving On". Kids every year look forward to celebrating with friends and family
- **Year End Gifts for Teachers:** Let's show our appreciation for our 5th grade teachers, specialist teachers, classroom aides, and student teachers. This is traditionally done as a grade, not by individual Room Parents.

All these exciting "extras" require both parent volunteers and parent funding. *Will you make a tax-deductible donation to help us make 5th grade a magical year?*

### DONATION REQUEST:

In addition to volunteers, we are also requesting your help to fund many of these activities. **The PTO provides some financial support to cover the cost of all these activities, but we also need your contributions!** The suggested donation is \$50 per child but any amount is greatly appreciated. All contributions are voluntary.

**Pay By Check:** Please send your check (payable to Bowen PTO and clearly labeled for 5th grade activities) in the self-addressed, stamped envelope to Kirsten von Hassel, 26 Hamlet St., Newton MA 02459 or drop it in the PTO 5th Grade Activities mailbox at school.

**Pay by Credit Card:** Pay via the PAYPAL link on bowenpto.org. Please make sure to clearly label "5<sup>th</sup> grade activities" and send an email to Kirsten at [vonhassel@gmail.com](mailto:vonhassel@gmail.com) letting her know.

### **Every Student Gets a Yearbook!**

Please note that all of the 5th graders will receive a yearbook and participate equally in all activities, regardless of their parents' donation! And a portion of the funds will be coordinated with room parents and used for year-end teacher gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [vonhassel@gmail.com](mailto:vonhassel@gmail.com) or Shirley Harris at [harrisshirley25@gmail.com](mailto:harrisshirley25@gmail.com). We look forward to an exciting Spring with our fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

Best,

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Treasurer  
Mom, Nicholas & Hannah Namini, 5<sup>th</sup> graders.