



Thomas E. Bowe Middle School
BOARD REPORT
May 2023

Principal - Craig Stephenson
Assistant Principal - Lauren Kerr

PERSONNEL

- Appointments: None
- Resignation/Retirement: 3
- Staff Evaluations to Date - 95
 - Tenured: 65
 - Nontenured: 23
 - Non-Certificated Staff: 7

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Character Council** – 5/3/23
- **Attendance Committee** – 5/3/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT)** – 5/3/23
- **GPSD Safety & Security Meeting** – 5/4/23
- **C&I Secondary Meeting** – 5/5/23
- **Bowe Faculty Meeting** – 5/8/23
- **School Improvement Panel (ScIP)** – 5/10/23
- **PDS Meeting** – 5/24/23
- **2-Hour Delay PD Day** – 5/26/23
- **District Threat Assessment Team Meeting** – 5/26/23
- **School Safety/Climate Team Committee** – 5/31/23

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)

- Unit Plans & Curriculum Rewrites - N/A

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Bowe Spring Concert** – On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the performing arts ensembles at the Bowe School (Band, Chorus & Orchestra) held their Spring Concert at GHS. Guests were treated to wonderful performances by our very talented Bowe musicians and vocalists. These performances included an appearance by the #Hashtags – our very own Fiddle Club performers. The growth of our student performers from the beginning of the year to the Spring Concert is remarkable! We are excited to see what the future holds as they continue to grow.

A special thank you goes out to our music instructors Mr. Myers, Ms. Hasheian, and Ms. DiMatteo for their hard work supporting our student musicians.

- **Battle of the Books** – On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, three Thomas E. Bowe Middle School teams faced off in the school's first Battle of the Books for sixth-eighth graders. The in-person competition followed a quiz show format that challenged students to electronically submit answers to comprehension questions about the following books: *Artemis Fowl*, *The Devil's Arithmetic*, *The Time Machine*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, and *Uglies*. Congratulations to The Word Nerds (Sofia Dungca, Abigail Johns, Sophia Villone, Ellie Whitaker, and faculty advisor Lisa Rencher) who placed first. Other teams included The Fast and Furious Readers (Alice Dinzeo, Anna Gredzinski, Alana Killelea, Olutumi Osinowo, and faculty advisor Vanessa Poggioli), and The Reading Warriors (Charles Grubaugh and faculty advisor Jordan Hess). Thank you as well to Andrea LoCastro, the programs host.
- **Principal's Breakfast (3rd Marking Period)** – On Friday May 12, 2023, Thomas E. Bowe Middle School held a breakfast to celebrate the academic achievement of those students who earned Principal's List (all A's) and Honor Roll (all A's and B's) for the third marking period. In all, 62 students in grades 6 through 8 earned Principal's List while 59 earned Honor Roll distinction. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!
- **People's Choice Awards** – On Thursday May 18, 2023, the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School hosted its first annual People's Choice Awards Program. This recognition program provided staff with an opportunity to highlight students who are worthy of being placed in the spotlight for demonstrating strong character, perseverance, and/or generally contributing to a positive culture and climate at Bowe. This program seeks to include wonderful students who may be below the radar but are worthy of the spotlight for their outstanding qualities. Thank you to Mrs. Kerr for planning and implementing the program and thank you to all teachers who participated.
- **6th Grade Trip to Big Kahuna** – On Monday, May 22, 2023, the Bowe 6th graders enjoyed a fun-filled day at Big Kahuna water park in West Berlin, New Jersey.
- **DARE Program K-9 Demo** – On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6th grade students who participated in the DARE program enjoyed a K-9 demo conducted by Glassboro PD with support from other local K-9 units. Thank you to DARE advisor Mrs. Fennimore along with Officer Pinkney for making the program possible.

OPERATIONS

- **Safety & Security Drills** - In May, Bowe School conducted a fire drill and a security drill as per NJ State Law 18A:41-1 (the drilling law).

FACILITIES

- None

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)

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BULLDOG PRIDE

- **Bulldogs of Character** - The Thomas E. Bowe Middle School is proud to continue the Bowe tradition of highlighting those students who routinely demonstrate high character. We do so through our Bulldog of Character Awards program. The Bulldog of Character Award recognizes one student per grade level each month for being outstanding students and citizens and for demonstrating the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The **May 2023** Bulldogs of Character are **DJ Harmon (6), Kyarra Brown (7), and Ash Romano (8)**. The **June 2023** Bulldogs of Character are **Isaiah Ward (6), Colin Anderson (7), and Diego Enriquez (8)**. Congratulations to these outstanding Bowe Bulldogs!

UPCOMING/MARCH EVENTS

- **GPSD Safety & Security Meeting** – 6/1/23
- **Spirit of Philadelphia 8th Grade Trip** – 6/2/23
- **DARE Celebration for 6th Grade** – 6/2/23
- **Character Council** – 6/6/23
- **Attendance Committee** – 6/7/23
- **School Leadership Team (SLT)** – 6/7/23
- **Renaissance Reward Trip** – 6/8/23
- **Bowe Faculty Meeting** – 6/12/23
- **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony** – 6/13/23