

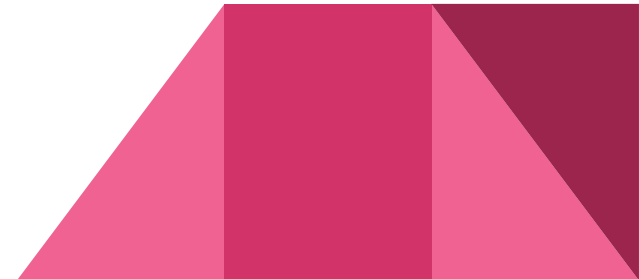
# New Student Orientation



The future looks bright from here!

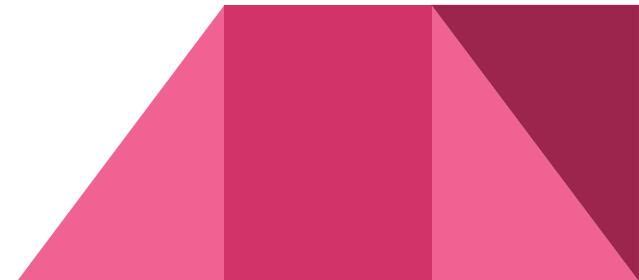
# Introductions

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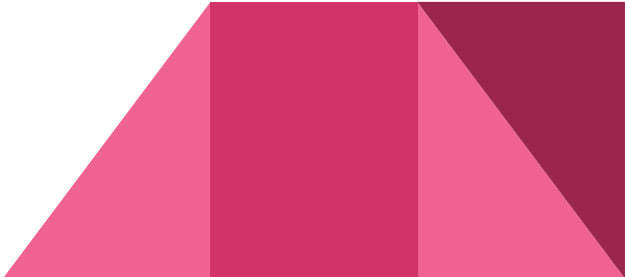


# Today your child will...

- Tour the building with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student
- Enjoy the read-aloud “First Day Jitters”
- Discuss what is a day like for a BH student
- Question & Answer time with Mr. T.
- Find your homeroom
- Walk parents to your homeroom



# At Bower Hill...

- Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Approximately 730 students
  - Kdg~ ELA, Math, Sci/SS, PE, Library
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade~ ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Library/Computer, PE, Spanish, Music, Art
  - Guidance lessons at each grade level
  - HERO
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# HERO



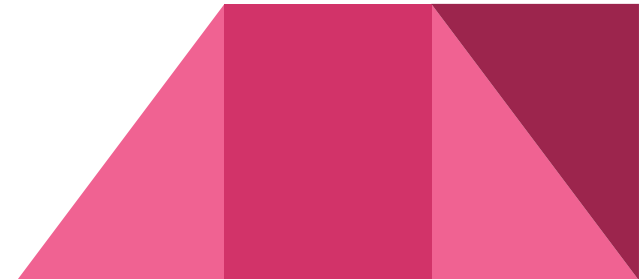
Helping  
Everyone  
Respect  
Others



HERO of the Week

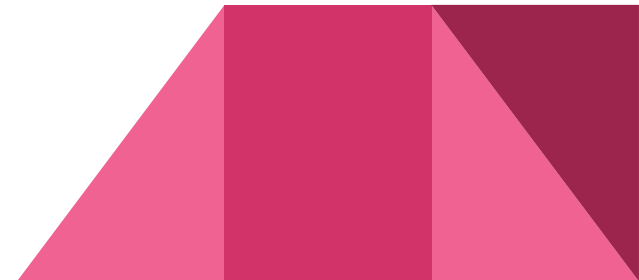
# What else goes on at Bower Hill?

- Snack Scene
- Bee TV
- The Art of Listening
- Music Performances
- Artsonia
- JA Day
  - Kindergarten: JA Ourselves
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: JA Our Families
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: JA Our Community
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: JA Our City
- Assemblies
- Grade levels- individual grade levels have special events
- Read for the Record Day
- PTA Events- Beestro, Family Game Night
- Read My Shirt Day
- Bower Hill Day



# School Hours- 9:00-3:25

- Doors open at 8:50 a.m.
- School starts at 9:00 a.m.
- Dismissal begins at 3:25 p.m.
- Dismissal ends around 3:40 p.m.

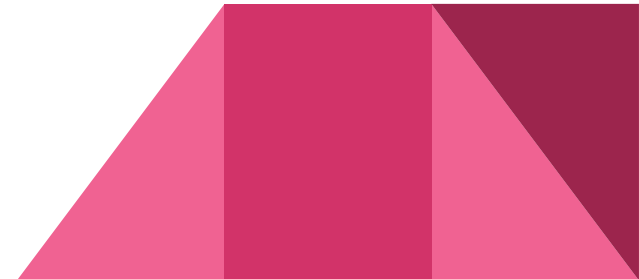


## Kindergarten Session Hours

- AM Session 9:00 am to 11:35 am
- PM Session 12:55 pm to 3:30 pm

## Modified Kindergarten Schedule (2-hour delay)

- AM Session 11:00 am to 12:50 pm
- PM Session 1:35 pm to 3:25 pm





# Drop-off/ Pick up Procedures

## A.M. & P.M. Drop-off:

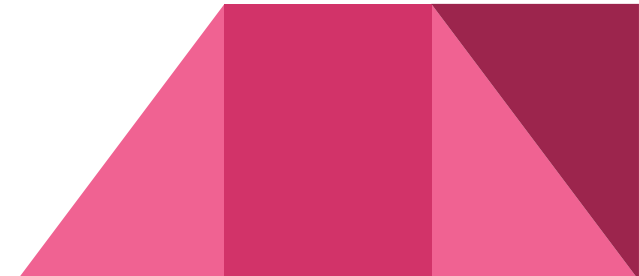
- Use car circle
- Drop your child off on the sidewalk
- Please do not pass other cars

## A.M. & P.M. Pick-up:

- Park
- Please do not use handicap or traveling teacher spots
- Wait by playground for your child in the car rider line

## Entering the Building:

- Raptor/ bring your ID





# **Bower Hill Back to School Dates**

## **August 23 - New Student Orientation**

**10 - 11 AM** (new 1st-3rd grade students entering BH and Kdg students that did not attend the May orientation)

## **August 31 - Walk Through Night**

**5 - 7:30 PM**, Walk with your child to find their classroom

## **September 1 - Kindergarten Parent Orientation**

**4 - 5 PM** (Adults only)

## **Parent Information Meetings:**


**September 6 - 1st grade, 2:45 p.m.**

**September 7 - 3rd grade, 2:30 p.m.**

**September 8 - 2nd grade, 2:30 p.m.**

# First Day of School

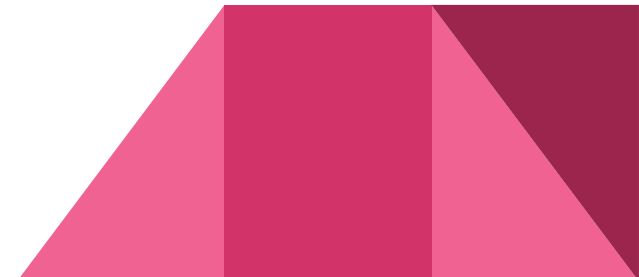
When: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

- The first day of school for kindergarten students **is not a typical day**.
  - There will be a 1 hour session with your child
  - You should have recieved your Kdg. packet today
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# Fred Traumuller

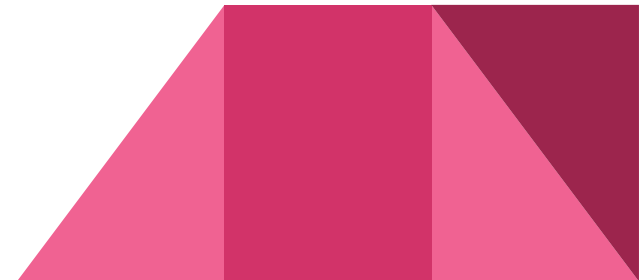
## Elementary School Counselor

- What does a elementary school counselor do?
  - Teaching the guidance curriculum to all classrooms. Lessons focus on Personal, Social Development and Careers
  - Providing responsive services such as: small group and individual counseling.
  - Consulting with and providing information to parents, students, and teachers.
  - Assisting teachers in developing classroom interventions for academic, social and behavioral concerns.



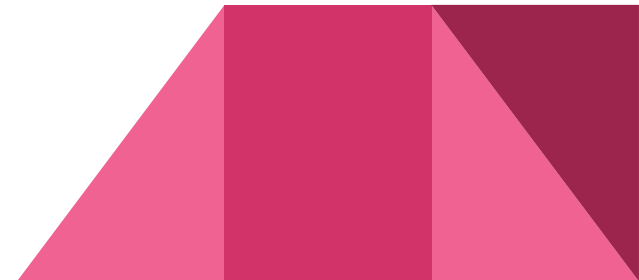
# What things can be done to prepare for a new school?

- Respond to their thoughts and concerns
- Remain positive and pass on positive experiences you had in school
- Bring children to the school- check out the playground



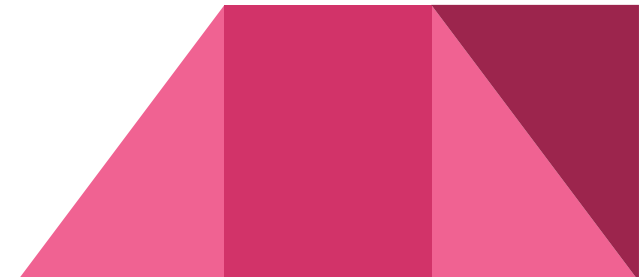
# Build Responsibility, Confidence and Independence

- Picking Up – Keeping a certain area at home clean/orderly. Tie this into the expectations of kindergarten.
- Being Patient – Point out this good behavior.
- Sharing – Mediating problems.
- Sticking with it.
- “I can do it!” Jar.
- Find new responsibilities for your children.



# Clearances

- The District strongly supports the involvement of parent/guardian and community volunteers.
- State law now requires that any volunteer who has direct contact with students to have the necessary clearances on file with the District.
- Parent volunteers must complete:
  - ☐ The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
  - ☐ Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check
  - ☐ FBI Federal Criminal History Record (or complete a waiver request stating that you have lived in PA for ALL of the past ten years).
- Volunteers must sign an Acknowledgement of Volunteer Obligations.
- Acquiring the clearance documents takes time and we recommend that parents planning on volunteering in the schools complete the process as soon as possible.
- The documents will remain on file with the District for THREE years at which time new clearances will be necessary.
- The District has created a Volunteer website to help parents through the process complete with links to complete the clearances and downloads of the necessary forms. Please visit the site at [www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/volunteers.aspx](http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/volunteers.aspx)





# How to get involved?....Sign up on ViaDale

At the beginning of the school year, look for a hot pink paper with a link to our on-line volunteer signups, referred to as ViaDale.

If you are interested in:

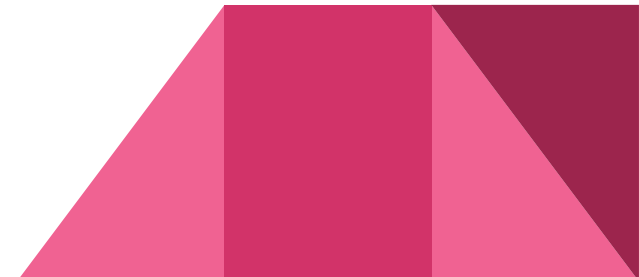
Being a Homeroom Parent

Volunteering for classroom parties/field trips/classroom

Volunteering to help with special PTA activities (Family Game Night, Read-a-  
Baker, Bower Hill Day)



**Remember to get your CLEARANCES!!!**





# How to get involved?... Join our team!!

## BEE – Come a Bower Hill PTA Member

Please complete the following information and return with **check** payable to- **Bower Hill PTA.**

**Individual membership..... \$9.00 or Both parents membership..... \$18.00**

**Member's Name:**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Attending Bower Hill:**

**Teacher, Grade & Room #:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

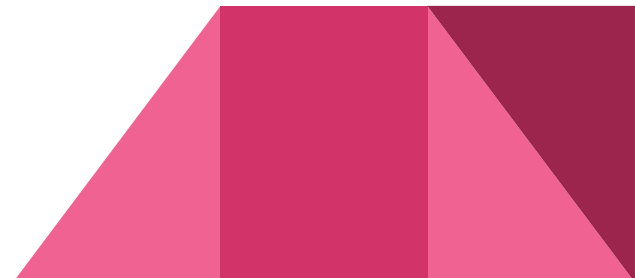
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this envelope to school with your child. Your membership card will then be sent home with your child.



# Weekly Newsletter

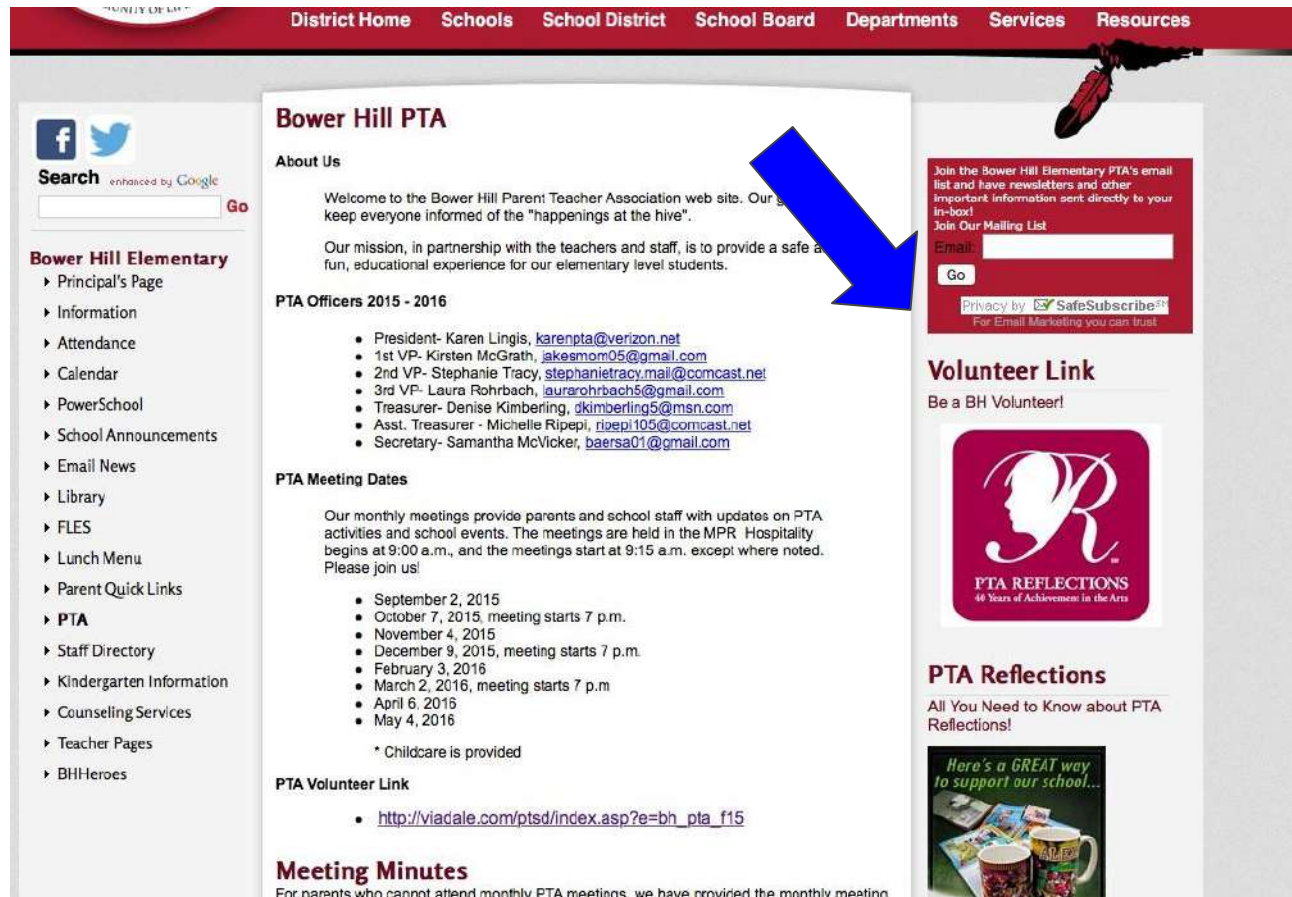
Peters Township School  
District Website

-Find Resources, Click PTA

-On right side Bower Hill  
PTA

-Red box on the upper  
right corner

Every Sunday at 6p!



The screenshot shows the Bower Hill PTA website. A red box highlights the email sign-up area in the top right corner, which includes the text "Join the Bower Hill Elementary PTA's email list and have newsletters and other important information sent directly to your inbox! Join Our Mailing List" and a form with "Email:" and "Go" buttons. A blue arrow points to this red box. The website header includes links for District Home, Schools, School District, School Board, Departments, Services, and Resources. The left sidebar lists various links for Bower Hill Elementary, including Principal's Page, Information, Attendance, Calendar, PowerSchool, School Announcements, Email News, Library, FLES, Lunch Menu, Parent Quick Links, PTA, Staff Directory, Kindergarten Information, Counseling Services, Teacher Pages, and BHHeroes. The main content area features an "About Us" section, "PTA Officers 2015 - 2016" list, "PTA Meeting Dates" for 2015 and 2016, "PTA Volunteer Link", and "Meeting Minutes". The right sidebar includes a "Volunteer Link" section with a "Be a BH Volunteer!" button and a "PTA Reflections" section with a "Here's a GREAT way to support our school..." image.

**Bower Hill PTA**

**About Us**

Welcome to the Bower Hill Parent Teacher Association web site. Our goal is to keep everyone informed of the "happenings at the hive".

Our mission, in partnership with the teachers and staff, is to provide a safe and fun, educational experience for our elementary level students.

**PTA Officers 2015 - 2016**

- President- Karen Lingis, [karenpta@verizon.net](mailto:karenpta@verizon.net)
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**PTA Meeting Dates**

Our monthly meetings provide parents and school staff with updates on PTA activities and school events. The meetings are held in the MPR. Hospitality begins at 9:00 a.m., and the meetings start at 9:15 a.m. except where noted. Please join us!

- September 2, 2015
- October 7, 2015, meeting starts 7 p.m.
- November 4, 2015
- December 9, 2015, meeting starts 7 p.m.
- February 3, 2016
- March 2, 2016, meeting starts 7 p.m.
- April 6, 2016
- May 4, 2016

\* Childcare is provided

**PTA Volunteer Link**

- [http://viadale.com/ptsd/index.asp?e=bh\\_pta\\_f15](http://viadale.com/ptsd/index.asp?e=bh_pta_f15)


**Meeting Minutes**

For parents who cannot attend monthly PTA meetings, we have provided the monthly meeting

**Join the Bower Hill Elementary PTA's email list and have newsletters and other important information sent directly to your inbox! Join Our Mailing List**


Email:

Go

Privacy by  SafeSubscribe®  
For Email Marketing you can trust


**Volunteer Link**

Be a BH Volunteer!



**PTA Reflections**

All You Need to Know about PTA Reflections!



# Buzzer's Kindergarten Welcome Mailbox

Parents must complete a **waiver** to participate...



# Did you order Spirit Wear at registration?

The last Friday of every month is School Spirit Day wear kids are encouraged to wear  
**Red & White!**



Another opportunity to order spirit wear will come home the first week of school :)



# Read-A-Thon

**Bower Hill PTA has only one fundraiser!!**

**Students are sponsored to read, read, READ for a 10 day period. Everyone participates!**

**Minutes are logged (BH read 222,392 minutes in 2015)**

**Read-A-Thon funds Assemblies, BH Day, Family Game Night, Classroom Parties, & more!**



*Read for the Record  
Not Norman: A Goldfish story*

# How to get involved?....Lead a committee

## Committees that need a Chairperson:

Junior Achievement

Legislation/Bylaws

Reflections

Gardening

Area Council Representative





# BH PTA Meetings

\*\*First Wednesday  
every month (2-3  
evening meetings)

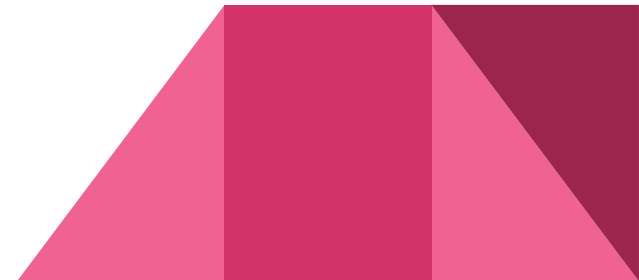


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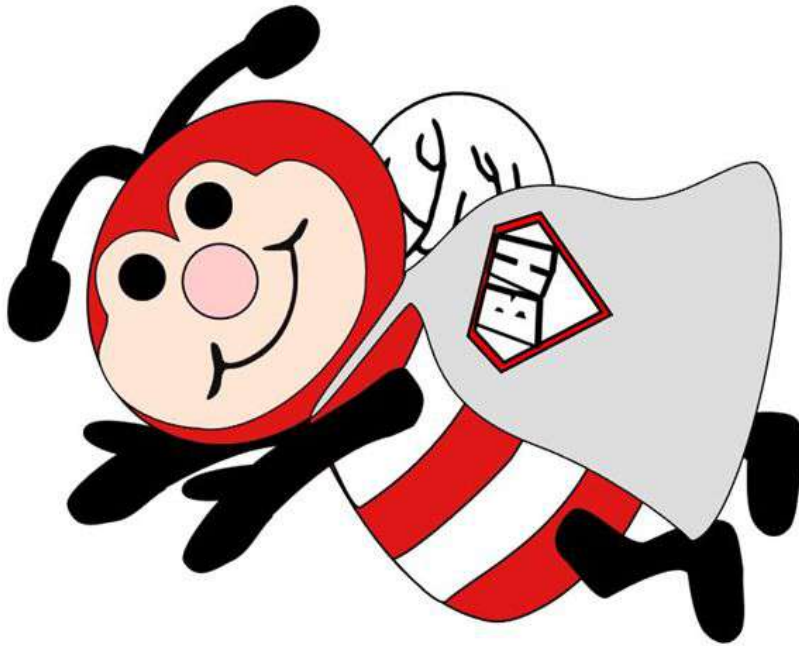


Kids will be tired, excited, scared, overwhelmed,  
happy and worried.

- ...so will parents and teachers.
- Crying
- Be positive at home:
  - “I am so proud of you.”
  - “I trust/like your teacher very much.”
- Listen to your child’s ideas and feelings.
- Resist the urge to fix problems.



Have a safe enjoyable summer...



*see you in  
September!*