

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

LORI MCKAY

A Message from the Principal....

It is hard to believe that a New Year has been ushered in and February is already upon us. Bowmore staff has been very busy this school year, planning trips, participating in Professional Learning Communities (PLC), developing varied and engaging programming, and coaching teams. During PLC's, teachers continue to look at the heart of their curriculum in order to hold themselves and all of their students to high standards. They are committed to working together as teams to ask questions that focus on quality learning opportunities and accountability, aiming for results that reflect continuous improvement. Having successfully completed our first term, we stand ready to finish the school year with confidence. I look forward to the challenges of the second term. I encourage staff and students to continue to build on your achievements and learn from your past experiences.

Parents/Guardians please continue to reinforce good attendance habits with your son/daughter. Strong attendance is extremely important in school and can be a precursor to future success.

As I am learning to acclimatize myself to Bowmore, it is evident that Bowmore has a strong tradition of supportive, hard-working parents. I encourage new parents to take the opportunity to strengthen our partnership by attending School Council Meetings, volunteering in the classroom and helping at events.

As children learn and grow, school and home communication continue to be the driver to optimum success. Commitment to the best for our children on the part of parents, students, and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is the hope of all staff that parents will help us fulfill this commitment to excellence on behalf of ALL children at Bowmore. School and home can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth. Children are our most valuable resource and investing and committing our time and energy is a must.



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UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

February 1st – African Heritage Month
February 2nd – The Extraordinary Steel Pannist Presentation
February 2nd – Ward 16 meeting - Earl Haig P.S.
February 5th – Hot Chocolate Sale by the SLC am recess
February 6th – Ballet Creole Grade 1 to Grade 3
February 6th – Pizza Lunch
February 10th – Bowmore to host Girls volleyball
February 10th – Report Cards go Home
February 10th – Graduation Photos
February 12th – Parent Teacher Interviews pm
February 13th – Parent Teacher Interviews am
February 13th – PA Day
February 14th – Bowmore Rocks Dance Party!
February 17th – FDK English Registration
February 24th – FDK French Immersion Registration
February 24th – Spoken Word Poet Presentation Grade 7 to 8 all day
February 25th – Spoken Word Poet Presentation Grade 6 - am
February 25th – Parent Council Meeting
February 26th – Pink Shirt Day
February 27th – FDK & Primary Fairness Assembly
February 27th – Junior Fairness Assembly
February 27th – Girls Club cupcake sale

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February is African Heritage Month. The Equity committee at Bowmore has organized various initiatives that highlight the achievements of the African community thus emphasizing most on the African Canadians who have had a significant impact on our country – Le Canada!

We will start the celebration with a presentation by “The Extraordinary Steel Pannist”, one of Toronto’s top steelpan musicians, who travels across Canada demonstrating the art of the steel drum; engaging students with his talent and artistry.” (E. La Pierre Jr.)

Parents please join us – All are welcome!

The celebration will begin at 9:30 for the Kindergarten and Primary students and the presentation for the Junior and Intermediate students will begin at 10:30.

In addition, Ms. C. Jordan a spoken word poet will be presenting a program called Words, Rhymes and Rap to our Grade 6 to Grade 8.

In addition, our students have worked hard writing biographies, looking up memorable and inspiring quotes and music that are going to be shared during morning announcements.

Ms. Erskine
Bowmore’s Librarian

BOWMORE LIBRARY CELEBRATES

The Bowmore library has some excellent books that reflect the diversity of Black History Month and our wonderful librarian has made many of them for easier access. Ms. Erskine has provided information from the public library for your information. They have many interesting programs going on during the month as well, if you would care to check them out.

Subject: Black History Month 2013: We Recommend:
Books, Video, Research & More: Toronto Public Library

[http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/books/booklists/booklist.jsp?listTitle=Black_History_Month_2013&listId=0AuWq260_K8h2dFBwNlk5TjRSZ19YYUswcFE1LV9RTmc&s](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/books/booklists/booklist.jsp?listTitle=Black_History_Month_2013&listId=0AuWq260_K8h2dFBwNlk5TjRSZ19YYUswcFE1LV9RTmc&sheetId=oc7)
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News from the Bowmore Library January/February 2015

Book Club: Wednesdays starting January 14th. Children are invited to come after they have had lunch and read and share their interest in books with one another.

Forest of Reading Program: All grades will be encouraged to join in this reading program sponsored by the Ontario Library Association. The categories include Blue Spruce, Silver Birch and Red Maple so all students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 can be involved. Go online to *Forest of Reading* where you can see all of the titles. We have multiple copies of most of the books but many are also available online through the TDSB’s **Virtual Library** as well as through the Toronto Public Library. I just finished Michael Redhill’s *Saving Houdini* and highly recommend it for junior readers or above! As well, Kathy Stinson’s *The Man with the Violin* is a great read in the Blue Spruce category.

Appreciations: A big thank you to volunteers Laura Church and Anne-Marie Meyers. The student library monitors are also a special part of the school community and help daily with shelving, signing in and out books and reading with the younger students.

Just Read It: A recent winner, Eva Milashevskaya, in Mr. Smith’s grade 7 class, submitted a book review on the Library website *Just Read It* and was selected to win a book. You too can go to the library site and read reviews and write your own. You might just be the next winner

Happy Reading
Sara Erskine Librarian

Inspirational Quotes

Education is the most powerfull weapon which you can use to change the world! (Nelson Mandela)

Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power! (Barbara Jordan)

BOWMORE Rd. P.S. PARENTS' CORNER



Bowmore Rocks 2015!

Be a part of this awesome fundraiser on
Saturday February 14th!
8pm to 2am

Royal Canadian Legion 243 Coxwell Avenue

Tickets \$15 – Ticket purchase info will be posted early February. Stay tuned for a listing of our parent ticket distributors or contact us via email at bowmorerocks@gmail.com to reserve your tickets now!

Music by DJ Malik, DJ Dual and DJ Wiz – 3 DJ's will spin awesome tunes spanning the decades. A great way to end Valentine's Day! Ticket sale profits will be earmarked for improvements to the newly created kindergarten area at Bowmore Road Public School.



WARD 16 MEETING

The next Ward 16 Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 2, 2015** between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Earl Haig Junior and Senior Public School,
[15 Earl Haig Avenue](#)

Next Movie Night: Big Hero 6 on Friday, Feb. 27

Join us for a fun, free family night out to see Big Hero 6.

Where: Junior Gym – enter via the side door (under “the bridge”)
When: Friday Feb. 27

What time: Doors open at 6 pm / Movie starts 6:30 pm

Cost: Free. (Suggested donation \$2 per person.)

Details: Pizza \$2/slice. Juice boxes \$1.

Note: Bring your own seating: blankets or folding camp chairs.

All money raised helps to support Bowmore student enrichment

PIZZA LUNCH

Friday, February 6th

Pizza Lunch Order Envelopes for the final four pizza lunches of the school year will be sent home on Feb. 6 with all students from JK to Grade 8.

Bowmore “Make it” Fair Coming March 28!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are thrilled to announce that the Bowmore "Make It!" Fair will be returning to Bowmore Road Public School on Saturday March 28, 2015.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you love DIY electronics, hack your own craft projects, or you're just really good with cardboard, then the Bowmore MAKE IT! Fair wants you!

EMAIL US TODAY!

We'll send you more info on how you can participate with your very own table OR how you can volunteer to help our second annual event run smoothly.

Contact us at bowmoremakeitfair@gmail.com

Did you hear the news?

Bowmore School Council is made up of parent volunteers who represent the voice of all parents at Bowmore Rd Jr & Sr Public School. We advise the principal on a variety of issues and activities affecting our school.

We post about what's happening at Bowmore, share forms, and provide a Facebook page for you to ask questions. Here's where to find us:

- Facebook page: [Facebook.com/BowmoreSC](https://www.facebook.com/BowmoreSC)
- Web site: BowmoreSC.com
- Email: BowmoreSC@gmail.com
- E-News: Subscribe on the web site

There's a world of information waiting for you. Come read what Bowmore is up to!

Upcoming School Council meeting dates:

(All meetings run 6 pm - 8 pm and are held in the cafeteria)

➤ **Thursday, February 26**

➤ **Tuesday, March 31**

➤ **Thursday, May 7**

➤ **Tuesday, June 9**

(Tentative date for voting if a June meeting is needed)

Grade 8 Career Day

On January 15th our grade 8 students traveled to the Ontario Science Centre to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) focused career day. Mrs. Miller-Caise partnered with the Ontario Science Centre staff to present a series of speakers that represented all pathways (apprenticeship, college, workplace and university). Students also participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the centre exploring different career options. Ontario Science Centre staff was prepared to answer career related questions from students during the day and made themselves available in all exhibits.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters during the formal portion of the day. They were curious as to how these individuals selected high school courses and how these selections led to their current career paths.

A major message during the day was that the road to a career is a winding one and the journey to the destination doesn't have to be straightforward.

High School Transitions

Students have been busy working with Mrs. Miller-Caise on creating DRAFT course selections. These drafts will be sent home for parent discussion and input. Through completing these drafts students are able to understand the choices TDSB schools offer and make decisions regarding course types for next year (applied, academic, and locally developed). Discussions at home should centre around what course types are best suited for your child's learning style and what final destination will be selected. Please connect with your child's homeroom teacher for their input should you require any clarification.

We will be creating final course sheets on February 23rd. These forms need to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to the school on February 24th.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Miller-Caise through the main office should you have any questions.

Let's Talk

Each year Bell Canada sponsor Let's Talk Day in Canada. The focus for this day is on beginning discussions in our communities with the hopes of reducing the stigma often associated with mental health. Bowmore students and staff have been given the opportunity to hold such discussions about mental wellness this week and have been encouraged to view one of the many Let's Talk commercials. Through generating dialogue education on matters related to mental health can increase. Understanding, empathy and greater access to resources can also increase for those living with mental health conditions. It is amazing what can happen when we just talk.

Kelley Miller-Caise

Itinerant Guidance Counsellor

Bowmore Rd. Sr. Public School, D.A. Morrison Middle School, Earl Haig P.S., George Webster Elementary School and Earl Beatty P.S.

The Bowmore Swim Team

The Bowmore Swim Team is underway. Grades 3, 4 & 5 practice Tuesday and Thursday during the lunch hour. The kids swim first and then eat their lunch. Grade 6, 7 & 8 practise Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school 3:15-4:00. All swimming abilities welcome as long as you can swim a length of the pool (including the deep end). Have students get permission forms from either Mr. Snowden or Mr. Fenton. It is a great way to improve your fitness and stroke improvement! We look forward to a great swimming season!

Mr. Snowden, Mr. Fenton, Ms. Varga, Ms. Jarvis



REMINDERS

Bowmore's **Lost and Found** continues to have an abundance of clothes, hats, mittens and boots. Parents please remind your children to look regularly for their lost items.

A reminder to all students to remember to bring their lunches, indoor shoes and swimsuits to school!

Come to school prepared to learn – Be responsible and respectful of your things!

Cupcakes for Covenant House

Friday, February 27th, 2015

Girls Club is busy again! We have decided to support a very important cause. The Covenant House is a shelter for homeless people except it has a twist... it's only for teens. The Covenant House is a safe place where people from 16 to 19 can go for support. It is a place to stay if they live on the streets or if their house isn't a safe place to be.

Bowmore's Girls Club is working together to raise awareness and money to help youth in need. We will be holding a Cupcake Sale, along with a raffle of a handmade leather aboriginal bag on Friday, February 27th. The sale will take place throughout the day. Our goal is that EVERY student buys at least one cupcake. We are looking for donations of cupcakes. If you are able to bring in some for the sale, please let Mrs. Jarvis know (leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca).

A big thank you to Susana Molinolo for coming in and speaking to us about how to run a succesful cupcake sale with her Cupcake for Haiti cookbooks. Don't forget to send in your money, your cupcakes and your appetite! By Neyah and Jadyn



FDK REGISTRATION

Registration Dates @ Bowmore Rd. Public School are:

English Track Kindergarten

Call for an appointment – spots are limited!

Tuesday, February 17th – 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, February 18th – 3:00pm – 6:00pm

French Immersion Track Kindergarten

Call for an appointment on February 2nd, 2015

Wednesday, February 18th – 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 24th – 12:30pm – 4:00pm

(416) 393-9450

