

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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EQUITY & INCLUSION

At Bowmore we are dedicated to improve student learning by ensuring that all students are part of an equitable and inclusive environment.

As we move into the New Year and continue establishing high expectation for our students, we are going to be taking a closer look at creating and improving student success.

Our main objective is to create a framework that responds to high expectation for *ALL* regardless of social or cultural identity.

With the assistance of the TDSB's Equity department, our parent community, administration, teachers and students we are dedicated to ensuring and establishing guidelines that will meet our overall expectations

In order to create this equitable environment we must take a closer look at the present practices within the Bowmore school community and make adjustments that address the needs of all our stake holders.

Moving forward, we are holding our first meeting on Monday, January 12th, 2015 at 11:30am. If further information is required, please feel free to contact Mme L. Taillefer.



UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- January 5 - First day of school
- January 8 - Ski Trip Grade 4 - 6
- January 8 - Ward Meeting
- January 8 - Equity Committee meeting
- January 9 - Pizza lunch
- January 12 - 26 - Dental Screening
- January 14 - Open House at Bowmore
- January 15 - Author Barbara Reid to visit FDK - Grade 8
- January 15 - Career Day
- January 29 - Ski Trip Grade 7 - 8
- January 27 - Vision/Hearing Test
- January 30 - Last Day for Optional Attendance
- February 1 - Black History Month
- February 10 - Graduation Photos

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

JANUARY 2015

*Mark Your
Calendars!*

Bowmore Rocks House Party Saturday February 14th!

What: Bowmore Rocks House Party - a fun night out with your neighbours!

When: Saturday, February 14th

Where: Byron Byng Legion 243 Coxwell Ave (Coxwell & Lower Gerrard)

Time: 8pm - 1am

Tickets: \$20/each

Why: Proceeds will be earmarked for improvements to the East kindergarten enclosure.

Tickets will go on sale late January

Details: There will be no theme this year. DJ Malik, DJ Dual, and DJ Wiz will be spinning a variety of music from all genres and all decades. Bring your friends. Come dance, converse, and connect with other Bowmore parents for a fun night out in a kid free environment.



Did you hear the news!

Bowmore School Council is made up of parent volunteers who represent the voice of all parents at Bowmore Rd. P.S.. We advise the principal in a variety of issues and activities affecting our school. We post about what's happening, 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: bowmore@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!

Next Movie Night Friday, January 16th, 2015

Movie showing: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day



Where: Junior Gym – enter via the side door (under “the bridge”)

When: Friday, January 16th Doors open 6 pm / **Movie starts** 6:30 pm

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

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

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

All money raised helps to support Bowmore student enrichment programs.

LEGO Update

We have lots of LEGO fun to report!

Parent Council's LEGO @Lunch Club is up and running for a second year. This year we're accommodating approx. 120 kids in our four-week lunchtime sessions (up from 100 kids last year). We want to give a big shout out to Bowmore parent council, our school administration and office staff and especially to our parent volunteers for helping us make it all happen. Want more LEGO Club fun? Check us out on Facebook at "Bowmore LEGO Club". Or visit us at the Bowmore Make-It Fair on Sat. March 28/15--we'll be bringing our amazing collection out to play again this year.

Connie Crane, LEGO Club coordinator



Guidance News

Students in Grade 8 are continuing to explore options for Grade 9. Open House at a few local schools will be held later this month (**Riverdale –January 8th, Malvern – January 13th, and East York C.I. – January 14th, 2015**)

Students have all been registered with Myblueprint accounts and parents/guardians are encouraged to check draft copies of course selection sheets that will be sent home for discussion and approval. Please check with your child about these later this month. You are encouraged to discuss course types with your child's teacher (s) as well.

Open House Presentation

Wednesday, January 14th, 2015

Extended French, Gifted and
Special Education programs

Doors open at 6:00pm

Kindness and Caring Character Education Initiative

Let's stay warm!

The students in Room 11 collected mittens and gloves. They collected over 30 pairs. The mittens and gloves will be given to people to help them keep warm over the winter. We collected the mittens as part of our learning about Kindness and Caring. We even used the mitts to skip count by 2!

Way to go room 11 and Ms. Parkins!



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees.

- 1) Caring and Safe Schools
- 2) Equity and Inclusive
- 3) Eco
- 4) Mental Health

If interested please contact Ms. McKay, Mme Taillefer or Mr. Naidoo.
(416)393-8450

Girls Club

Congrats Girls Club!

Our girls worked hard during the month of December for their book drive. They collected a little over 1000 books.

A special thank you to the Grade 8 classes who brought in well over 300 books.

If you have any questions direct them to contact Leah Jarvis (leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca) or Audrey Cahill.



BOWMORE UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2015

Barbara Reid
Author's Visit

Ski Trip

Career Day

**Time & Date of
Performance**
January 15th, 2015

Kindergarten: 10:00am
Junior: 10:30am



Juniors

January 8th, 2015
Departure: 7:00am
Arrival: 4:30pm
Bring litterless lunch!

Seniors

January 29th, 2015
Departure: 7:00am
Arrival: 5pm
Bring litterless lunch!

Students in Grade 8 will be attending a Science/Arts and Technology career focused day at the Ontario Science Center on Thursday, January 15th, 2015. We will be departing at 9:15 and returning for 3:00pm.



BOWMORE SPORTS NEWS

Jr. Boys Volleyball Team

The Jr. Boys' Volleyball team had a hugely successful year. Their skill development and comprehension of the game improved dramatically from previous seasons. We are incredibly proud of their achievements this year and excited for next year's season. Great job boys!



Jr. & Sr. Girls Volleyball

The season is upon us and Bowmore is starting up our Jr. and Sr. Girls volleyball. We have a great group of girls who show great enthusiasm, determination and passion for the game. We are looking forward a great and successful season.

Sr. Girls Basketball Team

The Sr. Girls' Basketball team had a successful year. They had a perfect regular season by win our tournament held in late October. They reached the conference finals and played a hard fought game but lost a nail-bitter by two points. The team showed perseverance, heart and sportsmanship. A special thank you goes out to the parents for their support and driving the team to our games. Looking forward to next season!

