

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has almost arrived. The pace is fast and the excitement in the air is contagious as we begin to enjoy the warmer weather, the planned outdoor activities and festivities, and summer just around the corner. Moreover, another group of graduates is anticipating a day of celebration. Students and teachers are relishing their last couple of weeks as they relax and mingle with each other. It has been a year of learning, growing and reflecting, not only for students and staff, but for myself as a first year principal. The students have been wonderful, the staff and parents welcoming. A big thank you for all of the support, patience and guidance provided to me over the past year.

Our kids have achieved so much this year. We continue to witness outstanding success with our co-curricular activities. We produced a full musical which received excellent reviews... we have very talented kids here. It was delightful to watch the pride and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students when they shared their accomplishments and skills with others. Thank you to our parents and staff who worked together to make this year so successful!

I am also proud of the fact that Bowmore is now wall to wall wireless and that our technology is rapidly expanding. iPads were targeted for primary use, 30 notebooks in a mobile cart for our junior students will be in use next year, and new computers have been purchased for our intermediate lab. Our technology plan will continue to grow in year 2 and 3.

We would very much like you, our parents to be involved in our planning and decision-making. Our school council meetings have been well attended and our parents have been actively involved in a number of school initiatives and fundraisers. I would like to thank Michelle Aarts and Elizabeth Grundon for their volunteerism and contributions to Bowmore, as they exit their Co-chair roles.

I am looking forward to working with you again next year...my second year as principal here at Bowmore...a position I am very proud to hold. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all our families a safe and relaxing summer. Our first day of classes will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

All the best,

Lori McKay



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UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

June 1st – Track and Field Conference Finals
June 3rd – Junior Concert
June 3rd – Chris Hadfield Podcast
June 5th – PA Day
June 9th – Track and Field City Finals
June 12th – Bowmore Road Carnival
June 16th – Grad 8 Trip to High Rope Centers Island
June 17th – Grade 8 Trip City Tour
June 18th – Grade 8 Trip to Niagara Falls
June 18th – JK – 6 Play Day (am)
June 19th – Intermediate Art Show 4:00 – 6:00
June 23rd – Grade 8 Graduation
June 24th – Report Cards go home
June 25th – Last Day of School
June 26th – PA Day

Sound of Music by Rodgers and Hammerstein



“The Sound of Music” Bravo Bravo Bravo!

On May 19 to the 21st we, the Bowmore Community, were entertained with the extravagant production of ***“The Sound of Music”***.

The talented actors, the wonderful choir and the dedicated backstage crew are to be commended for their extraordinary efforts and hard work.

The incredible singing nuns, the very serious but funny Franz, the talented Von Trapp kids, the excellent performance by Maria and last but not least the spectacular acting by Captain Von Trapp were all performed by our hard working and talented Bowmore dedicated students.

In addition, we must not forget that the opportunities that we offer our students cannot be done without the dedication of our very hard working staff.

A special thank you to Mme Brewster, Mr. Bart, Mr. Butters, Ms. Burke, Mr. Comendador and Ms. Del Aguila for providing, our students the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Bravo Bowmore and thank you for another wonderful production.

CARNIVAL

Friday June 12th 3-7pm

Bowmore Carnival needs Volunteers!

The Bowmore FUN-Raiser Carnival happens June 12, 3-7pm and we need more than 80 volunteers to sign up for 1 hour shifts to help supervise activities, sell tickets and oversee fun food sales. Please email bowmorecarnival@gmail.com This fundraiser benefits every Bowmore child from JK to Grade 8 (field trips, buses, Scientists in the School, etc.) and can't happen without your support!

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.com/BowmoreSC
- Website: BowmoreSC.com
- Email: BowmoreSC@gmail.com
- E-News: Subscribe on the web site

The final Pizza Lunch day of the year is Thursday, June 3th. Thank you for your support!

Pizza Trivia

And now for the top five things that you didn't know about pizza lunch!

By the end of the 2014/2015 school year ...

Number Five: Total number of pizzas served: 863

Number Four: Picture the intersection of Wrenson & Bowmore. Put down the pizza slices one after another heading west on Wrenson. When the pizza runs out, you will have circled the block approximately 1.7 times.

Number Three: The 250mL milk cartons are delivered in crates, 48 to a crate. Over the course of the year 91 crates were delivered. Stacked one on top of each other, they tower over 25 metres tall, weigh more than 1.1 metric tons, and took 36 cows a day to fill.

Number Two: Number of times the pizzas were delivered cut into 8 slices each instead of 10 slices each: once. And once is enough, thank you.

Number One: And the most important piece of trivia ... pizza lunch will pay for approximately 75% of Scientists in the Classroom, Artists in the Classroom, and Prologue Theatre for the 2015/2016 school year.

You will notice that we don't mention the volunteers. That's because there were too many to count. Thanks to Ying the delivery driver who delivered all of those pizzas on time every time. And thank you Bowmore for making everything possible!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Grade 8 to 9 Volunteer Opportunities

Students in grade 8 have spent some time with Mrs. Miller-Caise this month examining the high school requirement involving 40 hours of community service. This is the final focus in the transition of our students to high school.

Community Hours allow students an opportunity to develop new essential skills, enhance confidence in themselves and build a network for future paid employment. They also reinforce civic responsibility and strengthen the ties between youth and their community.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours over their four years of high school. They can begin to accumulate those hours officially starting July 1st. These hours can be started in the summer and can continue into the school year on weekends, after school or even during lunch breaks.

Students in class have been given the Community Hours Passport where they can record their experiences. These forms need to be submitted to their high school Guidance Counsellors for approval. A copy of all forms should be kept at home for future reference. Students and parents/guardians can obtain additional information and forms by visiting the TDSB website and search Community Involvement.

Students can also start their search for opportunities by visiting volunteertoronto.on.ca or 40hours.ca.

We encourage students to start early and do more than the minimum 20 hours.

Kelley Miller-Caise
Itinerant Guidance Counsellor

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

Survey

In late April and early May Bowmore filled in a survey dedicated to finding out which areas that people thought Bowmore School Council ("BSC") funds should be directed in the 2015/2016 school year.

Highlights

Number of people who took the survey: 151
Most popular category: Technology (101 people ranked it as one of their top five priorities)

2nd most popular: Music

3rd: Life skills

4th: Art

5th: Science

Survey Comments

Respondents made comments and we can provide an update about some of them.

Please view the following summary to read updates about Wi-Fi, Family Studies room, recess for the intermediate grades, direct donation program, snack program, and field trips.

<https://bowmoresc.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/survey-thankyou.pdf>

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who took the survey this year! We appreciate your input! And a big thank you to the teachers who asked their students to take the survey and to the students who responded; this year we had significantly more students take the survey than we did for prior surveys. If you want to see the survey results in detail, you can download the two survey summaries online.

Bowmore School Staff Survey: Determine which of the programs and resources could be useful in the 2015/2016 school year.

<https://bowmoresc.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/survey-summary-staff.pdf>

Bowmore School Council Fundraising Direction

<https://bowmoresc.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/survey-summary-lighter.pdf>

QSP

Bowmore's Magazine Renewals

Our magazine campaign is returning to our school this Fall! Did you know that your past support allowed us to provide Scientist in the Classroom, Epilogue and other artist performances. Thank you so very much!!

The magazine campaign will run [from Wednesday, September 30th to Wednesday, October 14th, 2015.](#)

If you can't wait to renew your subscriptions through the magazine campaign, you can order anytime of the year at www.qsp.ca, (Bowmore's code is 3720844) and all early renewals will count towards the student awards this Fall.

If you have any questions about magazine orders, call QSP directly at 1.800.667.2536.

**Thank You for your continued support,
QSP**

Inspiration of Astronomic Proportions ***"Chris Hadfield"***

Students at Bowmore Road Public School had a once in a life time opportunity last week. They had the chance to connect with a true Canadian Hero, Commander Chris Hadfield, and ask him questions about his experiences. Students listened intently as he answered everything from how his reflexes changed when he was in zero gravity to his most dangerous situation while in space. The key message delivered to the Bowmore students by Cmdr. Hadfield was to, "Turn yourself into the person you want to be." Bowmore School extends a huge thanks to Cmd. Hadfield. The inspiration provided by the example he sets will help launch our students to new, perhaps even astronomic heights.



By Sanju, Neyah and Katie

We've done many things with Girls' Club this year. We've hosted a sale called Cupcakes for Covenant House, which was a huge success, we also did a book and food drive. During Girls' Club, we also took the time to help ourselves doing activities such as yoga, dream catchers and getting to know each other better. Each and every meeting we had has made us realize the importance of girls and women around the world. It also made us stronger, prouder and happier about being girls. We'll look forward to the new members of Girls' Club next year!

From Mrs. Jarvis and Ms. Cahill: We have loved working with the incredible girls this year. We always felt uplifted after our meetings and are so proud of each of you. We hope that you have come away with the message to be good to yourself and then you can be good to others. Have a great summer... be safe, have fun and be kind to each other.



Way to Go Boys!

Over the past several weeks, Mr. Munroe's Grade 7/8 class has joined forces with Mme Riddle's Kindergarten class as Big Buddies. During this time, the classes have been helping to plant their edible gardens in the front of the school. Unfortunately, the planters which the Kindergarten students hung up to were stolen overnight in early May. Hearing the news, the Grade 7/8 class wanted to replace the planters by raising money to give to Mme. Riddle. Friday, May 22, the students sold freezies outside during lunch and recess. When it was all tallied, the 7/8 class raised over \$200 in proceeds toward the planters! Passing their goal of \$100, Mr. Munroe's class also decided to put the additional proceeds toward their Bowmore Carnival donation of *Outdoor Fun/Fitness*. Well done!

