

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lori McKay

Looking Forward

As the activities at this time of year are ramping up and the school year is winding down, it can be a very stressful time for students and their families. It is the time of year where smooth transitions become very important in order to provide effective supports and optimal future success. There is no question about it – successful transitions begin with excellent school/ home communication and collaboration. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between school, parents, and the community, who work together for the best interest of children.

Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily, so effective and positive conversations about transitions are very important. In addition, teachers/school also play a critical role supporting transitions. Teachers have the unique opportunity to support students' academic and social development at all levels of schooling. Therefore, through this secure relationship, students can reduce their anxiety and self-doubt that change may bring about. With families and school working together towards a common goal, where children have the security of understanding their environment, and are guided positively through major changes, their sense of self and their changing environment becomes better understood. This is essential for reducing potential anxiety or fear.

Childhood is a special time of learning, exploring and growing. Children need to be provided a secure pathway to explore their world and experience the joy of discovery. As Alexander Graham Bell so aptly stated, "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." In our collaboration to support children during transitions, we need to positively model, that with support, guidance, patience, and optimism, children can embrace their changing world and take advantage of new opportunities with greater confidence and understanding.



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UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- May 4th – May 8th Book Fair begins
- May 4th – City Fair (Heritage Fair winners)
- May 6th – Welcome to FDK Information Session
- May 7th – Welcome to FI FDK Information Session
- May 4th – May 6th Island School Grade 5s
- May 6th – May 8th Island School Grade 6s
- May 7th – School Council Meeting – 6pm to 8pm
- May 7th – Track and Field 7 to 8 @ Birchmount
- May 11th – Track and Field 2 to 6 @ Birchmount
- May 13th – Dress Rehearsal for Sound of Music
- May 14th – Senior Concert and Talent Show
- May 19th – May 21st Sound of Music Musical
- May 25th – June 2nd EQAO Testing
- May 31st – Music by the Lake
- June 2nd – Track and Field Conference Finals 2 to 8 (location TBA)
- June 3rd – Junior Concert
- June 3rd – School Council Bake Sale, raffle sale and pizza café
- June 9th – Track and Field Finals 2 to 8 (location TBD)
- June 12th – Bowmore Carnival
- June 16th – Grade 8 Grad Trip – Discover the City
- June 17th – Grade 8 Grad Trip – High Ropes at Center Island
- June 18th – Grade 8 Grad Trip – Niagara Falls
- June 23rd – Grade 8 Graduation
- June 24th – Report Cards go home

Bravo Orson Mursell!

Orson Mursell in Ms. Davis classroom has been selected to be published in Urban Voices/L'echo de la ville 2015, for his excellent work in poetry. His poem on "*The Business Bear*" was selected amongst 1500 and a celebration will be held at the Scarborough Civic Centre on June 4th @ 7:00. Congratulations Orson who has made Bowmore proud!

Ms. McKay & Ms. Davis

Equity and Positive Spaces at Bowmore

On April 17th, several Bowmore teachers attended a professional development workshop on Positive Spaces facilitated by Cristina Guerrero, an instructional leader in the Equity and Inclusive Schools Department at the TDSB. The workshop focused on a variety of equity topics including: culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy (CRRP), gender equity, religious accommodations, anti-homophobia and Positive Spaces in schools.

As part of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, the TDSB has undertaken a *Positive Spaces Initiative*. The goal is to make all TDSB workplaces and schools safe, inclusive and welcoming places.

Positive Spaces will be identified by a Positive Spaces poster and will be accessible to the whole school community. One staff member will be trained as a Positive Spaces Representative. The *Positive Spaces* representative will offer support by listening, having resources available, and referring to community resources where available.

More information on Positive Spaces, Gender Based Violence Prevention and Caring and Safe Schools can be found at:

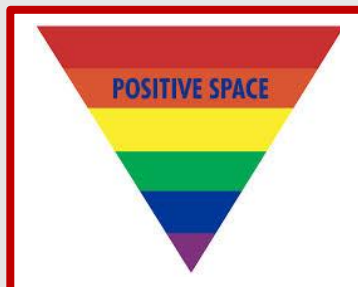
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/BeyondtheClassroom/SafeandPositiveSpaces.aspx>

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/GenderBasedViolencePrevention.aspx>

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools.aspx>

Reference:

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School Council News

Bowmore FUN-Raiser Carnival Friday June 12

Save the date on Friday June 12 from 3 to 7pm and make plans to attend this fundraiser that is fun for the whole family. Bouncy castles, obstacle courses, games, face painting, food trucks and more right here at Bowmore! And a no-rain guarantee!

We need more than *80 volunteers* to sign up for one-hour shifts. If you can help out, please send us an email with your time preference to bowmorecarnival@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!

Next Pizza Lunch

Friday May 8



The next pizza lunch date is Friday May 8 followed by the final pizza lunch on Friday June 4th.

All funds raised from pizza lunch support activities and events for all Bowmore students.

LEGO CLUB

The Bowmore LEGO club has wrapped up its second successful year. LEGO club is a free lunchtime program run by parent volunteers -- and registration is done in the fall on a first-come-first serve basis. This year (as we've gained volunteer experience) we bumped up our numbers from 25 to 30 kids per session and were able to accommodate 130 students over the course of the school year. Thank you Bowmore administration and Bowmore School Council for your amazing support!! And a great big thank you to these fabulous parent volunteers:

- Monica Curtis
- Sheila Rose
- Jason Walter
- Beth Ward
- Janet Web

See you next year!
Connie Crane, LEGO Club coordinator

Creative Kids!

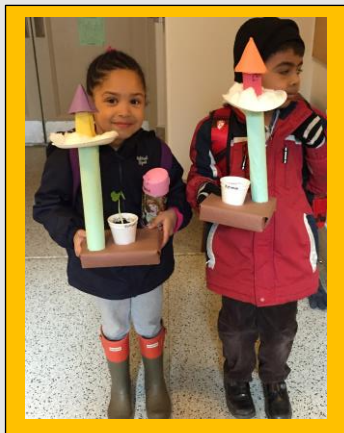
Picasso move over!



Spring is in the air!



Jack and the Bean Stock!



Working Together!



Earth Day!

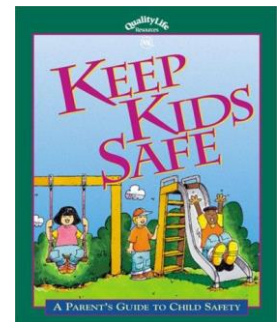


Story Telling!



PARENT DROP OFF & PICK-UP

Safety Alert!



Creating a safe environment for our students is a priority at Bowmore. We continue to outline the importance of a safe drop off and pick up.

Such things as parking on the wrong side of the street, making illegal U-turns, parking in front of the fire hydrant and leaving your car unattended during these busy times are all unsafe practices.

We value our students' safety thus encouraging all drivers to ensure rules are being followed.

Thank you on behalf of the Bowmore Road Staff!



BOWMORE ROAD P.S. MAY 2015 UPCOMING EVENTS



At the Spring Concert on June 3rd

On June 3rd some parent volunteers will host a bake sale, pizza cafe, and raffle off Dream Baskets. We will request donations for the Dream Baskets and the bake sale in May.

Junior Spring Concert June 3rd

Doors Open at 6:30pm
Concert Begins at: 7:00pm
Senior Gym
Students are to go straight to their homerooms!



Thursday, May 14th Talent Show and Senior Concert!

Bowmapalooza 3\$

Come out to Bowmapalooza and help support the arts programs in Grade 7 & 8. Enjoy performances by our concert Band, Jazz Band, Strings Ensemble as well as many individual acts.

All money goes towards the purchase of equipment for the arts programs.

Taking Bowmore by Storm - Sound of Music

On May 19th the cast of *Getting to Know...The Sound of Music* makes its debut performance. These kids are a group of hardworking individuals with one goal in mind: to put on a great show! The cast is full of driven performers who love music theatre. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Sound of Music movie, we feel even more determined not only to wow you, but making you leave in shock that you just saw grade 4s - 8s! The actors went through audition after audition, rehearsal after rehearsal to be here and we are so proud to say they are Bowmore students. M. Dan Bart, Mr. Paul Butters, Mme Susan Brewster, and Ms. Donche Burke are the masterminds behind the magic; and what magic it is going to be! Make sure you come see us on:

We hope to see you there!

May 19, 20 and 21st, 2015

**Doors Open at: 6:30PM
Starting Time: 7:00pm 8:30pm**

Tickets will be sold after school starting May 1st to May 15th at the main entrance. Tickets are also available at the door.

Tickets pre order form will be coming soon!

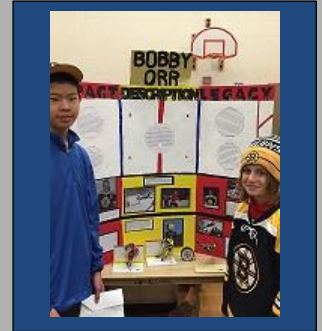
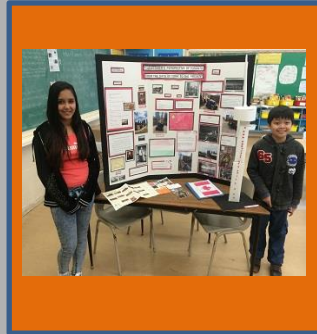
M. Bart, Mme Brewster, Ms. Burke and Mr. Butters

Girl's Club Does Yoga!

For the past couple of weeks, Bowmore's Girls Club have been doing yoga. Yoga is a form of exercise to help calm your mind and body. Many of you may know that Girls Club have been doing many things for others such as fundraisers, but now we wanted to help ourselves. We've been learning how to do many moves to help us calm down and to make us feel stronger. Girls need to help themselves before they help others. Namste!



HERITAGE FAIR AT BOWMORE – Way to go kids!



Bowmore's Heritage Fair was a big success. We had 400 students participate in our annual fair this year. The fair took place Tuesday, April 28th in the senior gym and the senior cafeteria. 14 classes ranging from grade 4-8 participated. It was wonderful to see the students so engaged in their learning.

The fair was the culmination of about 6 weeks of work. The kids worked so hard researching and preparing their history projects. The projects were a great way for the students to dive into the new provincial social studies and history curriculum. The students have gained a better understanding of the historical thinking concepts present in the new provincial curriculum and have honed their presentation skills at the same time.

We are fortunate to have 40 projects moving forward to the TDSB City East Heritage Fair, Thursday, May 7th at the Scarborough Civic Centre. Time will tell to see if any Bowmore projects will be chosen to represent the school at the Ontario Heritage Fair mid-June at the University of Toronto.

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