

Announcements from Admin

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Creating our Community Together

At Bowmore we believe that a school needs to be the heart of a community in order to provide the best educational experiences for our children. We pride ourselves in our open door policy by being accessible to all stakeholders. We have a variety of community partners that we work with that include everything from Daycare and local businesses to Toronto Police Services.

A focus for us is continuing to build strong, positive relationships through mutual respect. We recognize that the current conditions are challenging for all involved, and it is not business as usual. The administration is working diligently to ensure the school remains a safe environment for children to learn.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate the current situation. As a way to keep the communication lines open, we will continue to communicate through our school council and their web site.



STUDENT SAFETY COMES FIRST

Bowmore Public School takes the safety of our students seriously. It's because of this that we have a secure access system installed at our main entry that gives our school staff more control over who enters our school. This means that when you arrive at our school the outside doors will be locked and a buzzer system will need to be used to gain access to the school. Using this system will provide a safe and welcoming environment and a single point of entry where visitors will be welcomed and directed to the main office.

In addition, this week we have had both the Fire Marshall and Toronto Police Services conduct walkthroughs to ensure that every part of our building is safe and secure. We know that you are entrusting us with the wellbeing of your children, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that your trust is well placed.



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**OFFICE
REMINDERS**



Here are a few tips that will help our office staff ensure that students are safe and that attendance is accurately recorded in our system:

- Please report any student absences or late arrivals on a daily basis by calling into our Safe Arrival Line at 416-393-9650 and press 1 to leave a message.
- Late Students must come through the office to sign in and receive a late slip to present to their teacher.
- Early pickups must come through the office to sign the student out.
- Students who need to leave at any time throughout the day should have a written note from their parent/guardian to expedite the process.
- Students should refrain from texting or calling their parent/guardian with their cell phone during school hours, and instead make any necessary calls from the office. This is to ensure the office is aware of any issues that may require a student to leave the premises.
- Any extended absences, vacations, etc. should be documented in a note to the office, and a copy to the teacher

QSP Fundraiser



Bowmore's annual magazine fundraiser is back! All your families favourite magazines; Canadian Living, Style at Home, Chirp, American Girl, Canadian National Geographic and much more can be renewed or purchased ONLINE or by PHONE.

New this year is a great little **coupon app**, North American Wide Savings Digital App, powered by **Entertainment**, which can be purchased for \$25. This is a fabulous little app that features 40% to 50% off and 2 for 1 deals and other great offers too. There are several local retailers such as The Friendly Thai, Quinn's Steak House and Irish Pub, Pulp Kitchen and larger retailers such as Boston Pizza, Menchies, Michael's, Bed Bath and Beyond, Enterprise.

This annual magazine fundraiser has raised \$28,000 to \$35,000 in magazine sales from our school community each year and 40% of the gross funds raised goes directly to the school to support our children's enrichment programs such as, Scientist in the Classroom, Prologue and more.

This year the orders must be done **ONLINE**, through the www.qsp.ca site and our school's **GROUP ID is 3720844**. Just click on the **SHOP NOW** icon. Or by **PHONE** [1.800.667.2536](tel:18006672536). There will be no brochures sent home but if you would like to pick one up they will be available in the school lobby. If you have any questions please reach out to us via our school's Facebook page to ask questions about the magazine fundraiser.

Thanks,
QSP Team



FREE WORKSHOP: COMING THIS WINTER TO BOWMORE!

Stay tuned for information about a great free workshop coming this winter to Bowmore with an organization called 'Arts Express'. They have a creative arts approach to helping parents and caregivers learn strategies to support their children when feeling shy, anxious or stressed at home and at school. The Bowmore School Council has received funding for a Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant, which will cover the cost of the workshop. Daycare will be provided. We'll share information about the time and date as soon as arrangements are made. Stay tuned - and please plan to join us!

LEGO@ Lunch Club is Back!

We're very excited to announce that Bowmore School Council will be running LEGO @ Lunch club again this year for kids in Grades 1 to 6!! LEGO Club runs during the chilly months, so we won't start registration until October 16, 2015. However if you want to get involved, here's what you can do in the meantime:

1. "Like" our Facebook page called "Bowmore LEGO Club". You'll get all our updates there.

2. We're also looking for parent volunteers (with completed or in-process police checks). If you're creative and love LEGO and hanging out with kids AND if you have one hour to spare at lunchtime for one or more weeks, we'd love to hear from you. We can slot you in as your schedule allows. Interested? Please message our coordinator, Connie Crane at conniecrane@rogers.com to discuss.

Note: Due to the ETFO work-to-rule situation, we will be allowing EXTRA time for registrations this year. Starting Friday, October 16th, registration forms will be available to you online (on our Facebook page and on the BowmoreSC website, etc.). We will also place hard copies in the Bowmore office for you or your kids to pick up. Then as usual, you can return your forms to the green LEGO bin in the office or email them back to us.

We look forward to lots of LEGO fun!!



Police Background Check Information: Mandatory for Volunteers

Police background checks are now mandatory for anyone over the age of 18 who volunteers in TDSB schools or is in contact with students **more than three times in a school year**. This includes parents volunteering for School Council organized events, field trips, special events, etc. The police background check is a three step process:

1. Complete and submit the police background check form and payment.

Individual applications can be obtained and submitted through the school office. This is a one-time application but takes several months to process. Individual applicants must submit payment using a bank draft or certified cheque for \$20. (See below for batch submission process)

2. Register your results with TDSB

When your application is processed, the Toronto Police Services will mail you a letter with your results. Take this to the school main office and they forward it to the central TDSB office to be entered into the system. It will be returned to you in about two weeks. If you want verification that this has been entered in the system, wait until it is returned and ask the main office to check the list.

3. Renew your application within one year

No more than one year after your background check has been approved you must submit a free annual renewal form in order to keep volunteering. This renewal form must be completed annually or your background clearance will expire and you will have to go back to step 1.

Take Part in the Batch Application Process: Available Until October 27

In order to make this process easier, the Bowmore School Council will collect applications and the \$20 fee from individual parents and submit the applications as a batch on your behalf (meaning you don't have to go get a certified cheque). We will be submitting a batch of applications on October 27, 2015.

If you would like to participate in the BSC's batch application for background checks please: 1. Pick up a Police Check form from the Bowmore office and complete it. 2. Drop it off with payment (\$20 cash or cheque to Bowmore School Council) at the Bowmore office before October 27. You can leave it with Krista Baines or in the Bowmore School Council mailbox.


Please see our website, BowmoreSC.com for our "cheat sheet" with important notes for filling out the form. Note that it must be filled out completely and correctly or it will be rejected.

Feel free to reach out to Bowmore School council via email bowmoresc@gmail.com or at [Facebook.com/BowmoreSC](https://www.facebook.com/BowmoreSC) with any questions

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