

BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN

Friday, November 8, 2024



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School Website

Please visit our school website for important information and upcoming events.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/>

Principal's Message

We've been lucky with the weather lately, and the kids are loving every bit of sunshine they can get! Even with the shorter days, it's great to see them enjoying the outdoors.

Keep an eye out for your child's progress report card coming home next week. We'll be emailing them to families on Tuesday afternoon, so if you haven't received it by Wednesday morning, please reach out to the office, and we'll make sure you get a copy.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up next Thursday evening and Friday morning, so please be sure to book a time with your child's teacher.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Nov 12th - Progress and Initial Observation Reports go home
- Nov 14th - Parent interviews in the evening
- November 15th - PA Day (no school for students) Parent interviews only in the morning
- November 21 - School Council Meeting (School Staffroom at 6 pm)
- Nov 26th - Photo Retake Day

School Council Meeting

School Council invites you to attend its second meeting of the year on Thursday, November 21st, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are warmly welcome to attend in person, as the online option is no longer being offered. Child care is available, with cheese pizza offered for the kids (please bring your water bottles).

Please [RSVP here](#) by Monday, November 18th, at 4 pm.

Please also feel free to reach out to bowmoresc@gmail.com with any questions.

Hope to see you at our meeting on November 21st.

Mike LeDrew and Randall Otulakowski

School Council Co-Chairs

Primary Chess Club: All students in Grades 1, 2, and 3 are welcome to join the primary chess club! It will be held in room 8 after students eat their lunch. Based on current high interest, there will be different start dates. Notices about the start date and time will be handed out to the students on Thursday, November 14th. (Mme Riddle, Ms. Rahbek and Mme Buchanan)

If you have any questions, please email **Mme. Riddle** (erin.riddle@tdsb.on.ca).

Order your Bowmore Hoodie - Available for a Limited Time



Bowmore hoodies are available for pre-order in Red or Black, in Youth and Adult Sizes. Hoodies are \$38 each (including tax) and must be ordered through School Cash Online by Friday, November 22nd. Hoodies will be distributed to students in December. *Note: Photos are for reference only to show the design and the colours; they are not the final product. For quality and size reference, they will be the same Gildan style used for past spirit wear hoodies.* If you have any questions, please email bowmorespiritwear@gmail.com.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.](#)

Any funds raised by Bowmore School Council through spiritwear orders will support various programs, events, activities and equipment to enrich students' education at all grade levels and across all disciplines.

Bowmore Cares Fundraiser: Support Students and Families in Need!

Dear Families,

The Bowmore Cares Committee is reaching out to you to help students and families in need, and we invite you to join us in making a difference. You can donate essential items like hats, socks, gloves, personal care items, and school supplies by placing them in the designated boxes located in the main lobby by the office. These boxes will be available during parent-teacher interviews on Thursday, November 14, and Friday, November 15.

Your donation can make a difference in the following way:

- Assisting with purchasing groceries and other food items.
- Purchasing of toiletries and personal care products.
- Providing warm clothing and shoes for students in the winter weather.
- Allocating funds for graduation tickets, field trips, apparel, and other school-related expenses.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can do so through our online school cash online. Simply visit

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/272745/153/False/True>

and follow the instructions. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated. If you find yourself in need of assistance at any point during the school year, do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Flegas, our Vice Principal, at konstantinos.flegas@tdsb.on.ca.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support our community!

ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (PA) DAY - November 15, 2024

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in several Professional Activity (PA) Days. These days, while students remain at home, are an opportunity for our staff to engage in professional learning or communication with parents through parent-teacher conferences, which directly impacts and enhances student learning.

As per the Ministry of Education's [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 151](#), *Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities*, school boards must designate three Ministry-mandated PA Days. This year, these PA days will focus on the priority areas of Literacy, Mathematics, Curriculum Implementation, Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention. Staff active participation these days is crucial in achieving the TDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan priorities.

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Target Audience: All Staff – Elementary

Topic: PA Day- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Length: Full Day (In Person)

Facilitator(s): School-Based Staff

Description: Parent-teacher conferences are held to facilitate communication and collaboration between parents or guardians and teachers. The primary purpose of these conferences is to discuss a student's academic progress, social development, and overall well-being. They provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to exchange information, celebrate successes, share concerns, and work together in the best interests of the student.

Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of November 11, 2024)

Monday	Rice Cakes
Tuesday	Apples
Wednesday	Banana Oat Bar
Thursday	Cheerios
Friday	PA Day

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Pizza Lunch

The next pizza lunch is on Friday, November 22. Ordering is open NOW and will close at noon on Sunday, November 17. Order early to avoid any last-minute issues!

For more information on how to order, please see the Pizza Lunch FAQ document on the school website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch>

Remembrance Day Committee

Dear Families,

For our Remembrance Day Assembly, we are creating a montage of photos of family members related to staff and students who served in the military. We are asking that any families from students in Grades 6-8 who have a family member who served, you are welcome to send a photo to Mr. Sekdorian to be included in our Remembrance Day assembly. Please note, if you have previously sent a photo in previous years, it will already be included (do not resend)

Please include the following:

- The photo should be a JPEG.
- The Subject line should read: Remembrance Day Photo.
- The email should include the name of the student and what grade they are in.

*The email should include the name of the family member along with what war/regiment/role they had

*send the above to raffi.sekdorian@tdsb.on.ca

Photos are due no later than noon on Sunday, November 3rd.

All of our students will be participating in **Remembrance Day ceremonies on Monday, November 11th**. We encourage students to dress in black and red, or if they participate in Guides/Scouts, they are welcome to wear their uniforms. Our local legion has donated poppies for each student. On Monday, November 11th, if you are able, please send your child with a small donation (e.g. one loonie), which will all be given to support our veterans through the RCL Legion branch 142.

Kind Regards,

The Remembrance Day Committee

Grade 8 to 9 transition

A smooth transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 contributes to a strong foundation for success in secondary school and beyond. Grade 8 is a time for students to look to the future and begin thinking about their selection of courses for Grade 9 and throughout high school. The information and links below will assist Grade 8 students and families in planning:

- [Open Houses and Information Sessions](#)
- [TDSB Beyond 8 website](#)
- [Out-of-Area Admissions](#)
- [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#)
- [Central Student Interest Programs website](#)

Please note: There is a 'Translate' button at the top of the TDSB website that will translate the contents of the web pages to your preferred language.

Digital Media Literacy
Wednesday, November 20th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Via Zoom

Join Trustee Sara Ehrhardt and Trustee Michelle Aarts for a special virtual ward forum. It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and an increase in hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, have made it even harder. This virtual workshop, led by CIVIX, is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for spotting misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI. All parents/ guardians/ caregivers, students, staff, and members of school communities in Toronto-Danforth and Beaches-East York are welcome to attend.

Link to fleyer:

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/ward16/docs/2024%2011%2020%20W15%2616%20Joint%20Forum%20S_%20Ehrhardt%20M_Aarts.pdf

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Trustee Michelle Aarts
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Toy Drive

Please join us on November 16th for the 4th annual Bowmore Unity Toy Drive! We will be on the school pavement from 11 am - 1 pm, accepting toys, books, games and stuffed animals that will be donated to Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre. Every year around the holiday season, Council Fire distributes gifts to Indigenous families in need all over the city, and our donations have helped hundreds of families receive gifts.

Join us anytime between 11 am -1 pm and drop off a new, unwrapped gift and help spread joy this holiday season. We are accepting gifts for children of all ages, and we look forward to seeing you there!

You can contact Graham Seater at graham.seater@tdsb.on.ca if you'd like more information. Use the link to access the poster. [Toy Drive](#)

