

# BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN

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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

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. It's wonderful to see our school community re-energized and ready for the months ahead.

As the colder weather settles in, we want to remind families to ensure students are dressed appropriately for the temperatures. Warm jackets, hats, mittens, and boots are essential for staying comfortable and safe during outdoor activities.

We're also excited that the ice rinks on the field are ready to enjoy after school hours! Please note that for safety reasons, the rinks are not to be used during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Here's to a great start to the new year!

## Upcoming Important Dates

- January 17 – PA Day (no school for students)
- February 11 - Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- February 13 - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- February 14 - PA Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews AM Only - No school for students)
- February 17 - Provincial Family Day (No school for students)



## **ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (PA) DAY: January 17, 2025**

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in several Professional Activity (PA) Days. On these days, while students remain at home, there is 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. Active staff participation on these days is crucial to achieving the TDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan priorities.

### **Friday, January 17- Elementary Assessment and Reporting**

**Length:** Full Day (in-person and remote options)

**Description:** Elementary teachers will be engaged in Assessment and Reporting activities.

## **Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of January 13, 2025)**

Jan 13 - Jan 16	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jungle Crackers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apples</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Banana Oat Bar</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Waffle Crisps</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>

The Nutrition Team: [bowmoresnack@gmail.com](mailto:bowmoresnack@gmail.com)

### **Pizza Lunch**

**Reminder:** Our next pizza lunch is on **Friday, January 24th**. Ordering is open now on Lunchbox and will close at noon on Sunday, January 19th.

We will be offering pizza lunch every third Friday (Thursday if there is a PA day or holiday on Friday). Ordering is open now for the following dates:

Friday, January 24

Thursday, February 13 (Friday is a PA day)

Friday, March 7  
Friday, March 28  
Thursday, April 17 (Friday is a holiday)  
Friday, May 9  
Friday, May 30  
Friday, June 20

For more information on pizza lunch and how to order, please visit the school website at:  
<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch>

## **Beyond Grade 8**

Visit the Grade 8-9 web page for additional information: [Family Resources](#)

### **FEBRUARY 5 – 27, 2025 - Grade 8 Course Selection**

Grade 8 Course Selection Opens (centrally by myBlueprint) - students can submit course selections, including schools applied for, through the Out-of-Area process. More details to follow after the holidays.

- A. Secondary Schools Without a Boundary - Online application from January 6 to January 24, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Schools-Without-a-Boundary>

The application for SSWAB can be found within the [Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions](#) application.

- B. Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions - Online application from January 6 to January 24, 2025 at 4 p.m. [Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions](#)**

## **New Transitions Websites for Families**

The [TDSB Transition Support website for families](#) is a new resource designed to assist families (and educators) in navigating key transitions throughout a student's educational journey, from Kindergarten to Post-21. These user-friendly platforms offer valuable tools, information, and support tailored to ensure smooth transitions for all students, including those with disabilities and special education needs. Whether transitioning to a new grade, moving to a different school, or preparing for life beyond secondary education, the website provides practical resources and guidance to help educators and families plan effectively and make informed decisions. Please share these resources with staff and families.

## **The ABC's of Literacy**

This virtual workshop is focused on the Ontario Literacy Curriculum. The session is an opportunity for Black families and families raising Black students in Grades 1- 8 at the TDSB to deepen their understanding and build their capacity on literacy skills. Practical resources and tools will be shared by educators to support Black children in both school and at home.

Date: January 28, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: virtual (register to receive link)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/abcliteracy25>

[View flyer here](#)

### **Day of Action Against Islamophobia: Author & Illustrator Talk for The Boldest White**

In honour of the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, the Equity, Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Department and Islamic Heritage Month Committee invite grade K-6 classes to a book talk.

Date & times: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Community session (K-6 students, their parents/caregivers, families, and community)

Registration link for parents and caregivers for a community evening session:

<https://bit.ly/Jan292025DayofAction>

Hatem Aly, renowned illustrator of *The Proudest Blue* and many other celebrated children's books, will engage TDSB students in an interactive storytelling session focused on his newest book, *The Boldest White: A Story of Hijab and Community*. This inspiring picture book, co-written by S.K. Ali and Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad, explores themes of courage, belonging and community.

### **Equity and Belonging Begins at Home with Dr. Andrew B. Campbell (Dr. ABC)**

In this session, Dr. Andrew B. Campbell explores how caregivers and community members can disrupt discrimination to promote hope, foster healing and inspire joyful learning. Through stories and tangible strategies, participants will be guided to confront racism and disrupt discrimination to deepen their understanding of social justice, diversity, and equity.

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (virtual)

Location: virtual (register to receive link)

Caregiver and Community Webinar Registration link: <https://bit.ly/CEBSA-ABC>