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

Dear Bowmore Families,

We are thrilled to welcome our dedicated School Council representatives. Their commitment to student success helps us create a vibrant and welcoming school community. Their support is truly appreciated. Please see their message below.

Exciting times are ahead for our Grade 8 students as they begin selecting their high school courses. We encourage the Grade 8 families to engage in conversations with their children about their choices. A few useful links:

- Explore the courses offered at your school
- Grade 8 to 9 Transition

Monday, February 17, is Family Day, and there will be no school. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved long weekend filled with rest and quality time with loved ones.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support in making Bowmore a wonderful place for learning and growth.

Warm regards, Ira, Jacquie, Kosta

Upcoming Important Dates

- February 17 Provincial Family Day (No school for students)
- February 19 Grade 7 open house (Flyer)
- February 24 Grade 5 Ski trip
- Mar 10-14: March Break

School Council Community Update

We wanted to properly introduce ourselves - we are your school council representatives.

Moving forward, we will use this section of the weekly bulletin to keep you up to date on all activities and funds raised to help our kids and community stay connected, engaged and enriched.

Let's start with a huge thank you for your continued support!

The funds we raised last year (the 2023/2024 school year) are being put towards incredible initiatives this year, such as:

- Author visits in the library
- Science in the Classroom
- Coding supplies
- Live Different
- Our Grade 8 graduation
- Various clubs
- New sporting equipment and a tent, both with our Bowmore logo, for our teams competing against other schools.
- We also donate funds anonymously to a less fortunate school community, helping them engage their community and enrich their students' education.

...and so much more!

Our budget for the 2024/2025 school year was \$35,530 - made possible by the fundraising efforts of our amazing community. We truly could not have done it without you—thank you!

We also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on where we stand so far this year. Funds raised this school year will go toward next year's budget (2025 / 2026 school year). Our September carnival, our first major fundraiser of the year, raised approximately \$14,000 after expenses. Additionally, our pizza lunch program continues to be a vital fundraiser, and to date we have raised approximately \$5,000 for next year through pizza lunch.

We will continue to keep you updated each week on upcoming events, recent milestones, announcements, or important reminders.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at: bowmoresc@gmail.com

All are also warmly invited to attend our next council meeting on Tuesday, March 4 from 6:00 to 7:30pm in person at the school in the staffroom. Childcare is offered on site and pizza is provided both for adults and children in attendance. Please RSVP <u>here</u> if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there!

Your support makes a real difference in enhancing our children's school experience. We are grateful for this incredible community and look forward to everything we can continue to accomplish together!

Your Bowmore School Council

Pizza Lunch Fundraiser Update

Ordering is open now on Lunchbox for our next pizza lunch fundraiser on Friday, March 4.

For those who ordered pizza for Thursday, February 13, you will see a credit on your Lunchbox account for the pizza lunch cancellation due to the boardwide snow day. If you do not see the credit, please reach out to Lunchbox support for assistance: info@lunchboxorders.com

For more information on our pizza lunches, please visit the school website: https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch

Library

Dear Families,

Read-A-Thon: We are halfway through our Read-A-Thon. Hundreds of "Caught You Reading" golden tickets have been given out for a chance for students to win prizes. Draws for the golden ticket will happen weekly. To celebrate the end of the Read-A-Thon, we would like a spirit day... **Dress up as your favourite book character/author on Friday, February 28th.** All bookmarks and tracking sheets are due in the library by Monday, March 3rd. The #shelfies will help calculate the winners and runner-ups and will be announced by the end of that week.

Used Book Sale: The #Shelfies have hosted a used book sale every spring. We will do so again this June. If you have books in excellent Used Condition, that are no longer loved at home, consider donating them to our sale. We will also sell used puzzles and board games. All money raised goes directly back into the library. You are welcome to send in books/puzzles/games anytime. More details of the sale will come closer to the spring.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Reading, Leah

Bowmore Nutrition Program Feb 17 - Feb 21

Monday HOLIDAY

Tuesday Applesauce

Wednesday Tangerines/Bananas

Thursday Cheesestrings + Crackers

Friday Cheerios

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