# **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 excited to share some wonderful highlights from our school community! This week, our junior students had the opportunity to engage in the democratic process by participating in Student Vote Ontario, learning firsthand about civic responsibility and the power of voting.

Additionally, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 enjoyed an incredible performance by Juno-nominated Will's Jams, who brought music and energy to our school with a bilingual concert celebrating the French language and culture.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a vibrant and engaging place for learning!

Warm regards,

Ira, Jacquie, Kosta

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- March 4, 2025 School Council Meeting
- March 7 Pizza Lunch Fundraiser
- Mar 10-14: March Break
- Apr 18 and 21: School closed for Good Friday / Easter Monday

#### **School Council Community Update**

A reminder that our next **school council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** 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 bring your own water bottle. Attending a council meeting is a great way to meet fellow parents and caregivers and to stay updated both on council and school initiatives. Please RSVP here if you are able to attend.

Topics to be discussed include:

- 1. Report on the engagement survey completed in December
- 2. Update from our engagement committee
- 3. Presentation on the Bowmore Cares Fund
- 4. Amendments to the School Council budget for 2024-25
- 5. Updates from the library
- 6. Updates from our admin team

We hope to see you there!

# **Pizza Lunch Fundraiser Update**

This is the last chance to order pizza for our next **pizza lunch fundraiser on Friday, March 7**. Ordering closes at noon on Sunday.

For more information on our pizza lunches, please visit the school website:

https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch

Bowmore School Council
<a href="https://www.bowmoresc.com">www.bowmoresc.com</a>
<a href="mailto:facebook.com/BowmoreSC/">facebook.com/BowmoreSC/</a>

# **Bowmore Nutrition Program**

	Mar 3 - Mar 7
Monday	Rice Cakes
Tuesday	Tangerines/Bananas/Apples
Wednesday	Banana Oat Bar
Thursday	Cheesestrings + Crackers
Friday	Leftover Item

The Nutrition Team: <a href="mailto:bowmoresnack@gmail.com">bowmoresnack@gmail.com</a>

#### **DPA sports equipment drive**

#### **DPA Equipment Drive:**

To help restore/restock/replenish DPA bags, the Bowmore School Council is holding a sports equipment/outdoor activity items drive.

We have polled Bowmore's teachers to determine which items are needed by age division so we know exactly what we need. The needs of the kindies are different from the juniors to the seniors, etc.

Timeline: Start your Spring cleaning!

- Item donations drop off in the main lobby (Monday, March 17th Friday, March 21)
- Cash online donations (Monday, March 31 until we have reached our total)

If you have any connections to organizations who may wish to donate items to our drive, please reach out to bowmoresc@gmail.com

## What is a DPA Bag:

DPA Bags are essentially large mesh bags containing age-related outdoor activity items (i.e. soccer balls, hula hoops, baseball mitts, volleyballs, etc.). Over time, equipment is damaged due to wear and tear or lost, thus depleting the activities available to the kids during this time.

### The drive will happen in two phases:

#### Phase 1: Donations of gently used items

We are looking for community donations of gently used/like new items from the list below. This is a way to reduce environmental impact by reusing existing items like those frisbees and balls that aren't getting any love at home. It also allows us to reduce the overall financial cost of this initiative.

### Phase 2: Cash online donations

School Council will assess the physical item donations and compare them to school needs and determine how much is left to purchase. We will use targeted fundraising to the amount needed via cash online to purchase the remaining items.

Full list of needed items:

#### **Kindies**

2 sets of outdoor blocks (mega blocks or similar)
Mud kitchen supplies (old pots/pans/utensils/pasta strainer/baking pans)
Sandbox items (shovels, rakes, pails)
2 large outdoor storage bins
12 soccer balls / 24 rubber utility balls / 6 hand pumps

# Primary (1-3)

Skipping ropes (short and long)

- 36 hula hoops
- 12 volleyballs / 12 soccer balls
- 12 basketballs (small size)
- 36 frisbees
- 48 sets of scoops/wiffle balls
- 36 small baseball mitts
- 12 hand pumps

#### **Junior (4-6)**

- 100 pylons
- 55 skipping ropes
- 22 frisbees
- 11 basketballs / 11 volleyballs / 11 soccer balls / 33 softballs
- 22 beanbags
- 55 hula hoops
- 110 pinnies
- 22 gator balls
- 33 tennis balls / 22 footballs
- 11 hand pumps

### Senior (7-8)

- 100 pylons
- 22 frisbees
- 22 basketballs / 22 volleyballs / 22 soccer balls
- 22 rugby balls / 22 footballs
- 14 hand pumps

#### Library

# Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm for this year's Read-A-Thon. All tracking sheets and bookmark decorating templates are due in the library by Monday, March 3rd. The #Shelfies will help with all the calculations/judging and we hope to announce the winners before the end of the week. All submitted bookmarks will be proudly displayed in the library for everyone to enjoy.

This Friday, Feb. 28th, we are ending the Read-A-Thon with a fun 'Dress up as your favourite book Character" Day.... keep it simple and fun.

Hundreds of Golden Tickets have been given out when kids were "caught reading" and on Friday, our last 25 names will be pulled from the draw for prizes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Jarvis and the #Shelfies