

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/>

Bowmore School Council: www.bowmoresc.com and facebook.com/BowmoreSC/

Principal's Message

Dear Bowmore Families,

Thank you all for the warm welcome and support as I completed my first week as Acting Principal at Bowmore. I'm excited to step into this role and look forward to continuing to work together to build a learning community where students, families, and staff feel seen, valued, and supported. Our shared goal is to create a school environment where every student can achieve, thrive, and be happy because they feel a true sense of belonging. I look forward to our continued partnership in making that vision a reality. We hope to see you at our School Council meeting on Tuesday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Kosta, Jacquie & Lorraine

Upcoming Important Dates

- **April 8: School Council Meeting**
- **April 10th: IST meeting**
- **Apr 18th and 21st: School closed for Good Friday / Easter Monday**
- **April 22nd: SST meeting**
- **April 23rd: Dental screening starts**

Sports Update

- Monday April 7th: Track and Field (Sprinting) @ 8 am
- Tuesday April 8th: Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am/ Indoor Cricket Grade 5-6 & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am
- Wednesday April 9th: Co-Ed Volleyball practice @ 8 am & Track and Field (Sprinting) @ 8 am
- Thursday April 10th: Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am & Track and Field practice @ 8 am & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am
- Friday April 11th: Track and Field (Relays) @ 8 am

Bowmore Nutrition Program

April 7th - April 11th

Monday	Gold Fish
Tuesday	Tangerines/Bananas
Wednesday	Scones
Thursday	Cheese and Crackers
Friday	Apple Sauce

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

International Day of Pink

On Wednesday, April 9, we recognize International Day of Pink. This is a day to stand against bullying, discrimination, homophobia, and transphobia. Students are encouraged to wear pink to show their support. This year's theme, RE-EMERGENCE, honors the 35th anniversary of the term "Two Spirit," first coined at the 3rd Annual Intertribal Native America First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference in Winnipeg, (1990).

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Learning and engagement sessions continue to be made available for both staff and families, providing valuable opportunities to explore inclusive and anti-ableist practices and implement concrete strategies in the classroom and at home. These sessions are designed to support student achievement and well-being. Please click this [link](#) to access the sessions being offered.

Life After High School Toolkit

The [TDSB Beyond High School Toolkit](#) includes specialized resources for families supporting children with Physical Disabilities (PD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) as they transition beyond high school. It provides guidance on post-secondary education, employment opportunities, community programs, financial planning, and supported living options. The toolkit helps families navigate essential services, access funding supports, and explore individualized pathways to ensure a smooth and meaningful transition into adulthood. Please see the [link](#) to the Word version. Please share these toolkit links with your school community.

School Council Meeting - April 8 at 6:00pm

A friendly reminder that our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the school staffroom. Doors will open early at 5:30pm for pizza, drinks and time to socialize. Childcare is available on site and pizza is also provided for the children. Please bring your own water bottles. Please RSVP [here](#) if you are able to attend so that we can be sure to have enough pizza for everyone. We are pleased to welcome Anastasia Poulis, our Superintendent, and Bruno Berto, Caring and Safe Schools Centrally Assigned Principal, to our meeting. Topics to be discussed include Caring and Safe Schools work at Bowmore, a presentation on the Bowmore Cares fund, and updates from numerous Council committees.

Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

Our next pizza lunch is on Thursday, April 17. Please note this date is a Thursday due to the long weekend. Ordering is open now on Lunchbox. For more information on pizza lunch please visit the school website. If you would like to volunteer to help on pizza day, please email bowmoresc@gmail.com. The time commitment is approximately 45 minutes from 11:15am to noon.

Bowmore Carnival is back: Thursday September 25th 2025.

Save the date and, even better, **JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE!** Below you will see open Planning committee roles, including the tasks and time commitment. We hope you can join us! Carnival is a highlight of the year, bringing together our community for an afternoon of fun-filled activities, games, food, and entertainment. It is also a core fundraiser for the school council funding activities ranging from STEM to the arts, enriching the student experience at Bowmore. Planning kicks off in April, breaks for the summer and ramps back up in September. To make this event a success, we need volunteers like you. Currently we are looking for volunteers to **lead specific parts of carnival:**

Volunteer Coordinator: 1-2 people

Sept. 2025 – busiest period is the three weeks before carnival with about 10-15 hours per week.

- Recruit High-school volunteers (through guidance departments- templates exists)
- Recruit parent volunteers (contact list provided)
- Building the volunteer schedule (template exists)
- Communicating with the volunteers - roles, expectations etc.

All templates, email drafts and contact lists exist for this role. The volunteer coordinator(s) will be supported by Jess (current co-chair) who has done this role for the last two years.

Book Nook: 1-2 people

Intermittent prepwork this school year and 2-3 hours per week in September

- Solicit parent donations of gently used books
- Create a Book Nook 'Store' at the event
- Create a cozy reading zone
- Set up station and oversee the team of volunteers day of
- Oversee teardown at end of event

NEW IDEA??

If you have a NEW idea that we haven't done before and that you are willing to run as a station lead, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at bowmorecarnival@gmail.com to get involved!

DPA Sports Drive Update

Thank you to all the families that donated gently used sporting goods for our DPA Bag Drive! We are currently in the process of matching what we received to our needs before shifting to a fundraising drive to supplement the DPA bags. We will share a School Cash Online donation link in the coming weeks. If you know of any companies that would be willing to donate items or funds, or offer us a discount to purchase in bulk, please reach out to bowmorec@gmail.com.

Grad Committee: A Huge Thank You to Our Bowmore Community!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible Bowmore Community for making the Grad Committee's Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser a massive success! We are thrilled to share that we raised nearly \$2300, which will go towards supporting Graduation initiatives and assisting our graduating students in need through the Bowmore Cares Program. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated. Thank you for helping make this happen!

Purdy's Chocolate Order Pick-Up Info

Purdy's Chocolate orders will be available for pickup on Monday, April 14th and Tuesday, April 15th in the Bowmore lobby from 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Grad Committee at bowmoregrad2025@gmail.com