

# 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.bowmoreesc.com](http://www.bowmoreesc.com) and [facebook.com/BowmoreSC/](https://facebook.com/BowmoreSC/)

## Principal's Message

Dear Bowmore Families,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Tuesday's School Council meeting. Your presence and active participation were deeply appreciated. The sincere and thoughtful conversation we shared about building a safe and welcoming environment at Bowmore left us feeling hopeful and energized. It was clear that we are united by a shared commitment to creating a school where every student, family, and staff member feels valued, supported, and seen. As we move forward together, and in the spirit of transparency and accountability, we will begin including a Caring and Safe Schools section in our newsletter. This space will be dedicated to updates on safety, equity, and well-being initiatives across our school.

If you haven't had a chance yet, I encourage you to visit our school website to review our revised Code of Conduct, which will be shared with students next week. Your feedback is always welcome. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, suggestions, or concerns.

Finally, with the Grade 8 Graduation trip finalized and many exciting events and field trips being planned across the school, we kindly ask families to consider supporting our [Bowmore Cares Fund](#). This fund helps ensure that all students can fully participate in school activities, regardless of financial circumstances. Your support makes a meaningful difference in building an inclusive and joyful school experience for every child.

You can donate here: <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/272745/153/False/True>

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Kosta, Jacquie & Lorraine

### Upcoming Important Dates

- **April 17th: Pizza Lunch**
- **April 18th and 21st: School closed for Good Friday / Easter Monday**
- **April 22: SST meeting**
- **April 23rd-May 5th: Dental screening starts**

### Sports Update

- Monday April 14th: Track and Field (Sprinting) @ 8 am & Jr. Girls' Slo Pitch tryouts @ 8 am
- Tuesday April 15th: Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am/ Indoor Cricket Grade 5-6 & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am
- Wednesday April 16th: Co-Ed Volleyball practice @ 8 am & Track and Field (Sprinting) @ 8 am & Jr. Girls Slo Pitch tryouts 3:45 pm -5:00 pm
- Thursday April 17th: Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am & Track and Field practice @ 8 am & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am & Sr Boys Slo Pitch tryouts at 3:45 pm-5:00 pm
- Friday April 18th: Good Friday - No school
- Monday April 21st: Easter Monday - No school

### Caring and Safe Committee Updates

- We wanted to introduce our 2 hall monitors who support the Junior/Intermediate building: Brandon Scattery and Christopher Stathouses.
- Assemblies related to the new Code of Conduct will be held on **Monday, April 14th 2025** in the morning (Junior and Intermediate classes) and **Tuesday, April 15th 2025** in the morning (Kindergarten and Primary classes).
- Code of Conduct posters will be presented at the assemblies and be visible throughout the school hallways and classrooms in English, French and Anishinaabemowin.
- Curriculum connection of the Code of Conduct will be explored in Health (D strand: Making Healthy Choices), Drama (B strand: Creating and Presenting) & Dance (A strand: Creating and Presenting) and Language (A strand: Digital Media Literacy & B strand: Language Foundations for Reading and Writing - Vocabulary)
- To build capacity among the Grade 6 students, we will be training 20 students with one lead teacher and our school nurse (Sara Pineda) on the PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools). The program is a student-led peer leadership program in elementary school that aims to foster a sense of belonging, inclusion, and physical activity by training students to plan and lead fun and safe activities on the playground during breaks. They will be trained on **Friday April 25th 2025** for the entire morning.

### Bowmore Nutrition Program

April 14th - April 17th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Waffle crisp</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apples</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Muffins</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Belly Bears</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday - No school</b>

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

### **Black Student Alliance BSA**

In an effort to raise money to bring African Drumming workshops to every student this May, Bowmore's Black Student Alliance is hosting a Springtime Lunch Counter on Friday, April 2,5 in the main office hallway. The BSA is selling Jamaican and Haitian patties, as well as Trinidad Doubles. Menu items cost \$6 with a drink and additional items for \$4 each. Bowmore staff and students can pre-order menu items using a Google form link distributed by their homeroom teacher.

Your support is much appreciated.

Bowmore's Black Student Alliance

### **Indigenous Education: Bowmore Books & Brilliance – Lunchtime Literacy Wrap-Up!**

Our Bowmore Books & Brilliance lunchtime reading group wrapped up for the year on April 3rd. This joyful literacy initiative was led by our UIEC partners in collaboration with Bowmore staff. Together, we created a welcoming space for students to engage deeply with the book I Am a Rock. Each session included interactive activities, thought-provoking discussions, and creative prompts that helped students explore themes of identity, resilience, and community, all while building a love of reading. To help extend this learning into classrooms, the team created a blog that highlights the lessons, prompts, and curriculum connections. <https://bowmoresbooksandbrilliance.blogspot.com/>

Thank you to our UIEC partners and everyone who supported this project. We're excited to see how this literacy spark continues to grow at Bowmore!

### **School Council Messages**

#### **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](mailto:bowmoresc@gmail.com). The time commitment is approximately 45 minutes from 11:15 am to noon.

#### **Bowmore Carnival is back: Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 [bowmoesc@gmail.com](mailto:bowmoesc@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](mailto:bowmoregrad2025@gmail.com)

### **Library**

#### **Used Book Sale**

Bowmore will hold its annual Used Book Sale during the week of June 9-13. We are accepting donations of gently used books, puzzles and games. All donations can be brought to the library or the office. All funds raised will go to support our beautiful library. If you have any questions, please ask Leah Jarvis [leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca).

#### **Forest of Reading**

All primary classes and our two book clubs, Silver Birch and Red Maple will vote on World Book day, April 23rd, for their favourite Forest of Reading Book. Students are excited to see which books will be voted the favourite. The two book clubs will attend the Festival in May to meet the authors and hear the winners announced. Take a look at our Forest of Reading tree... each leaf represents a book read! That's a lot of books!

#### **Poetry Hits the Library**

For the month of April (Poetry Month) there are going to be Haikus around the library and students will see if they can guess the book. Can you do it?

Try these:

**A Caterpillar's  
insatiable appetite  
helps him grow his wings**

**Two amphibious  
Friends hop through their adventures  
In tiny sportcoats**

Maybe you want to write one and send it to the library. There will be a box on the circulation desk. Include your child's name, and they'll have a chance to win a prize! Have fun!  
Happy Reading, Bowmore! Ms. Jarvis

