

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,

This week, we want to focus on school safety and how we address issues of racism and hate speech. Recently, we discovered very offensive and hateful graffiti on one of our exterior walls. At Bowmore, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all students, and we have already taken steps to address the incident. In April, we also met with our Caring and Safe Schools Committee to further strengthen our efforts in creating a safe and welcoming environment, and we will be meeting frequently to ensure every student feels valued and supported.

We encourage families to have ongoing conversations at home about the importance of kindness, respect, and the impact of our words on others. Additionally, we want to remind students that if they ever witness hate speech or any harmful behaviour, they should always inform an adult and reach out for support. It's important for all of us to work together to ensure that Bowmore remains a place where everyone feels safe and welcome. If students need help, our school social worker and staff are here to support them. Your voice matters, and we encourage you to reach out anytime you have any questions or concerns. We value our partnership with you in making Bowmore a place where every student can be happy and thrive.

For more information about how we handle incidents of hate, racism and discrimination, please refer to PR728 on our website. In short, when an incident occurs, we follow these steps:

- Ensure Safety & Well-being of Students and Staff
- Investigate, Debrief and Document
- Notify TDSB's Caring & Safe Schools Department and the Superintendent
- Inform Police and Allow for Evidence Collection
- Communicate Internally with Various Departments (Human Rights Office, Equity Department, etc)
- Engage the School Community Appropriately
- Collaborate on Education and Prevention (e.g., Combatting Hate and Racism workshop for staff on May 12, and Equity Coaches will be visiting Bowmore on May 13 to work with several staff members)

We hope this message answers some of your questions about this critical issue. Hate has no place at Bowmore, and we look forward to working together with all of you to foster a supportive and inclusive community. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kosta and Jacquie

Upcoming Important Dates

- [Jewish](#) & [Asian Heritage Month](#) (May)
- May 13th: Bowmapalooza 2025 at 7 pm (Senior Gym)
- May 15th: SST meeting
- May 15th: Grade 7 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
- May 16th: Jump Rope for Life Assembly for K-3 and Grade 4-6
- May 19th: Victoria Day (no school)
- May 22nd: Spring Concert (Jr. classes and 3/4 class) @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- May 29th: Jump Rope School-Wide event

Sports Update

- **Monday, May 5th:** Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am/ Indoor Cricket Grade 5-6 & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am
- **Tuesday May 6th:** Sports: Coed volleyball practice @ 8 am/ Indoor Cricket Grade 5-6 & Track and Field (Distances and Standing Jump) @ 8 am
- **Wednesday May 7th:** Co-Ed Volleyball practice @ 8 am & Track and Field (Sprinting) @ 8 am & Jr. Girls Slo Pitch tryouts 3:45 pm -5:00 pm
- **Thursday, May 8th:** 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, May 9th:** Track and Fields (Relays) @ 8 am & Jr. Girls' Slo Pitch tryouts @ 3:45 pm -5:00 pm

Caring and Safe Committee Updates

- The Admin Team has ordered and created a sign-out system for classroom use to help monitor student movement.
- The Admin Team has also ordered hall passes for each classroom.
- **Newly Developed** [Personal Use of Mobile Device in Schools Policy \(P106\)](#)

On April 22, 2025, the Board approved the newly developed Personal Mobile Device Use in Schools Policy (P106).

The newly developed Personal Mobile Device in Schools Policy (P106) (the "Policy") was developed in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Trustees of January 31, 2024. The Policy outlines requirements for the appropriate use of Personal Mobile Devices by students, staff and other members of the TDSB School Community at schools; advances a conducive learning environment and promote responsible Digital Citizenship; and aims to reduce negative impacts of excessive screen time and social media use on students' achievement, well-being, and mental health.

The Policy also supports implementation of the Ministry of Education's Policy / Program Memorandum No. 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct (PPM No. 128) and is aligned with TDSB's policies and procedures, including but not limited to: the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources (P088), the Communications Policy (P104), the Caring and Safe Schools Policy (P051), the Equity Policy (P037), and the Human Rights Policy (P031). For more information on the newly developed Policy, please see [here](#).

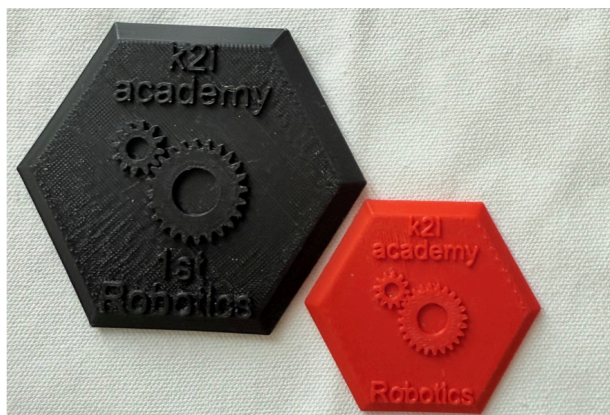
Bowmore Nutrition Program

May 5th-9th

Monday	Breton Bites
Tuesday	Apples
Wednesday	Scones
Thursday	Yogurt Tubes
Friday	Animal Crackers

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Congratulations to Our Robotics Champions!



This past Saturday, Isabelle Salkauskis and Katerina Papadeas, along with two teammates, earned 1st place at the *Robotics Showdown* hosted by the K2i Academy at York University!

The team impressed judges with their creativity, engineering design, coding skills, and teamwork. Their robot successfully completed a complex task, earning them 3D-printed first-place badges and a well-deserved win.

We're proud of their leadership, innovation, and passion for STEM. Way to go, team Bowmore!

Library - Used Book Sale

Toronto Public Library Visits

This week our Grade 4 students met our outreach librarian from the Gerrard Ashdale library. She spoke about all the amazing programs they have to offer such as free tutoring, Stem experiences and of course millions of resources at our fingertips. Please consider visiting any local public library to get your free library card. Check out [Programs, Classes & Exhibits : Toronto Public Library](#)



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Used Book Sale

We are gearing up for our annual Used Book Sale. Thank you for all the amazing donations so far. **We are still collecting gently used books (Primary to Adult), puzzles and games to be used in our book sale.** Donations can be dropped off at the office or brought directly to the library. Classes will be scheduled to visit the sale throughout the week or families can visit during the extended hours. It will be CASH only and items will be priced very reasonably. All money raised will go to support our library (e.g. more bean bag chairs, chess tables, puzzles, puppets, games, books etc)

Used Book Sale Hours- mark your calendars

Mon, June 9 - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Tue, June 10- 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Wed, Jun 11- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Thu, June 12 - 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Fri, June 13th - 8:30 to 1:00 PM

If you have any questions or if you are able to volunteer for the Used Book Sale, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Jarvis at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca
Happy Reading, Bowmore!

Bowmore School Council

1. Next School Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Please save the date for our next council meeting on Tuesday, May 6! You can RSVP for the meeting [here](#). The agenda will include a presentation on Bowmore Cares, updates from admin on Safe and Caring Schools, various committee updates and opportunities to be involved in council next year.

2. Next Pizza Lunch Fundraiser - Friday, May 9, 2025

Ordering is open now for our next pizza lunch on Friday, May 9. Ordering closes at noon on Sunday, May 4.

3. Chip Wednesdays and Freezie Fridays are back!

Order Deadline is Wednesday, May 7. Place your order through School Cash Online. For the last three Wednesdays in May, students who pre-order and participate in Chip Wednesdays will receive a personal size bag of chips delivered to their classroom. Price: \$6 includes all 3 dates: May 14, 21 & 28.

In June we will be running Freezie Friday's (and one Thursday). Students who pre-order and participate in Freezie Fridays will receive a jumbo-sized Freezie delivered to their classroom. Price: \$6 includes all 3 dates: June 5, 13 & 20.

This fundraising event is organized by the Grad Committee and funds raised will go towards supporting 2025 grad events. Financial assistance is available to all students if needed. Please contact Principal, Kosta Flegas (Konstantinos.Flegas@tdsb.on.ca) for more information.

4. GRAD HOODIES 2025!

Grade 8 Families: Order Deadline is Friday, May 9. Just a reminder that Grad hoodies must be pre-ordered through School Cash Online. This will be the only opportunity to purchase a grad hoodie for 2025.



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The hoodies will be available in adult sizes XS, S, M, L, XL. For sizing reference, they are the same Gildan style used for the Bowmore spirit-wear.

The hoodies will be \$32 each and available in black or red. The students will get them the first week of June.

Please remember that financial assistance is available for all Bowmore grad events and activities, including hoodies. Please contact Principal Kosta Flegas for more information (**Konstantinos.Flegas@tdsb.on.ca**)

TDSB Events

Graduation fair for students with disabilities and special needs - May 14th at Avondale PS.

Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/u/1/d/1ubzk-8z0fVqxoD_3Jx02KYE_AH9Vap99/view

BOWMAPALOOZA 2025

Grade 7 & 8 Talent Show and Music Night



TUESDAY MAY 13TH, 7PM

Please join us for an evening of music, dance and so much more!

Performances by our Concert Band, Senior Choir, grade 7 and 8 classes and many amazing individual performances!

Donations for our grade 7 and 8 arts programs will be accepted at the door