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/

Bowmore School Council website

Principal's Message

This week, we want to reflect on the **importance of joy and belonging**, two simple but powerful ideas that are at the heart of everything we do at Bowmore. When our students feel connected, supported, and celebrated, they shine, and it shows in their smiles, their confidence, and their willingness to take risks and try something new. We've seen this so clearly over the past two weeks. Bowmore has been full of energy, creativity, and so much heart. Our **Intermediate and Junior Talent Shows** allowed students to step into the spotlight and share their amazing talents, from singing and dancing to skits and more. It was a real celebration of who they are and what makes them special.

What made both events so memorable was the love and support from our whole school community. The gym was packed with students, families, and staff, all cheering each other on. It was such a warm, joyful atmosphere, you could feel how proud we all were of the students, and I know they felt it too. These moments remind us that Bowmore isn't just a school, it's a place where everyone belongs. It's a place where we lift each other up, and where every student is valued for who they are. Thank you to everyone who helped bring these beautiful events to life. They reminded us just how lucky we are to be part of this incredible community.

As we continue to learn together, it's also important to reinforce the message of respecting boundaries and personal space. Please talk with your children about the importance of keeping their hands off others at all times, even if someone says, "it's okay." Consent doesn't apply when it comes to behaviours that breach our TDSB Code of Conduct. Respecting our own bodies and those of others is a vital part of building a safe and inclusive school. For our older students, this respect also extends into the digital world. Conversations about boundaries include how we treat one another online and on social media. Let's keep working together to help our children build healthy, respectful relationships in all spaces, at school, at home, and online. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kosta, Jacquie, Andreya

Upcoming Important Dates

- Jewish & Asian Heritage Month (May)
- May 29th: Jump Rope School-Wide event
- May 29th: Grade 8 Grad Panoramic Photo Day (11:30 am)
- May 28th-June 10th: EQAO testing (Grade 3 and 6)
- June 6th: PA Day (No school)
- June 9th: Kindergarten Open House (4:30 pm 5:30 pm) Poster Link
- June 12th: Teacher Appreciation lunch
- June 23rd: Grad Trip to Niagara Falls
- June 25th: Grade 8 Graduation (Monarch Park Cl @ 1:00 pm)
- June 25th: Grade 8 Reception (Bowmore Road PS @ 3:00 pm Students only)
- June 27th: Last Day of School (Hooray! ¾)

June 6th PA Day - Elementary Assessment and Reporting

During the school year, TDSB school staff participate in several Professional Activity (PA) Days. On these days, while students remain at home, there is an opportunity for our staff to engage in professional learning or communication with parents through parent-teacher conferences, which directly impact and enhance student learning.

Target Audience: All Staff - Elementary **Topics:** Assessment and Reporting

Length: Full Day (in-person and virtual options)
Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School-Based Staff

Description: Elementary teachers will be engaged in Assessment and Reporting activities.

TDSB News

Explore TDSB's Assistive Technology Resources

We encourage families to visit the **TDSB Assistive Technology website** for helpful tools and tips that support student learning at home and school. This site offers videos, guides, and resources for using technology such as Google Read & Write, voice typing, and accessibility features that promote independence and success for all learners.

Visit the website here: https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbat/home

Sports Update

- Monday May 26th: Jr. Girls Slo Pitch Practice @ 8 am/ Track and Field Sprint 4x100m @ 8 am
- Tuesday May 27th: Track and Field (Throws, distances, 4X400m, Standing Jump) @ 8:00am/Grade 4-6 Slo Pitch Practice in the Baseball Diamond @ 3:45 pm
- Wednesday May 28th: Grade 4-6 Slo Pitch Practice in the Baseball Diamond @ 8 am/ Track and Field (Sprints & 4x100m) @ 8 am/ Jr. Girls Slo Pltch @ 3:45 pm -5:00 pm
- Thursday May 29th: Track and Field practice (Distance, 4 x400 m, Throws and Jump) @ 8 am
- Friday May 30th: Grade 4-6 Slo Pitch Practice @ 8 am/ Jr. Girls Slo Pitch tryouts @3:45 pm

Bowmore Nutrition Program

May 26th-30th

Monday **Rice Cakes**

Tuesday Apples

Wednesday **Banana Oat Bar**

Cheese Strings + Crackers Thursday

Friday **Popcorn**

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Bowmore School Council

1. Final Reminder to Order Pizza for Friday, May 30

Ordering is open now on Lunchbox for our next pizza lunch on Friday, May 30. Ordering will close at noon on Sunday. Our final pizza lunch of the year will be held on Friday, June 20.

With the end of the year coming, and more field trips and sporting events taking place, please be sure to cross reference your calendars and cancel your pizza orders for days when your student(s) won't be in school.

2. Council Funding Proposals for 2025-26

With the end of the school year approaching, School Council is turning their minds towards the 2025-26 school year. We would like to invite you to submit your proposals for items or projects you would like to see Council fund next year. The School Council budget is limited and it is essential that all proposals come with a person of responsibility who will be in charge of ensuring that the funds requested, if approved, are spent. The School Council Budget Committee will meet to consider proposals in June and voting to approve accepted proposals will take place early in the 2025-26 school year.

Please submit your proposal <u>here</u> before 5pm on Friday, May 30.

Any questions regarding the proposal form or budgeting process can be sent to bowmoresc@gmail.com.

Grad Committee

Smile—It's Grad Photo Time!

Dear Grade 8 Students, Families & Teachers,

We're excited to let you know that our Grade 8 Graduation Group Photo will be taken on Thursday, May 29th at 11:30 AM, outside on the field.

It's a chance to create a lasting memory from this final year at Bowmore. We hope all Grade 8 students and teachers can join us to celebrate the moment together.

Thank you for your continued support as we cheer on our amazing graduates.

Bowmore Graduation Committee

Clap Out - Tuesday, June 24

On Tuesday, June 24, we'll celebrate our amazing Grade 8 students with a special Clap Out! As they walk through the halls one final time, they'll be cheered on by students, staff, and families, applauding their hard work, growth, and all they've accomplished. It's a joyful Bowmore tradition that sends our grads off with love and pride as they take their next big step. We can't wait to cheer them on!

Grad Ceremony:

Join us as we celebrate the incredible achievements and bright futures of our Grade 8 graduates!

Date: June 25, 2025

Location: Monarch Park Secondary School

Time: 1:00pm

Who's Attending: Grade 8 Graduates, staff, parents/caregivers

This special afternoon will include the presentation of diplomas and awards and time to reconnect, reflect, and

say goodbye to the Bowmore community that has supported these students every step of the way.

Tickets available (More Details to follow)

**A professional photographer will be on hand to take a photo of your grad receiving their diploma.

Student Celebration:

Get ready for an unforgettable send-off as we roll out the red carpet for our amazing Grade 8 graduates!

Date: June 25, 2025

Location: Bowmore Road PS

Time: After the ceremony, roughly 3:30 – 5:30 PM **Who's Attending:** Grade 8 Graduates, staff, volunteers

Theme: Lights, Camera, Party!

Students will enjoy a high-energy, fun-filled event created just for our grads. From music and multimedia to games, photos, and food, this is more than a party. It's a rite of passage. A well-earned moment for students to laugh, bond, and say goodbye to Bowmore in their own way. Come dressed to impress and ready to make memories on the red carpet!