

# 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

It was great to see so many families at the carnival last night! A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who put in so much work to make it such a success. It's no small task, and everything came together perfectly. We were especially lucky that the rainy weather stayed away, making it a really enjoyable night for everyone.

As we wrap up reorganization, I want to take a moment to thank our teachers for their incredible efforts to ensure the moves were fair and thoughtful for all students. Change can be tough, but I'm truly impressed by how our staff worked together to make sure this transition was as smooth and positive as possible.

With that in mind, I'm excited to announce some permanent staff changes:

- **Room 2:** Ms. Delaney will be starting as the permanent teacher in Room 2 on Wednesday. She's joining us from Earl Beatty, where she taught French Immersion Kindergarten, and we're thrilled to have her at Bowmore.
- **Room 202:** While I know Room 2 families will miss Ms. Kapetanios, we're lucky to have her join the Bowmore junior division as the permanent Grade 5/6 teacher. She will be starting on Monday.
- **Room 206:** Ms. Courtice will be taking on the new Grade 7 class. She's already been working with our intermediate French students, so she's built strong connections with the Grade 7s, and I know she'll fit right in. She will also begin on Monday.

Thank you to all the families for your patience and understanding as we work through these changes and continue to settle into the school year.

Bruce

### **Bowmore Nutrition Program**

Dear Families,

**The snack program starts this Monday, Sept 30, 2024.**

- Mon - Breton Crackers
- Tues - Apples/Bananas
- Wed - Muffins
- Thurs - Cheese String
- Fri - Madegood Bars

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

### **\*NEW\* Direct to TFSS – Website Donation Procedure**

For donations made through the TFSS website for your school SNP:

Donations can be made to your SNP through the TFSS donation page here:

<https://tfss.ca/donate/schoolsites-snp>

1. Choose the option either one-time donation or recurring donation (this will recur indefinitely until notified)
2. Select your donation contribution
3. Choose the school from the drop down
4. Complete the donor information as this will be shown on the tax receipt
5. Once all is confirmed, “Give Securely” will prompt payment information
6. Enter payment information.

Thank you for supporting our nutrition program.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on Sept 30, 2024**

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions. During Truth and Reconciliation Week, which takes place this year between September 23-27, we encourage schools to participate in events offered by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died, many of them buried in

unmarked graves. This year, TDSB will honour Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 30th. Please see the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre's \(UIEC\) K-12 Orange Shirt Day Resources](#) and [a poster for distribution](#).

**Students are encouraged to wear Orange to commemorate this day.**

ON SATURDAY

WEAR ORANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN

SEPTEMBER  
**30**

**National Day  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation and  
Orange Shirt Day**

Saturday, September 30 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Orange Shirt Day and the third annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. This year, the TDSB will be honouring this day on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

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The poster features a blue background with a stylized black branch on the left side. The branch has several red buds and a large yellow flower with a red center. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the date and event title in large, bold fonts. The t-shirt image is positioned on the right side, showing the front of the garment with the 'EVERY CHILD MATTERS' slogan.

For more information, visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre website or check out the UIEC's K-12 [Orange Shirt Day activities and Orange Shirt Day Resource Package](#)



## **Terry Fox Run**

Dear Families,

On Thursday, October 10th, our students will be running to honour Canada's hero, Terry Fox. We will be holding a Toonie for Terry contest. From October 1st to October 10th, students are encouraged to bring in "toonies for Terry". The class with the most toonies will win a class Freezie party. You are welcome to come and cheer on our students on October 10th. The schedule is as follows:

FDK: 9:25-9:55

1-3: 9:55-10:25

4-6: 10:45-11:20

7-8: 11:20-12:00

Online donations are always welcome at

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/BowmorePSToronto>

Terry Fox T-shirts that were purchased will be delivered to students directly on Monday, October 7 and Tuesday October 8th.

Let's do it for Terry!

The Terry Fox Committee

## **Early Years Family Literacy Calendar 2024-2025**

Junior and Senior Kindergarten students are receiving an Early Years Family Literacy Calendar for the school year 2024-2025. This in support of the ACHIEVE strategic direction within the TDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. We encourage all families to engage in regular literacy-based activities at home. Last year, we launched literacy campaign's to support reading at home. We will run those again but this calendar provides support to families throughout the year. Enjoy!

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Multi-Year-Strategic-Plan>

## **Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement**

Please see the following upcoming opportunities for students, staff and community offered by the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

Black Student Leadership Course (CPC 301 Black Studies Course: Politics in Action)

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in partnership with award-winning actor, playwright, producer and author Trey Anthony will work alongside Black students in the Black Student Leadership Course (BSLC) focused on "How To Write Your First Play."

In accordance with the African oral tradition, the BSLC is designed to hone the writing skills of Black high school students. Students will develop a monologue, to discuss some aspects of their African/Black/Caribbean identity and address the needs expressed by students.

The engagement in the course is designed not only to provide information to students, but also to become co-creators in the narratives, meanings, and understandings that are brought to fruition in their final project.

Date: Saturdays from October 19, 2024 to May 24, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Hybrid (virtual and in-person\*) Synchronous

\*Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement (2239 Lawrence Ave E, Scarborough, ON M1P 2P7)

Important Dates:

Course application closes: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/yQxSET72sFQTpoLJA>

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Caton, Centrally Assigned Principal for the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement at [jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca) or Rukiya Mohamed, Program Coordinator for the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement at [rukiya.mohamed@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:rukiya.mohamed@tdsb.on.ca)

## **Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline**

The entry point to Early French Immersion is Junior Kindergarten. Currently eligible applicants were born in 2021.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opens: November 4, 2024

Deadline for applications: November 29, 2024

[Learn more at an Information Session](#)

### **Helpful Links:**

[Application Process Step-by-Step](#)

[Application Process Tip Sheet](#)

**Admission:** While admission to the Early French Immersion (JK entry) or Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) programs is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on-time applicants, admission to a specific school is NOT guaranteed. Applications to begin these programs is open to all students not already enrolled in a French program.

**Transportation:** Where transportation is approved by the Transportation Department, students meeting the distance criteria for Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be transported by bus, and students from Grades 6 to 8 will be provided with TTC tickets, where applicable.

## **French Language Programs**

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs>

The application period for Middle French Immersion for September 2025 will open on January 6, 2025 and will close on January 31, 2025.

All applicants who apply after the deadline will be held on a local waitlist subject to space availability.

## **SAVE THE DATE! - Book Fair Oct 21-25**

Our librarian, Ms Jarvis, is hosting a Scholastic book fair the week of October 21st. The fair will be open to families before school and after school, and open for students, teachers and classroom visits throughout the week each day. More details to come!

## **School Council Meeting and Self-Nomination**

Hello Bowmore Community,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Bowmore!

School Council invites you to attend its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 1, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are warmly welcomed to attend in person but an on-line option will be offered for those not able to attend on site. Child care is available, with cheese pizza offered for the kids (please bring your own water bottles). Please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, September 27, at 4pm. Note that only those who RSVP that they will be attending online will receive the link to join virtually.

Please also feel free to reach out to [bowmoresc@gmail.com](mailto:bowmoresc@gmail.com) with any questions.

Hope to see you at our meeting on October 1!

Leah Anderson Vojdani  
*School Council Chair*