

BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN

Friday, October 4, 2024



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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

I want to give a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff for their hard work in reorganizing the school over the past three weeks. It was a big job, and they put in a lot of effort to make sure we followed all the rules while balancing classes across the school.

I also want to thank our parents and students for their patience and understanding during this process. I know it's tough on everyone, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our community.

Curriculum Night

Dear Bowmore Families,

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming **Curriculum Night on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 5 pm to 6 pm.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, learn about the curriculum for the year, and gain insights into the various subjects and activities your child will be engaged in.

The schedule for the evening will include **two presentations from each teacher (First from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm / Second from 5:30pm to 6pm)** and you are welcome to attend either presentation (RSVP is not required).

We encourage all families to attend Curriculum Night as it is a great opportunity to strengthen the home-school connection and to actively engage in your child's education.

We look forward to seeing you at Curriculum Night and to working together to support your child's learning and growth. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Bruce, Jacquie, Kosta

Admin Team

Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of Oct. 7, 2024)

- **Week of Oct 7**
- **Mon - Honey Graham Crackers**
- **Tues - Apples/Tangerines**
- **Wed - Scones**
- **Thurs - Applesauce**
- **Fri - PA DAY**

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Pizza Lunch is BACK!

Mark your calendars! Pizza lunch is back on the following dates:

Friday, October 25 (Ordering closes Sunday, October 20 at noon)

Friday, November 22 (Ordering closes Sunday, November 17 at noon)

Thursday, December 12 (Ordering closes Sunday, December 8 at noon)

Pizza is sold by the slice for the following prices:

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| Slice of cheese pizza | \$3.50 |
| Slice of dairy free cheese pizza | \$3.56 |
| Slice of gluten free cheese pizza | \$3.50 |
| Slice of gluten free and dairy free cheese pizza | \$3.50 |

Pizza lunch is a School Council fundraiser. All work is done by volunteers and all proceeds go to benefit our kids. Funds raised are used to pay for items such as science enrichment in the classroom, author visits, sports uniforms, school clubs, music and theatre performances, and more.

If you need financial support in ensuring your kids have access to pizza lunch, please reach out to Mr. Flegas <Konstantinos.Flegas@tdsb.on.ca>

How to Order:

Ordering for all three dates will open on Monday, October 7 through **Lunchbox**.

Lunchbox is accessed through your existing School Cash Online account.

Lunchbox allows parents to:

- Order pizza for an individual date OR for multiple dates at one time
- Orders can be cancelled up until 2 business days before pizza lunch for a credit to your account (***Note this is not a refund but a credit for a future pizza lunch!*)
- Lunchbox has a support team for signup or ordering issues available to you Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by phone at 1.877.426.6860 or by email at info@lunchboxorders.com

How to set up Lunchbox first time users:

1. Log into your SchoolCash Online account as you would normally.
2. Select ITEMS from the top right menu bar
3. You will see the following banner above each child(rens) name(s). Click ORDER NOW. This will take you to the Lunchbox ordering platform. **YOU MUST DO THIS FOR EACH STUDENT SEPARATELY** going back to SchoolCash Online each time.
4. Your child(ren) will pre-populate in the lunchbox system however, you need to complete the profile. *Complete your child(rens) profile with your phone number and any allergy information - select ADD/Update.*
5. Make sure all children in your household have been added to Lunchbox THEN: You will see your child(rens) name(s) and an ORDER NOW button, which will take you to the ordering calendar to place your order.
6. Orders for each child are placed separately via their own order calendar.

For Issues with setting up your child profile OR ordering help, Call Lunchbox support Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 1.877.426.6860 or email them at info@lunchboxorders.com. The office is not able to support with pizza ordering. Please only call Lunchbox.

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 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 are 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

Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

The book fair is coming October 21st - 25th! The fair will be open for students and class visits throughout the day and before/after school. We are looking for volunteers to help out for an hour or two during the school day. If you can help, please email leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca with your availability.

Thank you for your support!

Parent/Caregiver Representative Participation in Vice Principal Interviews

Are you aware, the Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Representative on Vice Principal Interview Committees? We are currently recruiting parents/caregivers for the next round of interviews.

Attendance at a Training Session is mandatory to participate as a Parent/Caregiver Representative on a Vice Principal Interview Team. If you attended a parent/caregiver interview training session in February or May 2024, it is not necessary for you to attend again, although you are welcome to come as a refresher.

For the Fall 2024 cycle, interviews for Elementary Vice Principal and Secondary Vice Principal will be held on two interview dates below:

1. November 12, 2024
2. November 19, 2024

If you would like to volunteer to participate in the Fall 2024 Vice Principal interviews, please complete the Google Form at the link below no later than October 10, 2024.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2utJn_oJxHMrBw5NBqzra_7EnAoHRd4lizzrKfdBBpJ50Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you in advance for your interest and support in this important process.

Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement

Toronto District School Board

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University of Toronto's Stars for Scholarly Youth (SSY) Tteam Free Tutoring - One-on-One Tutoring

This year, we are running a free 1-on-1 tutoring and mentoring program in order to provide free academic resources to students.

Our tutoring program provides educational support through free tutoring services offered directly from SSY. Tutors are outstanding University of Toronto students who go through SSY's tutor training program and undergo a police check upon request. Our tutoring services are one-on-one and are usually offered once per week for an hour, however, this may be adjusted based on the needs of the student. This program is available to students in Grades 5 - 12 with financial need and those who are refugees, new immigrants, in foster homes, shelters and more. Students can use the QR code on the poster to sign up. Please do not hesitate to email us utoronto@starsforscholarlyyouth.com if you have any questions, or visit our website <https://www.starsforyouth.ca/toronto> to learn more about us.

Additionally, the link for students to sign up for a tutor is: <https://forms.gle/KD9sMSt4SimWNSGM6>

Want to support underserved youth pursue their purpose in academics and extracurriculars?

Get involved! This is your chance to earn volunteer hours and serve your community.

Questions? Contact us:



@starsfsyuoft



starsforscholarlyyouth.com



uoft.tutor@starsforscholarlyyouth.com



Sign up at:

<https://forms.gle/6npPW0WZCB7s5sN4A>

1 ON 1 TUTORING

Free 1-on-1 tutoring with a university student (**You!**) and community youth to provide equal access despite financial or social circumstances.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERACY CONNECT

(starting in January)

An activity/ mentorship program where University students (**You!**) help improve the literacy of newcomer, immigrant and refugee youth over 6 weeks.