

BOWMORE RD BULLETIN

Friday, June 7, 2024



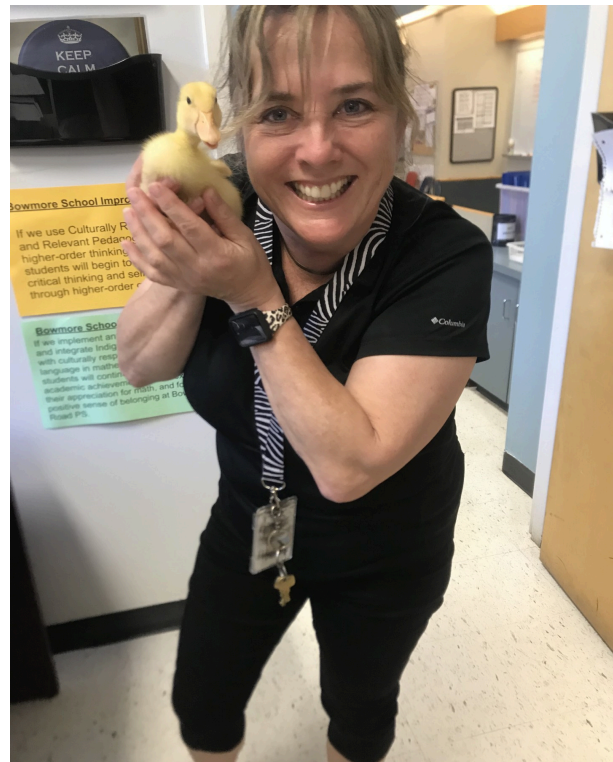
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Dear Bowmore Families

BABY DUCKS VISIT THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Look who visited the Principal's office this week! Baby ducks from Ms. Mallette and Mr. Seater's classes. Children were able to watch the ducks hatch and grow and observe their development under a heating lamp. Then the children saw the transition into making a larger home for them out of a cardboard box. Students were able to see the life process and how everything grows. Now that the ducks have grown they were taken by Mr. Seater and Ms. Hollywood to a farm where they will be near a nice pond!



Celebrating Pride 2024

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness amongst all staff and students about the rich and varied intersecting identities, cultures and histories of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

Pride is a time for TDSB students, staff, and families to continue learning about Queer history, joy, excellence, and resilience; it is a time to celebrate the diversity that exists in every school community across the TDSB. It is also an opportunity to highlight the varied issues related to 2SLGBTQIA+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia on TDSB students, staff, and community members.

Queer and Trans Pride center Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual and agender (2SLGBTQIA+) people through the celebratory affirmation of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The movement has three main premises:

§ People should be proud of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression

§ Diversity is a gift, and

§ Sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered.

The abbreviated Gay Pride and Pride have since become mainstream and shorthand expressions inclusive of all individuals in various 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

One of the ways that Pride month is recognized and celebrated at TDSB is through flag raising. All TDSB schools are to fly Pride flags on school flag poles (below the Canadian flag or on separate flag poles where they exist)

TDSB Celebrates National Indigenous History Month: June 2024

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples' diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements.

Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) throughout the month of June for opportunities for staff and students to engage with Indigenous artists, authors, and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions.

All month long, the UIEC is hosting several events and celebrations with David A. Robertson, Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk, Theola Ross, as well as Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride launched by Elder Blu Water.

On Friday, June 21, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast.

To learn more, [a full list of programming can be found on myPATH](#).

Please see [attached posters](#)

Additional Resources:

§ [National Indigenous History Month in Canada](#)

§ [National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada](#)

§ [Indigenous Education in the TDSB](#)

§ [Read the TDSB Indigenous Education Declaration marking June as National Indigenous History Month](#)

§ [Urban Indigenous Education Centre Resource Page](#)

FINAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

A reminder that we are hosting our final School Council meeting of the year next Tuesday, June 11.

These meetings are a great way to learn about what's going on in the school community, to connect and to ask questions. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

We are pleased to offer this meeting in a hybrid format - both in person and online. Please indicate your preferred attendance on the RSVP link. Only those who RSVP that they are attending online will receive the link to join.

If you are attending in person and require child care please indicate that on the form as well. We will provide cheese pizza for kids onsite. Please send them with their water bottles.

DETAILS:

Date: Tuesday, June 11th, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Bowmore Road PS, staff room, 2nd floor or virtually

Please [RSVP HERE](#) by Sunday, June 9 at 5pm so that we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you there!

Leah

Council Chair

Fall Carnival Update

Bowmore Carnival 2024 - Thursday, September 26, 2024

Carnival is our biggest fundraising event of the school year, and this year it's only getting bigger.

While it may seem far away, we are trying to lock down as much as we can before the end of June. Carnival has many moving parts and is powered exclusively by volunteers. As such, the organizing committee is looking for YOUR support in one (or more) of the following ways! **If you are able to help with any of the below, please email bowmorecarnival@gmail.com**

VOLUNTEER:

There are approximately 300 volunteer hours we need to fill on carnival day alone. That's 2 weeks worth of hours in just one evening! One hour of your time can greatly impact the success of the event.

We appreciate that many parents are juggling younger kids at the carnival making volunteering sound impossible. We offer one hour shifts so the maximum number of volunteers will still have time to enjoy the event with their families. Consider buddying up with another family to trade off child minding and a volunteer shift.

DONATE:

We are in need of the following items:

- Boxes of individual snack-sized bags of chips
- Freezies
- Baked goods
- Loan us some lawn games (corn hole, giant Jenga, connect 4, etc)
- Funds that can be used to purchase the items above
- Items for our silent auction (i.e gift cards, sports tickets, experiences)

SPONSOR:

If you have a business or know of a business that would like to be recognized as a community sponsor, we'd love to hear from you!

Do you have a skill or talent you'd like to dazzle a crowd or line-up of children with (i.e. music, juggling, comedy, magic. etc)?

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The Carnival Committee.



SAVE THE DATE.



Thursday, September 26th 4-7pm

80 Bowmore road

Join us for fun, food, bouncy
castles, face painting, games
and so much more!

Funds raised support various initiatives that enrich the student experience

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Library Updates

The Used Book Sale is next week, June 11- June 14th. Thank you for the amazing donations of books. We will still accept donations until Thursday, June 6. of previously loved books and puzzles. All funds raised will go directly back to the library. This event will be CASH only and the hours will be 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday, June 11-Friday June 14th. If you are interested in volunteering during this event, please contact Leah Jarvis at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca.

At this time, please encourage your child/ren to return all library books. June 6th will be the last day for students to check out books. We would love all books to be returned the week of June 17th, 2024.

Thank you for your continued support, Leah Jarvis

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten graduation for French Immersion classrooms will occur on Friday June 14th, 2024 at 9:40 am to 10:20 am at the Kindergarten playscape park. Should weather conditions change, the ceremony will happen in the Junior Gym.

June is National Deafblind Awareness Month in Canada

This month serves as a platform for raising awareness about the distinctive challenges encountered by individuals with an identified dual sensory loss. Deafblindness, a combination of sight and hearing loss to varying degrees, profoundly impacts communication, mobility, learning, and access to information. Those who are deafblind often rely on alternative communication methods, such as tactile sign language, braille, or assistive technology.

To learn more about the local deafblind community, please visit

<https://deafblindservices.ca/DeafblindAwarenessMonth>.

Nutrition Program - Week of June 10th

Friday, June 17, 2024, is the last day of the Snack Program for 2023/2024.

Thanks for a great year Bowmore!

Nutrition Team.

Mon - Jungle Crackers

Tues - Applesauce

Wednesday - Triscuits or Leftover Item

Thursday - Madegood Bars

Friday - Popcorn (Snack Program Last Day)

Week at a glance: June 10th-14th

Monday, June 10th - Day 3

[Italian](#) & [Portuguese-Speaking](#) Heritage Month [National Indigenous History](#) Month

- EQAO Grade 3 & 6 testing (catch up if needed)
- (11:45 am): YEP grade 8 students
- *Days of Significance*: [Pride Month](#) begins all month, Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji

Tuesday, June 11th - Day 4

- EQAO Grade 3 & 6 testing (catch up if needed)
- Used Book Sale Library
- (12 pm): Grade 6 Ultimate Frisbee Practice
- (11:45 am): YEP grade 7 students working on questioning with Grade ½ students
- (3:45 pm): Gr. 8 CoEd badminton Team practice
- (6:00 pm): Parent Council meeting in the staff room

Wednesday, June 12th - Day 5

- Used Book Sale Library
- (12:00 pm): Junior Choir
- (3:45 pm) Junior and Intermediate Lacrosse Practice
- *Days of Significance*: Filipino Independence Day, World day against Child Labour, Shavu'ot

Thursday, June 13th - Day 6

- Lacrosse Tournament @ Bowmore field (all day) / Rain date June 17th 2024
- Used Book Sale Library
- (8:15 am): Concert Band
- (12 pm): Grade 6 Ultimate Frisbee Practice
- *Days of Significance*: Shavu'ot

Friday, June 14th - Day 7

- Jump Rope for Life
- (8:00 am): CoEd Grade 8 Badminton Practice