

Bowmore Road Junior and Senior Public School

(Grades JK - 08)

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Principle's Message

Working Together for a Safer Community

One of the best parts of living in our community is the variety of activities we can enjoy in our parks and public spaces all year round. With spring and March Break around the corner and the days getting longer, students may be spending more time outside. This is a good time to remind everyone to take extra care in enjoying all the outdoors can offer.

As you know, we are fortunate to have a number of safety measures, programs, and policies that contribute to a safe and caring school. However, most incidents happen away from school and outside school hours. All parents, students and staff are reminded of the need to be aware and alert at all times, even in the most ordinary and everyday routines. Our staff regularly speaks to students about how to stay safe. I know that you too will want to help ensure our community is as safe as possible. Here are some tips that you may find helpful when discussing safety with your child:

- travel with at least one other person whenever possible
- avoid taking shortcuts through parks and fields and walk in well-lit, well-travelled areas
- keep valuables such as cell phones, expensive jewelry, money, laptops and personal music devices (ipod, M3P players, CD players) out of sight as much as possible when in public places
- be aware of suspicious behaviour; if approached, try to remember what the person or car looked like so it can be reported to a teacher, Vice Principal, parents or the police if necessary (plate numbers can be written in the dirt or snow if nothing else is available).

Parents can also help by keeping school contact information up-to-date, including cell and business numbers. It's important for our staff to have this information to know who to contact in cases of emergencies.

Working together, we can make our communities safer for our children.

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

TDSB Earth Hour 2017 - Friday, March 24th from 2-3pm

During Earth Hour, we'll be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, and cafeteria. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.

More information is available on the EcoSchools website -

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/ResourcesandGuides/EarthHour.aspx>

Continuing Education – Summer Music Camps

Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, DownTown Summer Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – the TDSB offers band, strings and orchestral experiences for students from Grades 3-9. Registration is open now.

For more information please visit www.tdsbsummercamps.ca @TDSB_ConEd

Parents as Partners Conference

You're invited to our annual Parents as Partners Conference! Registration is open. The Parents as Partners Conference 2017 is on Saturday, April 1 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

Keynote speakers include John Malloy, Director of Education at the TDSB, and Itah Sadu, an award-winning storyteller and author. Transportation, childcare, lunch and translators are all provided.

www.parentsaspartners.ca





Bowmore Family KARAOKE NIGHT Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

Come out and sing a song with your friends, family, solo or just watch others.

Baked goods will be sold!

All proceeds will be used to repair our school's instruments.

Bowmore Clothing and Food Depot

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

7:30 am – 8:30 am

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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Follow us on Twitter **@TDSB_Bowmore**

**22% of our parent community
are following us!**

Let's increase this to 100%

Bowmore Rd. P.S

Presents **“Screenagers”**

Come join us on
Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

Time: TBD

A film that discusses the issues and challenges of increased screen time for kids, parents and families in a very engaging and thought-provoking way! It is a film that strives to help adults learn more about this modern problem so we can better empower our kids to navigate the digital world and find that ever important balance. More information to come!

Upcoming Movie Nights



Friday, March 24th @ 6pm,

Friday, April 21st @ 6pm,

Friday, May 26th @ 6pm

**Check out Bowmore School Council
Facebook page for more details closer to
the date!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

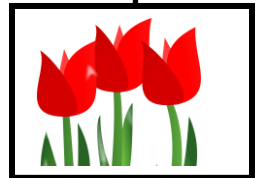
MARCH

- 3 – Pizza Day
- 7 – Karaoke Night 6:00 – 8:00
- 13 – 17 March Break (No School)**



MAY

- 1 - Education Week (stay tuned for more info)
- 3 - JK Open House (Time TBD)
- 4 - SK FI Open House (Time TBD)
- 5 - Pizza Day
- 11 - School Council Meeting (6 pm)
- 16, 17 & 18 - School Musical "Shrek"
- 22 - Victoria Day (No School)**
- 24, 25, 26, 29 & 30 - Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO Testing



APRIL

- 7 – Subway lunch
- 5 – Cyber Awareness Parent Info Night 6:00 to 8:30
- 12 – Pink Day**
- 14 – Good Friday (No School)**
- 17 – Easter Monday (No School)**
- 18 – EQAO Information Night for Grade 3 & 6 parents
- 29 – Bowmore Rocks Dance/Fundraiser



June

- 2 – Pizza Day
- 8 – Immunization for 7/8 students
- 9 – PA Day **(No School)**
- 16 – Bowmore Carnival (Tentative)
- 21 – 22 Grade 8 Graduation Trip
- 27 – Grade 8 Graduation (Time TBD)
- 29 – Last day of school
- 30 – PA Day (No School)**



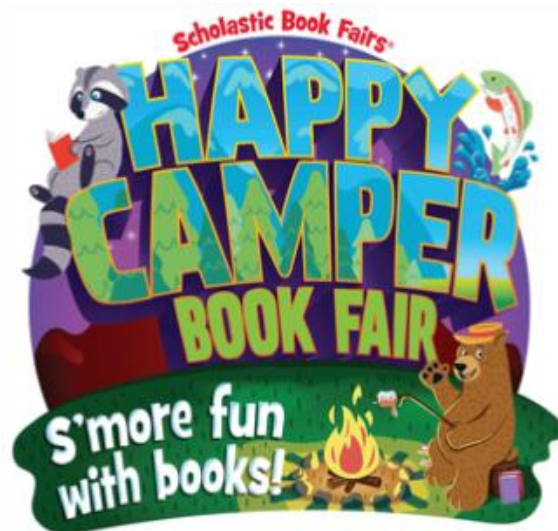
Bowmore Book Fair

Bowmore Book Fair!

May 1 - May 5, 2017

In the Rotunda (beside the Bowmore Child Enrichment Centre)

Your support goes toward the purchasing of books, supplies and other essentials for the school's library as well as your Child's classroom



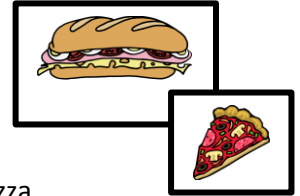
We hope to see you there!

Smarties for Shannen Candy Gram \$2.00

The Girls Club raised approximately \$700.00 for the charity "Shannen's Dream". The girls devoted many recesses and lunches to fill the candy-gram orders. They raised awareness about the inequity for First Nations students' education funding. Their hope was to make a difference for the future.

Thank you ALL for your support!

PIZZA and SUBWAY LUNCHES



Dates as follows:

- Friday, March 3rd – Pizza
- Friday, April 7th – Subway
- Friday, May 5th – Pizza
- Friday, June 2nd – Pizza

Please note: If you have more than 1 child you must submit separate forms and payment.

Bowmore Rocks! Adult Dance Party is baaaaack!

Bowmore Parents are going to be *bustin' a move*

Saturday, April 29th, 2017

Mark your calendars and book your sitters for April 29th.

Doors open at 8:00pm at

**The Royal Canadian Legion on
Coxwell & Gerrard**

Come out and support our school community AND join us for a fun, music-filled evening. Doors will open at 8pm at The Royal Canadian Legion on Coxwell @ Gerrard. More details will be shared when we get closer to the big dance!



Calling All Volunteers!

How can you help out at Bowmore Public School? Volunteer! It's easy! Just send an email to bowmoreesc@gmail.com with your name, contact information and what you would like to do or the skills you have to share and we will happily find something for you.

Come help us out by joining our volunteers to make a difference at Bowmore with one of our upcoming events! See you there!



**Upcoming School Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11th, 2017 @ 6pm
All are welcome!
Pizza & Babysitting are available!**



**Ahchoo!
Quick, pass a tissue!**



We are in the midst of a long season of sniffing and runny noses and extra boxes of Kleenex would be appreciated! Please send a box or two to school with your children and they will then give them to their homeroom teachers. Thank you!