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Principal's Message: First Impressions

Dear Families of Bowmore Rd. P. S.,

Dear Parents/Guardians;

The Fall season is upon us and as we complete our first month at Bowmore we wanted to express our gratitude to all of the students, staff, parents and community members for making our first month such an enjoyable one. The staff here are hardworking, dedicated professionals who put your children first each and every day. We've met many of the Bowmore parent community and we thank you all for the warm welcome you gave us and for all that you do to support our school. Your partnership is appreciated and your input always welcomed. Finally, to our students, who have already made a great impression on us by showing us in both large and small ways how intelligent, compassionate and resilient they are and can be. We are excited about the year ahead and we're looking forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Bowmore is a wonderful place to be!

Heather, Steve and Talcia



Maintaining School Safety

1. To maintain a secure facility for students and staff we are asking all visitors, volunteers and parents to enter the school using the front doors.
2. Visitors, volunteers and parents must report to the main office to obtain a visitor pass every time you enter the building.
3. Classroom visits and conferences must be arranged with the teacher prior to arriving to the school. We value your child's instructional time and conferences need to be scheduled at a time when the teacher does not have other instructional or supervisory responsibilities.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency protocol drills include: fire drills, lockdown and hold & secure drills. These are scheduled numerous times throughout the year to ensure the safety of all in our school.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If students or parents have concerns or questions about an issue at school, the following communication process applies:

1. The classroom teacher is to be the first person to hear and address any concerns from a student or parent.
2. If the issue cannot be resolved with the teacher, please see a Vice-Principal, or the Principal.

ELECTRONICS

Students are asked to keep all electronics in their backpacks during the day UNLESS otherwise instructed by the teacher. At Bowmore, students have access to iPads/laptops for school use and as such, are encouraged not to bring personal electronic devices to school, as we wish to honour the privacy of all students. Cell phones should be kept in lockers and not available during classes.



Bowmore's Terry Fox Run!

A big thank you to everyone involved in our Terry Fox School Run. Bowmore has once again shown what a caring and generous community it is. Our goal was to raise \$5000.00 and we surpassed that goal with over \$5500.00 in donations.



Special thanks to the Grade 7's for a successful trip to Camp Wahanowin!



School Council supporting Bowmore students serving hot chocolate on Pyjama day!



Girls' Club

Girls Club is excited to announce a couple of our new initiatives this year. The first one, is that we want to create a safe and inspiring washrooms throughout the school! We are embarking on spearheading the "Bathroom Beautification" project. Our goal is to decorate all the washrooms in the school with various inspiring quotes and paint beautiful themed decorations throughout the various washrooms. A survey is going out soon to all students from Grade 1-8 to ask for their feedback of inspirational quotes and themes. Girls Club will select those put forward and begin beautifying the washrooms on the 2nd floor in the North Building. As this project grows, we will have other groups of students involved to help beautify all the washrooms from Kindie to the staff washrooms. For this to happen, we need YOUR help. We are looking for parents who may have connections to getting donations of paint and supplies as well as those that have an artistic talent to help guide us through this process. If you are able to help in anyway, please email Leah Jarvis at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca as soon as possible. We are excited for this new project!

Daily Bread Food Bank

Girls Club will be running our annual Daily Break Food Bank Drive. It will begin on Monday, November 6 and run until Friday, November 22nd. Please consider helping our community by donating non-perishable items such as cans of beans, peanut butter, pastas, rice, baby formula etc. Classes will tally their items and we will announce the classes with the greatest contributions. Thank you for supporting this very important initiative. Ms. Jarvis,



Ms. Cahill and Ms. Obokata



Remembrance Day

Bowmore will be holding Remembrance Day Assemblies on Friday, November 10th. During the Grade 4-8 assembly, a slide show will play. We would like to show photos of any family members who are linked to Bowmore (e.g. a student's grandfather etc.). If you would like your family member to be in the slide show, please send the photo as a jpeg file to raffi.sekdorian@tdsb.on.ca so he can include it. If you have previously sent a photo, there is no need to resend it. We will include it again. With the photo, please include the name of the person in the family and the connection to our Bowmore family (e.g. John Smith, Great Uncle of Jane Smith, WWII, 1943)

Assembly Times: 9:15- 10:00 (K-3)

10:30-11:15 (4-8)

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Guidance Update

Thank you to all of the families who came out to our grade 8 to 9 information evening last Thursday. If you were unable to attend or have further questions, please visit the TDSB website (<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School>) or contact me (susan.domenico@tdsb.on.ca).

Here are some links that may be of interest:

Birchmount Park CI:

Gifted <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/SPECIAL-PROGRAMS/Gifted>

Exceptional Athletics <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/SPECIAL-PROGRAMS/BirchmountPark-Exceptional-Athletes-Program>

Wexford School of the Arts:

Visual Arts Information <http://www.wexfordcsa.ca/admissions-vma/>

Performing Arts Info <http://www.wexfordcsa.ca/admissions-pa/>

Marc Garneau ToPS: <http://www.topsprogram.ca/admissions/tops-information-night/>

Bloor Collegiate ToPS : <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bloorci/Applying-to-TOPS-on-Bloor>

I have shared, via Google Docs, a folder with all grade 8's containing practice information/tests for the math/science and specialty programs.

Finally, I encourage all families to visit as many high schools as possible as ask questions about the program(s), application processes and other thing of importance to your child.



School Council News

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 @ 6pm

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018 @ 6pm

Thursday, April 26th, 2018 @ 6pm

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 @ 6pm



Everyone is welcome to come to Bowmore School Council meetings if you wish to learn what is going on at the school and with council.

No childcare? No worries, we have **childcare available**.

No time for supper? No worries, we provide pizza.



Pizza Lunch Schedule:



Here are the Pizza Lunch dates for the year (no Subway dates have been determined yet as we increased the number of pizza dates):

1st Round of Ordering:

November 3rd
November 24th
December 15th
January 12th
February 2nd

2nd Round of Ordering:

March 23rd
April 13th
April 27th
May 18th
June 1st

Upcoming Movie Nights:

October 27, 2017: E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982)



Future movie nights:
Dec 8, Feb 9, and April 13.

Calling All Volunteers

How can you help out at Bowmore Public School? Volunteer! It's easy! Just send an email to bowmoresc@gmail.com with your name, contact information and what you would like to do to 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!





10-5-2-1-0 for Healthy Children

"**10-5-2-1-0**" is an easy way to remember what children need for good health and mental well-being.

10 or more hours of sleep

5 or more vegetables and fruit

2 hours or less of screen time

1 hour or more of physical activity

0 sugar-sweetened beverages

Stay tuned to future newsletters for tips to help your child live **10-5-2-1-0!**

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Have a great fall all!