

Bowden Grandview School

March 3, 2025



Celebrating Ms. Cummins' Retirement

This week, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Patti Cummins on her well-earned retirement. For over 20 years, she has been a dedicated and inspiring teacher, sharing her passion for math and science with all of her students. Beyond the classroom, she has coached countless teams, helped organize grad, and has always gone the extra mile to support her students—including making sure there was always a fresh pot of coffee ready in the morning! Her kindness, flexibility, and commitment to student success have left a lasting impact on our school community. Ms. Cummins, you will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in this next chapter!

Celebrating Mrs. Weststrate's Retirement

We also want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Dawn Weststrate on her well-earned retirement. Over the past five years, she has been a pillar of our school community, leading and supporting staff and students in inclusion, literacy, and social-emotional wellness. Her dedication and expertise have been instrumental in developing highly effective pre-kindergarten programming and rehabilitation therapy support throughout the division. Mrs. Weststrate's kindness, leadership, and unwavering commitment to student success have left a lasting impact on Bowden Grandview. We will always treasure the relationships she has built, and we wish her all the best in this next chapter as well!

What's Happening:

Thursday, March 6

- Jr/Sr Dance @ 6:00

Friday, March 7

- No School PD Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews

March 18 & 19

Online Bookings

Now Open

BGS HOT LUNCH

March 6th - Hot dogs

March 20th - A&W

April 3rd - Subway

April 17th - Mac & Cheese

May 1st - Pizza Hut

May 15th - Hot Dogs

May 29th - Subway

June 12th - Pizza Hut

(Last hot lunch of the year)



Parent Student Teacher Interviews: March 18 and March 19, 2025

Parent Student Teacher Interviews are scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2025 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

We are excited to have the opportunity to discuss your children here at the school on these evenings. Those parents and guardians who are unable to make these dates work are encouraged to contact their children's teachers to make other arrangements such as Google Meet or phone call.

Parents with students in grade 5 through 12, as always, have instant access to all marks and comments in PowerSchool and are encouraged to check their parent access portals regularly to stay up to date. If you need help accessing the PowerSchool system please contact our office. It is anticipated that CESD will be moving K to 4 student marks to PowerSchool within the next year or so.

The online booking system will open for bookings this Monday, March 3 at 8:00 am. **It is very user friendly!*

Bookings will close Monday, March 17 at 8:00 am.

***Please note this is for grades 1 to 12 only. The Kindergarten teacher will contact you directly to book for your Kinder student.**

INSTRUCTIONS for using our online booking system:

On Monday, March 3 at 8:00 am, you can visit our website at: www.bowdengrandview.ca.

Click on "Bookings" at the top of the page.

Click on the event called "Gr 1-12: March 18 and 19 Parent Teacher Interviews".

On the first screen, you will be asked to enter your name (Parent), your phone number and email address.

In-Person will be the only preference you can choose. At the bottom of the first screen you will be asked to add your students.

Click Next. On the second screen, you will then be asked to choose which class and teacher for each child. Under Class, the default is "Bowden Grandview Teachers". Please select this as the default.

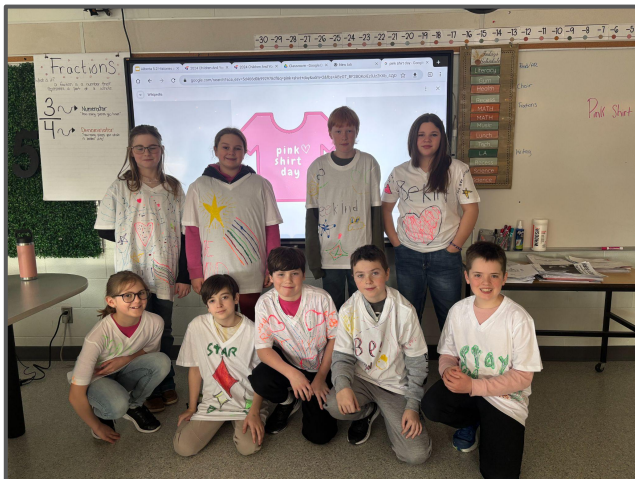
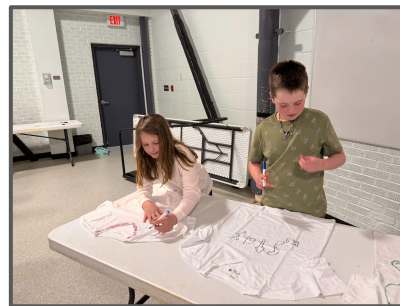
Then Click on teachers and it will list each teacher in our school. You will add one teacher at a time. You may have to scroll down to find a name.

Once you have selected your child's teachers, the next screen will allow you to pick what time you would like to book provided that time is available. A circle indicates that it is available. A dash indicates it is not available. The booking system only allows you to choose one time slot per teacher. Use the bar at the bottom to scroll to the right for later times.

Once you have completed your bookings, a confirmation screen will appear and a confirmation email will be sent to you. It will have a link you can click if you need to view, change or cancel a booking.

If you are having issues with the booking system, please contact the office at 403-224-3250.

Rainbow club was busy designing kindness shirts for Pink Shirt Day. Each student brought their own creative flare to their designs!



Literacy Corner

It may feel like spring outside, but don't let that melting snow fool you! We aren't in the clear just yet. But if you find your kids throwing on those rubber boots and puddle jumping, here are a few fun books to read to them!

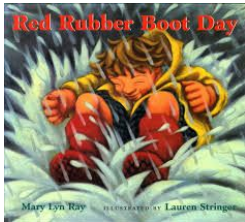
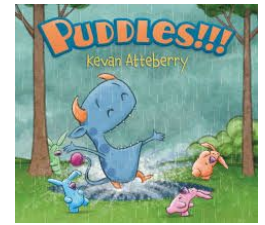


Worm Weather by Jean Taft and Matt Hunt

Drip, drop it starts to rain. Wiggle, squirm worms come up out of the ground. A delightful story about two young children and earthworms playing in the rain.

Puddles!!! by Kevan Atteberry

RAIN! PUDDLES! MUD! *Squish, squish, squish.* Declan loves rain and splashing and mud! But the bunnies? Not so much! The perfect companion to the delightful *Bunnies!!!* Spare text, loads of fun, and heaps of emotion make *Puddles!!!* extraordinary for toddler read-alouds.



Red Rubber Boot Day by Mary Lyn Ray (Author), Lauren Stringer

(Illustrator)

From the creators of *Mud* comes this joyous celebration of the delights of a rainy day.

Indigenous Education

Violet Duncan is Plains Cree and Taino from Kehewin Cree Nation. She has toured nationally and internationally as an author, educator, dancer and storyteller.

"Publisher's description: An illuminating novel about the importance of reclaiming the past, based on the author's family history.

Summer and her family always spend relaxed summers in Alberta, Canada, on the reservation where her mom's family lives. But this year is turning out to be an eye-opening one. First, Summer has begun to have vivid dreams in which she's running away from one of the many real-life residential schools that tore Native children from their families and tried to erase their Native identities. Not long after that, she learns that unmarked children's graves have been discovered at the school her grandpa attended as a child. Now more folks are speaking up about their harrowing experiences at these places, including her grandfather. Summer cherishes her heritage and is heartbroken about all her grandfather was forced to give up and miss out on. When the town holds a rally, she's proud to take part to acknowledge the painful past and speak of her hopes for the future, and anxious to find someone who can fill her in on the source of her unsettling dreams."





**THE
DECADES**

DANCE

*60's, 70's,
80's, 90's*

JUNIOR SENIOR DANCE

MARCH 8TH 6-9PM

\$5 ENTRANCE

SNACKS FOR SALE

Congratulations!



Congratulations to BGS's very own Weston Strauss, Jackson Taylor and Myles Van Sickle for winning the U13 League Banner! Good luck in your round robin games for a spot in Provincials playdowns.



Bowden & Area Residents

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Olde Library Community Centre, 1700 - 23 street

Friday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community Volunteer Income Tax
Program dates are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment contact

FCSS: 403-224-2207

Email: FCSS@bowden.ca

*Arrangements can also be made to drop off your
Tax Information at the Town of Bowden Office for pick up
& preparation by our volunteers anytime.*

*The Volunteer Tax Program is for basic forms and is FREE
for seniors, students & low income individuals.*



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PLAY TO WIN AT BINGO!

Thursday, March 20, 7:00p.m.

Paterson Community Centre Bowden 2101 - 27 Avenue

Cost is \$10 to play 4 Retro BINGO cards.

Max. 8 cards per person. Fun prizes only, no cash.

MUST BE 10yrs or older to attend, no exceptions.

For more information, contact FCSS at 403-224-2207



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