

# Bowden Grandview School

March 24, 2025



To the parents, guardians, and greater Bowden community,

I am truly honored and excited to introduce myself as the new Vice Principal of Bowden Grandview School. It is a privilege to join such a vibrant and impactful school community—one that has left a lasting impression on so many who have walked through its doors. For the past 20 years, Central Alberta has been my home, and I have always been drawn to the close-knit connections found in small communities. There is something incredibly special about the way a school can serve as the heart of a community, bringing people together and creating a strong sense of belonging.

As I step into this new role, I look forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff who make Bowden Grandview School such a unique and welcoming place. Building strong connections, supporting student success, and working alongside an incredible team of educators are all things I am deeply passionate about. Together, I am confident that we will continue to make Bowden Grandview School a place where students feel supported, inspired, and excited to learn.

I can't wait to meet you all and begin this journey together. I look forward to learning from you and working with you to make this school the best it can be.

With excitement and gratitude,  
Vanessa Hardy



Paige Van Sickle finished her grade 11 basketball season with the Olds Spartans with a win of 52-49 for the dark team All stars. Congratulations on a great season, Paige!



## BGS HOT LUNCH

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)



# Information About Measles

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## Parents, Guardians, School Staff and Volunteers

Measles cases are increasing globally, with numerous countries and travel destinations reporting outbreaks including the United States, Europe and Canada. So far in 2025, Canada has seen a significant increase in measles cases and a number of jurisdictions have reported measles outbreaks. Cases of measles have been reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and most recently, Alberta.

There are no confirmed measles cases at your school at this time; however, it is important that parents are aware of the risk and are supported by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Public Health.

## Measles Illness

Measles is very contagious and is easily spread through the air. Some people who get measles can have serious health problems. In rare cases, measles can lead to death.

Measles is a viral illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and a blotchy rash. Symptoms usually start 8-12 days after exposure but can take as long as 21 days to appear.

Measles may cause complications including ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, or inflammation of the brain. Complications are more common among children under five years and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised.

A person with measles symptoms should stay home, avoid contact with others, and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or any healthcare provider.

## Protection against Measles

The best protection against measles is to get immunized. Measles vaccines are highly effective.

In order to be adequately protected against measles, individuals born in or after 1970 need two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine.

In Alberta, measles-containing vaccines are available free of charge for eligible individuals. The routine childhood immunization program includes two doses of measles containing vaccine.

For more information about measles-containing vaccines please go to [ahs.ca/immunize](https://ahs.ca/immunize) or talk to your/your child's healthcare provider. Parents and guardians can check that their child has received two doses of measles vaccine by calling Health Link at 811 or by contacting their local local public health or community health center [[ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx](https://ahs.ca/info/page17791.aspx)]. Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their immunization record at [myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords).

## Measles Case Response

If measles is confirmed at your school, Public Health will immediately begin working with the school to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of measles spreading.

To reduce transmission of measles, provincial Public Health guidelines require those with infection and their contacts who are not immune to measles to stay at home and away from others until the risk of spreading the disease is over.

Further, we encourage you to keep children home when showing any signs of illness. **Two doses of measles vaccine given before a school measles exposure provides protection against measles and avoids possible exclusion.**

## Next Steps

If your child is not immunized, or you are unsure about you or your child's immunization status, please call Health Link at 811.

You can also learn more from [myhealthalberta.ca](https://myhealthalberta.ca) about measles, who is at risk, and how it spreads, including:

- immunization: [myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/pages/measles.aspx) • frequently asked questions: [myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf](https://myhealth.alberta.ca/topic/immunization/documents/measles-faq.pdf)
- text "measles" to 88111 for information by text message.

Thank you for your support.

Grow with Us!



# Bowden Grandview School SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER



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**Blue Grass**  
**Fundraisers**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of 11":**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00/ea



## 11" Premium Hanging Basket

Add elegance to your summer with this premium 11" hanging basket. \$30.00 each.

**Number of 12":**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\$35.00/ea



## 12" Premium Patio Planter

Overflowing with vibrant blooms and accent plants, this planter is a show stopper. \$35.00 each.

**Number of Tomatoes**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00/ea



## 10" Caged Tomato Plant

Enjoy homegrown tomatoes with our 10" Caged Tomato Planter—perfect for patios or decks. \$25.00 each.

**Number of Strawberries**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\$4.00/ea



## 4.25" Strawberry Plant

Easy to grow and perfect for pots or garden beds, these hardy plants produce sweet, juicy berries through the summer. \$4.00 each

**DEADLINE: Thursday, April 17.** For info please call 403-357-8404. Pick up date May 7.

**\*\* If you prefer to order online, please email [kfagan@cesd73.ca](mailto:kfagan@cesd73.ca) for the link! \*\***

You pay by cash or cheque made out to FOG or pay online by credit card.





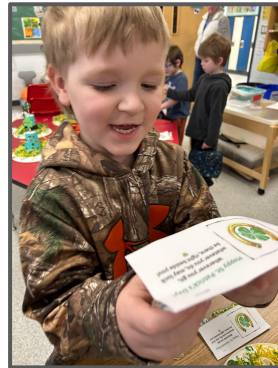
# March Match Day

Dress up with your friends in school-appropriate matching clothes for March 28th

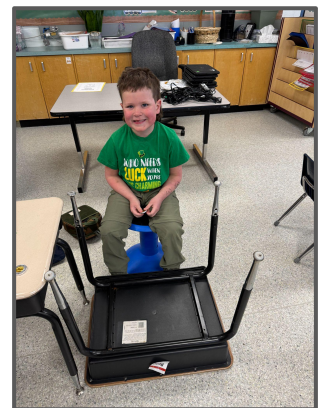
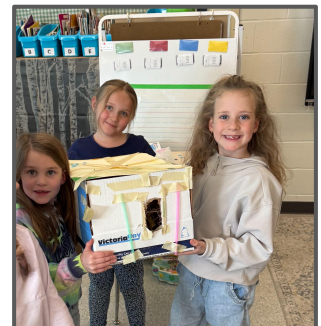




The kindergarten class was visited by the leprechaun! Students made leprechaun houses in preparation for the visit. Perhaps if we make houses instead of traps, the leprechaun would be happy?! We were treated to goodie bags and a small St. Patrick hunt! So fun!

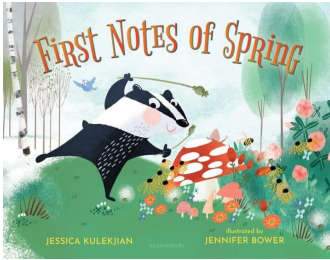


In grade one, our students had a blast creating their very own leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day! They worked hard designing and building the traps, hoping to catch a mischievous leprechaun. Unfortunately, the sneaky leprechaun managed to escape, but not before playing a few tricks! The traps were left vacant, glitter and green were left behind, desks, shoes and water bottles were a mess, and some even found little notes with funny messages. While we didn't catch him, the fun and excitement made this St. Patrick's Day one to remember.



## Literacy Corner

Spring has sprung! In spring, kids discover new, budding plants and the birth of cute baby animals. And after a long winter, spring is a wonderful time to get back outside, too. Take nature walks and observe the new life popping up all around us that you've read about in these books. Maybe even set up a bird feeder and observe the birds in your backyard!

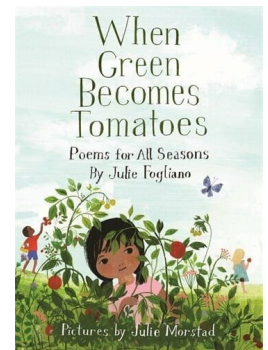


***First Notes of Spring*** written by Jessica Kulekjian, illustrated by Jennifer Bower

Mr. Moose doesn't like Juniper the badger's percussion sounds or the booms, rings, hums, and whoos of other animals. Even so, Juniper discovers other animals who make music, too — a woodpecker's tap-a-tap, a beaver's clap-a-clap, and a rabbit's thumpity thump. Together, they welcome spring with a wildly exuberant musical celebration, surprising and delighting Mr. Moose, who joins them, too.

***When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*** written by Julie Fogliano, illustrations by Julie Morstad

Although this sweet spring read aloud book of poems covers all four seasons, it's worth reading for the spring poems alone. I just adore how Fogliano captures the fun and whimsy of spring using dates as the titles for each poem. I particularly LOVE how the poet captures the essence of a child's natural wonder.



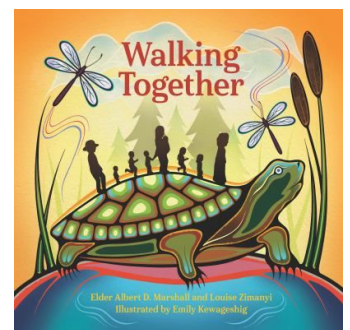
***Busy Spring Nature Wakes Up*** written by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss, illustrated by Cinyee Chiu

A sister and brother join their dad in the garden, where they notice signs of spring — the birds building nests, the bee flying by, the tadpoles swimming, and as they do, the kids pretend to play and sing like the birds and frogs. Six more pages of back-matter talk about spring, including the animals and growing things, ending with ideas for how you can help birds and other growing things.

## Indigenous Story about Nature

***Walking Together*** by Albert Marshall (Mi'kmaq) and Louise Zimanyi, illustrated by Emily Kewageshig (Anishinaabeg)

"This innovative picture book introduces readers to the concept of Etuaptmumk—or Two-Eyed Seeing in the Mi'kmaq language—as we follow a group of young children connecting to nature as their teacher."





***Bowden Paterson Community Hall &  
Bowden Town Theatre presents...***

# ALIBIS

*By Peter Kennedy*

**Friday, May 2**

Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Play starts at 8:00 pm

**Saturday, May 3**

Doors Open at 5:00 pm  
Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Play starts at 7:30 pm

**\$65 Prime Rib Meal - Dessert Table, Cash Bar, Silent Auction**

**Tickets available at the Bowden ATB  
or Call Kim at 403-507-5090**

*(Seating will be planned on a first come, first served basis)*

**Our BGS Drama Club will be the Opening Act!**



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](mailto: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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