



# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

March 1, 2024

Dear Families,

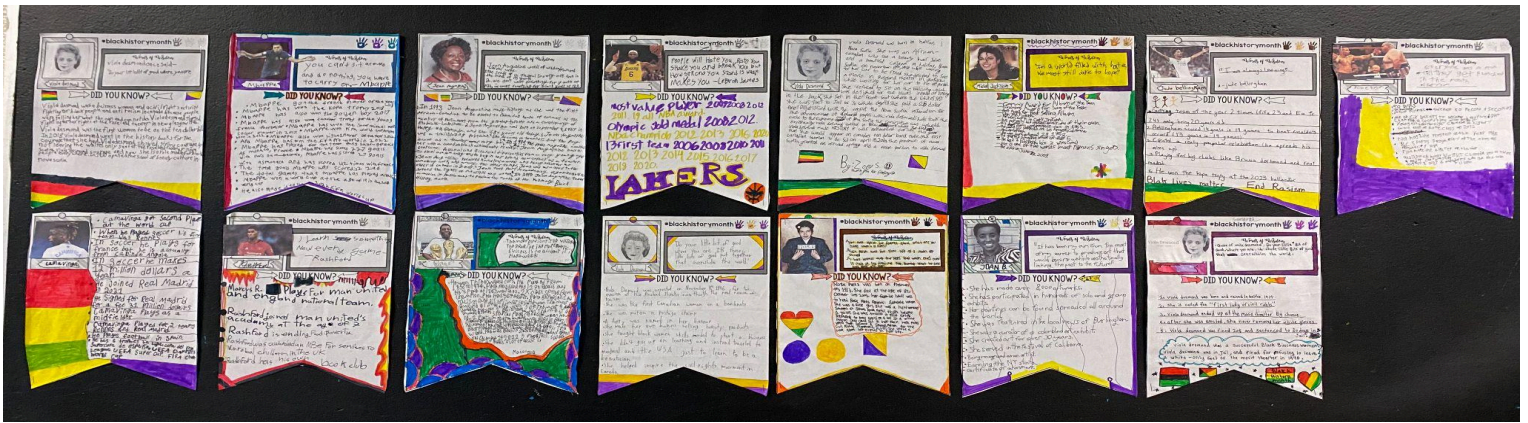
It is hard to believe that it is March! Pink Shirt Day was honoured on February 28th. Students wore pink to show their commitment to our BCPS community of care where there is no place for bullying. Our students developed a presentation to inform students how to identify bullying and ways to stop bullying behaviour. Kindness and lifting others up was a theme of the week. .



*A big thank you to one of our educators Ms. Ashley, for organizing the Redblacks players to come for a visit. These athletes came to speak to our grade 6 students around 'Courageous Conversations'. Students were engaged in compelling conversations on diversity, racism, and inclusion. We are all lucky to work, live, and learn in a rich and diverse community, and this program allowed students to discuss today's most important topics with a diverse panel of athletes.*



*This is just one of many meaningful displays created by our students around Pink Shirt Day! Many encouraging words were shared and spreading kindness is what we do here at BCPS. Thank you Mr. Dosery's grade 5 class for this beautiful display.*



Celebrating black history was also a focus for the month of February. Students celebrated black excellence by reading announcements that highlighted the achievements of many black Canadians. Our grade 6 classes shared a Willie O'Ree play to the primary and junior classes.



Bulldogs also showed gratitude and social responsibility by donating to our OCDSB's Education Foundation. Every cent earned goes right to our students in helping with food, clothing, educational opportunities, and important medical appointments. Thank you for your generosity Bulldogs!



### BCPS School Clothing Fundraiser

There is still time for BCPS Clothing fundraiser! . Students and families can purchase BCPS gear such as hoodies, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Clothing cash or cheque sales **will close on March 8th**. Send any orders to the office.



### **Do you have old colouring books to donate?**

Staff are looking to run a primary colouring club. We would appreciate slightly used colouring books. Please send them in with your student. Thank you for your support!

**Reminder Kindergarten Registration:** BCPS is accepting registrations for Kindergarten. Our registration period is taking place now and if you have any questions please contact [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca) or [elysa.esposito@ocdsb.ca](mailto:elysa.esposito@ocdsb.ca). We recently hosted our Kindergarten information night and here [is the link to our presentation](#) for more information about programming and understanding of the program.

### **TVO Learn Mathify**

TVO Learn has many resources and tools to support Math instruction. Mathify is a FREE online math help for Ontario students in Grades 4-12. **OEN number is needed.**

- Aligned with the Ontario math curriculum.
- All tutors are Ontario Certified Teachers available for 1:1 tutoring
- Coaching by tutors reflects what students learn in class.
- Tutors available online Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM ET, and Saturday to Sunday from 3 PM to 9 PM ET

### **Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Dates Have Been Set**

June 3rd & 4th grade 3s will be writing the Provincial Testing (EQAO) for Math & Language. Grade 6 students will be writing June 5th & 6th. We encourage grade 3 and 6 families to avoid scheduling appointments or trips if possible during these dates to ensure student attendance to write the test. Families receive the results of their child's achievement in the fall 2024 through the school.

### **Dress For The Weather**

We encourage students to dress for the weather. As the temperature changes, please send students with a jacket/coat to school and proper footwear. Similarly, students must be prepared to go outside for recess in rain or shine.

We encourage the **younger students in kindergarten & primary** to bring change of clothing (especially pants and socks) to change after outdoor play. Staff will always encourage students to take time after returning inside to change into dry clothes. Outdoor play, especially in kindergarten, is an integral part of the program. **Support is available if you require outdoor clothing items .**

**\*REMINDER: yard supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.. Therefore, no students left unattended on school property before this time. This maintains student safety.**

### **Picking up your Student at end of day**

If your student's pick up arrangements change at the end of day, you need to notify the office no later than **2:30 p.m.** This allows the office and educators to prepare the student(s) for pick up and this also ensures safety of traffic at the end of the day. Especially bus students who are not taking the bus, this needs to be clear **before 2:30 p.m.** You can also email [bcpsattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:bcpsattendance@ocdsb.ca) to let us know **before 2:30pm** that your student's pick up arrangements have changed.

### **Signing Students in and out outside of arrival and dismissal times**

If you are picking up/dropping off your student outside of the usual arrival and dismissal times, you must ring the bell to notify the office you are here and who you are picking up. As with last year's procedure, families will wait outside for their students to come out. For drop off, the office will unlock the door and only the student will come in. For

kindergarten students, a staff member will be there to greet the child. **Please try to avoid student pick up during recess times during 11:15am to 11:40am or 2pm to 2:25pm.** It makes it difficult to locate your child in the yard and this avoids unnecessary wait times.



### **Reporting Your Student's Absence**

In order to ensure the safety of our students it is **IMPORTANT** that families continue to notify the school when their **child is absent**. This also applies to days when the **buses are canceled or the weather is extremely bad**. **We should be notified of all student absences.**

Please email us at [bcpsattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:bcpsattendance@ocdsb.ca). and leave a detailed message with your child's name and teacher and nature of absence. You can also leave a detailed voicemail by calling the school attendance line at 613-828-3559

### **School Council News**

Are you interested in joining the School Council this year? This dynamic team of family members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8pm. We meet in the school library with a hybrid option of tuning in virtually via google meet. You are also welcome to join as a voting member or simply as a community member at large to observe and learn about the latest that is taking place in our school. Please email either

[sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca) or [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca) for more details to join our next meeting that will be taking place **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 6:30pm** in our library.

**Council is actively seeking a Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year.** Please email [sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca) or [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca) if you are interested or you would like more information. Many members are around to help support this role.

### **Dates to Remember**

March 11th to March 15th	March Break
April 23rd to April 25th	Scholastic Book Fair
April 24th	Scholastic Book Fair 3:45pm to 6:30pm (Library)
April 30 to May 3rd	Luv to Groove for students
May 10th	Luv to Groove performance (parents invited)
June 3 & 4	EQAO Grade 3
June 5 & 6	EQAO Grade 6

**We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.**

**Take Care,  
Sadhana & Elysa**