



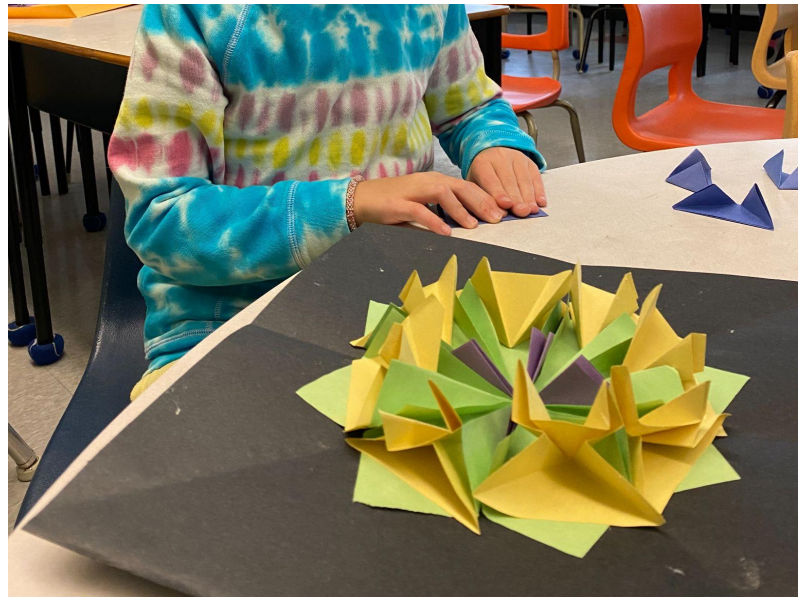
# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

# BULLDOGS

October 20, 2023

Dear BCPS Families,

BCPS is building our future leaders! BCPS has been a busy place where our students are taking on a variety of leadership roles! There are a few extra-curricular student-led activities that are taking place such as a dance and a knitting club. Coding club is in the works as well. Student voice is active where students are planning and actively navigating content with educator supervision. Our Kindness LEADS have been in training for the past week to understand how their leadership roles will support students on the yard, to help with jobs around the school such as pizza, booster juice etc. Healthy Snack is also another area where students are handing out snacks with guidelines and all students are quite enthusiastic to take on these roles!



## **Student and Family Expectations from OSTA**

**OSTA would like to have a positive and safe experience for all students on all their buses. Here are guidelines and reminders for all students and families:**

- 1) Students should be at their approved stop 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival. If you are not there and the bus is on time and everyone else has loaded - the bus will prepare to leave.
- 2) PARENTS - If you are required to pick up your child, you also must be waiting at the stop 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time.
- 3) Absolutely no eating on the bus - this could be not only a choking hazard, but also there are many students with allergies to foods.

- 4) Stay in your seat - you can speak with the student on each side of you
- 5) RESPECT and LISTEN TO YOUR DRIVER.
- 6) PARENTS are not allowed to enter the bus. If there is an issue, please call the bus company.



### **October 10th: Indigo Love of Reading BCPS Fundraiser**

Our Bells Corners PS library is in need of books that reflect the diversity and interest of our students. Our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at Indigo Pinecrest and online between October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books! More information will be shared on October 10th. Families can donate or visit the Pinecrest Indigo at 2735 Iris Street store where a percentage of their sales will be donated to BCPS's library. Some events planned on our school's behalf : October 28th, there is Princess and SuperHero storytime from 11am to 12pm.

<https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/bells-corners-public-school>

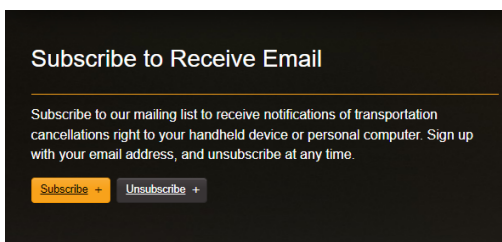


### **School Council Halloween Dance: Oct 27**

School Council will be hosting again this year a Family Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27 from 5:30-7:30pm.. Families can purchase their entry ticket at the door. Some pizza will be sold during the event. However, only while quantities last. To not be disappointed, pre-order your pizza before the big night!

### **Transportation**

**IMPORTANT:** The office does not have up to date information when bus or van routes are canceled or delayed or running again. Families are encouraged to check the [OSTA Website](#) regularly for any cancellations or delays. We recommend that you subscribe to their alerts by going to the bottom of their main page, to receive notifications straight to your email.



**\*REMINDER: yard supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.. Therefore, no students left unattended on school property before this time. This maintains student safety. At this time, 1 bus is NOT RUNNING - orange (E70).**

### **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 on 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, November 7, 2023 at 6:30pm in our library.

### **Halloween Dance Volunteers!**

Council is looking for volunteers to help with our Halloween Dance on October 27th. Please email [sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca) if you would like to volunteer.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 24th, 2023: Booster Juice Day!  
October 27th, 2023: Pizza Day!  
October 27th, 2023: School Council Halloween Dance (5:30-7:30pm)  
November 3rd, 2023: No School for Students  
November 7th, 2023: School Council Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Library or Virtual  
November 9th, 2023: School Photo Retakes  
November 10th, 2023: Pizza Day!

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

**Take Care,  
Sadhana & Elysa**