



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

BULLDOGS

October 5, 2023

Dear BCPS Families,

October is here and students are fully engaged in many routines and many instructional activities. The last week of September was a busy and productive week for our students and educators here at BCPS. It was a pleasure to welcome and meet all our families at our Meet our Educators Night. We hope you were able to visit your student's classroom and understand how the learning environment is set up. If you were unable to attend, there will be Family-Educator Interviews that will take place in November to get a better understanding of your student's achievement. Thank you to School Council for organizing a bbq where families were able to reconnect and connect.

Classes honoured the learning and reflected on **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**. Classes read stories and engaged in activities/discussions that focused on initiatives to work toward reconciliation. This is something staff and students will be engaging in all year long.



A big thank you to Mr. Chapman and Mr. Kurtis for a great day at the cross-country meet this past Tuesday, October 3rd. Students had an amazing time. For some students, this was their first experience at a sporting event and it was such a positive experience. Way to go Bulldogs!

REMINDER: No School Oct 6 & 9

Staff will be engaging in Professional Development on Friday, October 6th - there is no school for students. Also, Monday, November 9th is a Holiday as some families celebrate Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing all students back to school on Tuesday, October 10th.

Walk a Block Initiative

Did you know that walking all or part way to school helps create safer school zones by reducing vehicle congestion? If you live too far away from school to walk the whole way, consider parking 5 to 10 minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Take this small step to help make school zones safer for everyone! [Download](#) your Walk-a-Block map today!

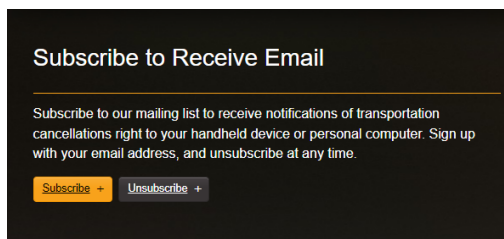


October 10th: Indigo Love of Reading BCPS Fundraiser

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.

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, 2 buses are NOT RUNNING - red (X86), 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 to let us know **before 2:30pm** that your student's pick up arrangements have changed.

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. A flyer will be sent home with your student next week to give families an opportunity to purchase their entry tickets ahead of time and pre-order pizza to guarantee their slices on the evening of the dance. All order forms are due to the school by **October 20th**. 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!

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. 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 or 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 if you would like to volunteer.

Dates to Remember

October 6th, 2023: No School

October 9th, 2023: No School

October 10th, 2023: Booster Juice Day!

October 13, 2023: Pizza Day!

October 16th, 2023: student Individual Education Plan (IEP) sent home

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 long weekend.

**Take Care,
Sadhana & Elysa**