



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

BULLDOGS

September 22, 2023

Dear BCPS Families,

The month of September has been a busy one here at BCPS. Educators have been getting to know your student and understanding their learning profiles.



The Junior classes (gr. 4 to 6) were treated to a Larkin Mosscrop presentation from the Canadian Nuclear Labs to discuss energy options and conservation. Students engaged in interactive activities and even received some pretty cool sunglasses!

Students have been participating in Terry Fox fundraising activities, Cross Country tryouts for grades 4-6 and primary DOT day. We are grateful to our dedicated educators who lead these great activities. Our BCPS educators are looking forward to welcoming families to our **September 28th Meet the Educator Night!**

Meet the Educator Night: September 28th from 5pm to 6pm

Our meet the educator night is an opportunity for families to enjoy a meal put on by our School Council. Sadhana and Elysa are going to take the opportunity to share a few words about our school with families in our gym from 4:50-5pm. This will be followed by individual class visits until 6pm. The order of events is as follows:

- 4-4:30 families can begin to purchase food tickets
- 4:30pm BBQ starts outdoors (food being served)
- 4:50pm to 5:00pm - Sadhana & Elysa address families in the gym
- 5:00 to 6:00pm - BBQ/Meet the Educators (classroom visits)



Booster Juice

Students will have an opportunity to enjoy booster juice on October 10th and October 24th! Students have three flavours to choose from and purchases can be made online or through **blue** order forms that were sent home this week. Funds raised will go towards school wide presentation opportunities.



Pizza Orders coming soon!

Pizza order forms will be coming out next week and families will have an option to choose cash online or cash payments. BCPS school council organizes this fundraiser and it supports initiatives such as Scientist in the Schools, resources and equipment that supports our student programming.

Gratitude to All Families and Where to park at 3:45pm?

Please take time to park in the community streets surrounding Bells Corners where parking is permitted and walk to school to get your child.

Thank you for parking in the community and walking to the school parking lot to pick up your child. This has created a safe space for students and families.

Walk a Block Initiative

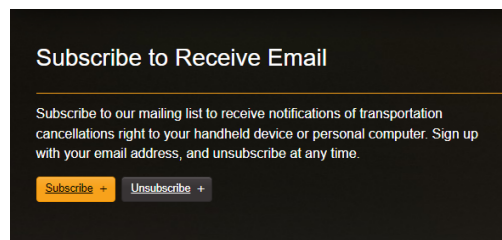
Did you know that walking all or part way to school helps create safer school zones by reducing vehicle congestion? If you live too far away from school to walk the whole way, consider parking 5 to 10 minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Take this small step to help make school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

Carpool/Rideshare

We know that bus cancellations have been challenging for families. If you are interested in carpooling with another family, please fill in the google form and Mrs. Lad will coordinate communication with families to work out a plan for transportation. Please fill in your interest [HERE](#).

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).**

OSTA Empty Seat Program - Suspended for 2023-2024 School Year

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.

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 next year? This dynamic team of parents 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, October 3rd, 2023 at 6:30pm in our library.

Dates to Remember

September 25, 2023: School Orientation & Welcoming of newcomer families to our school (2:45pm - 3:30pm)
September 26, 2023: School Photo Day!
September 28, 2023: Meet our Educators Night & Family BBQ (4:30pm - 6:00pm)
October 3rd, 2023: School Council Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Library or Virtual

We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

**Take Care,
Sadhana & Elysa**