



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

December 1, 2023

Dear BCPS Families,

It was wonderful to see all the families attend parent-educator interviews. We hope you were able to ask questions, provide feedback and ideas to support your student. Continue to reach out to your student's educators throughout the year if you have any questions or you would like clarification as we are a team in your child's development.

BCPS continues in their efforts to MAKE KINDNESS THE NORM in our building and around. Students will be participating in our first school-wide virtual Bingo on December 20th. This will be an opportunity to do something fun as a school community and bring us closer together. The more we build positive relationships between students and staff, the more kindness is what we see and feel throughout our entire day!

We look forward to welcoming our families to our **December Assembly** on **Thursday, December 14th**. This is a monthly activity our entire school engages in every month to share our most recent goals and achievements. We would like to invite families to come and take a look at what our Assemblies are all about. **Kindergarten and Primary (gr 1-3) classes will have their assembly at 1:15 pm. The Junior classes (gr 4-6) will be at 12:15 pm.** We hope to welcome you to our school and share with you all the great things that happen in and around our building.

We want to thank one of our very own, Ms. Dunham for designing our brand new banner. It is hung in our main entrance and it will be used for inter-school events to show our Bulldog Pride!



Dec.4 - MacMillan's Fundraiser: MacMillan's Cookie Dough and Muffin Batter, you can have fresh baked goods in only 20 minutes with no mixing and no mess! The batter comes to you frozen in convenient tubs. Unused portions can be refrozen.

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More information here: www.macmillans.ca



Food Drive: December 6th to 13th

Kindergarten Classes and Mrs. Burnett's classes will be organizing our upcoming food drive to support our local Bells Corners food bank. Students are welcome to bring in non-perishable items for our food drive. If you would like some ideas, a list of items that are needed are:

- Fruit Cups for Lunches
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Fruit Cups
- Chickpeas
- Oatmeal
- School safe granola bars
- Flour
- Canned Fish

Toy Mountain

Toy Mountain is available for families and is still accessible this week by contacting: *211 for Toy Mountain

December Assembly - Families Are Invited

Families are invited to our December achievement assembly. Every month, our school celebrates classroom achievements. The assembly will highlight what classes have worked on throughout the month and a few special performances?.

Thursday, December 14 for Junior grades (grades 4 to 6) at 12:15pm and Kindergarten/Primary (grades K to 3) at 1:15pm.

Kindness Squad Presents: School-Wide BINGO

Our grade 5 and 6 Kindness Leaders are at it again! They are organizing a school-wide BINGO through google meet for the entire school to participate. Students will have the chance to either work as a class, individually, or in pairs to play! Participating in school-wide activities that unites us creates community. Kindness Squad continues their quest in MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM at BCPS.

Transportation

A reminder that we have 3 buses for our school this year:

- E70 AM/PM (**Canceled bus, formerly our Orange Bus**) - stops are reassigned to other bus routes
- X86 AM/PM (red bus)
- E102 AM/E78 PM (blue bus)
- E59 AM/PM (green bus)

Please check bus planner to verify your child's bus stop and time.

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. Similarly, students must be prepared to go outside for recess in rain or shine. **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 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. 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

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Proceeds from the fundraiser goes toward programming and activities for BCPS students

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, December 5th, 2023 at 6:30pm** in our library.

Dates to Remember

December 6 - 13th, 2023: Donations for Bells Corners Food Bank

December 14th, 2023: BCPS December Assembly (Junior grades: 12:15 / Kinder & Primary grades: 1:15)

December 20th, 2023: School-Wide Bingo (Virtual) at 1pm

December 5th, 2023: School Council Meeting (6:30-8pm, school library or via google meet)

December 25th - January 5th, 2023: School Closed to staff and students. Happy Holidays to those celebrating during this time.

January 8th, 2023: First day back to school for staff & students

We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

**Take Care,
Sadhana & Elysa**