



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

March 22, 2024

Dear Families,

It was an exciting week where educators welcomed students back to school after March Break. Students are engaged in many literacy and numeracy instructional activities within classrooms. In the area of Mathematics, students are engaging in digital resources such as Knowledgehook and developing and using strategies to represent their understanding of specific learning goals across the grades. Similarly, in literacy, BCPS continues to develop students' literacy skills in the primary grades where they are developing their phonological and phonemic awareness skills. Educators regularly monitor achievement of various literacy goals.



Many BCPS students and staff are observing Ramadan and students are learning about the significance of this month for many of our students. Prayer rooms and alternative lunch spaces have been provided for BCPS students who observe Ramandan.



Our grade 1/2 students' reading skills are developing and many students are excited to share their achievement with their peers!

BCPS School Clothing Fundraiser is now closed

Thank you to all the families who purchased items. Orders have been placed and we will inform families when the orders are delivered.

School Council :Parenting Workshop Opportunity

Dive into the digital world of your children with us! We're hosting a special workshop titled "[Parenting the Digital Generation](#)" to help you guide and protect your kids online. From social media safety to cyberbullying defense, this workshop will help you gain practical tips for all your digital parenting needs.



Date: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024



Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm



Location: Lakeview Public School Gym - 35 Corkstown Rd, Nepean, ON K2H 7V4

Enjoy free refreshments and on-site childcare while you learn. Spaces are limited—register now at [LINK TO FORM](#) by April 9th.

Empower your family's digital journey with confidence. See you there!

*If you require assistance with transportation for this event, please email us at: sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca

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 or 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 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

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, April , 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 or 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

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| April 2nd | School Council Meeting 6:30pm to 7:30pm |
| 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 |

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| May 10th | Luv to Groove performance (parents invited) |
| May 10th | School Council Movie Night |
| June 3 & 4 | EQAO Grade 3 |
| June 5 & 6 | EQAO Grade 6 |
| June 26 | Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony: 10am to 11:30am |

We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

**Take Care,
Sadhana & Elysa**