



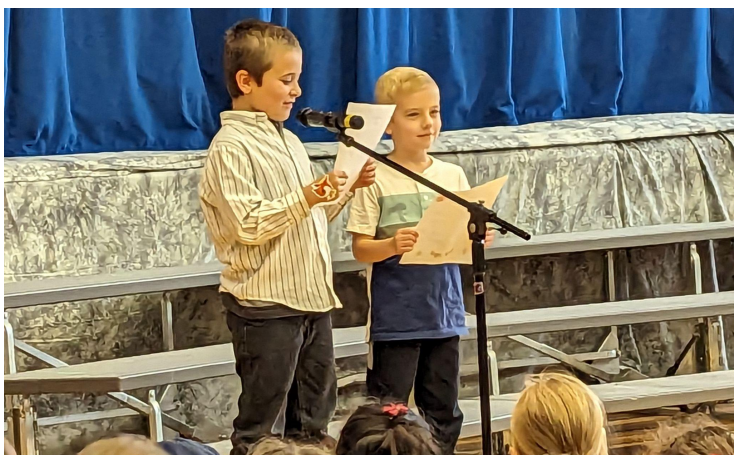
BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

November 17, 2023

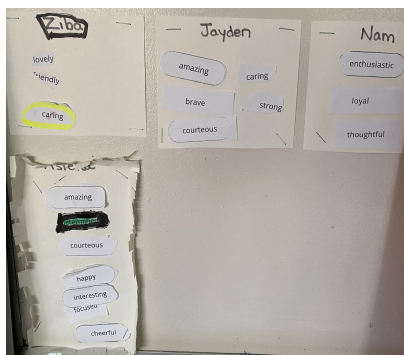
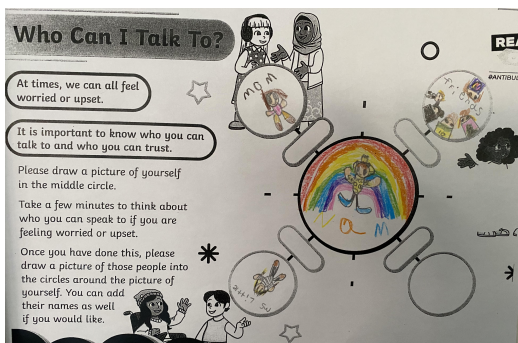
Dear BCPS Families,

Remembrance Day preparations and Kindness Week have been the focus over the past two weeks at BCPS. Our educators and students have been working on capturing their wishes for peace and understanding how to foster a community of kindness. Our Kindness squad put together activities for classrooms to engage in throughout the week. Junior students are organizing anti-bullying and cooperation based presentations that will be showcased at our school monthly assembly for the month of November. BCPS Bulldogs are learning that they can impact change while understanding how to be kind and caring.

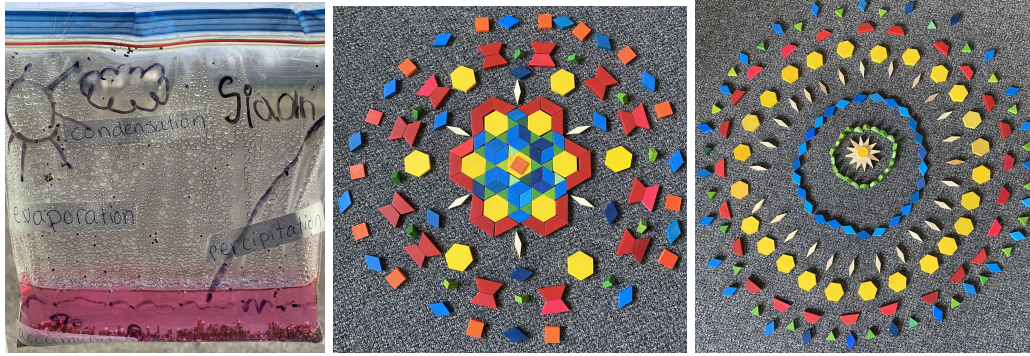
Parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to book an interview with their student(s) classroom teacher. Interviews are in person, however if you would like a virtual interview, this is an option as well. Elysa and Sadhana look forward to welcoming you into the school during interviews on November 23rd and 24th.



A big thank you and congratulations to our Bulldogs for creating such a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony for our school and community. Every class made their own rendition of the poppy and reflected on peace and wishes for the future. Thank you to classes who presented and Mr. Richmond and his choir for their song.



We had a very successful KINDNESS (anti-bully) week. Students engaged in a number of activities to promote kindness and a community of care in our school. Students built on their support system by taking about "Who I can talk to?"; they complimented each other with Wonderful YOU Wednesday. Classes will have the opportunity to share their learning with the school during our November Assembly next week.



There are always so many exciting and fun things happening in classrooms. Primary students find creative ways to learn about the water cycle in Sciences and patterns in Math.

Progress Reports Made Available to Families November 16

Families gained access to their students' Progress Reports electronically on November 16th. You received information on your student's OEN in their backpack this week to help gain access to your student's report. Progress Reports provide a snapshot of how your student is progressing. The February report card will have more detailed information of how your student is achieving their grade level expectations.

Book Interviews With Your Student's Educator Through schoolinterviews.ca

Families are invited to attend an interview with their student's educator on either November 23rd or 24th. This is an opportunity to ask questions and gain any clarifications you need around your student's progress. Please click on this link: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/357dq> to book your meeting time. If you are not able to attend on either of these dates and times, please reach out to your child's educator to arrange another meeting time.



Junior Students to Attend Presentation by Eva Olsson November 21st

Junior students (gr. 4 to 6) will be listening to a presentation by Dr. Eva Olsen. Eva Olsson is a survivor of the Holocaust who has dedicated her life to communicating a message of joy, hope and racial acceptance to young people today's generation. The focus of her talk is about the **EFFECTS OF BULLYING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT BEING A BYSTANDER TO**

INJUSTICE. Eva has given thousands of presentations to students throughout central and southern Ontario. More information is available at www.evaolsson.ca

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.**

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.

***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

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.

MacMillan's also offers an array of many other delicious products including Gourmet Desserts, Hearty Meals, Artisan Soups and some Entertaining App's. All MacMillan's Products are selected and prepared with the same high quality standards their customers have come to expect over the years.

More information here: www.macmillans.ca

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

November 21st, 2023: Eva Olsson Virtual Presentation (12:15-1:45pm) Gr. 4/5/6

November 23rd, 2023: Progress Report Interviews after school

November 24th, 2023: No School for Students & Progress Report Interviews (morning)

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**