



# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

November 2, 2023

Dear BCPS Families,

November has already arrived and we leave behind a very busy October! We are so grateful to our School Council for putting together an amazing Halloween/Family Dance. It was a huge success due to family member volunteers and our council members. A special thank you to Andrew Jarabek for putting together quite the entertainment with the lights, the music, the videos, and organizing some fun dance floor activities. It was absolutely wonderful to see our families connect and students enjoying themselves outside of school time.

All Bulldogs showed their school spirit and took a stand against bullying towards the 2SLGBTQ+ community by wearing purple on October 19th.

Educators are working on putting together each student's Progress Reports which will be made available online November 16. Families will be sent instructions on how to access progress reports in the coming week and how to book an interview with their student's educator using an online booking system.



*A BIG thank you to our School Council for throwing yet again another amazing and successful Halloween Dance for our students and families. Andrew Jarabek was a DJ extraordinaire and even added some karaoke this year! Thank you to everyone for coming and busting a move out on our dance floor.*

**REMINDER: No School for Students**

A reminder to families that **Friday, November 3rd**, our staff will be engaging in professional development around Mathematics, French as Second Language Literacy, Indigenous Perspectives across all subject areas, and cybersecurity. We look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday, November 6th.

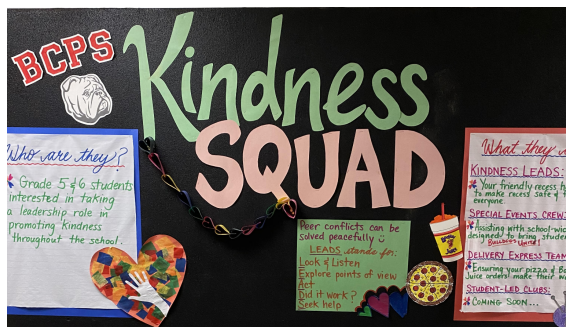
### Remembrance day ceremony

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be taking place Friday November 10th starting at 10:30 a.m. in our gymnasium. Our families are welcome to attend.



### November 6-10th: Treaties Recognition Week

Treaty Recognition Week in Ontario aims to promote education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. All students in K-6 will be engaging in lessons and activities around this topic. We will be providing resources, activities, and prompts in our Daily Announcements to invite staff and students to engage in the learning.



### November 13-17th: Ant-Bully (Kindness) Week

Our Kindness Squad leaders who are made up of grade 5 and 6 students are working hard in creating a week full of activities for our school all around kindness. Nov 13-17 is anti-bully week and as Kindness Squad members, they want to take this opportunity to promote KINDNESS in our school and community. They are lining up some great activities for our staff and students to engage in all week long. The themes are as follows:

- **Mismatched MONDAY** (students and staff are encouraged to wear mismatched socks to celebrate diversity and how our differences ARE our strengths)
- **Talk it out TUESDAY** (who can you talk to when you need help?)
- **Wonderful you WEDNESDAY** (spreading compliments like confetti!)
- **Thoughtful THURSDAY** (community circle discussions that will invite staff and students to think critically about the importance of kindness and how we can maintain this in our school and community)
- **Friendship FRIDAY** (fun little Bingo game to allow students and staff to get to know each other even more!)

### 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.**

### Library & Bag Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for more family volunteers to shelve books to help with book circulation in our library. If you are able to donate an hour or so a week to help out, please email [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca). If there is someone in our family community interested in helping bag our brown bag lunches for students every 2nd Monday morning for about an hour, please email [elysa.esposito@ocdsb.ca](mailto:elysa.esposito@ocdsb.ca). This would be of great help to our Healthy Snack monitor.

### Dental Screening for JK/SK, grade 1,2,4 and specialized classes on November 29th

Annie Sauvé a registered dental hygienist (RDH) with Ottawa Public Health will provide a dental screening on **November 29, 2022\*** for students in **JK, SK and grade 2** and other children as necessary. **If your child's grade is not selected, but you wish for the dental hygienist to see**

them, please advise the school.

The dental screening is a no-touch technique: the RDH will have no direct contact with your child. Instead, she will use a disposable tongue depressor to look at your child's mouth. This short visual assessment helps identify the need for dental care (infection, tooth decay, broken teeth or more). To comply with Public Health Ontario's Best Practices, appropriate measures will be in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 including performing hand hygiene, wearing personal protective equipment, and maintaining physical distancing as much as possible. Afterwards, your child will be given a report to take home which will explain the results of the dental screening. A follow-up visit by a RDH for individual students may be done and some families may be eligible for free dental care. **THE SCREENING DOES NOT REPLACE REGULAR DENTAL VISITS WITH YOUR FAMILY DENTIST.**

*\* Some date(s) may be subject to change*

This dental screening is offered in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards from the Ontario Ministry of Health. Personal health information collected during the screening will be used for the purposes of delivering, administering, and managing screening services and for statistical purposes provided under Sections 5 and 7 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (as amended) and the Ontario Public Health Standards (2018). Information may be used and shared among Ottawa Public Health authorized employees only in the provision of dental services. Questions concerning the dental screening, how to exclude your child from the dental screening for this school year, the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Supervisor of Dental Health Promotion, Ottawa Public Health, 400-1580 Merivale Rd., Ottawa, ON, tel.: 613-580-2424, ext 26376.

### **Transportation**

**In an effort to provide transportation for students on cancelled bus routes OSTA is making changes to several bus routes. Beginning Thursday November 2nd, families with students assigned to the following routes:**

- **E70 AM/PM (Cancelled bus) - stops reassigned to other routes**
  - **X86 AM/PM**
  - **E102 AM**
  - **E78 PM**

**Students on cancelled route E70 will receive a notice indicating their new bus stop and new bus number.**

**Parents should review the OSTA Parent Portal to view updated bus assignments and stop times. These changes will go into effect on Monday November 6th.**

**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. At this time, 1 bus is NOT RUNNING - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca) or [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto: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.

### **Dates to Remember**

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!

November 16th, 2023: Progress Reports are sent home through school messenger

November 23rd, 2023: Progress Report Interviews (4:30-8pm)

November 24th, 2023: No School for Students & Progress Report Interviews (9-12:30)

November 29th, 2023: Dental Screening for JK/SK, Gr.½, 4

**We hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.**

**Take Care,  
Sadhana & Elysa**