



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

January 23, 2025

Dear BCPS Families,

This week BCPS had many events that build students' collaboration, confidence, leadership and problem solving skills. There are a variety of extracurricular activities being offered at recess, which are led by our BCPS educators. Junior students met Paul Davis who discussed the importance of the impact of social media awareness. Students asked thoughtful questions and reflected on their own practice around technology. Kindergarten Information night also took place this week and families can begin registering for the 2025/2026 school year.



Mrs. Pryce's class created a mural to celebrate our winter months!



Snow Hill in the parking Lot

Thank you to all families for ensuring that our parking lot is safe! Playing on the snow hills are not permitted and please ensure that you are parking in a designated parking spot. Due to your cooperation, our students continue to be safe.



January 24th is a PD Day and Schools will be closed for the day

Learn More About EQAO For Parent(s)/Guardians:

Join EQAO staff for a free live webinar to learn about the math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO assessments are written by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, staff will show how the math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Registration link: https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5puRq18uQJyplaHgBYoBMw

Note: the same webinar will be offered on Tuesday, January 28 from 6:30 – 7:30pm and on Tuesday, February 18 from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Choose your preferred date when you register.

Dessert Dash: February 13th

BCPS school council is organizing our annual dessert dash raffle fundraiser. Your donation of a nut-free treat that is easy to transport is very much appreciated. Please bring your treat with the donation slip to BCPS on Thursday February 13th between 8:45-9:15am in the gym - entrance facing Richmond Road..

If you can volunteer or have any questions, email sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.c

Bells Corners School Council
Dessert Dash Raffle

Fundraiser for BCPS
Thursday, February 13th

Return the ticket form below to order
a *Free Raffle Ticket* and to purchase
additional tickets by **Wednesday, February 5th**.

Students will receive their tickets at the event and will use them to
enter draws for cakes, treats and prizes to take home.

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TREAT DONATION: Please attach this slip to your Dessert Dash item and bring it to BCPS on **Thur. Feb. 13 8:45-9:15am**.

Food item is (check all that apply): For home-made treats, please list the ingredients: _____

Nut-Free & Peanut-Free

Gluten-Free

Halal

Vegan (no dairy, eggs or lard)

TICKET ORDER FORM: Clip and return this section with your **cash*** payment in the envelope by **Wednesday, February 5th**.

Student's First & Last Name: _____

Student's Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Dessert Dash Raffle Ticket Order: **Free ticket only** (no payment required)

\$2 enclosed for a total of **4** tickets

\$5 enclosed for a total of **12** tickets

\$10 enclosed for a total of **24** tickets

\$20 enclosed for a total of **48** tickets

If this student wins an item...

Send item home with student (indicate transportation): Bus Walk EDP

Call to make alternate pick-up arrangements:

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____



*Only cash is accepted
(change is not provided).
Put form and cash in the
envelope and seal it.



Pizza order forms are due on February 7th.



Toonie Tuesday: February 25th

BCPS students will have an opportunity to participate in **Popcorn Tuesday**. This is a day where our funds raised will go to the Education Foundation on February 25th. The Education Foundation provides support to our students and families in need, through 3 main funding umbrellas, children and youth are provided with the tools for success like nutritious food, school supplies, and the opportunity to take part in meaningful activities. Learn more about our Programs: **Students in Crisis, Food Security, Active Living and Opportunity**

Are you moving or have you moved? Update your address

Please contact the office if you have recently moved and provide the office with your new address as soon as the change occurs. Also, providing proof of address is a requirement for all families.

Students Arriving After 9:15 a.m.

Please remember that our supervision ends at 9:15 out on the yard and the parking lot. If you are dropping off your students at the side parking lot gate after 9:15 a.m. and the staff on duty has closed the side gate, **they must come through the main office doors at the front of the building.** There have been instances where students are coming to the back of the building and the doors are locked and they cannot enter. Thank you for your attention and cooperation on this important safety matter.

Important Message Regarding Bus Privileges

OSTA provides a service to many of our students that attend BCPS. The safety and well being of our students are critical during our students time on the bus, coming to and from school. Please go over the safety expectations on the bus with your child.

- Staying seated at all times
- Food items stay in students bags
- Aisle must be clear at all times
- Stay in your assigned seats
- Conversations are permitted
- Listening to the drivers expectations and redirection for safety purposes

Inappropriate language or behaviour may result in a student being asked to find alternative transportation. The bus provides an essential service for our students but safety at all times must be maintained for all our students. We want our students to have a safe and predictable environment. Please speak to your child regarding the expectations. Any concerns regarding transportation should be directed to OSTA.

Dates to Remember

February 3, 2025: School Council 6:30pm to 7:30pm, BCPS Library

February 12, 2025: Term 1 Report Cards sent home

February 13, 2025: Dessert Dash: Raffle/Fundraiser- Volunteers Needed!

February 14, 2025: PD Day: No School

February 25, 2025: Popcorn Sales for Toonie Tuesday

March 3- 6, 2025 : Scholastic Book Fair

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 (9-9:15 a.m.) and dismissal times (3:45 pm), 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 remember that student arrival is 9:00am for all students. Students should not be on the yard before this time.



Media Forms - completely paperless

We kindly ask that you complete our Media and Technology Forms online this year in order to be more environmentally responsible. Please click on the link and complete the form for each student [here](#) (Media).



Reporting Your Child's Absence

In order to ensure the safety of our students it is **IMPORTANT** that families continue to notify the school when at *Bells Corners PS is now using an automated student absence system called Safe Arrival to report student absences. Families can also enter future & extended absences into this system. Please report your child's absence by calling the interactive toll free number: 1-833-202-1417 or by logging into the School Messenger App or Web Portal. All methods are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Families can find instructions to these by clicking on this link: [New Safe Arrival System-Reporting An Absence](#). Click here for*

FAQ's [Safe Arrival FAQ's](#) if your **child is absent**. This also applies to days when the **buses are canceled or the impact of weather conditions**. **Notification of all absences is necessary.** 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 dynamic team of parents meet on the **1st Monday** of the month from 6:30-7:30pm. 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 first meeting that will take place **For the month of January, we will be meeting on the second Monday of the month . Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30pm in our library. Childcare is available.**

Enjoy your weekend.

**Take Care,
Sadhana Lad and Staci Jamieson**