



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

March 7, 2025

Dear BCPS Families,

It is hard to believe that it's March! Pink Shirt Day and Anti-bullying initiatives and conversations were the focus of our month-long study. Student leaders were announcers at our recent assembly on February 24th where Junior classes represented their classes well and shared their learning around what is bullying, anti-bullying strategies, being an upstander and bystander. Mrs. Dunham's class created a sign in the Primary hallway that encourages students to be the "I" in kind and this is our Bulldog commitment to learning how our positive character traits can lead the way to more reflective conversations and actions.

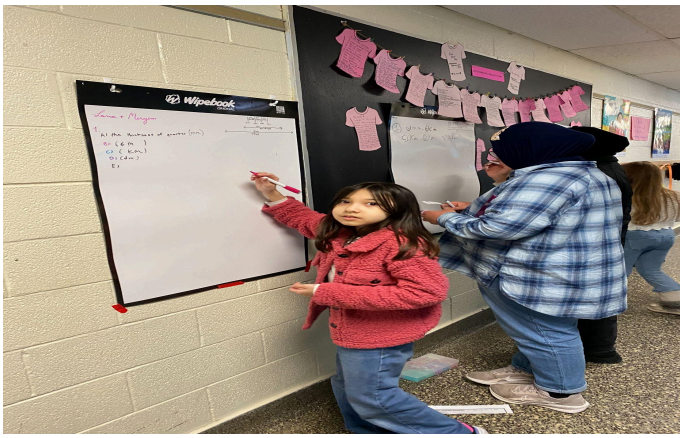


Our student led assembly where students shared their ideas about kindness and what it means to be an upstander

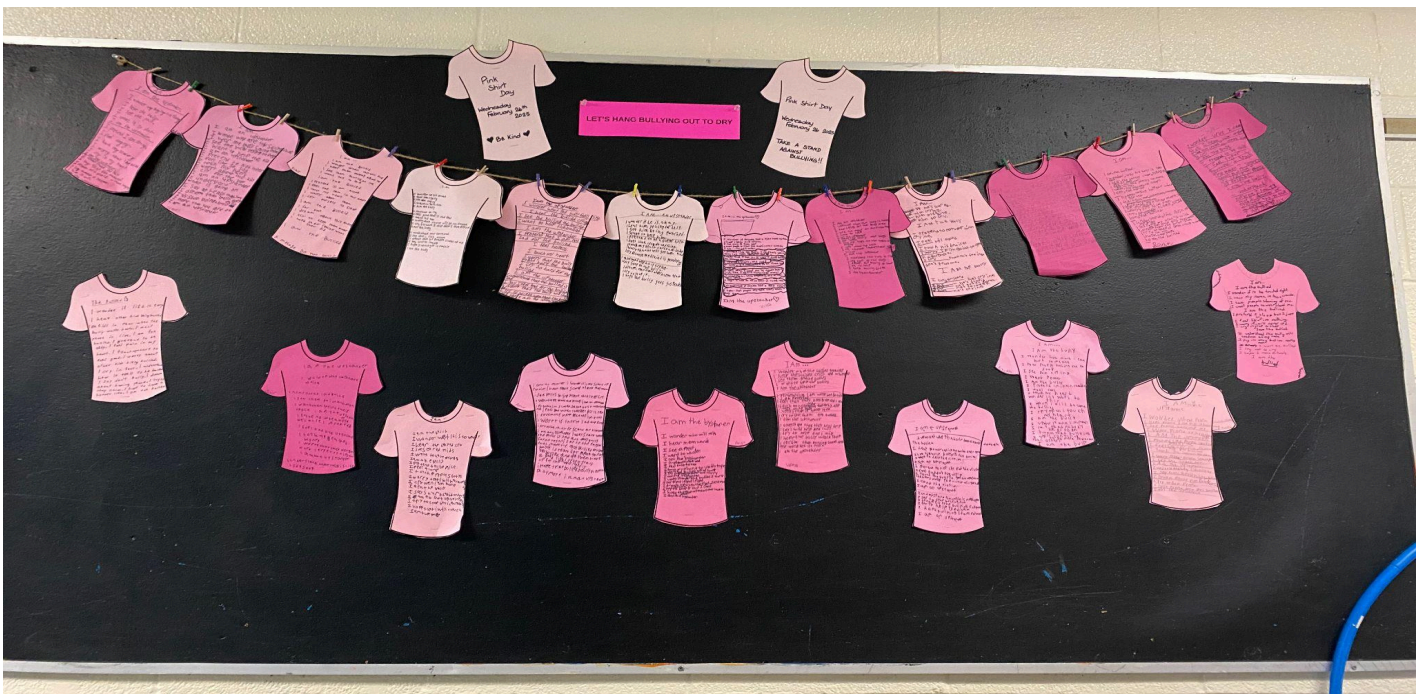
The end of February signifies the beginning of Ramadan and our students are learning about the celebration and ways that many staff and students honour this month. For students who are fasting, there are rooms designated for Primary and Junior students to use during nutrition break. Prayer spaces are also available as they are available all year long.

Paul Davis: Online Safety For Students and Resources:

In January BCPS welcomed Paul Davis who discussed ways to be safe while engaging in social media platforms for young learners and interventions families need to be doing to keep children safe online. Paul shared resources to support families: <https://beacons.ai/paul.davis>



Students working on Math problems on vertical learning spaces and our chess team represented BCPS well at the District tournament



This is just one of many meaningful displays created by our students around Pink Shirt Day! Many encouraging words were shared and understanding our Bulldog commitment to prevent and stop bullying!



Exciting news: Sens tickets Raffle ! Thanks to the generous community partner of Canadian Tire, our school will be raffling tickets to a lucky student to attend an **Ottawa Senators game on March 20th** including a ride on the Zamboni, 4 tickets to the game and a Sens jersey. Every student name will be placed into a raffle and if you would like additional ballots in the raffle to increase students chances, then students can purchase an additional ballot for \$1.00 and the proceeds will go to outdoor gym/recess equipment. Students can purchase a ticket from March 17th to March 19th The winner will be announced on March 19th!

Lice Protocol

Please take some time to review the [OPH: Head Lice Fact Sheet](#) The school will communicate to classes that are impacted if identification of lice is reported by families and discovered in the classroom. If help is needed please reach out to the school office or email sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca to request a kit.

Bulldog T-Shirt Wear is Back!

BCPS will be selling Bulldog wear starting March 17th to March 28th. Order forms will be sent home on March 17th.



Popcorn Day at BCPS: Thank You!

Thank you to all students and families as we raised \$450.00 for the education foundation! Thank you for your support of this great cause that supports our BCPS community.



March Break : School is Closed from March 10th to 14th and BCPS staff wishes all the students a restful break with families. We look forward to welcoming students back on March 17th.

Dates to Remember

March 17th : Back To School!

March 21st: Pizza Day

March 28th: PD Day: No School

April 7 , : BCPS School Council -6:30pm to 7:45pm

Parking Lot Reminder:

The front parking lot is reserved for buses and vans from 9:00am to 9:20am and 3:30pm to 4pm. If you are dropping your child, please park your car in the parking lot and then proceed to walk your child to the side gate or the front gates for Kindergarten drop off.

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.

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.

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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

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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 . **Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:30pm in our library. Childcare is available.**

Wishing all our students and families a wonderful March Break! Looking forward to seeing our students return on March 17th.

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