

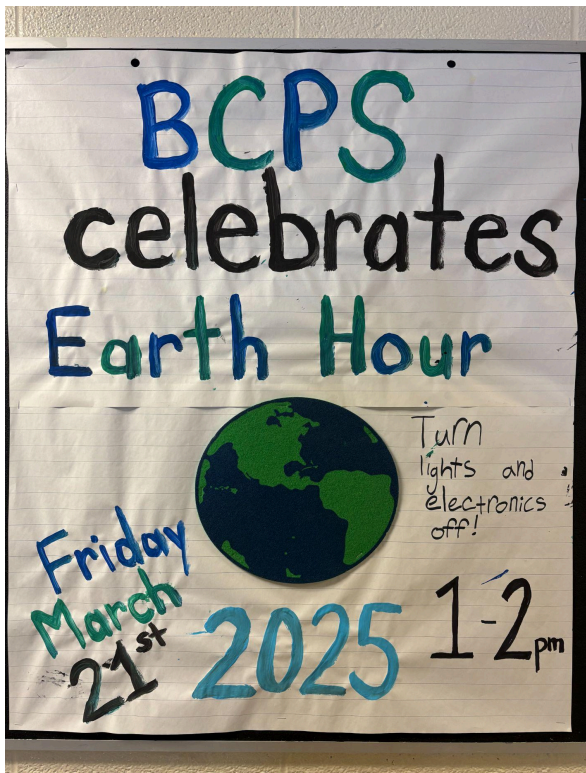


# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

**April 4, 2025**

Dear BCPS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of April! BCPS students are engaged in a variety of instructional tasks and activities. Earth Hour was honoured by our Primary classes and the month of April signifies many learning opportunities where students will be learning about conservation and ways to support sustainability in our everyday practices to preserve our Earth. Our students have great ideas and they are the leaders of change!



Mrs. Frantz's class are Earth Rangers and they are engaged in conservation activities!

Mr. Chapman grade 6 and Mrs. Ashley's grade 2 class received a donation from **Ottawa Field-Naturalist Club** to attend a field trip to Bill Mason Outdoor Learning Center. Students engaged in a variety of outdoor activities.





Mrs. Ashley's grade 2 class exploring Bill Mason Center!



Grade 6 class explored Bill Mason Center and stood quietly to feed the birds.



Our Kindergarten students worked collaboratively to create a mosaic art project with Mr. Balint!





## ACTION REQUIRED

### **BCPS Family Math Game Night! : April 23rd - Families are welcome!**

BCPS educators will be organizing a Math Night on April 23rd!! We welcome families to attend and learn how to engage and deepen your child's understanding of math concepts through the use of math games! Mrs. Lad will provide an overview of the curriculum math goals

to begin our night and then our educators will lead students and families through a series of centers with high interest games for your child. BCPS staff are looking forward to welcoming our students and families on this exciting day after school, devoted to a key area of learning and instruction!

**Please Sign Up For Math Night April 23rd:** [BCPS Math Registration](#)

### **Get Real Presentation: Combatting Anti-Black Racism**

On May 6, our **grade 6** students will listen to speakers who will facilitate a powerful and relatable workshop focused on identifying, unlearning and combating anti-Black racism. Two facilitators who speak to their own experiences and create a brave space for students to unpack racial bias, discuss realistic scenarios, and ask questions. Balancing personal narratives, statistics, historical context, student participation, and concrete allyship tools, this workshop will leave students feeling empowered, informed, and ready to make changes in their communities. The programming aim, promote unity, and foster compassion in our world.

### **Recess Update:**

We will be continuing Primary and Junior recess time for two more weeks and then we will be moving into one recess once again. We agreed as a staff that separating Primary and Junior students would promote positive behaviours and age appropriate games.

### **Would you like to learn more about EQAO?**

#### **EQAO Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students**

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO's primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain the assessment format, highlight resources to support students, and answer questions from participants. The session will be approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

[Register](#)

#### **EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians**

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. EQAO 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.

[Register](#)



A huge thank you to Endeavour Martial Arts for supporting our Nerf Night Fundraiser that raised \$400 for Bells Corners and treated our staff to treats. Our BCPS School Council worked with Endeavour to welcome families for a community fundraiser. Endeavour Martial Arts is a Bells Corners business that offers programs for all ages.

### 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](mailto:sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca) to request a kit.

### Dates to Remember

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

**April 17:** Pizza Day

**April 22:** School Spirit Day: Wear green and/or Blue for Earth Day

**April 23:** Family Math Night: 4:45pm to 6:00pm

**May 1:** Booster Juice (order forms will be sent home next week)

**May 6:** Grade 6 students only Get Real Presentation Anti-Hate/Racism

**May 6 to 9:** Luv to Groove

**May 9:** Luv to Groove Performance for Parents: 12pm to 2pm (class schedule will be shared)

**May 16:** Kindergarten Talent Show

**May 20 to 23:** Grade 3 EQAO

**May 27 to 30:** Grade 6 EQAO

**June 13 :** School Council BBQ

**June 20 :** Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony

### 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.**

### **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](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 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](mailto:sc-bellscornersps@ocdsb.ca) or [sadhana.lad@ocdsb.ca](mailto: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.**

**Have a wonderful weekend,**

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