



# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

**April 18, 2025**

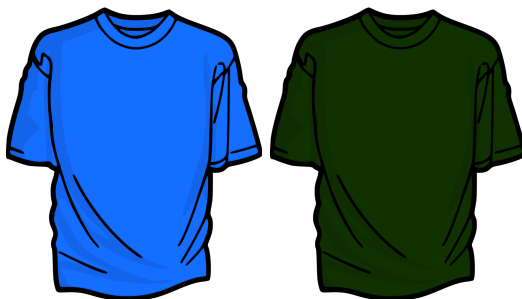
Dear BCPS Families,

What an exciting month of April we are having! Students are attending a number of great nutrition time clubs working on collaboration and building a number of skills (coding, craft, choir, guitar, basketball just to name a few). We are preparing to welcome Luv2Groove to our school at the beginning of May. This ties in well to our Arts program in the area of Dance. On May 9th at 12pm, we will be inviting families in grade 1-6 to come and watch the final performance. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

This week BCPS is hosting **Math Game Night on April 23rd in the gym at 5:00pm to 6:00pm**. This is a great time to observe and develop your child's numeracy skills while engaging in a Math game. Educators will be leading and encouraging students to take part in a series of math games.

**Spirit Day: Wear Blue and Green: April 22nd**

We encourage all Bulldogs to wear **blue and/or green** on **Tuesday April 22nd** in support of Earth Day.



*April 23rd at 5pm to 5:45pm*

**BCPS  
MATH  
GAME  
NIGHT**



**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!

**Here is a timeline of events for Math Game Night:**

**4:30pm to 5pm** - Parents and students will arrive in the gym and pizza will be served to students who ordered

**5:00pm** - We will gather in the gym to learn about the math game locations in the school

**5pm to 6:00pm** - Students and parents will attend Math Game stations in classrooms

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.

**Every student and family are welcome to attend.**

### **Get Real Presentation: Combating 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:**

This week BCPS will resume one recess where primary and junior students will go outside together again with designated Primary and Junior spaces. Students will be working this week to get used to the new routines and fostering positive interactions, while engaging in respectful and inclusive play.



### **Booster Juice**

Booster Juice is being offered to our BCPS students for a fee on **May 1, 9, 23, & June 5th**. Students can choose from five flavours at a cost of \$6.25, which will be delivered at 11:25am. The funds raised from Booster Juice sales will go towards field trip activities and supporting Primary and Junior initiatives.



Pizza forms will be available next week and our pizza days for term 2 are May 16, 30 and June 13th.



Subway lunch forms will also be available soon. Dates are May 22nd and June 19th.

### **School Council Movie Night: May 23rd**

Get ready for a fun-filled evening! BCPS School Council will be hosting a movie night in the school gymnasium featuring the heartwarming and hilarious animated film. More details regarding the time, movie name and any potential snacks or entry fees will be shared soon, so keep an eye out for further announcements from BCPS! We look forward to seeing you there!

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

**April 23:** Family Math Night: 4:45pm to 6:00pm (if you have order pizza: 4:30pm to 5pm)

**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 23 :**School Council Movie Night

**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.*



**Report  
Student  
Absence**

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, May 5th, 2025 at 6:30pm in our library. Childcare is available.**

**Have a wonderful weekend,**

**Take Care,**

**Sadhana Lad and Staci Jamieson**