



BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLDOGS

May 2, 2025

Dear BCPS Families,

Math Night was a great success and a huge thank you to parents who participated and shared in this learning. The purpose of the night was to demonstrate through games that Math learning is engaging and accessible for everyone. Activities focused on building a strong foundation in numeracy! Seeing additive, and multiplicative skills in action can promote perseverance, risk taking in problem solving and reinforce mathematical concepts.

Education Week is May 5th to May 9th! There are many activities planned for the students this week and we also honour this week with Luv 2 Groove workshops for all students in Kindergarten to grade 6.



Many games were demonstrated and students independently engaged in these activities! Thank you our educators for providing this after school activity



Mrs. Pryce and Mrs. Frantz's classes presented and shared their learning about Earth Day!! Ms. Mac's class discusses how the environment is impacted by our decisions. Mme Jean-Louis class also shared their learning at our April assembly.

Get Real Presentation: Combating Anti-Black Racism

On May 6, our **grade 5 and 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.

Mental Health Week:

BCPS students will be engaging in ways to develop strategies to support their own mental health awareness. Mental Health week takes place from May 5-11. This year's theme, "Unmasking Mental Health," from the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's (OCDSBs) mental health team has prepared resources to help educators, families, and students learn more about mental health, develop strategies that can promote well-being, and encourage discussion and engagement in wellness practices.

Luv 2 Groove begins May 5th!

We are preparing to welcome Luv2Groove at our school on May 5th. This ties in well to our Arts program in the area of Dance. **On May 9th, we will be inviting families in grade 1-6 to attend our final performance after 12pm.** Thank you to BCPS school council for supporting and funding this initiative for our students.

Do you require bus transportation or would you prefer to opt out?

Parents/caregivers who will not require school bus transportation for their eligible child(ren) will be asked to complete an [electronic opt-out form](#). This form confirms that a seat will not be needed.



Booster Juice

Booster Juice is being offered to our BCPS students for a fee on **May 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 have gone home 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. We look forward to seeing you on May 23rd. This is an evening for Bells Corners students and their families only.

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.

Dates to Remember

May 6: Grade 5 & 6 students only Get Real Presentation Anti-Hate/Racism

May 5 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 16 : Pizza

May 20 to 23:Grade 3 EQAO

May 23 :School Council Movie Night in the BCPS Gym

May 27 to 30: Grade 6 EQAO

May 30 : Pizza

June 13 : School Council Family BBQ

June 13: Pizza

June 20 : Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony

Community Extra-Curricular Activities:

The school will be sharing activities that are offered in the community and please know we are not endorsing any activities, however, this is to bring awareness to after school activities available for students. Many parents have asked for a list of activities in our Bells Corners Community.

A flyer for two basketball activities. The top section is for the 'Spring Shooting Clinic' by 'RIGHT WAY BASKETBALL'. It includes the location 'Earl of March SS', dates 'May 10th & May 31st', and age groups 'Grades 5-7 and Grades 8-12'. There is a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button below it. The bottom section is for the 'Spring 3on3 league'. It includes the location 'Earl of March SS', dates 'THURSDAYS - April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22 (5 sessions)', and age groups 'Girls Grades 5-8 and Grades 5-7 Co-ed'. There is another QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button below it. A basketball icon is on the left. The date '04/10/2025' is in the bottom right corner.

Spring Shooting Clinic

RIGHT WAY BASKETBALL

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For more information you can either scan the QR code or visit our website!

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

Have a wonderful weekend,

Take Care,

Sadhana Lad and Staci Jamieson

