



# BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

# BULLDOGS

**October. 3, 2025**

Dear Bells Corners Families,

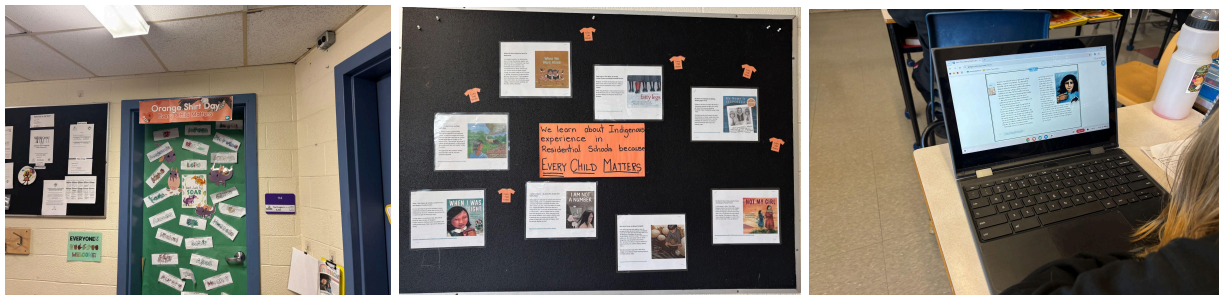
What an incredible start to the school year! We are so proud of our students and so thankful for the wonderful support and energy of our families. September was packed with important learning, community building, and memorable events that set a positive tone for the year ahead.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent events! Seeing our school community come together is truly special.

- **Meet the Educator Night:** It was fantastic to see so many families take the opportunity to visit classrooms and connect with your child's teachers. These early conversations are crucial for building the strong home-school partnership that supports student success throughout the year.
- **Family BBQ Success:** Our recent Family BBQ was a huge hit! The delicious food and lively atmosphere made it a perfect evening for catching up with friends and making new connections. Thank you to our school council team for making it such a fun and memorable event!
- **Terry Fox Run:** We had a truly inspiring Terry Fox Run! The spirit, determination, and commitment our students showed while running were matched only by their fantastic fundraising efforts. BCPS raised \$1005.00 dollars. We are so proud of our students' dedication to this important cause.



*Student voice is active at BCPS! Mr. Chapman's class organized fundraising efforts and presented key facts at our September assemblies!*



Students were actively engaged in Truth and Reconciliation learning goals!



From September 20th to 30th, our school community dedicated the week to honouring the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This day is a profound opportunity to remember the children who never returned home from residential schools and to honour the courage and resilience of the Survivors, their families, and their communities.

Our approach focused on age-appropriate learning and sincere reflection across all grade levels. Every student and class engaged in meaningful activities that worked toward **reconciliation** through action and understanding:

**Classroom Discussions:** Teachers led respectful and open conversations about the history and legacy of the residential school system, the meaning of Truth and Reconciliation, and the importance of listening to Indigenous voices. Students participated in various learning tasks designed to uncover the stories of many children and Survivors. This included exploring historical accounts, reading books by Indigenous authors, and examining the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Reflection: The day included moments of reflection and activities focused on developing empathy, understanding, and respect for the diverse cultures and histories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

This commitment to learning is not limited to a week or single day; it is a foundational part of our ongoing work to embed Indigenous perspectives and histories into our curriculum and foster a culturally responsive and respectful environment for all. We encourage you to continue these important conversations at home.

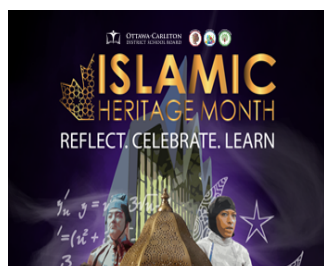


#### **November 4: Inuuqatigiit Centre Presentations: Kindergarten to Grade 4:**

BCPS students will have an opportunity to participate in a presentation that focuses on pictures taken in the Arctic that depict modern life in Canada's Arctic. There will be a component on hunting and harvesting.

#### **Concussion forms for team sports!**

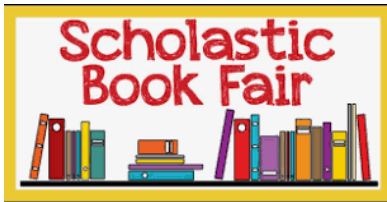
The sports teams at BCPS are a great opportunity for students. Students/parents must fill in a concussion awareness form for each team sport and without those forms, then students cannot participate. Currently, Soccer and Cross country is taking place.



#### **Islamic Heritage Month**



Every year in October, Islamic Heritage Month is recognized in Canada. This is a time to learn together about Islamic excellence and the rich, longstanding contributions Muslim people have made to literature, math, science, art and history.



Thank you to all the families and students who supported our book fair! We raised over \$1000 dollars for our library. This will allow the school and classrooms to update literacy collections.

### **Upcoming BCPS Spirt Wear**

BCPS sweatshirts, t-shirts and hoodies will be on sale on Oct. 6th. Purchases can be made online for the month of October and orders will go in on November 14th.



### **Milk Order Forms Have Been Sent Home**

Milk orders for term 1 have been sent home with students this week in their backpack. Families can order by returning the form with cash to school with their student or pay via cash online. **The due date for orders is ongoing and please let the office know if you would like to be added.**



### **Booster Juice Days!**

Booster Juice is being offered to our BCPS students for a fee on **Nov. 7, Dec. 4..** Students can choose from five flavours at a cost of \$6.25, which will be delivered at 11:00am. The funds raised from Booster Juice sales will go towards field trip activities and supporting Primary and Junior initiatives. Information will be shared in the upcoming weeks. **The office is still accepting orders**

### **School Council has organized lunches: Subway and Pizza Days**



### **Gabriel's Pizza delivered at lunch!**

Proceeds support programming like Scientists in Schools & Butterfly Kits!

**Pre-order for six (6) Pizza Days:**

<b><u>Friday, Oct. 17th</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Oct. 31st</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Nov. 14th</u></b>
<b><u>Thursday, Nov 27th</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Dec. 12th</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Jan. 9th</u></b>

**Let us know if you would like to order at anytime**

Order & pay **ONLINE** with School Cash Online

Log in to your existing account at <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>

Register for an account at <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com> (see instructions on reverse)

**OR**

return the pizza form sent home with your student along with **CASH** payment



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<b><u>Friday, Oct. 10th</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Oct. 24th</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday, Nov. 6th</u></b>
<b><u>Friday, Nov. 21st</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Dec. 5th</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Dec. 19th</u></b>
<b><u>Friday, Jan. 16th</u></b>		

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**Dates to Remember**

October 10	Subway Day
October 16	School Picture Day
October 17	Pizza Day
October 24	Pizza Day
November 4	Inuit Presentations (Kindergarten to Grade 4)
November 7	PA Day: No School
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	<b>Second Booster Juice Day (new date)</b>
November 14	Spirit wear orders due to the office

**BCPS Parking**

**End of day pick up at 3:45pm** has become extremely concerning and a safety concern as there are several cars blocking the student exit gates and blocking traffic for cars

that are parked in the BCPS parking lot. Please find a parking spot or park on the street in the neighbouring streets and walk into the parking lot to pick up your child. If your child is expecting a pick up, they will wait for you and your child will not be released until you arrive. I ask for your cooperation, which ensures our students' safety.

### **OCDSB Volunteer Approval Process:**

We are so grateful to the many parent and grandparent volunteers who help make our field trips and off-site sports and arts trips possible, as well as to all the ways that our volunteers support students in our classrooms.

**As part of our commitment to student safety, all volunteers are required to have a [Level 3 police record check for the vulnerable sector](#) from the last 12 months especially if driving students to tournaments.** If you think you may want to volunteer at the school (including distributing pizza) or on a field trip (including as a volunteer driver) in the future, please consider registering with the Ottawa Network for Education (ONFE) as soon as possible. **If you were screened last year, we still have a record of that screening.**

### **Forms to Complete**

#### **Students with Life Threatening Medical Conditions - Plan of Care**

**If your child has medication that needs to be kept at school, we encourage you to bring it this week..** If your child has life threatening medical conditions such as asthma or requiring an EpiPen due to severe allergies, please ensure that you complete this [plan of care form](#). The plan of care form needs to be completed each school year in order to ensure that the school has up to date information.

For students who require prescribed medication to be administered during school hours (not asthma inhalers and Epi pens) this form needs to be completed:

<https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/OCDSB-988-Prescribed-Medication> If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### **Media Forms**

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 forms for each student [here](#) (Media) and [here](#) (Technology).

### **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 6:30-7:45pm. 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 on **October 6, 2025**.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

**Sadhana Lad & Jen Chiabai**