



# THE BOGERT BULLETIN

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### Dear Parents,

We will be continuing our tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day in homerooms. All homerooms will have holiday-themed activities for students. Please review the following:

- Parties will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 14
- Children distributing Valentines must give one to every child in the class - no exceptions

The students are looking forward to the class parties and the Valentine's-themed crafts and/or games they'll be doing that day!

Thank you so much for your interest and support in the BLAST program. Unfortunately, due to the lack of parent volunteers that signed up to run the programs in each grade, the BLAST program will not be able to run this year. Like you, we are disappointed as we had a huge turn-out last year and the kids truly enjoyed it.

We look forward to the future events and programs that the PTO will sponsor this year and are thankful for your continued support.

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### A Message from Ms. Cipollini

Dear Bogert Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I step into the role of acting principal at Bogert school, I want to extend our collective well-wishes to Mr. Kaplan, and we look forward to his return in the coming weeks.

I am eager to support and contribute to the continued growth and success of the school community. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Kaplan and the Bogert community as the assistant principal this school year, and am excited to continue to work collaboratively with the staff, parents and Bogert students.

I can assure you that you will continue to receive ongoing communication, and the continuation of school programs and activities. I look forward to working more closely with Bogert students and families over the next few weeks. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Christi Cipollini

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## Belonging Blueprint

Just a friendly reminder of the upcoming parent workshop (The Belonging Blueprint) being offered at Bogert this month. The parent event will take place on February 26th in the Bogert Media Center. Two sessions will be offered 9:00-10:30am and 6:30-8:00pm. Details regarding the program are listed below.

Please register for The Belonging Blueprint ([here](#)). We are looking forward to a great event!

Program Details:

The Belonging Blueprint is an interactive parent workshop in which we will explore the importance of a strong sense of belonging for students, in connection to student voice, school-based initiatives and building on the home-school connection. Our goal is to strengthen the partnership between home and school, fostering a collaborative community where every child feels valued and supported.

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## What's Happening In The Classrooms?

Each month in this section of the newsletter, you can click on the grade-level links to learn what has recently happened, and what you can expect to occur, at each of the grade-levels. While there's so much more going on than included in these brief synopses, it's our hope that the information can at least spark a dinner table discussion about your children's days at school. Now, when you ask, "What'd you do at school today?" your children won't be able to get away with saying, "Nothing!"



*(Pictured to the right: Students in PE class participate in a Community Circle.)*

## Kindness Day

**Kindness Day** will be **Friday, February 16th**. We will be participating in classroom-based and school-wide activities, revolving around “kindness.” We encourage your child to **wear something that represents him/her**.



Beginning **Thursday, February 1st** we will be collecting **canned foods** for donation to local charities. We will also be holding a **Kind Coin Challenge**. Kids will put spare change into the containers located in the front office. Each coin is worth the point total of that coin (ex. 1 penny = 1 point, 1 nickel = 5 point). Students may also add in \$1 bills into other grade's containers, which would subtract 100 points from that particular grade.

A whole-school assembly will take place in the morning with **Prismatic Kindness Quest Laser Show**. We are looking forward to this special day filled with kindness.

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## A Note From Mr. Bischoff

Hello, Bogert Families!

It has been a wonderful year in the performing arts room so far, and it has shown no signs of slowing down! We have had introspective discussions about our own opinions on music and its place in our lives, as well as learning about reading, writing, and performing music.



3rd graders learned about different genres of music, and gave presentations to their class about their personal favorite genre. The students were deeply respectful of each other's preferences and incredibly receptive to new ideas about music. Since then, they have begun preparations for the 3rd Grade Show, which will be performed for students on March 20th, and parents on March 21st. There will be singing, moving, and of course, students will show off the hard work they have done on their recorders!

4th and 5th grade spent time working with musical notation, and their reading skills have taken a major leap! Before winter break, they composed rhythmic patterns that were performed by their classes. 4th grade has begun discussing storytelling, and how we can take words and elevate them to show a deeper level of meaning and emotion with body language and expression. 5th grade has entered their digital music unit. They have discussed the value of digital music in the modern world and will be using the digital audio workspace Soundtrap to compose their own digital music creations!

The Bogert Chorus performed at the Upper Saddle River Christmas Tree and Menorah lightings, spreading wonderful holiday cheer throughout the community! In the new year, Chorus has put forth unbelievable effort preparing for this year’s Winter Concert on February 1st. Their dedication, as well as their wonderful voices, have been nothing short of an inspiration. We cannot wait to show you the finished product!

Kids Heart Challenge Results

\$2,961.08

Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country. Your support and participation in the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge makes a tremendous impact in helping millions of Americans through increased awareness of cardiovascular disease, lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts.



School Store Sale

The Bogert School Store sale is on Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 6th! The School Store has a variety of items with prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$5.00. Small bills and change are preferred. If your child brings a reusable bag, they will receive \$0.50 off their total purchase! Students should arrive at school with their money on the day of their sale! Happy shopping!



Monday, February 5th D day	Tuesday, February 6th E day
Garcia	Falato
Aragona	Chiellini
Iannaccone	Drucker
Piazza	Walker
Darienzo	Capogrosso
D'Anna	Vega
Balsamo	Telfer
Decker	McFaul
Weil	Murphy
Hopson	Walker



## Bingo!



The USR PTO is proud to sponsor  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**



Thursday, February 8, 2024  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Bogert Multi-purpose Room  
Snow Date: Thursday, February 27, 2024

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE STUDENTS ONLY**

*\*NO SIBLINGS\**

Parent/guardian are REQUIRED to attend

*\*Please bring 50 pennies to use as Bingo card markers\**

All school rules and code of conduct apply.

Questions? Feel free to contact us at:

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## Rare Disease Day

Rare Disease Day is observed every year on February 28th or on February 29th during leap years. 2024 is a leap year! It is celebrated on the 29th during leap years as this is considered "the rarest day of the year." Rare Disease Day is a global initiative that aims to increase awareness about rare diseases and their impact on the lives of those affected. It provides an opportunity to unite as a community, acknowledging individuals and families navigating the unique aspects of rare conditions. The colors of rare disease day are blue, green, pink and purple.



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## Lunar New Year - volunteers wanted!

Lunar New Year is a celebration that marks the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. The new year celebration is usually celebrated for multiple days and typically begins when the first new



moon arrives, and lasts until the full moon arrives. This year it begins on February 10, 2024.

We are hoping to create a bulletin board or educational display for Lunar New Year at Bogert school. If you are interested in creating a bulletin board or school display please reach out to Ms. Cipollini as soon as possible.

## Bogert Student Council Winter Spirit Week 2024

<b>Monday</b> <b>2/12</b>	<b>Lunar New Year</b> Wear red and gold to celebrate the Lunar New Year. 
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2/13</b>	<b>Cozy Up by the Fire</b> Wear your favorite pajamas or comfy clothes.
 <b>Wednesday</b> <b>2/14</b>	<b>Lots of Love!</b> Wear red and pink for Valentine's Day.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2/15</b>	<b>Winter Wonderland!</b> Wear your favorite scarf, hats, and boots, and winter colors.
<b>Friday</b> <b>2/16</b>	<b>Kindness Day</b> Wear something that represents you. 



**David Kaplan**

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