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Bogert Bulletin

January 2024

A background image of colorful fireworks exploding in a dark night sky.

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents,

As we approach the final days of the year 2023, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Bogert in some way. We are so fortunate to have outstanding educators, dedicated parents, and thoughtful community groups who all share a common goal: the success of our students. With everyone's collaborative efforts, we find ourselves immersed in a very special school community.

The parents on Bogert's Principal Advisory Committee recently met with Mr. Kaplan & Ms. Cipollini to discuss various aspects of school life. At next month's meeting we will be discussing results of

the school climate survey and different perspectives on the definition of school community. I truly thank the parents that have volunteered for this important committee; the discussions we have play a critical role in helping me lead the school.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and memorable 2024!

Sincerely,
Mr. Kaplan

¡Saludos a todos!

Saludos familias,

This time of year is an exciting time for many. We take time to explore the unique cultural celebrations that take place in Spanish speaking countries at this time of year. Third graders are currently traveling the world to explore celebrations such as Las Posadas, La Noche de Velitas, El Sorteo, and La Patineta. Take a look at Ms. Telfer's 3rd graders and their Velitas!



4th GRADE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Fourth graders worked very hard to write a recipe in Spanish during the previous unit on La Comida (food). I invite all fourth grade students to participate in an **optional** enrichment opportunity to extend what they learned in Unit 1 by creating a cooking video for the recipe they wrote. In the video, students should introduce the ingredients and film themselves completing the steps while narrating in Spanish. They may read off their written recipe for support. I encourage students to be creative and have fun with this assignment if they choose to do it. Students may wish to use WeVideo, an app in Clever for video editing, but this is also optional. A simple video recording will be happily accepted. If your child would like to use WeVideo you may wish to reference the following document for support in using the app. <https://www.wevideo.com/support/getting-started-with-wevideo> Please send me your child's video via email by **January 22nd**. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions in regards to this enrichment activity. I look forward to seeing their submissions!

Fifth Graders are transitioning from a focus on oral presentations to written Spanish. They are learning how to engage in and interpret written conversations in the target language in letter format. I am excited to see the amazing things they are able to comprehend and write by the end of this unit!

I am very proud of all the hard work our students have been doing and I am looking forward to seeing what else they accomplish this year in la clase de español!

Atentamente,
Ms. Massaro

Classroom Spelling Bees: Will be held on Monday, January 29th (One student from each class will advance to the school spelling bee). **Unfortunately, there are no make-ups; if your child is absent the day of their scheduled class spelling bee, s/he cannot participate. Please see [Mrs. Caravela's website](#) or the [December Bogert Bulletin](#) for study guides.



Thank you, PTO!

Thank you to the PTO for providing the staff with a great holiday breakfast. It's always a pleasure taking a few moments to relax with colleagues and breakfast before the school day.



Thank you - we appreciate you, too!

Discovery Day 2024

This year marks 32 years since our first Discovery Day at Bogert School! This year our theme will be "Cultural Connections." We hope to celebrate diversity and create an atmosphere of respect and appreciation for all cultures. To make this day special, we are asking family members to share unique aspects of their culture with the students at Bogert during the day on April 19, 2024. We need your help!



Do you know Japanese calligraphy? Can you share British sayings and idioms? Can you and your friends model and discuss Indian fashion? Can you or a family member play traditional Chinese music or demonstrate Irish dance? Can you and your family share stories about your childhood in another country? Please sign up! It's a great way for multiple families or you and your children to work together!

Thanks to the many families who showed interest in September. Please confirm your participation by filling out this [form](#) by January 5th. You do not need to know exactly what you will present, we just need volunteers to make the day successful. We will reach out with more information. If you have any questions at this time please reach out to Mrs. Caravela at acaravela@usrschoolsk8.com.

A Message From The Mental Health Social Worker

This fall, as part of the district's wellness initiative, Bogert students participated in two student wellness surveys which asked developmentally appropriate questions related to their thoughts,

feelings, and corresponding behaviors. These surveys provide Bogert School with important student feedback that helps the school strengthen aspects of its school climate, including specific areas of our character education and social/emotional learning programs. Survey data are also beneficial to the school to identify student trends, with the goals of empowering children and creating the best possible learning environment for them. Teachers and specialists also use this information to gain another perspective on their students as individual learners, and to identify ways to continue to foster relationships and community within their classrooms.

One way that teachers utilize this student feedback is in Community Circle. Teachers use survey information to design Community Circle experiences that target specific areas of growth for their classrooms. For example, some teachers are using their students' feedback to provide Community Circle experiences around building students' abilities to find new friends and/or activities at recess, as well as how to engage in respectful conflict with peers. Other teachers are designing Community Circle experiences where the students engage with their class' anonymous survey data, identify their class' trends, and engage in critical thinking and problem solving around classroom-based trends and issues. For example, a 5th grade class recently engaged in a Community Circle discussion about their class' engagement data. They then collectively reflected on the ways students might participate in classroom instruction, and the reasons why students may exhibit different levels of participation.

Bogert School looks forward to administering its next round of student wellness surveys in the spring. This will provide us an additional opportunity to benchmark our progress, reflect on areas of school growth, and plan for our next level of work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Baker

Reminder about phones, watches, and communication devices

With the holidays upon us, many students will be receiving new phones, watches, etc. as gifts. As a reminder, Bogert's protocol with these devices is to securely store them in a lockbox during school hours. If your child is excited to bring his/her new phone to school, please remind them that the devices must be stored and secured by the teacher during school hours.



I am very happy to report that, with this new protocol in place, we've reduced our phone-related issues from dozens last year to zero this year! Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.

Student Council Spirit Days

JANUARY 2024

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Tuesday, January 2nd - Tuesday Bluesday

Deck yourselves out in Bogert blue!

Tuesday, January 9th - Take A Break Tuesday

On Take a Break Tuesday, students will participate in DEAR ("Drop Everything And Read"). Students may wear comfy clothes/pajamas, bring in a small pillow or a stuffed animal, and will sit back and relax with a good book for some reading with their class. This will also be a night of no homework.

Friday, January 26th - Funky Friday

Wear a funky outfit to school – the funkier the better!

Bogert BSI Teacher, Mrs. Whitman, created a "Gingerbread Bogert!"



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