

BOGERT BULLETIN

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Dear Parents:

As shared at both Back-To-School Night and the recent PTO meeting, the newly formatted Bogert Bulletin is going to house more information in order to reduce the number of emails being sent home. In fact, this newsletter contains information that would have been sent in eight separate emails! **Therefore, it's imperative that you carefully read this once-a-month bulletin or you will risk missing information that's important to you and your children.** We will gradually be relying more and more on [Bogert's Facebook page](#) for the photos of events that historically have been included in the Bogert Bulletin.



Important
Information

Bogert students will be participating in Halloween festivities at school on Tuesday, October 31. Beginning at 1:20, students will walk around the parade route, which will be in front of Bogert in the parking lot and the "kiss and drop" lanes. Afterwards, students will return to their classrooms and enjoy their class party for the rest of the afternoon.

- Children who wish to wear a costume should plan on changing into it at school. Costumes should be simple and low maintenance (i.e. no make-up). Children who arrive at school in costume will be required to change.
- The parade is intended for the students to assemble as a school community in order to see each other's costumes. Those parents who wish to see their child in costume are invited to stand along the parade route, which will be clearly marked in the front of Bogert.
- Parents are asked to remain outside the building and may not wear costumes or masks. Students may, of course, wear masks, provided they meet the criteria listed below.
- The traffic and parking situation will likely be difficult. You are asked to follow the directions of the school officials who are helping with parking.

Costumes (including accessories) of a violent or excessively frightening nature are not acceptable and are the antithesis of our commitment to provide a safe and comfortable school environment. Remember: some costumes are just not appropriate for school, even though they may be completely acceptable to wear while trick-or-treating around town.

As a special twist this year, the staff involved with the musical will be wearing costumes that will be the reveal of this year's show. Students have been receiving clues all week and the first class that correctly guesses this year's musical will win a pizza party and kickball game! I look forward to seeing you and the children at the parade!

Sincerely,
Mr. Kaplan
Principal

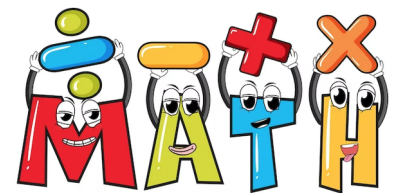
Bogert's Facebook Page

As stated at the top of the newsletter, if you'd like a sense of what's happening during the day at Bogert, we'll be regularly posting photo highlights. Please like/follow our page, which can be found [here](#). (As of today we only have 106 followers - can we get more?!?!)



Continental Math League Meets

As part of Bogert School's commitment to provide various enrichment activities for all students, third, fourth, and fifth graders are invited to participate in the Continental Math League (CML). Continental Math League is a reputable, nationwide mathematics competition that challenges students to apply reasoning and problem-solving skills to complex mathematical problems.



Students attending these meets will participate in "quizzes" with six open-ended problems. These questions are designed to encourage students to use a variety of strategies in the areas of mathematical and visual problem-solving. Meets will take place after school in the Bogert Gym, from 2:30 – 3:00. Please use the attachments below, which correspond to grade-level, to sign up your child if s/he is interested in this math enrichment opportunity. Please contact [Mrs. Caravela](#) with questions.

3rd CMLpermission2023-24.pdf

3rd Grade CML Permission Form

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4thCMLpermission2023-24.pdf

4th Grade CML Permission Form

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5thCMLpermission2023-24.pdf

5th Grade CML Permission Form

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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: A BMX biker jumps over a few 5th grade teachers. This program, sponsored by the Youth Guidance Council, was a fun way to learn about character education and not being a bully.)

[Third Grade Update](#)

[Fourth Grade Update](#)

[Fifth Grade Update](#)

B.L.A.ST.

Yes, we're already planning for 2024! "**B**ogert **L**unchtime **A**ctivity for **ST**udents" is a school-sponsored & PTO funded event that is completely reliant on parent volunteers to make it successful. When it gets cold outside, we offer an opportunity for the kids to do an activity during their lunch period & recess in the winter months. Mr. Kaplan also participates and has a chess class! Let's help our kids have a "BLAST" during their lunch time!



If you have a hobby, special skill, or have an interest in something you can share with the children, please click the following link to sign up to volunteer for your child's grade for B.L.A.S.T.:

[3rd Grade BLAST Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[4th Grade BLAST Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[5th Grade BLAST Volunteer Sign Up](#)

From the P.E. Department

The year is off to a great start for our PE classes!

Bogert PE offers a variety of fitness, sport, leisure, movement concepts, and team building activities to all students. Units and games are taught to help students improve and discover new interests so that they can continue to be lifelong health and fitness learners.

We are currently in the second unit of the year. We have completed playground games and are now in our team building unit. In the team building unit we are lucky enough to go outside and use our amazing adventure course that was built for us about 5 years ago. The adventure course includes a variety of activities that promotes positive and effective communication amongst students of all grade levels. Students have been working on their problem solving strategies while communicating with their other classmates to complete a course as a class.



During the last few weeks of October, we spent time reviewing activities for the Kid's Heart Challenge which was held on October 23rd. The goal of the KHC is to teach students about the importance of keeping healthy hearts while giving back to the community. Giving back to the community is a lesson that we try to instill in our students whether it is in a big or in a small way. We want to thank everyone for their on-going support of this event.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to reach out to either of us at Samantha Liggio , sliggio@usrschoolsk8.com or Brian Haines, bhaines@usrschoolsk8.com and Erika Blumenfeld, toward late November at eb Blumenfeld@usrschoolsk8.com Have a great year and we look forward to continuing working with your children!

PTO Holiday Shoppe: Volunteers Needed!

Holiday Shoppe 2023

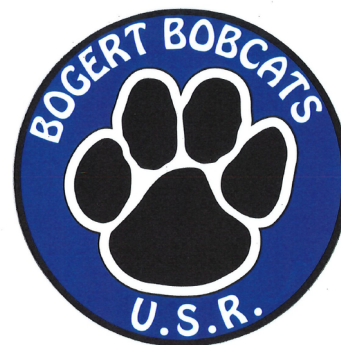
Each school year the PTO sponsors The Holiday Shoppe where students can purchase gifts for their family and friends. This year the shoppe will run from **Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th**. As volunteers, your responsibilities will include organizing the tables while the kids shop and to replenish any items that are running low on the tables. Volunteers will also be asked to assist the children with shopping and help work the registers. Parent/Guardian involvement makes the



Please click the following link to sign up to volunteer for the Holiday Shoppe:
[Holiday Shoppe 2023 Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Bogert Pawprint Car Magnets

Show your Bogert pride around town while supporting student activities and purchase a Bogert pawprint magnet for your car for only \$5! Please return the attached form below with the correct payment and we'll deliver the magnet(s) to your child to take home to you. *100% of the money raised will go towards supporting programs and special opportunities for students.* Thank you for your support!



PawprintMagnet.pdf

Pawprint Magnet Order Form

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You lost it, we found it!

"Lost & Found" tables will be set up outside of the Bogert Main Office during the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference Day. If it seems like your child's laundry is less than usual, or you swear you purchased a lunch box but can't find it, chances are those missing items are here! Anything not picked up after conferences will be donated to charity.



Mr. Kaplan

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