

BOGERT BULLETIN

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Dave Kaplan, Principal
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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.
- 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.

Finally, it was great to see so many of you at Back-To-School Night. I hope the evening left you with a strong feeling that your children are in great hands and have much to look forward to this year. Please don't hesitate to contact any staff member should you need additional information or have any questions about our programs, philosophies, procedures, or curricula - we are all here to help!

Sincerely,
Mr. Kaplan
Principal

Save The Dates!

Below is a list of Bogert events to which parents will be invited over the course of the school year. There may, of course, be other events not yet organized or we may need to make adjustments, but in the interest of advanced planning and encouraging parent attendance, I would like to share the events known to us at this time.



Event Date Time

Halloween Parade: October 31 @ 1:20 pm

Parent Conference Day: November 2 - various times by appointment & see sign-up info below

Read-A-Latte Cafe: January 18 & 19 - times vary by homeroom

Winter Concert (Chorus, Orchestra, 5th Band): February 1 @ 7:00 pm

Bingo (3rd grade): February 8 @ 6:30 pm

3rd Grade Show: March 21 @ 8:20 am

Bogert Musical: April 26 & 27 @ 7:00 pm & 6:00 pm

District Art Show: May 2 @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Spring Concert (4 & 5 bands): June 6 @ 7:00 pm

Spring Orchestra & Chorus Concert: June 13 @ 7:00 pm

5th Grade Recognition Ceremony: June 20 @ 10:45 am (tentative)

Although not for parents to attend, it is important for you to be aware of the testing dates for all students in grades 3-5. *It is essential that students be in attendance on these days.*

Test Date

NAEP (4th grade) March 5

NJSLA Science (5th grade) April 30 & May 1

NJSLA ELA & Math (grades 3-5) May 13-17

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on November 2 this year. While the majority of the

Registration for conferences will run from October 16 - October 27 and you may want to mark your calendars to get your preferred slot. Information about how to register on-line via Genesis is in the attachment below.



ParentTeacherConferences.pdf

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After School Clubs: sign-up information

As shared at Back-To-School Night and at the PTO meeting, sign-ups for all clubs are included in this newsletter. This will be the only opportunity to sign up for clubs for the year, so I encourage you to read through the options, [discuss with your child his/her interests](#),

and sign up by the firm deadline, which is **October 8**. Please understand that this new procedure is an attempt to be as equitable and inclusive as possible. While your child might not get his/her first choice, we will work to get him/her one of the three selections. Once every child has been placed, we can consider placing children in multiple clubs. Finally, if your child is interested in chorus and/or the musical, s/he can participate in these activities in addition to a club, provided you understand there will be occasional scheduling conflicts.



Our goal is to be allow every child who wants to be in a club to have at least one opportunity to do so. This is a new procedure for us, so please have patient if it's not perfect; we will be reflective.

[You can sign up your child for chorus, the musical, and/or a club here.](#)

Click on the attachment below to learn about all of our after school club offerings.

BogertClubSummaries.pdf

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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 see at each of the grade levels. While these

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!"



(Picture to the right: As a part of their space unit, 5th graders safely look at the sun through special glasses provided by [Pearl Observatory](#).)

[Third Grade Update](#)

[Fourth Grade Update](#)

[Fifth Grade Update](#)

From the School Counselor

Hello, Bogert Families!

It has been wonderful to meet new faces, as well as see returning students this year! I have been meeting with all new students this school year and am eager to meet all third grade students throughout the Fall. It is always my goal to connect with each student at Bogert, and I am hopeful to meet with every returning fourth and fifth grade student throughout the year, too!



It's a busy month in October with various important initiatives coming our way! From October 2-6, all public schools in New Jersey will be celebrating the Week of Respect. During this time, I will visit classrooms to do a lesson about the importance of this week. From October 23-27, we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week. This is the oldest drug prevention program in the country, and focuses on the importance of making healthy choices. This month, we will also kick off our fifth year of No Place for Hate! We are looking forward to all of the activities that our student and staff committee will create to promote inclusion within our community. If you are interested in participating as a parent representative for either No Place for Hate or our School Safety and Climate Team this school year, please fill out this [survey](#)!

I am very eager to be the advisor for Bobcat Buddies once again. The purpose of the club is to not only help students make new social connections throughout the school day, but to also spread kindness throughout the school community. We have a lot of exciting activities planned and cannot wait to get started. Thank you to the Youth Guidance Council for their ongoing support for this program!

Lastly, we are excited to celebrate another year of Thank You For Being You, our monthly student recognition program which highlights the ways in which students show The Six Pillars of Character throughout the school day. We are thrilled to see how many students we can recognize for showing positive character.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child at school, please never hesitate to [contact](#)

Warmly,
Sara Senger
School Counselor

Wear Pink!

On Friday, October 20, the Bogert staff will be wearing pink shirts with a specially commissioned Bogert paw print (see photo to the right) in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We invite, and hope, that the children will join us by wearing pink on this day.



2022-2023 NJSLA Results

The district recently received the score reports for parents and they will be sent home via U.S. mail on October 2nd. Once you receive the results, should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly.



Harrassment, Intimidation, Bullying training video for volunteers

We would like to express our gratitude to all parent volunteers at Bogert School. Your efforts in supporting our students, classrooms and teachers are greatly appreciated. We kindly ask all parent volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year to [watch this brief training video about H.I.B.](#) reporting and providing a safe learning environment for all students. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to our school community.



Christi Cipollini
Bogert Assist Principal
District H.I.B. Coordinator

Bogert Seat Sacks

The Bogert Seat Sack is a storage bag that slides over the back of a student's chair. It provides a convenient, personal, out-of-the way storage for all kinds of items and supplies and encourages the students to be organized. It's also monogrammed with "Bogert Elementary School."



As a fundraiser for the schools, the USR PTO sells the seat sacks for \$10. Please go to www.usrpto.com to order your Bogert Seat Sack and it will be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Feel free to contact us at usrptobogert@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanks,
Sherika Medina & Jennifer Waldbaum
USR PTO Co-VP's Bogert School

Red Ribbon Week

From October 23-27, students and teachers will celebrate National Red Ribbon Week. This year's national theme is *Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free*. While it is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the country, we use this week as an opportunity to celebrate respect and healthy decision making. Ms. Senger will visit classrooms to teach a lesson surrounding these topics, as well as introduce our No Place For Hate initiative.



Please find the school-wide spirit days for this special week listed below!

Monday, October 23

Being Healthy and Safe is NO SWEAT (***Wear workout clothes and sneakers for Kids Heart Challenge***)

Tuesday, October 24

Your Choices are the Key to Your DREAMS (***Wear pajamas***)

Wednesday, October 25

Strengthen Our CommUNITY by Standing Up (***Wear Orange in honor of Unity Day-sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center***)

Thursday, October 26

Being Drug-Free is Who I want To Be (***Wear a Shirt that Describes A Part of Who You Are***)

Friday, October 27

Team Up Against Drugs (***Wear a team jersey/uniform***)

Bogert Picture Day

Thursday, October 5



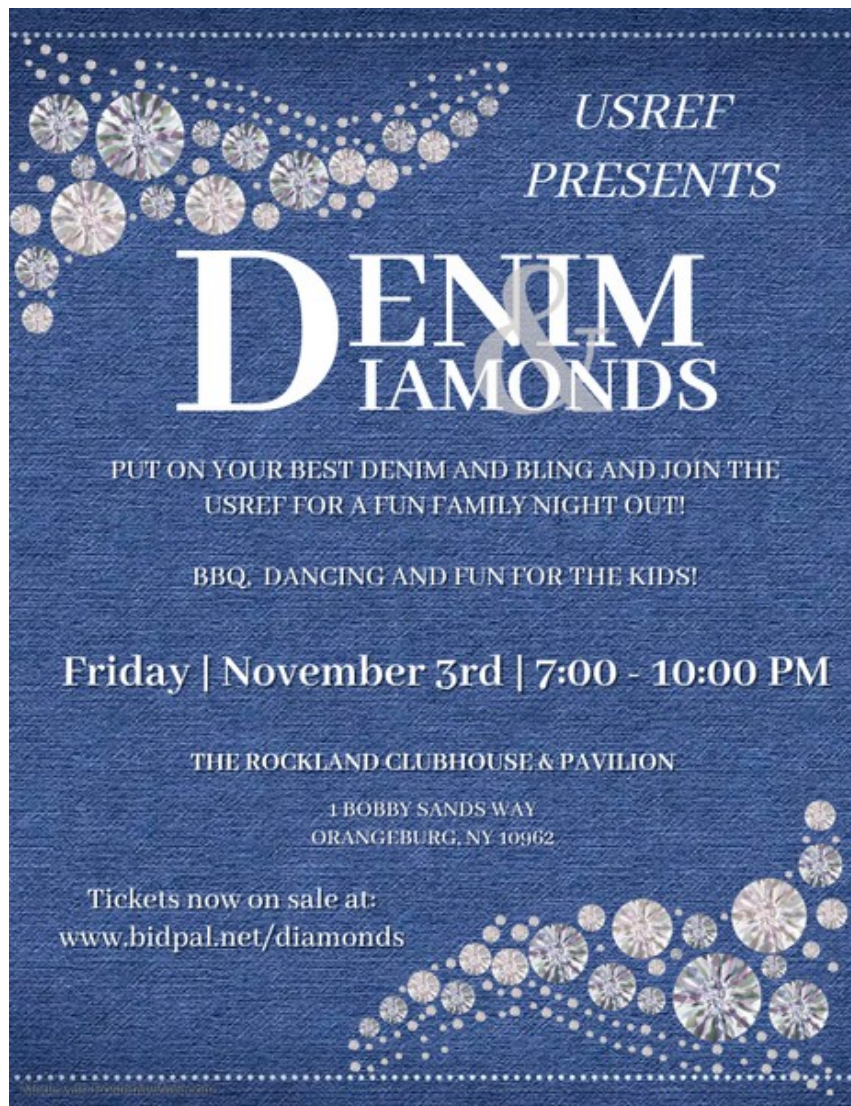
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Click the image to order your child's school photos.

BOGERT PICTURE DAY - 10/5/23 ("B" Day)

Class	Photo Time
Fallon	8:15
McFaul	8:30
Decker	8:45
Telfer	9:00
Murphy	9:15
Hopson	9:30
Vega	9:45
Weil	10:00
Capogrosso	10:15
Dariento	10:30
Piazza	10:45
D'Anna	11:00
Balsamo	11:15
Walker	12:00
Garcia	12:30
Aragona	12:45
Falato	1:00
Drucker	1:15
Chiellini	1:30
Iannaccone	1:45





Click the image to order tickets.



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