

# BOBKAT BULLETIN



## May Events

May 1 - 12 Collect Math-a-thon pledges

May 1 - Pizza Lunch; Gr. 6 field trip

May 3 - Hats on for Mental Health; Healthy Hunger - DQ [ORDER](#)

May 6 - Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10:30am

May 7 - RunWild Marafun!

May 8 - Pizza Lunch

May 10 - Living Rosary assembly; Healthy Hunger - Shumka

May 11 - Moose Hide Campaign Day

May 12 - Sports Day - dress in your favorite sports uniform

May 15 - 19 - Catholic Education Week

May 15 - Pizza Lunch; Math-a-thon

May 17 - Healthy Hunger - KFC

May 18 - World Catholic Education Day - wear blue;

May 19 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

May 22 - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

May 24 - Healthy Hunger - Booster Juice

May 25 - Parent Appreciation drive thru (before school)

May 26 - No Kinder/PreK

May 28 - Sacrament of First Communion 9am

May 29 - Pizza Lunch; Provincial Election

May 31 - Healthy Hunger - Edo; Helping Hands @ 9:30



## Admin Message

In the month of May, we honour the Blessed Mary, our Heavenly Mother of Jesus. During this special month we give homage to Mary as a mom, an advocate, a benefactress, and a helper. As a school, we will pray the rosary and celebrate Mary through the Living Rosary ceremony we will participate in school-wide on May 10th.

Service projects are very important to our school community and we are always impressed by how much support is provided to all of our initiatives. Our school-wide campaign to raise money for Catholic Social Services and their Ukrainian Newcomers campaign was a huge success. Through the raffle of the gem pictures, and the very popular bend-a-rule day, we were able to raise over \$1750 for this great cause. Thank you very much for your support.

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the resurrection of Christ as a school community. Students participated in a Holy Thursday/ Good Friday ceremony where we broke bread together and



## Playground Update

The playground committee is happy to report that we are in the grant writing/proposal stage of our playground initiative. Over the next couple of months we will be working with students to finalize a playground design. Ground breaking should take place Summer of 2024.

## BK Math-A-Thon

Math-a-thon pledge forms will be sent home over the next couple of days. We are excited to show off BK's numeracy ability! Please help to support our students in this and help to raise money in the final stages of our playground campaign.

## New VP 2023/2024

BK would like to welcome Lisa Giacobbo to our school next year. Lisa has a lot of experience in administration as she was the VP at Legal school for 3 years, VP at St. Kateri for 2 years, and Principal at St. Kateri for the 2022/23 school year. We look forward to her expertise in early learning and her welcoming spirit.

We would like to thank Mrs. Michael for stepping in to the VP role at BK since January. She has a knack for seeing the best in everyone and in ensuring all of our students receive support in all areas of their education journey: emotional, spiritual, academic. Thankfully, Leisa will be staying with us as a classroom teacher for the 2023/2024 school year.

witnessed the grade 6 students carry the cross as Christ did in his final days. Students then participated in our school wide faith retreat. It was also very exciting to walk to Mass to celebrate New Life. Thank you to the parents that were able to join us!

Mental Health Week takes place the first week of May, in which our school takes an empathetic view on personal wellness. Our school community will look at the importance of personal affirmations, taking time for oneself, and reflecting on our impact on others' wellness.

As we wind down the school year, we are excited to celebrate our grade 2 and 6 students in receiving their sacraments in Communion and Confirmation. Please join us for their special ceremonies on May 6th and May 28th respectively. We will also recognize our Grade 6 students as the leaders that they are, as they head off to junior high. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who volunteered in all aspects of our school this year..

Thanks again for the amazing partnership that you provide for your children at school. As always, please feel free to contact administration about any need that your child may have.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker  
Principal

Leisa Michael  
Vice Principal



# School Council

## ASCA Parent Night

School Council is planning a Parent Information Night regarding Internet Safety and our kids for June 1, 2023. Further information about the session as well as the date and time will be provided soon in a weekly update.

## Exciting Playground News!

It is design time! The Playground Committee is at the point that they are starting to look at design ideas and concepts for our new playground. They will be reaching out to the BK students to get their input as to what they would like to see in their playground.

Our BK Community has done an amazing job raising funds to build this new playground. But we could still use some additional donations. Donations of any amount are helpful. If anyone in the BK Community has the ability to donate on behalf of a business or knows of a business that might be interested in helping our students get an amazing new playground, please reach out.

## Mothers Day Campaign

We will be relying on the generosity of the BK School Community to donate toiletries (shampoo/conditioner/body wash) to help make Mothers Day special for the moms of Jessies House, an emergency shelter for moms and children escaping domestic abuse.

We will be collecting from May 1, 2023 to May 10, 2023. Thank you for your support.

## June Dance

We are hoping to plan a dance to take place June 8, 2023. These events need many hands to help them run smoothly. We will be sending out information about how to sign up to help. If we are unable to fill the volunteer positions by June 1, 2023 we will have to cancel the event. Please keep an eye on your emails to lend a hand.

## We are recruiting!

Join us for a meeting! Join a committee! Lend a hand! Reach out and let us know if you are interested in joining School Council.

## Join Us!

Our next School Council meeting will take place in person May 18, 2023. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until May 15, 2023.

Let us know if there is a topic you would like to see discussed at one of our meetings. Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and meeting details.

Keep up to date and in touch with School council by heading over to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council

# Friends of BK

We are on the Home Stretch Friends!

Looking ahead our Yearly BK -A-Thon is underway this May -

The Math-A-Thon mega goal is still in negotiations with the teachers.... Stay tuned as we hope some willing BK staff will get pie'd for the playground...

Check your backpacks for pledge forms and remember this is geared to be fun and not stressful! This is a great opportunity for the BK students to show off their numeracy skills and raise money for their playground!

Holy Moly! We would like to report that BKBigScoop Day was a sweet success... lots of scoops went to happy kids! We raised just over \$600!

May showers ... bring ... dirty cars! We have teamed up with Clearwater Carwash for a fundraiser mid May - so watch out for more info coming home (the link is: <https://linktr.ee/>)

FOBK ready to share with friends) these coupons will be delivered well before Fathers Day and they never expire!

We are excited to report that we have surpassed our \$60k fundraising goal!! We are now working on writing grants and seeking Corporate/Business Donations. If you wish to help, we have template letters that we can adjust to send to any connections you may have. All donations receive a tax donation receipt so it's win:win! Any questions or ideas - email us at

[friendsofberthakennedy@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofberthakennedy@gmail.com)

Thanks for your amazing support!

Fobk Executive





# CLUBS at BK!



## Running Club

- Grades 3-6
- Tues & Thurs Mornings at 8:00am
- Mrs. Kaplar



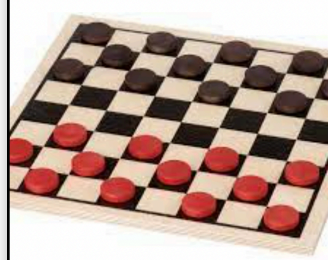
## Run Wild

- Kindergarten - grade 6 at lunch recess
- Preparing for Run Wild Race on May 7th
- Mrs. Byer & Mrs. Kolodziej



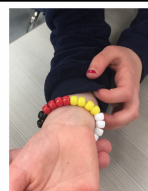
## Peaceful Warriors Yoga Club

- Grades 4-6
- Wednesdays at lunch recess
- Mrs. Florence/Miss K



## Games Club

- Grades 5 & 6 - Fridays at lunch recess
- Mrs. Michael



## Wahkohtowin Club

- Lunch recess on Tuesdays - grades 1-6
- Miss Frick



## Cupcake Club

- Grades 1-3
- Cupcake decorating
- Miss Dugan

## **Adopt a Bertha Kennedy Catholic School Flower Box Program**

To help cover the cost of school flowers, the BK School Council Garden Committee will continue last year's successful program for families or businesses to

### **“Adopt a BK Flower Box” for the summer!**

The cost is \$25 to sponsor a small box (in the back of the school) or \$50 to sponsor a large box (in the front of the school – see picture below). Your donation will help cover the cost of flowers, soil, and fertilizer for your box.

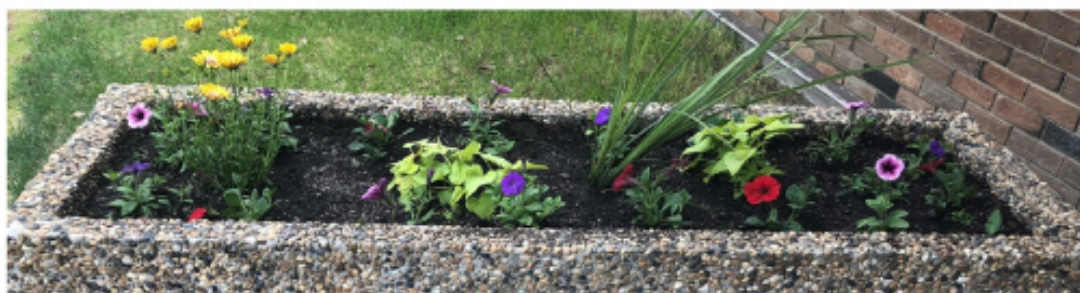
As a thank you for your support, your name will appear in the BK school newsletter and our Facebook BK School Council/FOBK Pages. In addition, we will be creating outdoor signage to thank the sponsors (i.e., “Adopted By...”). This signage will remain up until the fall, and will include a poster at the front entrance, as well as signage in each “adopted” flower box.

*If you are interested in this  
“growing” opportunity, please  
check out the following link:  
<http://linktr.ee/FOBK>*

OR Adopt your flower box here



Orders will be online only. On the JotForm, you will be instructed to choose the size of the box you are sponsoring (small or large), as well as the name (family or business) that you would like to appear on the signage. Once all the flower boxes are “adopted”, there will be an opportunity to donate directly to the BK Playground Fund.



If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristina Dover at [kristinabdover@shaw.ca](mailto:kristinabdover@shaw.ca) or cell phone at 780-721-8954. Thanks for continued support for Bertha Kennedy!!