

THE BENNINGTON BULLDOG – NOVEMBER 2016



"Recognition, Respect, Responsibility and Integrity"

From Ms. Danish

October was a very busy month for our students. We are very proud of all of their achievements, from Cross Country, to Slo-pitch, to the CN Tower Climb. Way to go Bennington Bulldogs!

Beginning next month most of the articles for the Bennington Bulldog will be written by students in the Newspaper Club and the photographs will be provided by the students in the Photography Club.

Cross Country Conference and City Finals

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Cross Country Conference Finals. They all placed in the top 40 to make it to the next meet: Robbie C., Kate R., Calvin R., Avery W., Audry M., Avery S., Katie W., Elizabeth K., Zoe C., Rachel T., Cole T., Nyna G., Evan S. Two students qualified to the City Finals. Kate R. and Cole T. persevered through a muddy and hilly Centennial Park course and commented, "It felt shorter." Kate R. finished 5th in the city and Cole T. placed 82nd in the city. Keep running everyone! The next Cross Country season starts in 11 months. Thank you to Ms. Bloomberg and Mr. Arabia for their time and dedication this season.





Girls and Boys Slo-Pitch

Bennington is Slo-pitch crazy! Dozens of girls and boys have been tossing a ball at recess and loving it. The boys played a spirited game against Rolph Road that went down to the final at bat for Rolph Road. Davi made an amazing catch to end the game and sent Bennington into the playoffs. The girls won two games this season! They scored a lot of runs and played as a team. The girls have improved so much this year and much thanks goes to all of the coaching staff: Anna Shaw, Ms. Johnston, Stu Jeffries, Graydon Lau and Mr. Arabia.



CN Tower Climb for United Way

Did you ever think of climbing one of the tallest buildings in the world? Well four of our students did. Congratulations to Grace and Helena Jordan and Nyna and Isla Gray who climbed the 1776 steps of the CN TOWER. They did it all for a great cause - the UNITED WAY. If you missed the CN Tower Climb this year, please come out next year. The sense of accomplishing this climb is amazing.



October School Assembly

Ms. Bloomberg's grade 4/5 class did a wonderful presentation related to the misperception that people with a physical disability are limited in their abilities. The students pointed out that we need to take the "DIS" out of DISABILITY and recognize people for being "EXCEPTIONAL" in how they achieve their goals. Steven Hawking, Bethany Hamilton and Stevie Wonder were some of the exceptional people they researched and presented.

Sarah and Claire's Food Drive

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate 644 lbs of food and \$450 to the Food Drive in support of Daily Bread Food Bank. Every dollar you have donated allows the Daily Food Bank to distribute \$5 worth of food. Thank you for your support to help families receive the food they need so they do not go hungry.

Primary Choir

All grade 1-3 students at Bennington take part in the primary choir. They have been busy preparing two songs to share with the school at the Remembrance Day assembly and will begin preparing several songs for the Bennington winter concert in December. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming performances! (Ms. Scharfstein)

Band

The grade 4 band is off and running and the students have been practicing their first 3 notes on their instruments. I'm always so impressed with the progress students can make with dedicated practice in these first few months!

The grade 5 and 6 bands are also well on their way, reviewing concepts from last year and starting to learn several pieces that we will share with you at the winter concert.

The music room is open for extra help and practice on Mondays and Wednesday from 3:20-4:00 and Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch recess. All band students are welcome to attend.

Our extra-curricular band has started practices on Wednesdays at lunch recess. This band is open to grade 5 and 6 students that would like to play more challenging music and have the opportunity to perform more frequently. We are preparing to perform at the winter concert as well as a band festival in the New Year. (Ms. Scharfstein)

 October at Bennington Heights E.S.	
November 1	Lice check
November 2	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 4	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 7	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 9	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Photo Retakes Girls Basketball game @ Bedford 4:00 pm

November 10	Home & School meeting 9:00-10:00 am in the staffroom
November 11	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Remembrance Day assembly Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 14	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball game against Beverly Glen @ Bennington 4:00 pm
November 15	Progress reports sent home
November 16	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 17	Girls Basketball game against Owen @ Bennington 4:00 pm
November 18	No School – P.A. Day
November 21	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball game @ Ledbury 4:00 pm Parent Information Night (part 2): Promoting Healthy Minds - What Parents Need to Know About Children’s Mental Health 6:30 - 8:00 pm
November 23	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 25	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm
November 28	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Girls Basketball game @ Harrison 4:00 pm
November 30	Boys Volleyball practice 7:45 – 8:30 am Pizza Lunch Girls Basketball practice 3:20 – 5:00 pm

