

**BOBCAT BULLETIN**  
**Delmar Elementary School**  
*"The School Too Great For Just One State"*



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**Daylight Savings Time is almost here!!!** March 12<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Daylight Savings time for 2017. This means that on this day we will lose one hour **but** it also means that we can take comfort in gaining a little more daylight as each day passes. With the recent blasts of cold air and snow, we welcome any sign of spring we can get. In the early weeks of the month of March, it is typical for temperatures to fluctuate. So, please continue to dress your children in layers so that they may stay comfortable no matter how the temperatures may change throughout the school day.



**Teacher of the Year: Congratulations to Mrs. Heather Jackson!!!**



Mrs. Jackson has been selected as Delmar Elementary's Semi-Finalist nominee for Wicomico County's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year. We appreciate the teacher nominations from parents, students, and staff this year. We are so proud of our many wonderful teachers. It gives us great satisfaction to know that Mrs. Jackson's instructional expertise and dedication to her students will also be recognized by others at both the school and county level. We are so proud to know that she will represent Delmar Elementary at this year's Teacher of the Year Banquet on the evening of March 23<sup>rd</sup> where the selected Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County will be announced.

**Way To Go!!! We are CHEERING YOU ON MRS JACKSON!!!**

**SGA**

The SGA is planning a trip to the nursing home in March to read to the residents. We are excited to be adding this to the things that we are doing to help our community. In April, we will be doing some clean-up for Earth Day. The students are doing a great helping the community and making the world a better place for everyone.

**Honor Society & SGA**

These two groups will be joining together to take a field trip in April to Washington, D.C. We will be getting a private tour of the Capitol, the Library of Congress and will walk through the Supreme Court. The students are excited to experience this part of our government.

**Transition Night:** Transition night for current grade 4 students will be held on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. This event is for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to register and prepare your student for their transition into Delmar Middle and High next year. Be on the lookout for the invitation coming home with your student.



**ONE-TIME OPTION LETTERS:** **It is time to start thinking about how our little Bobcats become Wildcats!!!** Maryland residents of fourth graders living in the Delmar School District have an option to send their child to Delmar Middle School. In order to do so, your signature must be on the One-Time-Option agreement indicating that you accept this option and agree to the terms and conditions stated within. If you are a Maryland family with a fourth grader at our school, you will receive your One-Time-Option letter. Please return this form ASAP and no later than the March 29, 2017.

As stated in this One-Time-Option form letter, Maryland students participating in the One-Time-Option agreement will also need to pre-register with Delmar Middle School; however, it is equally important to understand that **the Delmar School District requires all incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders, from both Maryland and Delaware to register.** Maryland and Delaware Families of fourth grade students will be invited to a registration information session to be held at Delmar Elementary on the evening of March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please look forward to receiving more information on this event.

## **Enrollment for 2017-2018 School Year**



We are pleased to announce that the Wicomico County Public Schools will hold the Registration Fair for incoming prekindergarten and kindergarten students on April 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Soon, we will be sending home additional information about the scheduled day for our school and the documents needed to complete the registration process. Registration forms will be available on the WCBOE website closer to the time of the event. All families are encouraged to download the required forms off the WCBOE website in order to make the visit to the Civic Center more efficient. If you know of families who will be registering a new Prekindergarten or Kindergarten student for the coming year, please share this news with them. Thank you for your attention and we look forward to welcoming your child into Delmar Elementary this fall.

**WOW:** LAST CALL FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE W.O.W. PROGRAM SIGN UPS! If your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade student is interested in participating in the spring session of Delmar Elementary's after school Work Out Wednesday Program please contact Miss Smith at [tasmith@wcboe.org](mailto:tasmith@wcboe.org). Paper work will be going home during the first week of March.



**Car Rider Loop:** Parents picking up and dropping off students using the car rider loop on Foskey Lane are asked to have your child exit and enter the passenger door closest to the curb. This will help ensure the safety of all our students. In addition parents are not to drop off students on 2<sup>nd</sup> street unless they plan to enter the building with them in the morning.




Hello Bobcat Families, PTA is excited Spring is just around the corner! The PTA has numerous announcements to let you know about. First, there is vacant position on the PTA board. If you are interested in filling the vice president position please let one of the board members know by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Joe Corbi's fundraiser will kick off on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please look for this information being sent home with students. Our Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support the Delmar Elementary PTA.

Calling all Bobcats!!! The Delmar Elementary School Talent Show is Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and PTA **needs volunteers for the talent show!** Please contact Lindsey Owens at lndscll@icloud.com if you can help with this event. We can only make this event a success with everyone's help. If your Bobcat would like to be a part of the show, please watch for an information packet going home with students.

The PTA will also host the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact one of the board members if you can help with this event.

We hope to see everyone on March 20<sup>th</sup> for our next PTA meeting. Thank you for assisting Delmar PTA in supporting our Bobcats!

Stay in the know and  us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/DelmarElementaryPTA](http://www.facebook.com/DelmarElementaryPTA)

## Is my child too sick for school?



**YES** if your child has...

- a temperature >100 degrees or not fever free for 24 hours
- diarrhea or is vomiting
- a rash that is draining or is very itchy
- a persistent, frequent cough

**Allergy season** is right around the corner—Please remember that **NO** over-the-counter medicines (including eye drops or cough drops) can be given at school without a doctor's order. Stop by the nurse's office to pick up a doctor's order form.

**Field Trips:** Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child **BEFORE** they come to school. It cannot be applied while at school.

**Lice:** *Please notify the school nurse if your child has lice.* Please make sure your child is treated with a pediculicide (lice-killing) shampoo. Pull out all nits. Wash bedding. Vacuum carpets. Bring your child to the Health Room to be checked before they return to class. Thanks!

**Spring Pictures:** Attention there will be spring pictures on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for the picture envelope coming home with your child.





**PARCC Assessment for Third and Fourth Grade:** Attention all parents and guardians this is an early reminder that starting on April 28<sup>th</sup> all third and fourth grade students will be taking the PARCC Assessment in Reading and Math. More information is forthcoming so please stay tuned.

## Summer Engagement Expo and More!

*An evening of family engagement for students' academic success and summer learning opportunities*

Families, plan to attend Summer Engagement Expo & More on Thursday March 9, 2017! This district-wide **'walk-in/walk-around'** event is designed to give you information for summer learning activities. It will be held at James M. Bennett High School, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

There will be representatives from organizations such as Crown Sports, Discovery Center, Girl Scouts, and the Salisbury Zoo with information on their summer programs.

Parents can get information on applying for prekindergarten and registering for kindergarten; if you have older children, you can talk with guidance counselors about selecting middle and high school courses.

**Ready Rosie:** We have been piloting the Ready Rosie program in our county for parents. Ready Rosie ([www.readyrosie.com](http://www.readyrosie.com)) is a family engagement tool that provides parents with a video in English or Spanish via text message or email of an activity that they can do with their child to increase school readiness. If you are interested please contact the school office and we will send additional information home.

## Our Character Corner

### Responsibility and Student Success

#### Children learn RESPONSIBILITY...

- ❖ When they are given responsibilities at home beginning at a young age.
- ❖ When expectations to take care of themselves are set (i.e. brushing their own teeth, getting their homework to and from school, making their beds, etc.)
- ❖ When they are taught to help out the family and the community (i.e. household chores, picking up after themselves at the park, volunteering, etc.)
- ❖ When parents avoid doing for children what they are capable of doing themselves.
- ❖ When all responsibilities are not tied to allowances.
- ❖ When they receive positive feedback and encouragement.
- ❖ When they see responsible role modeling from their families.



## Grade Levels At A Glance

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Our Pre-Kindergarten students will be starting a new theme called, “Construction Zone”. We will be learning about various tools we use in our everyday lives and machines used in construction. In addition, we will continue to learn more sight words, letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, and how to write them correctly. For math, we will be working on numbers 6-10. We will continue to compare/describe different amounts of objects, complete a set, identify, count and practice writing the numbers correctly.



**Kindergarten:** The Kindergarten Team had a fun day celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and we are so proud of the progress the students are making! We are excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s Birthday this month! Students will be participating in a Grade Level Rotation, allowing students to participate in related activities with each Kindergarten teacher.

In Reading, students will begin the “Wheels Go Round” unit. Students will read and write about how wheels are used for work and play. Students are working hard to master letter and sound recognition, rhyming words, and blending short vowel words. Please focus on the letters and sounds for E, G, I, J, K, L, O, P, Q, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z at home with your child. Students are also responsible for mastering the following sight words: a, am, an, and, at, can, come, do, go, he, I, in, is, it, like, me, my, no, see, so, the, to, up, we and you.

In Math, students will continue to review composing and decomposing teen numbers. Students should be able to identify and represent teen numbers on a double ten frame and write an equation. Continue reviewing 2D shapes at home. Can your child share attributes about each shape with you? Students are responsible for recognizing a square, circle, triangle, rectangle, hexagon, pentagon, octagon, and rhombus. This month students will also be exploring 3D shapes! Families can discuss 3D shapes found around the house. Try to find spheres, cylinders, cubes, and cones!

**First Grade:** First grade is continuing in our “We Can Work It Out” theme by listening to and reading multiple texts about problems and solutions and how problems in the texts are similar to our real-life situations. Please encourage conversation at home by discussing possible solutions to problems that students may encounter in their lives. It is important that students continue practicing this skill by using evidence from the text to support answers to questions. Please continue to complete the monthly reading incentive by filling out the calendars located in the front of your child’s agenda. Students who participate will receive a Reading Incentive Award at the Honor Day assembly. In math, students continue to work diligently solving number stories using multiple strategies such as, writing related addition and subtraction facts, using a part-part-total mat, a number line, and drawing pictures. We are also building fact fluency through the mastery of doubles and near doubles, and making ten. Your child will also practice telling time during this next unit of study. Help us show students that math is all around us! Ask your student to cook with you in order to practice counting and measuring. Have students count as they walk. This is a great way to practice skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s. We greatly appreciate your support at home!



**Second Grade:** The second grade team is ready for the warmer weather! We have been working so hard on gaining information from nonfiction text. We are so proud of how hard our students have been working and the progress they have been making! We are excited to continue our new reading theme on communities this month! Students will be working to describe similarities and differences between our community and the communities they read about. Students will be working on multiple skills in math this month including graphing, solving word problems and showing multiple strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Please continue to help your child with basic math facts as well as daily homework! As the weather will begin to change please be reminded to continue to send your student to school in proper attire including jackets and sneakers on gym days. Thank you for all the continued support shown towards second grade and Delmar Elementary!



**Third Grade:** In reading, third grade students will be reading to learn about different animal habitats and adaptations. They will read both fiction and non-fiction texts within the theme. Remember that the reading incentive is also due each month! The reading goal for March is 300 minutes, and the completed chart is due on April 7th! Happy reading!!

In math, we will be working through unit 6 exploring more operations for solving problems to become more efficient problem solvers. As we finish up unit 6, we will begin unit 7 which takes a closer look at fractions including comparing fractions using a number line. We will also look at volume measurement. For each unit, look for the family letter to come home that explains a bit more about the specific skills and strategies, vocabulary and activities covered in each unit. Please remember to continue practicing your multiplication and division facts at home to help with fact fluency!

We are currently exploring life cycles and animal adaptations in science, which provides many hands-on exploration and STEM activities. All students are currently able to observe the life cycle of a mealworm in their science classroom.

Social Studies will be an opportunity for students to learn about famous women who have contributed to our society. We will also launch a new unit on map skills.

**Fourth Grade:** Fourth grade is in full speed in our classrooms! Students are diving deep into fractions, decimals and measurements in math with more writing to prove answers. In addition, more deep-thinking is involved and two-step problems are being presented. Very soon we will be learning new division strategies and measuring angles. In reading news, students are reading novels and continuing to read in their novel groups. Teachers are asking students to look back in the text to reread sections to support their thoughts. In addition, students are writing in response to what they have read with many supporting details. Please encourage your child to read every night and ask them to summarize that part of the text. As you already know, we will be going to visit the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C. for the day on March 31st. Students will be able to visit the Natural History Museum, Air and Space Museum, American History Museum, Art Gallery and much more. All money is due Friday, March 17th. We are taking the charter buses. It should be a great time for everyone!

