

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



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May is here and our last mid-terms are right around the corner. The revised date for this will be May 8th. Please be reminded that the school year is far from over and we still have lots to learn! Our teachers have planned many engaging lessons and field trips. The spring air can lend itself to many wonderful learning opportunities. Please look for special notices regarding the upcoming events from your child's teachers. And as always, having our students present each and every day is so important. We miss them so much when they are not here. Likewise, we do not want them to miss out on valuable instruction when they are not present. Thank you so much for your help with this matter.

End of the Year Dates to Remember: Due to school cancellations resulting from inclement weather this school year, Wicomico County Public Schools has needed to revise their end of the year calendar. **The last day of school for students will be Wednesday, June 14th** (early dismissal days for students will be on June 12, 13, and 14). The dismissal time for our students on the noted half days will be shared with families as soon as this information has been received.

Change of Date for end of the year Honor Ceremonies:

Grade	Date	Time
Pre-K	To Be Arranged: Pre-K teachers will send a note home to parents	To Be Arranged: Pre-K teachers will send a note home to parents
Kindergarten	June 8 th	8:30 AM
First	June 12 th	8:30 AM
Second	June 13 th	8:30 AM
Third	June 14 th	8:30 AM
Fourth	June 9 th	8:30 AM

Classroom teachers will notify parents of end of the year grade level picnics in the near future. Please be on the lookout for their notification if you are interested in contributing in any way.

School Improvement Plan for 2017-2018: About this time each year, schools revise their plans containing goals to promote improvement. These goals revolve around things such as academic progress, instructional practices, student attendance, parent involvement, use of technology, positive character, professional development, etc. The draft of our 2017-2018 plan will soon be developed. Prior to its implementation and posting on the school website, this draft will need to be approved at the central office level. I welcome any questions or input you may have prior to the final approval of this document.

Field Day



Attention Bobcat Families! As the end of the year creeps up on us so does Field Day! Please note that Field Day will be held on **Friday, May 26th** this school year. As always, our 3rd and 4th grade will have their Field Day at the Mason Dixon Complex, however, the location of 1st and 2nd grade will depend on the condition of our large playground. Lastly, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten will remain on the small playground as usual. Please be on the lookout for our Field Day informational packet and permission slip!

We hope to see you Friday May 26th!

SGA & Honor Society

We had a magnificent trip to Washington, D.C. We got to get a private tour of the Library of Congress and see the reading room. We also walked through the Supreme Court Building. Then we had a private tour of the Capitol. We learned about where pieces of the Berlin Wall were put.

Honor Society

We would like to thank all our Delmar Families that donated to our Hope for the Hungry Food Drive. We were able to collect over 500 items. Thank you for helping those in need in our community. The criteria for Honor Society are below. 3rd graders – be thinking now about getting and keeping your grades up so that you can join Honor Society next year. Good Luck.



Honor Society

Eligibility

- * must be in an above level reading group and
- * Grade 3 - 4th term grades and
- * Grade 4 - 1st term grades

Requirements

- * No more than one B per marking period in Language, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Spelling, and Math
- * No more than one C per marking period in any special
- * Report cards are monitored each marking period to check for continued eligibility.



BARNHILL ANIMAL ASSEMBLY

We have the great privilege of having the Barnhill Animal Preserve come again this year for an assembly and pictures. It will be held on May 23. ALL students **MUST** bring in a signed permission slip to attend the assembly. Pictures are optional. The picture animals this year are the sloth, joey kangaroo, and a tortoise. Pictures are \$10 for each animal. Be looking for the permission slip to be coming home the first of May.



Character Corner

Raising children presents many challenges to parents, and some of the most important values a parent wants to instill in a child are fairness and honesty. But teaching them what fairness and honesty is can be a challenge too. Your activities with your child can help to mold their behavior and turn them into the good-natured children you hope they will be. There are no guarantees, of course, but your actions early on can vastly improve the chances that your kids will always treat others with fairness and will be truthful with everyone in most cases.

Set an Example

Perhaps the most important activity you can do with your children to promote honesty and fairness is to tell them to do as you do. Kids love to copy their parents, and this is a good way to let them do it. The trick is, you must act appropriately on your own in order for it to work.

Post Rules

Make a rules poster with your child. Discuss the rules that you want your child to live by regarding fairness and honesty. You can use pictures that demonstrate these qualities or spell it out with cut-out letters and glue them on a poster that your child helps to decorate. Once your poster is finished, put it on the front of the refrigerator or on their bedroom wall and go over the rules every day or so to reinforce them. After being directly involved in making the rules, it will be difficult for your child to forget about what they are and are not supposed to do.

Role-playing

Role-playing is a good opportunity to teach kids about fairness and honesty. Parents can really drive the point home by working together to come up with a short skit and performing it for the child. They'll be entertained and will therefore pay close attention to the message. Similar skits can be done with puppets if both parents are not available.

By: Lee Morgan (http://www.ehow.com/list_7468331_activities-teach-fairness-honesty_kids.html)

Fairness:

Practicing justice, equity, and



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 2nd street unless they plan to enter the building with them in the morning.

Pre-K Applications and Kindergarten Registration for Students Entering School During the 2017-2018 school year.

We are currently accepting applications for Pre-K and registration for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents are able to apply/register at the school office during normal office hours. Please remember that *children registering for kindergarten must turn 5 by Sept. 1, 2017. Children applying to prekindergarten must turn 4 by Sept. 1, 2017.*



To register or apply, parents/guardians need to bring:

- child's birth certificate or registration of birth**
- child's immunization record**
- child's Social Security card**
- two forms of proof-of-residency documentation** (*current utility bill with service address, AND rental lease, mortgage, or property owner's tax bill*)
- child's IEP/IFSP** (*if applicable*)
- Income verification** (*for prekindergarten only*)

Registering as early as possible for the 2017-2018 school year is encouraged.

If you know of families living in the Delmar School District with children this age, please feel free to pass this information on to them.

Please note that only children of kindergarten and pre-kindergarten age by September 1, 2017 and are NOT currently enrolled in Wicomico County Public Schools need to register for next year. Students that are currently enrolled in Pre-K will automatically roll over to next year's enrollment.



Student Placement for the 2017-2018 school year

As we begin making preparations for the 2017-2018 school year it is important to note just how much effort goes into instructional placement plans for our students. Our teachers analyze data and group students in ways that are designed to best suit their instructional needs. **Please do not request that your child be placed with a specific teacher as that teacher may very well not have the instructional level group or have students that align with certain other factors within the grouping process. Please trust your child's teacher this year to make the best instructional decisions and recommendations just as they have done all year long.** We have over 800 students at DES and we would love to accommodate everyone's personal request; **but due to the need to maintain the instructional integrity for students and provide fairness to all our families, letters of teacher request will not be held for consideration.** Matters of extenuating circumstances such as physical or emotional limitations will need to be stated in writing and accompanied with a certified physicians/psychiatrists note prior to any such considerations.

GRADE LEVELS AT A GLANCE



Pre-Kindergarten: Our Pre-Kindergarten students are hard at work with our new unit, “Growing and Changing”. We will be having a field trip on May 19th and permission slips have gone home. In addition, we will continue to learn more sight words, letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, how to write them correctly, and orally blending and segmenting individual phonemes in two-to-three phoneme words. We also will be retelling stories that we have read and answering key details about the text. For math, we will be working with 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to build addition facts and subtraction facts to 10, telling which number comes before or after a given number, and writing and representing numbers correctly.

Kindergarten: At the end of April, Kindergarten students were given the opportunity to visit the Salisbury Zoo. The Kindergarten team would like to thank all of the families that helped to chaperone our trip and make it a success. We are looking forward to our trip this month to Assateague Island. Please make sure you have returned your child’s permission slip if he or she plans to attend.

In Reading, students will begin the “Spring on the Farm” unit. Students will read and learn about the signs of spring, animal and plant life cycles, baby animals and life on the farm!. Continue to review blending short vowel words. Please continue to help your child master 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 as well as color and number words.



In Math, students will continue to review and identify 2D and 3D shapes. Students are also practicing creating subtraction equations and should understand that subtraction is taking apart and they must start with the larger number first! We will also begin to focus on fact fluency within 5. Please look for fluency flash cards that you can use at home to practice this skill.

First Grade: Our first grade students are excited to get outside and enjoy these warm-weather days! Encourage your student to get outside and find some ways to help the environment such as planting a garden, starting a compost pile, cleaning up litter, or taking items to the recycling bins. In reading we have been discussing other ways to help the environment through complex text read aloud and other short stories. In class, students are working to answer questions about a text using the evidence from the story. Please support this effort by asking your student questions after they read books at home. Remember to sign the reading incentive calendar after reading with your student so they will have the opportunity to be recognized during our June Honor Day assembly! Please continue to help your student practice solving addition and subtraction equations quickly to build fluency. In math, we will also continue to review shapes and their attributes, telling time to the hour, and working with making and interpreting graphs.

Second Grade: We are in the home stretch and can’t believe the year is almost over! It has flown by! The second grade team is continuing our “Family Time” unit in reading. We have been comparing and contrasting different families we have seen throughout the texts in this unit. We are continuing to read both fiction and nonfiction texts and have been working hard to find the main topics and lessons learned. Remember that the reading incentive is due each month! Happy reading!



In math students are exploring equal groups and rectangular arrays. This has really been getting the students excited for their math future into multiplication. We are continuing to push fluency with adding and subtracting. We are now up to three digits using multiple strategies. Please continue to practice fast math facts up to 20.

This month we have a lot to look forward to! We are excited to be headed to Furnace Town on the 18th and 19th of May. Please check the permission slip for the day your child will be attending. Thank you for your continued support!

Third Grade: Wow! Time is just flying by. It is so hard to believe that it is already May. Our third graders are working hard to learn and grow every day. For the next few weeks in reading we will continue to work on studying the theme, *Voyagers*. In this theme, we are learning about explorers from early America to current times. We are tracking their voyages and learning how about their journeys. The reading goal for May is 340 minutes, and the completed chart is due on June 2nd.

In math, we will be heading into Unit 9: Multi-Digit Operations. We will learn to make sense of multi-step problems and determine when to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. Please continue to use ConnectED at home. Your child's username and password can be found in their agenda. Science promises to be engaging and fun. Third grade students will be participating in a Safe Racer competition in their classrooms. In this STEM activity, students will work in teams to construct a vehicle with a limited budget and supplies. Then they will test their vehicles for durability and distance. In social studies, students will continue to work on map skills. They will be working on navigation just like the voyagers they are reading about. In addition to map skills, they will also be learning about the wonderful symbols of America.

Fourth Grade: It's hard to believe that we are in the last half of the 4th term already this year! This month, our 4th graders are traveling over to the middle school for a half day visit and placement assessment. All of our students are excited to begin a new chapter next year! Please remember to sign and turn in the yellow carbon copy Course Selection paper that will be passed out to students on that day and return the permission slip for this trip. There are some very exciting events coming up for our fourth graders in the next month. We will be working on a county STEM project. The winners of the grade will then go on to compete against other 4th graders in the county on May 23rd at Bennett High School. In addition, please save the date for our 4th grade Promotion Ceremony on the morning of June 9th. As always, thank you for your support to help your child succeed. We really appreciate all you do! If there are ever any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

