



# Bobcat Bulletin

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## Keeping the Focus

As we begin the last full month for the 2017-2018 school year at Delmar Elementary School, our thoughts begin to turn to summer but it is important the students continue to focus academically and maintain proper behavior.

This month is a very important month for all students as they will complete many assessments that will influence their placements for next year. Students in grades 3 and 4 will continue with the state-wide PARCC assessment and complete the math portion during the week of May 7th. Students must come to school on-time and be mentally prepared for the assessment. Students in all other grades will be completing important reading assessments that will gauge their progress throughout the year. This information is crucial to their placement next year.

## Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is held across the nation from May 7-11. We will be celebrating not only our teachers during this week but all our staff members who work tirelessly each day to help your children. We hope you appreciate all that our staff does as well and hope that you will take the time during this week to say thank you in your own special way.

Each day, the administration has special surprises planned for our staff. On Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, our local Delmar VFW has graciously donated funds to provide a catered lunch for them. We would love to spoil our staff with desserts made or purchased by our families. If you would like to donate, please send them to school on either May 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your consideration.

## Yearbooks On-Sale Now

Yearbooks are on sale now in the office. The cost is \$20.00 each and only 300 copies are available so get your copy now! Checks should be made payable to Delmar Elementary School.



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## **PTA Update**

Many of our families have asked about the current status of our PTA due to the recent cancellation of a few of the events. Due to oversight, our PTA lost its non-profit status with the Maryland Business Office and its charter with the Maryland PTA. Although this is unfortunate, it can easily be rectified and is already in the progress of being done.

Over the past few weeks, the administration has been working with Maryland PTA to regain our charter and renew our non-profit status with the State of Maryland. Unfortunately, until that is done, our current PTA board cannot collect or disburse any funds or sponsor any events.

We are in the process of organizing a new PTA executive team for the 2018-2019 school year and feel confident that all paperwork will be completed and approved for the organization to conduct business beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thank our current PTA board and appreciate all their hard work and dedication to our school this year.

## **PTA/Renovation Meeting**

Our final PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. Although no formal business meeting will be held, we will have a presentation on our upcoming renovation project that will begin over the summer. This is a very important project for the Delmar community and you will not want to miss hearing all the great things that will take place at our school over the next 3 years.

## **Midterm Progress Reports**

Midterms will be distributed to all students on May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a conference.

## **Delmar Talent Show 2018**

Please join us on May 31<sup>st</sup> for Delmar Elementary Idol! We have over 25 acts showcasing the many talents of our students. The event will begin at 5:00 PM and is open to all our families.

## **End of Year Awards Programs**

Mark your calendars for the following dates of times of our end of year awards programs.

June 11	Pre-Kindergarten	10:00 AM, 1:30 PM
June 12	Kindergarten	8:30 AM
	Grade 1	1:30 PM
June 13	Grade 2	8:30 AM
	Grade 4	6:00 PM @ Delmar Middle School Auditorium
		<i>(Note: Tickets required. More information to follow)</i>
June 14	Grade 3	8:30 AM

## **SGA and Honor Society**

We want to thank everyone that brought in toys for Brooke's Toy Closet. We were able to donate many toys for sick children. We appreciate all your help.

We also had a great time at SU on our field trip. We learned a lot about recycling and sustainability. We enjoyed talking to the football players and touring the campus.

# Healthy Headlines



## DID YOU KNOW???

- Anyone can sunburn! Both dark and light skin types can sunburn.
- Children receive 80% of their lifetime sun exposure by age 18...that is why using sunscreen on your children is so important!

## Be kind to your skin!

- Use at least 15 SPF sunscreen.
- Cover up with hats and clothes.
- Minimize exposure to the sun between 10 am & 4 pm.

**Please apply sunscreen to your children before school on sunny days!**

## END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child received ANY medications at school, the remaining medicine and equipment must be picked up before noon on June 15. A parent/guardian may pick up and sign-out the medication. **Any unused medication that is not picked up by NOON on June 15 will be thrown away.**

## ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS

**TWO (2)** MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and **TWO (2)** Varicella (chicken pox) vaccinations are required **before** entry into Kindergarten.



\*\*Please make sure your phone number and contact info are up-to-date in the school office, so you can be contacted quickly in the event of an emergency or illness. Thank you!

## Allergy Alert!

Warmer weather is here! The grass is green, and flowers are blooming, and *allergies are kicking in*. What measures can you take to shield your child of allergens while still enjoying the outdoors?

- Keep car and house windows closed and if possible, turn on the air-conditioning, making sure it has efficient filters.
- Control the timing/impact of outdoor exposure by planning trips when it's cooler and less windy. NOTE: Hot, dry, windy days seem to be peak allergy days! Also, pollen counts normally peak in the morning, so schedule activities for later in the day to keep sneezing at bay. Playing is often more fun after kids wake up from their naps.
- Restrict outdoor activities like camping and hiking.
- Keep children indoors when mowing the lawn.
- After coming in from outdoor activities, toss dirty clothes in the washer and take a quick shower, especially after gardening or raking leaves.
- Request that family members and visitors remove shoes before entering the house or at least wipe them well on a mat.
- Remember, any over-the-counter meds to be used at school must have a doctor's order.



# Our 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 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](http://www.ehow.com/list_7468331_activities-teach-fairness-honesty_kids.html))

## Fairness:

Practicing justice, equity, and equality. Cooperating with one another.

Grade Level	Average Daily Attendance 94 % Required	
Pre-Kindergarten -AM	90.60%	
Pre-Kindergarten - PM	92.51%	
Kindergarten	92.93%	
First Grade	94.11 %	
Second Grade	93.89 %	
Third Grade	93.69%	
Fourth Grade	94.00%	
Overall Attendance	93.52%	

## Special Dates

May 1	PTA/Renovation Meeting, 6:30 PM
May 1-4	PARCC Reading Assessment, Gr. 3, 4
May 7-10	PARCC Math Assessment, Gr. 3, 4
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 7	Kindergarten Field Trip (Coleman, Scott)—Assateague
May 8	Kindergarten Field Trip (Hall, Schindel)—Assateague
May 9	Kindergarten Field Trip (Adams, Chew, Minor)—Assateague
May 9	Grade 2 Field Trip—Furnace Town (Clark, Littleton, McCain, Palmer)
May 10	Grade 2 Field Trip—Furnace Town (L. Hudson, Pennington, Wilkinson)
May 11	Pre-K Field Trip—Salisbury Zoo
May 14-18	PARCC Math Assessment, Gr. 3, 4
May 16, 17	Grade 1 Field Trip, Assateague
May 19	Delmar Elem. Night @ the Shorebirds
May 22	Grade 3 Field Trip, Junie B. Jones
May 23	Grade 4 Field Trip, Junie B. Jones
May 16	Delmar Senior Walk, 11:15 AM
May 22	Water Safety (Handley, Sandlin)
May 23	Barn Hill Farms Assemblies
May 24	Water Safety (Bowden, Sowell)
May 25	Field Day
May 28	Memorial Day—closed
May 29	Water Safety (Allen, Throm)
May 31	Spirit Day, (Red, White, and Blue Day)
May 31	Water Safety (Shiles)
May 31	Talent Show, 5:30 PM



## Grade Levels at A Glance

### Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten students are blooming into success. Our next theme is “Animals Everywhere.” We will be learning about how to care for animals and how they live in their natural habitat. We will visit the Salisbury Zoo to see the animals up close and personal. In addition, we will continue to build sentences with sight words and focus on letter writing using the verbal path. We will recognize the beginning sounds in words and learn to blend two phonemes. For math, we will continue to build the concept of numbers 15-20. We will count and compare objects. We will also be learning how to combine and separate groups.

### 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 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/away, and they must start with the larger number first! We will also begin to focus on fact fluency within 5.

### First Grade

We are so glad the weather is finally warming up and we’ve been able to get outside to enjoy the sunshine and the new playground equipment! In the classroom, we have still been busy bees reading and writing all about our earth and discovering what we can do to keep our planet clean and beautiful. At home, please encourage your child to get outside and find ways to help the environment, such as by planting a garden, picking up litter, or recycling.

In math, we are continuing our practice with solving addition and subtraction equations using the most efficient strategy, such as by making ten, using doubles, or relating subtraction to addition. You can reinforce this skill at home by giving your child an equation within 20 to solve using mental math and then having him/her explain the strategy used to solve.

We appreciate your help at home as we continue to encourage students to work hard throughout the rest of this school year.

## **Second Grade**

Time is sure flying by! It is already May and this year is quickly coming to an end. The second-grade team would like to thank each one of you for all the time and support you have given your child this year! We couldn't have done it without you. We have a very busy month ahead of us with lots of fun activities to look forward to. **Our field trip to Furnace Town is just around the corner! Please be sure to send in your child's signed permission slip and money by May 4, 2018.**

This month in reading, we will continue with our "Family Time" theme. We would like to thank all the families for helping their child complete their Time Line projects. Everyone did an awesome job! Our students have been working hard to develop their understanding of a text through their oral and written responses. Written comprehension is very important to helping the students' progress in their reading levels. Our students have improved with using context clues and picture clues to help them determine the meaning of unknown words in a text. The students have become amazing authors this year! They have been working hard on narrative, opinion, and informational writing.

This month in math, we will continue to solve one and two-step word problems, solve addition and subtraction equations using different strategies, and practice our fact fluency through engaging games. In our new unit, the students will be working with estimating costs, equivalent money amounts, and reviewing place value. Please continue to have your child practice their math facts at home to build their fluency.

Please check with your child nightly to make sure they have completed their homework and they have the school supplies they need daily. Some students need dry erase markers, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, or crayons. Thank you for all your support!

## **Third Grade**

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will soon be 4<sup>th</sup> graders ... 4<sup>th</sup> term is really flying by! The third-grade teachers would like to send out a quick, friendly reminder about PARCC testing. Students will be taking ELA PARCC during the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> and Math PARCC during the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a hearty breakfast to ensure they are focused and ready to put forth their best effort. We would also like to remind you to send in your child's signed permission slip to see *Junie B. Jones the Musical* at the Freeman Stage on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In Reading, upon the conclusion of PARCC testing, students will continue their novel study reading The One and Only Ivan. Once the novel study is complete, students will finish out the remainder of the year reading fiction and non-fiction texts to learn about daring and courageous voyagers from past and present. Remember that our students earn awards at our honor day assemblies for completing their reading incentive calendar! The reading goal for May is 340 minutes, and the completed chart is due on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>!

In Math, students will be moving into Unit 9 where they will make sense of and solve problems involving multiplication, division, units of mass, geometry, and elapsed time. Students will also use mental math and area models to apply basic fact strategies to solve multiplication and division number stories with larger factors. Our end-of-year goal is for students to have automaticity with all multiplication facts. Please continue to practice multiplication facts at home.

In Science, students will participate in this year's STEM challenge, Safe Racer. In this challenge, students will work in teams to design, build, and test a device to protect an egg in a moving vehicle. The winning team from each class will compete in a school-wide competition on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The school champion will move on to compete in the county-wide competition on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at James M. Bennett High School.

Social Studies will be an opportunity for students to practice their map skills reading map keys, scales and grids. Students will label the main countries of North America. Students will also learn about and be able to identify the remaining continents and oceans of the world.

### **Fourth Grade**

It's hard to believe that we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> term already this year! 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 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the county on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bennett High School.

Students will be traveling to the YMCA for water safety this month. Your child's class schedule will be sent home closer to the date. Students will have to have proper swim attire for this great learning opportunity.

As well, students will be traveling to Selbyville on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to see the musical "*Junie B. Jones*". Permission slips will be sent home soon for this exciting event.

We are pleased to announce that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a special field trip to Frontier Town Water park on Friday, June 8. This is a wonderful occasion to show off the water skills they learned at water safety. Our class will be getting a discounted admission price, which along with transportation, will be approximately \$21.00. We will be sending home information next week about this trip.

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.

