

# Delmar Elementary Bobcat News

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The New Year is now upon us and we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday vacation. Let me take a minute to recap a few of December's events. First was the delightful holiday program that featured our fourth and fifth grade chorus members the "**ROCKIN BOBCATS**" starring in **ELFIS AND THE SLEIGH RIDERS**. All the children should be commended for their hard work and determination in preparing for the show. Every one of them did an outstanding job. It was very rewarding and heart warming to see the overwhelming number of parents and family members who came to support their children. In addition, we want to recognize Mr. Lambertson, Ms Belcher, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. White and our parent volunteers for their efforts and talents to see that this learning experience was fun for all. Congratulations on a Job Well Done - It truly was a superb show!!

In addition, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade **ROCKIN BOBCATS** had the opportunity to take the show on the road to the Delmar Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. The residents were truly touched by the efforts of our boys and girls as they brought cheer and happiness during this holiday season. We commend all our children, Mr. Lambertson and Ms. Belcher for their consideration of spreading joy and holiday cheer for so many people.

We began the month with our **Breakfast with Santa** which was a huge success. This year's event was held at the Golden Coral just north of the mall. The lines were constant for food but the longest line of course was to visit with Santa and pose for a picture. We need to recognize the efforts of our parent volunteers and the PTA Executive Committee for making this a wonderful event to brighten up the holiday season.

## PTA Reflection Winners at Delmar Elementary

Grades K – 2 : 1<sup>st</sup> -Julius Baines 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jake Beattie 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christian Davis

Grades 3 – 5: 1<sup>st</sup> – Brittany Austin 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sadie Addlesberger 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jaquen Schoolfield  
4<sup>th</sup> – Carly Covington

## Message from the Cafeteria Manager:

A number of children are receiving a cheese sandwich instead of the school platter because of monies owed to Food Services Department. If you have any questions regarding your child's account, please contact our cafeteria manager who will be happy to discuss your concern. If your child is carrying a negative balance in the cafeteria, we ask that this debt be cleared up in the very near future. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

## Delmar Elementary E-mail Addresses:

To help foster better home-school communications we wanted to make you aware that you can contact your child's teacher through our school website. The e-mail addresses can be found on the left hand side of our opening web page. Once there just click on the envelope next to the teacher's name for your convenience.



## Encouraging Young Children to Read



Many parents recognize the value and enjoyment of reading to their children. However, many are not aware of how they can help their child become a better reader. Because the skill of reading is so vital to a child's future success in school, parents can and need to promote this reading in order for their children to meet success. Therefore, it is very important for parents to encourage their children's interest in reading so they will become life long learners. Learning to read is a long and difficult process for many children. Much of a child's success is based on a child's developing language and literacy-related activities which begin early in life. There is an abundance of research that supports the idea that children develop a more positive attitude toward reading if they experience warm and close contact with their parents while sharing this activity.

### Ways to Encourage Young Readers:

- Talk with your infant or young child before he/she learns to read. Talking with your child before they learn to speak will help them develop language skills. Children need to develop strong oral language skills and vocabulary if they are to become fluent in the areas of reading and writing.
- Read to your child at least 15 to 30 minutes each day. Depending on your child's ability to attend, it is important for them to be read to daily. This provides the children with an awareness of reading that they will imitate later.
- Sing songs and recite poems and rhymes that have repetitive sounds.
- Make sure your child's day care or preschool teacher reads aloud daily and has a variety of books for them to view.
- Model good reading habits.
- Visit your local library and utilize the services such as story time and the opportunity to choose a book to take home.

### Encourage School-Age Readers:

- Continue to be a good role model – let your children see you read.
- Encourage your child to read on their own at home.
- Keep a variety of reading materials in the house.
- Encourage your child to practice reading aloud.
- Write short notes for your child to read.
- Encourage activities that require your child to read (reading a recipe, reading directions).
- Establish a reading time, even if it's only for a few minutes a day.
- Talk with your child, keep the communication lines open with your child.
- Provide your child with materials to write and encourage them even if it's just a note.
- Limit television time.
- Visit the library on a weekly basis.



By working with your child at an early age you are establishing a strong foundation in the areas of language, literacy and fostering them to become a life-long learner. During the early elementary years, children focus on learning how to read, which is a very complex process. Take care not to overemphasize the process of learning to read but more importantly encouraging your child to practice reading. Reading for pleasure and interest will help develop their reading skills and give your child the opportunity to practice in a meaningful way.

(1991 -Parent Brochure/ How can I Improve My Child's Reading)



The Wicomico County Board of Education strives to provide the best teacher possible in every classroom within our school system. Consistent with this effort, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2002 provides parents the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. This information may include:

1. highest degree earned;
2. the subject areas of the teacher's certification;
3. type of Maryland certificate held; and
4. whether your child(ren) is served by paraprofessionals (instructional assistants) and if so, their qualifications.

If you have any questions concerning a teacher's certification please do not hesitate to submit your request in writing to Mr. Nunzio.

### **VIB's (Very Important Bobcat) for November:**

**K**

Fleetwood: Joshua Rodriguez  
Minor: Christine Park  
White: Jazmyn Justice  
Tardiff: Jassmin Dykes  
Griffin: Kylie Baker  
Spicer: Dante Trader  
Payne: Chad Grabusky

**2**

Moore: Riddhi Patel  
McKenzie: Gavin Beachump  
Elzey: Natalie Smith  
Martin: Stephanie Massey  
Yurek: Steven Edwards  
Andrews: Felicity Justice  
Horsman: Morgan Wright

**4**

White: Ian Schultheis  
Blackwell: Ramiro Gonzalez  
Barnes: Alleigh Townsend  
Campbell: Ayanna Parks  
Elliott: Aizha Brown  
Sowell: Trevor Harrington  
Marine: Rayshean Smith

**1**

Hudson: Camden Nguyen  
Alhmoud: Vershawn Spence  
Ray: Sania Hawkins  
Melvin: Julie Demusz  
Mason: Isaac Brumbley  
Campbell: Isabell Koval  
Ford: Vincent LaPosta

**3**

Kaiser: Tiffany Shockley  
Cullen: Samantha Nibblett  
Lewis: Mikeira James  
Parks: Stephanie Morrill  
Smith: Lindsey Walter  
Switalski: Parris Dixon

**5**

Owens: Tommy Small  
Rockwell: Kevin Bradshaw  
Ferrell: Amber Berglund  
Taylor: Keith Cronhardt  
Wood: Damarae Johnson  
Moore: Alexis Fooks

**Best Wishes to all our Delmar Families and may the New Year bring you much Happiness and Joy! Happy New Year!!**

