

Delmar Elementary Bobcat News

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WOW! It is hard to believe that we have turned the corner and beginning February 2nd we will have approximately 86 Traditional & 77 Year Round days left in the school year. However, we still have a lot of work to do before we close the doors on the year. Hopefully, we will soon see an end to these seasonably frigid temperatures and begin to see signs of warmer days ahead. As many of us have come to believe, we won't know exactly until February 2nd when we look to our friend, Punxsutawney Phil, for an answer on Groundhog Day.

IS SPRING ON THE WAY?

If the sun is shining and the groundhog can see his shadow, he becomes frightened and crawls back into his hole. Superstition – six more weeks of winter. However, if the day is cloudy and the groundhog cannot see his shadow, he stays out of his hole, indicating that spring will soon be here.

(World Book Encyclopedia)



PTA Talent Show – On Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 PM the PTA will host its annual Talent Show. The admission is free. Please mark your calendar now and plan on joining us for an evening of enjoyment and fun for the entire family.

Teacher Of the Year Nominations – Each year Wicomico County selects one teacher to represent all the teachers from the county in a statewide competition. Nomination forms are available in our school office, if you wish to nominate one of Delmar's dedicated and devoted teachers. The nomination period began January 5 and ends on Feb. 1st. Just stop by the office or send in a note and we will see that you receive a form. Delmar Elementary has an abundance of teachers who are worthy of this honor.

No Homework Days – Delmar Elementary continues to work very hard to improve in the area of students being referred to the office for disciplinary matters. We continue to monitor data each month and reflect on it from the previous year to see if we have reduced the number of referrals. If we do, then the entire school celebrates and every student enjoys a NO HOMEWORK Day. That's right!! This incentive is the outgrowth from our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support system) committee and the school's Instructional Leadership Team. Look on this month's calendar to see what day we will be celebrating.

Morning Hours- We are still seeing a number of students being dropped off prior to official opening of the school day (**8:00 AM**). Please be advised that our school personnel do not begin their supervisory duties until the bell rings. Therefore, it is extremely important not to drop off your child before 8:00 AM. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Perks for Parents – On Saturday, February 28th, Delmar Elementary will host Perks for Parents which is a morning for our parents where we offer informational sessions on educational topics and plan some fun activities. We will begin our morning with the Superintendent of Wicomico County School, Dr. John Fredericksen, as our keynote speaker. He will speak on our theme, "**Parent Involvement = Student's Success**". After that the parents will have a choice of attending (2) forty-five minute sessions of related topics or enjoy stress relief by Mitchell's Martial Arts or makeovers by Mary Kay. Black Belt World will also present for our parents. We will begin our day at 8:45 AM with registration and conclude with lunch for all at 11:30 AM. An information flyer will be coming home soon so be on the lookout!!

MSA Night – On Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM we will host an informational night to share insights on the Maryland State Assessment. Under the "No Child Left Behind" act that was signed into law a few years back, this assessment is given to all 3rd – 8th grade students attending a Maryland public school. These assessments are a benchmark for the school to make sure our students are on track to pass the HSA (High School Assessments) which are required to receive a diploma come graduation. During the evening, parents will receive information on how the state's standards are aligned with our classroom instruction so you have a better understanding of the academic expectations and ways you can help and support your child. This evening will truly be beneficial for all who attend. We look forward to seeing you...

VIB's for the month of January:

DELMAR VIBS ARE AWESOME!!

VIBs (Very Important Bobcats) are chosen from areas, other than the classrooms, for using their PAWS consistently. They will each receive a certificate and a badge that, when won on **Fridays**, allows them to sit anywhere they want during their lunch shift in the cafeteria. We want to CONGRATULATE the following students for being chosen as the VIBs (Very Important Bobcats) for December from the Media Staff. These students were caught using their PAWS regularly. You did a great job!

PreK-K

Morton: AM Nandi Patel PM: Owen Murray

Fleetwood: Zachary Howard

Minor: Dade Brown

White: Rachel Paredes

Tardiff: Sihon Evans

Griffin: Dorian Dietrick

Spicer: Clara Ruth Hughart

Payne: Cyle Littleton

1st

Hudson: Christopher Elliott

Alhmod: Ashley Giamello

Ray: Guillermo Konowaluk

Melvin: Dillin Pistolas

Mason: Janvi Patel

Campbell: Natalie O'Leary

Ford: Aldon Conley

2nd

Horseman: Kathryn Fothergill

Moore: Emma Harris

McKenzie: Kaleigh Layton

Elzey: Hailey Bitters
 Martin: Jonathan Nibblett
 Yurek: Niyah Collick
 Andrews: Rebecca Wyatt
3rd
 Cullen: Emily Williamson
 Lewis: Joshua Rockwell
 Parks: Evan Schuyler
 Smith: Kyla Baldwin
 Switalski: Caige Beach

Throm: Colby Evans

4th
 White: Logann Johnson
 Blackwell: Justin McRobie
 Barnes: Jarred Dennard
 Campbell: Shelby Benson
 Elliott: Avery Wheatley
 Sowell: Annette Asare

Mumford: Agnya Patel
 Marine: E.J. Huntington
5th
 Owens: Adrian Banks
 Rockwell: Joey Hubbard
 Ferrell: Lauren Defelice
 Taylor: Devan Just
 Wood: Annalyn Sharpless
 Moore: Dylan Ross

What is the 24 Game?

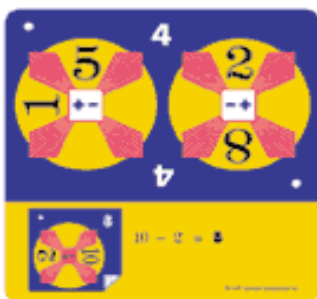
The 24 Game is an exciting math game that all students at Delmar Elementary will be playing. Playing this game is a great way for students to practice their math facts. Several versions of the game are available using different size numbers and mathematical operations. Students in grades 1 and 2 will be using the **24 Game Primer, Add/Subtract** version and students in grades 3 -5 will be using the **Original with Single-Digits with all Operations**. These games are currently being introduced in your child's classroom.

Each student will have an opportunity to play and practice the game in class and once they are familiar with the game, the cards, and the rules each class will have a classroom tournament. The classroom tournaments will be held using groups of four students and it will continue until one winner is determined from each classroom. The winners from each classroom within a grade level will then compete against each other to determine one winner for the grade level who will then represent Delmar Elementary at the county tournament in May.

The 24 Game is available at Educational Supply Store or www.math24.com for anyone wishing to purchase a game to play at home.

Description of the Primer Version (Grades 1 & 2)

Each card consists of two wheels that contain numbers printed in black. The target number is printed in white between the wheels. The object of the game is to pick the correct wheel (only one wheel works) that can make the target number on the card. You can add and/or subtract. You must use all of the numbers on the wheel, but use each number only once. Many of the 2 and 3 dot cards have 3 solutions. The cards are worth 1, 2, or 3 points, based on difficulty. The dots in the corners of the cards show the point value. There is a self-check feature that shows the answer(s) to the reverse side of the card.



Example:
 Target number is 4.
 The left wheel works.
 $5 - 1 = 4$

Description of the Original Single-Digits Version (Grades 3 - 5)

Each card consists of a wheel that contains 4 numbers printed in black. The object of the game is to make the number 24 from the four numbers on the game card. You can add, subtract, multiply, and/or divide. You must use all of the numbers on the wheel, but use each number only once. Many of the cards have multiple solutions. The cards are worth 1, 2, or 3 points, based on difficulty. The dots in the corners of the cards show the point value.

Example: One solution to the card shown is:



$$4 \times 3 = 12, 12 \times 2 = 24, 24 \div 1 = 24$$

What is the 24 Game County Tournament?

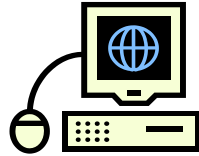
On May 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Commons Building at Salisbury University will be a county-wide 24 Game tournament. One student from each grade level from each elementary school in the county will compete against each other. At the end of the tournament, there will be one winner for the county from each grade level.

Please encourage your children to practice their math facts each night for at least 15 minutes so they become more proficient with them.

Students can also access www.firstinmath.com with their user name and password to gain more practice with the game.



Delmar Elementary Website



Delmar Elementary again has a website!

On this website you can see our administration, office staff, grade level teachers, and see pictures of activities in our school under “School Photos” and Very Important Bobcat members under “Very Important Bobcats”. Also on the site is a copy of Bobcat News, a link to your child’s teacher’s e-mail and a link to WBOC for all the latest closings during inclement weather. This site is definitely informational for all.

Below are instructions for accessing the website from home. The website works best if used with Internet Explorer:

- Open Internet Explorer
- In the address box, type www.wcboe.org
- Next, click on “Schools”.
- Then, click on “Elementary Schools” from the list
- Next, click on “Delmar Elementary”
- Then, scroll down and click on the link under “School Web Page”
- This will bring up the Delmar Site.

If you want to, you can go directly to the site by following the direction below.

- Open Internet Explorer
- In the address box, type <http://www.wcboe.org/schools/des>
- That will take you directly there.

Hope you enjoy the website and what it has to offer. Check back frequently for updates and important events.

MSA TESTING

Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade:

March 17th & 18th (Reading) and March 24th & 25th (Math)

A schedule will be sent home outlining specific hours and other pertinent information.

Helpful Hints for Parents:

On the Day before the Test: Encourage your child to do their best. Be sure your child gets a good night’s sleep.

On The Day of the Test: Parents need to see that their child has a nourishing breakfast and avoid too much sugar and caffeine. Be sure your child is dressed in comfortable clothing and arrives at school on time for the test.

Most Important: Avoid putting too much pressure on your child to do well. It will be better for your child to have a relaxed attitude. Given a relaxed but focused attitude, your child will have a better performance and a healthier attitude toward school.

Delmar Little League Sign-Ups

Delmar High School Gym - Saturday, January 31st and February 7th (9 – 12:00 PM)

Delmar V.F.W. - Wednesday, February 4th and 11th (6 – 8:30 PM)

Children must be 5 years old as of April 30th:

T-Ball ages 7 – 8 years old.

Coach Pitch ages 7 – 8 years old.

Softball ages 7 – 12 years old.

American League ages 9 – 10 years old.

National League ages 11 – 12 years old

Bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate.



