



DELMAR ELEMENTARY BOBCAT NEWS

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Spring has finally arrived and what a welcome season it is after a long cold winter.

However, the past few days, with temperatures in the 50's, makes one wonder if spring came in like a lion or a lamb. Whatever the case may be, we know warmer days are ahead and we will soon begin to observe signs of spring around us.

The children in third, fourth and fifth grade just wrapped up the Maryland State Assessment and we want to congratulate them on putting forth their best effort. The teachers and staff are to be commended as well in the time and efforts they took to prepare the children for this high stakes test. And finally, we want to thank our parents for all their work in seeing that the children were here everyday and ready to begin at the start of school. The tests results will be sent home at the end of the school year.

5th Grade State Demonstration Chorus

Delmar Elementary School had four 5th grade students participate in this year's Maryland Elementary Demonstration Chorus. The event was held on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Baltimore Convention Center. **Aaron Stewart, Sadie Addlesberger, Brady Knight, Shelletta Parker and Hannah Adkins** sang in the choir of hundreds of fifth grade students from all over the state. Prior to their arrival in Baltimore, the students went through extensive training at the school which began in early January. On the day of the performance, the students participated in numerous rehearsals with the other state representatives to prepare for the evening event. This was truly an exciting learning experience for the children, which was filled with fun, challenges and inspiration. Again, a special thanks to all the chaperones and volunteers who helped to make this a wonderful musical experience.



Young Author's Contest

Young Authors, Contest Winner, **Taylor Reid**, Fifth Grade, took second place in the division of Poetry for her entry entitled "Nature".

ATTENDANCE

At this time we are asking parents for their continued support to see that their child is in school every day. Each month, our school keeps a record of the overall student attendance, which is reported to the state monthly as well as annually. Under the federal mandate of **No Child Left Behind**, our school must obtain an attendance rate of 94% in order to meet the state's proficiency level. In reviewing our current records, we have determined that we will need your assistance to meet this challenge by the close of the school year. Currently, our year to date attendance is **Traditional 94.4%** and **YRE 95.03%**. As you can see, we are at a critical point with three months of school to go. Please see that your child is in school every day so they can continue to grow academically. This is very important to the school and we appreciate your continued support and cooperation in this matter. Thanks.

YEAR ROUND EDUCATION

Did you know that Delmar Elementary has a year-round education program? This innovative program provides continuous learning by dividing the long summer vacation into shorter, more frequent breaks. It does not eliminate the summer vacation, but merely balances the time spent out of school throughout the year. Students in the year-round program attend the same classes and receive the same amount of instruction (180 days) as students on the traditional calendar. However, they attend approximately a 45/15 day rotating schedule (which means 45 days in school, 15 days off). The school calendar will begin in mid-July (July 20th) and ends on the same day in June as the traditional calendar.

An exciting component of the year-round program is the 15 day *Intersession*. The *Intersession* consists of an Enrichment and Remediation program that takes place during the quarterly break. If your child is recommended by the teacher, he/she may participate in the remediation program and receive additional instruction and practice during the break. Enrichment activities provide theme-based learning projects and activities to extend the lessons your child has learned in school.

FUTURE DATES

Field Trips:

Kindergarten –

Assateague Island, May 12th – Mrs. Tardiff & Miss Fleetwood
May 22nd – Mrs. Spicer & Miss Payne
May 27th – Mrs. Minor & Mrs. Griffin

Beechnut Farm, May 13th, 12:30 – 2:45 PM, Spicer, Griffin, Payne, Fleetwood and Minor

First Grade –

Parkside H.S., "Scheherazade" play, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, April 3, 2009 (all classes)
Assateague Island, May 19th – Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Mason & Mrs. Ray
May 20th – Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Alhmoud, Mrs. Melvin & Miss Ford

Second Grade – (tentative for both trips)

Furnacetown, May 26th – Andrews, Elzey, Martin and Horsman 8:30 – 2:30 PM
May 27th – Yurek, McKenize and Moore, 8:30 – 2:30 PM
Zoo Trip, May 21st - all classes, 9:00 – 2:00 PM

Third Grade –

Shorebirds Hit the Books, April 29th, out all day, all classes
Horn Point – out all day
May 11 – Smith / Cullen
May 12 – Kaiser
May 13 – Parks / Throm
May 14 – Lewis / Switalski

Fourth Grade -

Maryland Science Center, April 7th, out all day, all classes

Fifth Grade –

Articulation Mtg., Delmar Middle School, May 7th, Ferrell, Rockwell & Moore
May 8th, Taylor, Owens & Wood
Middle School Assessment Dates, May 11th and 12th, 8:30 AM
Orioles Game April 29, all classes, out all day (tentative)

School Events:

Spirit Night at McDonalds - April 28th and 29th, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

PTA Banquet - May 5th, Parkside H.S., 6:30 PM

Field Day – May 15th

Spring Band and Chorus Concert, 4th & 5th grade – May 18th, 6:30 PM

Reading Incentive Sock/Hop – May 29th

Awards Assemblies – PreK and Kindergarten – June 2nd, 8:45 AM

First Grade – June 4th, 8:45 AM

Second Grade – June 3rd, 8:45 AM

Third Grade – June 4th, 1:45 PM

Fourth Grade – June 3rd, 1:45 PM

Fifth Grade – June 5th, 8:45 AM and post-award activity in the PM

YRE – June 2nd, 1:45 PM, (Grades K – 4)

End of the Year Picnics - Kindergarten – June 10th, Traditional

First Grade – June 10th, 9 – 11:00 AM, Gordy Park

Second Grade – June 8th, 11:00 – 1:00 PM

Third Grade – June 5th, 11:00 AM

Fourth Grade – TBA

Fifth Grade – June 9th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Gordy Park

YRE – June 8th, 11:00 – 2:00 PM, Gordy Park

Reminder: the last three days of school we will begin dismissal at 11:55 PM, June 9th, 10th and 11th

March VIB's

DELMAR VIBS CAN'T BE BEAT!!!

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 worn 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 February from the Music. These students were caught using their PAWS regularly. You did a great job!

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Morton: AM Zainab Ahmad
Fleetwood: Hannah Richardson
Minor: Peyton Naugle
White: Mason Hall
Tardiff: Destinee Chester
Griffin: Trinity Brown
Spicer: Jordi Ellis
Payne: Aubrie Whitcomb

Hudson: Truvor Beale
Alhmoud: James Nichols
Ray: Kam'ron Wright-Mumford
Melvin: Christopher Meadows
Mason: Mathew Ferrell
Campbell: Katelyn Hill
Ford: Terry Day

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Moore: Tim Ly
McKenzie: Mackenzie Lucas
Elzey: Caleb Powell
Martin: James Lord
Yurek: Kaila Dykes
Andrews: Sarah Rogers
Horsman: Julius Baines

Kaiser: Zachary Rosenthal
Cullen: Danielle Whaley
Lewis: Noah Wright
Parks: George Adkins
Smith: Ryan Batson
Switalski: Leah Wilson
Throm: Devin Teter

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White: Jackailyn Chaivre
Blackwell: Sydney Maxfield
Barnes: Carly Covington
Campbell: Jacob Richardson
Elliott: Wayne Piper
Sowell: Dequan Wilson
Mumford: Camryn Harris
Marine: Bradley Moore

Owens: Aaron Stewart
Rockwell: Joni Gill
Ferrell: Zachary Hastings
Taylor: Tim Ward
Wood: Kayla Parks
Moore: Alexander Rosenthal