



DELMAR ELEMENTARY BOBCAT NEWS

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The month of May has finally arrived. If the saying 'April showers bring May flowers' is true, then we should have an abundance of flowers for the month ahead. In looking at the future forecast, we should begin to see a glimpse of summer on the horizon. However, we still have a good 5 weeks of school before the buses roll out of here on June 11th, so let's not get ahead of ourselves. There are still a lot of instructional days filled with fun and exciting activities planned for the remaining weeks of school.

The months of May and June are very busy times at Delmar Elementary. Please take a minute to review the calendar for events scheduled for the end of the school year. This will be the last Bobcat News for the 2008-2009 school year. If there are any changes in the schedule or information, a special communication will be sent home with your child.

This school year has been filled with many productive and rewarding experiences. The students continue to work extremely hard on their studies and the teachers and staff continue to do a wonderful job. It is with great pride that the Delmar family can reflect back on another rewarding and successful year.

ART SHOW

The 30th annual Wicomico Elementary and Secondary Student Art show was held from April 23, 2009. There will be an opening night reception on Friday, May 1st at the county library. Fifty- nine students from Delmar Elementary will have their artwork on display.



2008/2009 Art Show Entries

Fifth Grade

Brooklyn Pearsall-Taylor
Amna Hayat-Taylor
Brandon Jackson-
Rockwell
Tommy Smalls-Owens
Patrick Enger-Wood
Yadiry Bejar-Ferrell
Sadie Addlesberger-
Taylor
Aubrey Pastula-Moore
Danielle Day-Ferrell
Janvi Patel-Taylor
Isabella Castrogiovanni-
Ferrell

Lauren Fleetwood-Taylor
Brook Bishop-Wood
Sydney Sherrill-Rockwell

Fourth Grade

Kirsten Miller-Barnes
Georgia Fried-Campbell
Ramiro Gonzalez-
Blackwell

Third Grade

Annae Bailey-Parks
Megan Baker-Throm
Monyae Alexander -
Smith

Second Grade

Natalie Smith-Elzey
Mable Bianco-McKenzie
Morgan Paradis-Elzey

First Grade

Isaac Brumbley-Mason
Kayla Calhoun-Mason
Halyn Shoemaker-
Mason
Brooke Renegar-Mason
Morgan Fletcher-Mason
Kindergarten
Ryan Wood-White
Sarah Von Paris-
Fleetwood
Parker Lucas-Spicer
Toni Hawkins-Fleetwood
Christine Park-Minor

School Improvement Team - Action Plan

In reviewing next year's school Action Plan, we will continue with many of the academic initiatives that were in practice this year with regards to the Maryland Content Standards and the Voluntary State Curriculum. In addition, we will be revising a few facets of our plan to assure it continues to align with the county's master plan. Next year, we will continue with our goal to advance the use of technology in the classroom. This year we continued to make inroads in this venture and it made a huge impact in the instructional delivery in our classrooms. The use of technology is very important in preparing our students for function in a global economy of the 21st century.

New this year we implemented the use of Professional Learning Communities. The goal of a PLC is to ensure that all students learn. In a PLC, teachers, PD coaches, administrators and staff members work interdependently in collaborative teams to achieve common goals for which they are mutually accountable. The focus of the teams are to seek new methods of teaching and learning, test methods and then reflect upon the results. Teams do this by focusing on solving four essential questions:

- What do we want each student to know?
- How will we know when each student has learned it?
- How will we respond if they don't know it?
- How will we respond if they do know it?

Finally, we will continue with our school-wide programs: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS), our Character Education program and implementing the inclusion and promotion of the Forty Developmental Assets. These programs are designed to meet the needs of our students by accentuating the positive and minimizing the negative. Each program compliments each other and works in harmony to promote a cooperative and safe learning environment for all our children.

The faculty and staff at Delmar are committed to seeing that all children are provided with rigorous and challenging academic content as well as providing an environment that is conducive to learning. Therefore, we have set our goals and expectations for the coming school year based on these standards. This will allow us to grow as a school and build on our successes in order to meet the changing needs of our students. On behalf of the entire Delmar faculty, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, grandparents, community partners and volunteers who have given of their time in making our school a special place to learn and grow.

PTA Banquet – this year PTA honored Mrs. Cullen and Mr. Lambertson at the Annual PTA Banquet, April 29th, with a lifetime membership award to the PTA. Mr. Lambertson was recognized for his outstanding support and contribution of time, effort and talent given to the children of Delmar Elementary. Mrs. Cullen was recognized for being chosen as the 2009/2010 Wicomico County Teacher of the Year. We are truly honored to have Mrs. Cullen as a member of our faculty and we wish her success as she competes for the state title in the coming fall.

NAACP Perfect Attendance Day May 18 - The Wicomico County Branch 7028 of the NAACP will sponsor the 13th annual Perfect Attendance Day in Wicomico schools Monday, May 18. The elementary, middle and high schools (one at each level) that report the highest attendance rates that day will receive a check for \$50 for teaching supplies, awarded by the NAACP.

The motto of Perfect Attendance Day nationwide is "Reaching Educational Achievement by Completing High School." It is a fundamental truth that attending classes every day is basic to educational attainment, said Fred Peterson, co-chair of the Education Committee for the Wicomico County Branch of the NAACP. "Although our awards are based on attendance on May 18, we emphasize the importance of perfect attendance every day throughout the school year," he said.

NAACP Perfect Attendance Day is held each May to remember the May 17 anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, decision on racial discrimination in schools. This year is the 55th anniversary of that landmark decision.

Board of Education Budget Input Session May 20

The Wicomico County Board of Education will hold a budget input session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Board of Education Office in Salisbury. For information please call 410-677-4561.

Following this year's first public budget session, the Board approved a proposed budget in March. The budget input session on May 20 will be the second and final input meeting of this year's budget process. At the hearing, the public may give input to the Board on priorities for its budget for fiscal 2010. The Board must adopt a final budget before the July 1 start of the new fiscal year.



April - BOBCAT EXPRESS

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 March from the cafeteria assistants. These students were caught using their PAWS regularly. You did a great job!

PreKindergarteten

Morton: AM - Dalin Balfour PM Kimberli Kordek

Kindergarten

Fleetwood: Luke Elzey

Minor: Nathan Tyler Murphy

White: Katileynn Carlock

Tardiff: Diego Forte

Griffin: Trinity Battle

Spicer: Jordan Brown

Payne: Kevin Rodio

Second

Moore: Nicholas Parsons

McKenzie: Ashlynn Carr

Elzey: Hannah Thiess

Martin: Madisen Shoemaker

Yurek: Mariely Sanchez

Andrews: Haider Ahmad

Horsman: Abigail Moore

Fourth

White:

Blackwell:

Barnes:

Campbell: Savbrion Cannon

Elliott:

Sowell: Alyssa Hastings

Mumford: Crystal Wolfe

Marine:

Goldman: Hope Tarrance

First

Hudson: Ashley White

Alhmoud: Brian Pusey

Ray: William Jesse Gothard

Melvin: Alexis Colston

Mason: Jailon Gillespie

Campbell: Krish Patel

Ford: Brianna Gillespie

Third

Kaiser: Brian Hearn

Cullen: Madison Blewitt

Lewis: Jordan Dixon

Parks: Luke Figgs

Smith: Kayla Hovatter

Switalski: Anthony Vazquez

Throm: Desly Juarez

Fifth

Owens: Stephanie Mason

Rockwell: Alexis Rodriguez

Ferrell: Caitlyn Hubbard

Taylor: Paige Twilley

Wood: Brook Bishop

Moore: Cyrus Teter

From the Cafeteria Manager: Mrs. Swift is asking all parents who owe on their child's account that this debt be settled before the close of school. Children who have a balance of \$7.00 or more will not be allowed to add to the balance and will receive a cheese sandwich instead of a platter. Also, the last day checks will be accepted to place on your child's account will be May 15, 2009. If you have any questions regarding your child's account, please contact Mrs. Swift at school. Letters concerning monies owed to Food Services are sent home in Friday folders.

Media Festival Winners

Congratulations goes to Mrs. Taylor's class for winning at this year's Media Festival. They won for Grades 3-5 Video Animation with their entry of a claymation video to the poem "Twistable, Turnable Man" by Shel Silverstein. Excellent Job!!

SPIRIT NIGHT – The school would like to express our appreciation to all our families and staff members for our first spirit Nights at the Delmar McDonalds a success.

Magnet Criteria

Third grade Magnet Program enrollment criteria for the 2009-2010 school year has been modified. Reading and Math Benchmark Assessments will be used to identify students whose achievement levels are in the top 15% of our second grade population. Leveled Reader placement will also identify those students who have received and performed successfully in above grade level reading materials.

Teacher referrals will continue to be a part of the identification process with teachers completing both the Magnet Program Behavior Checklist and the Primary Talent Development Checklist.

There will be no changes in the criteria for in-coming fourth and fifth graders. We will continue to use MSA performance, grade point average, Lexile level, and teacher recommendation to identify students.

Reminder:

Money owed to the school for the following: pictures, lost books, book fines, field trips, breakfast/lunch accounts or any other debt incurred this year will result in your child not receiving his/her report card. Please see that these debts are taken care of before the end of the school year. Thanks.

