



Delmar Elementary Bobcat News

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What a wonderful beginning we had for the 2008/2009 school year. The faculty and staff are looking forward to working with you and your children to make this year a rewarding and exciting learning experience.

The first month of school has been extremely busy. Presently, our enrollment is at 976 students. This is an increase of approximately 32 students or 4% growth from this time last year. We want to thank all our parents and families for being patient and understanding during these first few weeks of school. The school has had to make a few adjustments to procedures and we appreciate your support and cooperation as we continue to provide a safe and orderly learning environment for our children.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Do you want to be more involved in your child's education? Parent involvement is the key component to your child's success in school. Delmar Elementary will continue with its Parent Volunteer Program. We are looking for parents who are able to give of their time to assist teachers and the children with various tasks in school and out. Mrs. Delhaila Granados and Mrs. Tina Young have graciously volunteered to serve as the program coordinators. Whether it's a few hours a week working in a classroom, volunteering to assist with a special project or even taking a project home; there is plenty that you can do to help support the school. Please take a moment to complete the form when it comes home in the 'Friday Folders' and return it to the school. They will be compiling a list and will be in contact with you to discuss the program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

STUDENT INFORMATION—Please keep the school office informed of any changes throughout the year regarding your child's personal information sheet. This is critical in the event of an emergency and the school needs to contact you.

A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA – All applications for free and reduced breakfast/lunch should have been submitted to the school. If you have not done so, please send in your form so we can continue to provide this service. A new application needs to be completed every year, even if the information remains the same. Please try to see that this is done so that there is ample time to process the application. Finally, if you are not interested in

applying, please help us by returning the application with a note indicating your decision. This way we can make sure we have accounted for every child in our school.

VISITOR'S PASS – This year we will continue to utilize the "Visitor's Pass" to emphasize building security. When visiting the school, we ask that you report to the office first to get a pass before going into the school or to a classroom. This procedure is extremely important for securing the well-being of our students and staff members. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

MEDICATIONS – Just a reminder that all medications taken at school are to be given by the school nurse. Medications must be brought to school by an adult in its original container with a physician's order. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Mrs. Pase, our school nurse, at (410-677-5178).

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – The "BASH" was a huge success. It was just wonderful to see the number of families in attendance. A big thank you goes to the PTA Committee and all the wonderful volunteers who made this event possible. We would also like to thank the **Delmar Kiwanis** for their continued support of our school and community.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS – Many parents have inquired regarding school uniforms and the possibility of having them at Delmar Elementary. In speaking with an array of parents, who have children attending Delmar Middle/High School, they have nothing but positive comments regarding the implementation of school uniforms this year. Therefore, we are forming an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of adopting a voluntary school uniform for our students. Wayne and Marie Piper have volunteered to chair the committee. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please complete the interest form, coming home soon, and return it to the school. Once the committee has been finalized their task will be to keep our families informed and updated on progress throughout the year.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – Oct. 5 – Oct. 11, 2008

"It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires"

