

Bobcat Bulletin

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From the Principal...

When you give your child a helium-filled balloon, it brings great joy. But if the balloon is leaking and gradually deflates, the child becomes frustrated. If the balloon is difficult to hang on to and floats away, the child cries.

A balloon is like expectations. If they are too low or too high; they are not helpful. But if the expectations are high, yet still within reach, the child holds the taut string of the balloon with arm extended up.

Expectations should make our children stretch but still be able to see what they're stretching toward. Expectations should differ based on each child's temperament, abilities, gifts, and talents.

A natural-born athlete who is bored in PE, goofs off most of the time, and still gets an A doesn't have high enough expectations set on them. The dyslexic child who struggles to keep up with the state standards of reading for their age has expectations placed upon them that are too high and out of reach.

High expectations can bring out the best in our children. Expectations constantly need to be evaluated and revamped so that they encourage our children without discouraging them, and challenge our children without frustrating them.

When setting expectations with children, we must always remember some of these helpful hints.

- Don't push your child—let them develop at their own speed.
- Tell your child when they are doing well.
- Periodically check out your expectations with your child.
- Challenge yourself and model the benefits of high expectations.
- Expect the best from your child, keeping in mind their abilities and interests.
- Ask children what they expect from themselves.
- Encourage your child to tackle subjects and hobbies that are challenging, but not too difficult.
- Work together.



Special Dates - November

November 2	End of Term 1
November 5	Professional Day
November 6	Election Day-closed
November 9	Report Cards Sent Home
November 10	Singing Bobcats Perform at Centre at Salisbury, 11:20 AM
November 12	PTA Parent Appreciation Night
November 12-16	American Education Week
November 15-16	Honor's Day Assemblies
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break, Closed
November 27	National Honor Society Induction, 8:30 AM
November 28	Walt Disney Wednesday (wear something Disney)



American Education Week will be held from November 12-16, 2018

The Board of Education and schools realize that this week can be difficult on families, students, and staff. Parents have to work with employers to ask off, children are easily distracted by the many guests, resulting in more behavioral incidents. Also, teachers feel compelled to adjust instruction for guests and tend to stray from the normal instructional expectations.

Therefore, approved guests are encouraged to visit schools at any time throughout the year, not just during AEW, so schedules can be better accommodated and to allow for a better experience.

If you still wish to visit during AEW, please read the letter that was recently sent home from Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Donna Hanlin, regarding the changes to AEW this year.

Changes are being made to ensure the safety of the students and staff, ensure that guests are approved and vetted accordingly, and that minimal distractions occur.

New requirements include:

- Only adults who are listed as Emergency Contacts on the student's Personal Data Form will be permitted to visit during the week. A custodial parent may see approval for non-listed guests to visit but this must be done ***in writing at least 48 hours prior*** to the visit and approved by administration. No last minute exemptions will be made.
- Visitors cannot visit classrooms of extended family member's children unless they are listed as an Emergency Contact.
- All guests must present a valid photo ID when visiting. Visitors ***MUST*** be processed through the Raptor Visitor's System and wear a Visitor's Badge throughout the building at all times.
- All guests must be 21 years or older to visit. Also, no non-school aged children or infants will be permitted to visit classrooms.
- Cellphones should be turned off or silenced during your visit. No texting is permitted while in the classrooms. Taking photos of your child is permitted unless it is a distraction to instruction. No pictures of other students is permitted.
- Visitation times are 8:30 AM-2:00 PM Daily. This will allow students and teachers to transition into morning instruction and prepare for an orderly dismissal.





Daylight Savings Time

Fall also brings us a time change. **Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 4th**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!! And while you are doing that, please remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Report Card Distribution

It is hard to imagine but the 1st marking term ends on November 2nd. Teachers will be working diligently to average grades and prepare student report cards. Report cards will be distributed to all students on Friday, November 9th. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please arrange a conference with the teacher.

Honors Day—Marking Term Awards Recognition

At the conclusion of each marking term, we will recognize students who have shown achievement in the areas of academics, attendance, and behavior. Honors Day will be held on either November 15th or 16th according the schedule below.

November 15

First Grade 8:30-9:15

Kindergarten 9:30-10:15

4th Grade 1:30-2:15

November 16

3rd Grade 8:30-9:15

2nd Grade 9:30-10:15

Pre-K 10:30 (AM), 2:15 (PM)



Honor Society

We are excited to see who will be eligible for the Delmar Elementary 4th Grade Honor Society. Any 4th grade student meeting the requirements (All A's and only 1 B on last report card in 3rd grade and first report card of 4th grade) will receive a personal invitation to join the Honor Society. The Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be help on November 27th at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria. The letters will be given out after report cards are distributed on November 9th. Be on the lookout for your letters!!

PBIS Spirit Day

Walt Disney Wednesday



Wednesday, November 28th...

Cost: 1 PAWS Buck





From the Reading Corner . . .

When reading with your child, there are three areas to think about. Within the text - those are right there questions, Beyond the text - these are looking at the make-up of the text and About the text - this is analyzing and critiquing the author.

Let's start with Within the text. These are questions about the text. The basic thing to think about is "What is this text about?".

For fiction, fun made-up stories, this would be . . .

*tell me what happens in this story (usually the beginning, middle, end), *retell the story/summarize the story, *what is the problem or how is the problem solved or *describe the characters.

For non-fiction, learning facts and true events, this would be . . .

*what did you learn new in this text, *what are the key details, *what is the main topic of this text, *why is the word bold, or *how do the photos/graphics/captions help you understand the text.

These are some basic questions to talk to your child about as you read. Try reading both types of texts. Students should go back to the text to locate the answers they are unsure of. That is a **GREAT** reading strategy.

Nurse's Notes—Tips from the Health Room

Health Check



Beat the Flu Bug this Year!

Here are some ways to stay healthy this holiday season:

- Wash hands frequently
- Get plenty of sleep
- Eat lots of fruits and vegetables and drink plenty of water
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Exercise
- Get your flu shot

Keep Me Home if:

- I'm vomiting
- I have had a fever in the past 24 hours
- I have lice
- I have a contagious rash
- I have an eye infection



When your child is sick:

1. Have a back-up child care plan
2. Let the school nurse know what is going on with your child.
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ALL medicines at school must have a doctor's order and be brought to school by an adult and signed in at the Nurse's Office.



Winter Break Change

We are delighted with all the improvements being made to our school through the renovation project. The project is on schedule and we look forward to transitioning to the next phase of construction in late December.

During the winter break, the project will enter a new phase and it will be time to move some classrooms between our main building and portable building. The classrooms currently housed in our large portable building will move back to their new classrooms, while our Kindergarten classes will transition to the large portable.

To do this, we must provide time for our staff to relocate materials and furniture. Therefore, our students last day before the holiday break will now be **Wednesday, December 20th**, one day earlier than other Wicomico County students. They will also return one day later than other Wicomico County students, returning from the winter break, which will now be on **Thursday, January 3rd**.

By notifying you of this change now, hopefully suitable arrangements can be made.

Pajama Program for the Eastern Shore



PAJAMA DAY IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018!!

As part of our Pajama Drive the weeks of November 19 – November 28, we will be having a pajama day kick off!! Students will be able to wear their pajamas to school on Monday, November 19. We do ask that you make sure that they are appropriate for school, that there are no slippers and students have jackets for the weather outside.

As part of the Pajama Program for the Eastern Shore, we are collecting **new** winter pajamas for children in need of warm jammies this winter. You can drop off your pajama donations in the cafeteria bins.

We want to thank you in advance for your help with this wonderful program. For additional information you can visit www.pajamaprogram.org.

Maryland Food Bank Food Drive by the SGA

Part of the responsibilities of the SGA (Student Government Association) at Delmar Elementary is to do some community service projects. We have chosen to work with the Maryland Food Bank and their Kids Helping Kids food drive. During the week of November 12-16 we will be collecting canned and non-perishable goods for the food bank.

The Maryland Food Bank serves an estimated 70,000 children each year. 15% of children in Maryland under the age of 18 are unable to access adequate amounts of nutritious food. Below is a list of most needed items but anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.

<u>Meats and Proteins</u>	<u>Personal Products</u>	<u>Fruits/Vegetables</u>	<u>Breads/Cereals</u>
Canned meats (tuna, etc)	Diapers	Canned fruits & juices	Oatmeal
Powdered milk	Infant formula	Canned soup & stew	Breakfast cereal/bars
Peanut butter	Dry box baby food	Canned vegetables	Rice/rice cakes
Dried beans	Soap/toothpaste/toothbrush	Jelly	Mac & cheese/pasta
	Tissues/toilet paper		Boxed mashed potatoes

Please remember that these items need to be non-perishable items that can be stored on a shelf for several weeks. We want to show our BOBCAT Best and give to those in our community that need our help. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the school. Thank you for your help in this worthwhile cause. **DELMAR SGA**



Our Character Corner

Responsibility and Student Success

Children learn RESPONSIBILITY...

- ❖ When they are given responsibilities at home beginning at a young age.
- ❖ When expectations to take care of themselves are set (i.e. brushing their own teeth, getting their homework to and from school, making their beds, etc.)
- ❖ When they are taught to help out the family and the community (i.e. household chores, picking up after themselves at the park, volunteering, etc.)
- ❖ When parents avoid doing for children what they are capable of doing themselves.
- ❖ When all responsibilities are not tied to allowances.
- ❖ When they receive positive feedback and encouragement.
- ❖ When they see responsible role modeling from their families.

Source: <http://www.mandan.k12.nd.us>



September Bobcats of the Month—Congratulations

Morton- am Beckett Albrecht
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Pedri-am Rachel Wright
Pedri-pm Addisson Cornish

Adams Soloman Hurley
Chew Kennedy Griffith
Coleman Taylor Long
Hall Christina Harris
Hudson Rowan Preston
Minor Austin Jacko
Scott Bentley Golliday

Beebe Dominic McNeill
Campbell Natalia Martinez-Leon
Cuffy Ethan Shortall
Douglas Reva Jackson
Hurst Liam Gilmore
Mason Allen Brown
Thornton Landon White

Barlow Zylah Nash
Clark Eva McGown
Littleton Gage Donoway
Mallory London Adams
McCain Ethan Basch
Trombetto Alexis Campbell
Wilkinson Madisyn Shortall

Alexander Lucas Gilmore
Hudson Abby Robinson
Malone Brianna Blackburn
Melvin Mason Niblett
Palmer Nevina Neeley
Short Ian Mitchell
Stein Brody Jones

Allen Madison Redditt
Bowden Brooks Glassman
Handley Grady Schott
Sandlin Sophie Cropper
Shiles Riley Bender
Sowell Landon Pearson



Attendance Counts! September 2018

Grade Level	Average Daily Attendance 94 % Required	
AM Pre Kindergarten	96.46%	
PM Pre Kindergarten	97.19%	
Kindergarten	97.23%	
First Grade	96.16%	
Second Grade	97.59%	
Third Grade	96.11%	
Fourth Grade	97.90%	
Overall Attendance	97.00%	



Delmar Elementary Good News Corner

- Congratulations to Mrs. Stein and her family on the birth of their daughter, Blake, on October 1st.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Allen and her family on the birth of their son, Nash, born on October 17th.
- Congratulations to Miss Trader (now McDorman), Math PD Coach, on her marriage on October 20th.
- Congratulations to Miss Trombetto (now Schrlau), grade 2, on her marriage on October 27th.



November Casual Days

Nov. 2, 9, 16



Grade Levels At a Glance

Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten students are well on their way to success. Our next theme for reading is, "Our Environment." We will be learning about our environment at home, the outdoors, and other familiar surroundings. In this unit, children will engage in the process of predicting, observing, and recording through drawing and emergent writing. They will use predicting skills based on prior knowledge when engaging in read-alouds and other lessons. In addition, we will continue to learn more sight words, letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, and how to write them correctly. We are also working on writing our first name and naming the letters in our name.

For math, we will be working with shapes, identifying and representing numbers to 10. We will identify, count and practice writing the numbers correctly. They will continue working on verbal counting and counting objects and will also begin to compare and contrast 2-D and 3-D shapes. Our next field trip will be to the Salisbury Fire Department on December 5th so you should be receiving permissions slips soon. Thank you for your continued support!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students had the opportunity to visit Oakley's Farm Market at the end of October. Thank you to the families that were able to help chaperone our field trip. The students enjoyed learning about the pumpkin life cycle and touring the pumpkin patch.

In reading, students will be exploring different units that discuss colors, nursery rhymes, friendship, and family. Students will continue to master letter recognition, identify beginning and ending sounds, identify rhyming words, identify syllables, blend "short a" words, and practice writing their first name correctly. Please focus on the letters and sounds for B, M, R,S, T,G, N, P, C, H, F, D, L, K, J, and W at home with your child. Students are also responsible for beginning to master the following sight words: a, am, an, and, at, can, come, do, go, he, I, in, is, it, like, me, my, no, see, so, the, to, up, and we.

In math, students will be exploring different ways of composing and decomposing numbers through ten. Students will practice comparing sets of objects and different counting strategies. Please count daily with your child. Our goal is for each student to reach 100 this year! Students will also be working with 2D shapes.

Thank you for all you are doing at home to help your Kindergarten student complete his or her first term successfully!

First Grade

We have been busy, busy, busy in first grade! In reading each week, students are exposed to interactive read alouds and also have opportunities to read various grade level appropriate literary and informational texts. With these texts, students are learning about and practicing good reading strategies, such as making predictions, identifying story elements, sequencing important events, identifying the main topic or central message, and summarizing key details. Please continue to reinforce these skills when you are reading with your child at home by having meaningful discussions about the books that you read together.

In math we are continuing to practice solving number stories using strategies such as counting on a number line, drawing a picture, or writing a number model/equations. Students are also being asked to integrate writing and math by not only explaining their solutions to problems orally or with numbers, but by writing their thoughts in sentences as well. As always, we appreciate the support you offer at home to help your child be successful in school!





Grade Levels At a Glance continued...

Second Grade

Second Grade was very busy during the month of October. We celebrated Fire Prevention Week with special visits from the Delmar Fire Department. They did a wonderful job teaching us what to do in case of a fire emergency. We toured fire response vehicles and got to take home pencils and fire hats! We also started our weekly visits with Tales for Dogs. Students are thoroughly enjoying reading many great books with our volunteers and their four-legged friends.

In reading, students are practicing being active listeners during our interactive read aloud books. Our stories this month have been focusing around the themes of families and how people work to adapt to new surroundings. These stories have enabled our students to have open discussions about what it means to be a family and how families help one another.

Please continue to support your child in reading at home with their monthly reading incentive. Students should be recording their minutes read each night on the calendar at the front of their agenda.

Our students are excited to start Writing Workshop each day. They gather their magic black pens and get right to work. We're starting our new narrative unit, where students are focusing on stretching out small moments in their writing. They love writing down topic ideas in their "tiny topic notepads."

Our math instruction continues to focus on addition and subtraction strategies, money, even and odd numbers, word problems and place value. Please continue to practice fact fluency and be sure to utilize the EM4 games at home to reinforce their math skills.

In the month of November, we look forward to more exciting, learning adventures! Thank you again for all of your support in our classrooms!

Third Grade

In reading, we will be launching the theme *Celebrating Traditions*. We will explore ways people across the world celebrate family and cultural traditions and how these traditions enrich their lives. We will be wrapping up unit 1 in writing workshop: personal narratives and moving on to unit 2: informational writing.

During math, we will describe rules for patterns and use them to solve problems, estimate to check whether our answers are reasonable, add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers, as well as review multiplication strategies and bar graphs. Look for the Unit 3 Family Letter coming home soon in your child's Friday Folder.

In science we are moving right along with Unit 1 as we further explore forces and interactions with pendulums and magnets. In social studies, we look forward to learning more about traditions and customs from around the world as we integrate the new reading theme into our classes. We will also learn about Native Americans.

Throughout all subject areas we will continue to practice our speaking and listening skills as we explain our own ideas and understanding through classroom discussions, small group activities and presentations. Please continue to practice multiplication fact triangles with your child to improve fact fluency.

Fourth Grade

It is hard to believe that one marking period is almost behind us! Our fourth-grade students are very busy. Students who attended the field trip to Ocean City were able to enjoy a STEM challenge activity, as well as, enjoy one of Maryland's beautiful natural resources.

In Reading, students have been researching inventions of their choice that have influenced or improved their life. Also, reading incentive began in October. Please make sure you are marking your child's agenda when they read.

Math has been a very rigorous time for students! Students are taking their first Interim Assessment on November 7. Please continue to work with your child on their multiplication/division facts. In addition, please make sure your child is completing all homework.

Also, as a reminder, if your child is absent, Everyday Math will have the days lesson posted, along with math games to help reinforce skills. Any homework assignments in math that are the home links can also be viewed and copied so students can get credit for doing their homework. Please ask your child to walk you through this fantastic Math resource.

As always, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns that you have throughout the year.

The 4th grade team would also like to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving.





PTA News

Thank you to all parents and teachers who joined the PTA! Our goal this school year is to reach 250 members and we already have 137 members. A strong membership willing to volunteer is key to having a successful PTA that can provide programs, activities and support that benefit our Delmar students. If you haven't become a member yet, we encourage you to join us!

October was a busy month for fundraising. The Spirit Wear fundraiser has been finished. If you still want Spirit Wear contact an officer because we do have a few extra Spirit Wear items available. We also have Delmar mugs available for order which will be delivered in November. The Art to Remember Fundraiser also began in October and you can order products that show off your child's artwork until Nov. 8th. Packets came home in student folders around October 26th. Due to time constraints, students that were absent when the artwork was completed did not have a packet come home. Moving forward, if we choose to do this one again, we will ensure that we have ample time for make up projects.



The PTA sponsored an assembly by Third Day Power for 3rd and 4th grade October 17th. They delivered an amazing message about making the best choices in their lives and living up to their maximum potential. They also showed the students feats of strength that including ripping phone books and bending steel!

In November, we look forward to our PTA Parent Appreciation Dinner. You must have a PTA member in your household and returned your RSVP by November 7th to attend. Due to event being a dinner, we want to ensure we have enough food and seating for everyone in attendance. There will also be a 50/50 raffle during dinner, so if you want to participate please bring cash. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

PTA Member Shout Out!!!

Thank you to **Melissa Long** for your efforts coordinating volunteers for the upcoming events! And also thank you to the art teacher, **Ms. Henderson**, and Pre-K teachers, **Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Pedri**, for your help in gathering art work from students for the Art to Remember Fundraiser! You rock!

Upcoming Events:

November 1st: RSVP for PTA Dinner

November 8th: Last day to order from Art to Remember

November 12th: PTA Parent Appreciation Dinner

November 16th: Family Movie Night

December 5th: Chipotle Fundraiser, 4 to 8pm



Sincerely,

Your PTA Officers

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