

Bobcat Bulletin

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Principal's Message

As we approach the new year, many times we reflect upon all that has occurred throughout the year and make goals for the future. First and foremost, I am extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for all their hard work to make our school a success. We have much to be proud of...Delmar Elementary recently received a 4-star rating from the state of Maryland. This rating is based upon the academic success of our 3rd and 4th grade students in reading and math, along with high scores for daily attendance, and the success of our non-English speaking students. Although we received high marks in these areas, we always want to continue to grow and improve as our targeted goals continue to rise. We will never be satisfied until we are the top achieving school in Wicomico County and the state.

Another goal for this year has been to expose our students to activities beyond the classroom. We are extremely proud of the service our Singing Bobcats have done by singing at the Centre at Salisbury, participating in the recent Delmar Christmas Parade, and St. Stephens United Methodist Church. Also, our SGA has conducted 2 very successful community service campaigns by collecting pajamas and canned food items for the less fortunate and recently sold pencil grams to spread holiday cheer to fellow students and staff members. Finally, many of our boys and girls participate in girl scouts or boy scouts and are activity engaged in several personal growth activities and community events.

The new year is a wonderful time to reassess current habits and adjust our goals for positive outcomes. Please take the time now to reevaluate bed times, homework routines, and starting each day with a good breakfast. Data shows us that good habits and routines in these areas increase student potential and productivity. Consistency is key . . . so, let's get a jump start on being the best that we can be by reassessing what areas need to be improved upon. Reassuring that good habits are in place and practiced while school is in session will help our little ones start the New Year off right.

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Bobcats of the Month--November

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Bobcats of the Month for November. We are proud of you!!!

Morton- am Reagan Tull

Morton- pm Naomi Spies

Pedri-am Leyah Long

Pedri-pm Addie Visele

Adams Lydia Brumbley

Chew Chandler Davidson

Coleman Ryllynn Twilley

Hall Armando Cruz Villaman

Hudson Zyra Shauket

Minor Kinsey Barrall

Scott Julianne Horton

Beebe Logan Parrish

Campbell Abby Brasure

Cuffy Brynlee Thornton

Douglas Liam Mitchell

Hurst Dion Schmid

Mason Rebekah Trice

Thornton Londyn King

Barlow Baylor Albrecht

Clark Damian Kelser

Littleton Bella Beach

Mallory Ayane Jenkins

Mccain Akrista Milliner

Trombetta Kennedy Saks

Wilkinson Ashlyn Jenkins

Alexander Liliana Lomx

Alexander Liliana Lomax

Hudson Kevin Smith

Malone Elle Preston

Melvin Camden Myers

Palmer Robert Hollada

Short Kim Swerski

Stein Andrew Lankford

Allen Shane Littleton

Bowden Connor Bennett

Handley Ava DiPietro

Sandlin Atreyu Ting

Shiles Priv Patel

Sowell Sa'niya Hankerson

Throm Daisy Harris



Crown Sport Center Trip Rescheduled

Due to the fog delay on December 14th, the Crown Sports Center trip for the fundraiser had to be postponed. The new date is now January 11th. No new permission slips will be sent as we can use the previous ones. A reminder will be shared on the weekly call for that week.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA wants to thank everyone that bought a pencil for our pencil drive. We have enjoyed bringing some holiday smiles to everyone. The Pajama Drive was also a huge success. We collected over 40 pairs of pajamas!! We can't thank all our Bobcat Families enough for their generous donations.

Delmar Elementary Chorus

Congratulations to all students involved in either of our Winter programs. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who helped and to Mrs. Rush and Miss Bramble for their hard work. Congratulations also to the Singing Bobcat Chorus for their great holiday season! All students have brought much entertainment and joy to all who attended any of our Winter events this year.

Renovation Update

December 20th was a very busy day at Delmar Elementary School with the transition from phase 1 to phase 2 of our renovation project. Many of our teachers either moved in to their newly renovated classrooms or offices and our C-wing classrooms and staff transitioned into the large portable building.

During the winter break, phase 2 of the project will begin with the demolition of our kindergarten and other C-wing classrooms. This project will continue through the end of the school year.

Please join us on the January 7th PTA meeting to see our new classrooms and visit the locations of rooms that have been temporarily relocated.



School Nurse Notes

The Holidays can be a prime time for LICE outbreaks!

With children inside playing with heads close together or sharing hats, lice spread quickly this time of year. **Please check your child's hair for lice/nits on a regular basis.**

If your child gets lice, do the following:

- Wash hair with a shampoo like Nix or Rid to kill live lice. **(Shampoos do NOT kill the nits or eggs.)**
- Comb hair with a fine-tooth comb to remove nits. Repeat daily until there are NO nits present. Yes, it is time-consuming, back-breaking work!
- Wash bedding. Tie up pillows and stuffed animals in plastic bags for about a week. Vacuum furniture and floors.
- **Remember, your child must be examined by the school nurse before returning to class.**



If your child receives any immunizations (shots), has a new medical condition or a change in medication, please notify the school nurse, so your child's record can be updated. Immunization records can be faxed to the nurse at 410-677-5184.

Good Hand-Washing Helps Prevent Sickness

Have your child share the good hand-washing techniques they've learned in our recent hand-washing classes.



1. Wash with warm water and soap for 20 seconds.
2. Wash palms, back of hands, between fingers and around fingernails.
3. Wash before meals, after using the bathroom, any time you cough/sneeze or have dirty hands.

Cough & Colds

Yes, the cough/cold/flu season is on us. Please remember:

- Cough medicine and cough drops MUST have a doctor's order and be brought to school by an adult
- Encourage your child to wash hands frequently. It helps prevent transmission of germs.
- Teach your child to cough into his sleeve at the elbow.
- Children with a temperature over 100 degrees must be kept home for 24 hours AFTER the fever is gone.



Our Character Corner

Holiday Stress and Anxiety in Children

How to avoid child anxiety and holiday stress during the busy holiday season

The holidays are a fun and joyous time, but also a very busy one, and holiday stress and anxiety in children is a common occurrence. During the holidays, there are lots of fun activities and events going on, both at home and at school. And while that can be a good thing, the reality is that all that hustle and bustle means schedules are often out of whack, bedtimes get pushed back, and routines are disrupted. As a result, it's inevitable that kids may feel some degree of holiday stress.

Holiday Stress and Anxiety in Children: How Parents Can Help

- **Set a calm example.** The most important way parents can help ease anxiety in children during the holidays is by trying to keep things relaxed as much as possible.
- **Set up conditions for good behavior.** Avoid taking your child to places such as the mall or holiday gatherings when he is hungry or tired.
- **Remember the importance of routines.** The holidays can throw a big wrench into household routines, and that can play a role in anxiety in children.
- **Watch what they are eating.** Another thing that can fall by the wayside amidst the holiday hubbub is healthy eating.
- **Get your child moving.** Fresh air and exercise are essential for boosting mood and re-setting the spirit, which can alleviate holiday stress and anxiety in children. Make sure you schedule some time to get your child outside to run around and play.
- **Avoid overscheduling.** As tempting as it may be to accept every invitation from friends and family, try to limit your holiday parties and activities so that you and your child are not overwhelmed.
- **Have your grade-schooler help you.** Big kids love to help mom and dad, especially if they get lots of praise for being responsible and helpful.
- **Schedule some quiet time.** Having some peace and quiet with your child is more important than ever during the busy holiday season.
- **Remind your child -- and yourself -- what the holidays are really all about.** A great antidote for holiday stress and the bloated commercialism of the season is helping others.

By Katherine Lee

<http://childparenting.about.com/od/healthsafety/a/holidaystresskids.htm>

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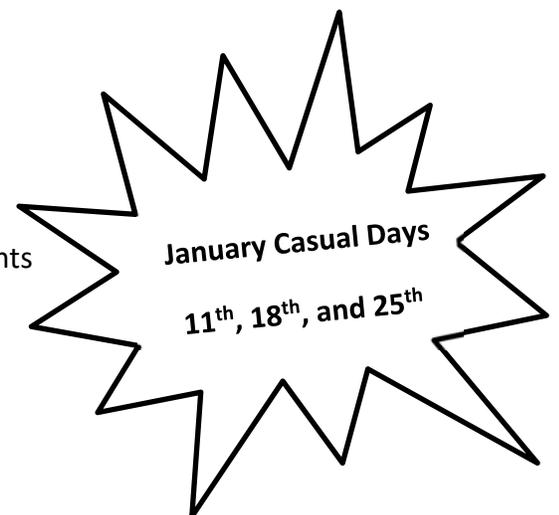
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Attendance Counts! November 2018

Grade Level	Average Daily Attendance
	94 % Required
Pre-Kindergarten - AM	91.14% 
Pre-Kindergarten - PM	95.63% 
Kindergarten	95.37% 
First Grade	94.51% 
Second Grade	95.84% 
Third Grade	94.44% 
Fourth Grade	94.98% 
Overall Attendance	94.91% 

Special Dates January

January 3	School Opens for students
January 7	PTA Meeting
January 21	Dr. Martin Luther Jr. Day—Closed
January 16	PTA Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale Begins
January 25	End of 2 nd Marking Term
January 28	Professional Day—school closed for students



Grade Levels at A Glance

Pre-Kindergarten:

Happy New Year! This month we will continue our theme of “Our Environment”. In addition, we will continue to learn more sight words, letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, and how to write them correctly. For math, we will be working on shapes and numbers to 10. We will build addition facts, identify, count and practice writing the numbers correctly. Please ensure that you are working with your child daily on letters and letter sounds. Thank you for your continued support!

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students had the opportunity to visit Stephen Decatur High School to see the play “Lost and Found” in December. The students thoroughly enjoyed this theater experience!

In reading, students will continue to explore a variety of text to help increase student comprehension. When reading stories at home, it is encouraged to ask questions about the characters, settings, problem and solution. Students will continue to master letter recognition, identify beginning and ending sounds, identify rhyming words, blend short vowel words, and practice writing their first name and last name correctly. Please focus on all letters and their sounds to help increase their proficiency. Students are also responsible for mastering 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, you and we.

In math, students will continue to work on several different concepts using learned strategies. We will explore different ways of composing and decomposing numbers to 10. Students will also count, recognize, and represent numbers 10 – 19. Please continue to review and identify attributes of 2D shapes.

First Grade:

Happy 2019! Students will be getting right back down to business for the New Year. We know they will work diligently to learn the new material being presented by our wonderful first grade teachers. Parents please help us by checking over all graded work and classwork that is coming home in take home folders and Friday folders.

Students are being exposed to a variety of texts through interactive read alouds as well as age appropriate literary and informational texts in small group settings. During this time students **need** to be mastering how to answer questions about key details in a text in complete sentences. Please continue having your child read aloud each night.

In alignment with CCSS math standards, the students will be expected to grasp solving addition and subtraction equations using their **Make a Ten** facts and **Doubles** facts to assist with solving equations efficiently and accurately. We will also interpret and represent data on a bar graph.

Second Grade:

We're excited to start 2019 with fun and engaging activities for our students! We will be focusing on non-fiction text during both reading and writing. Students will be learning about non-fiction text features and how these text features help them to better comprehend the text. During writing workshop, students will be writing their own non-fiction articles about topics which interest them! 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 monthly calendar at the front of their agenda.

In our math instruction, we are continuing to make great strides with our addition and subtraction strategies. Students are eager to start our new unit on telling time and place value. Our daily instruction also includes solving word problems, counting money, and fact fluency. Please encourage your child to complete their math homework assignment each week.

With the new year, comes new school supplies! Please make sure your child has a fresh supply of school materials such as pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers, and scissors. Any donations of tissues and Clorox wipes would be greatly appreciated! Once again, thank you for all that you do for our students.

Third Grade:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone is rested and rejuvenated for 2018! We are looking forward to a great second half of the 3rd grade school year!

In reading, third grade students will be exploring different genres and characteristics to differentiate between fiction and non-fiction styles of text. We will launch Term 3 with our Animal Unit at the end of January. Remember that reading incentive is also due each month! The reading goal for January is 260 minutes, and the completed chart is due on Friday, February 1st! Happy reading!!

In math we will continue Unit 4 on measurement, polygons, quadrilateral, area and perimeter. Students will also continue to develop multiplication strategies and work with properties of multiplication. Additionally, we will be taking our second math interim assessment on January 22nd. Please remember to continue practicing your multiplication and division facts at home to help with fact fluency!

Science will be an opportunity for us to teach cross-circularly as we connect Reading into our Science block. We will begin learning about animals along with their habitat, adaptations and life cycles in Science. We will also be welcoming our first classroom pets this month! Have your child be on the lookout to tell you all about them!

Looking ahead... We have an exciting field trip to the Baltimore Science Center coming up in March. The cost of the trip will be around \$20.00 for students and chaperones. This is a magnificent museum which provides students with many hands-on experiences as they explore several different aspects and ideas relevant to science and mathematics. Permission slips will be coming home soon in your child's Friday Folder!

Fourth Grade:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and are ready to roll into 2019 energized and eager to learn.

January brings a new unit in math. We will begin multiplying with larger numbers (and, yes, the “old school way” is fine 😊). It is imperative that all students know their multiplication facts fluently. Merriam-Webster defines fluently as “effortlessly smooth and flowing”. Parents can help their child learn them by practicing around the house, when riding in the car, and even playing games. Make it fun for our 4th graders to know them. Just a reminder, our Everyday Math series has computer games that will guide them in learning. Your child has a log-in and has been on the website. Knowing their facts will make them more confident when it comes time to multiply larger numbers and division later.

In reading, students will be reading Greek myths. They will be identifying theme, analyzing characters, and even write their own myths. They will also focus on opinion writing. Students are encouraged to read 375 minutes for the month of January. Please mark their calendar so they can receive credit for meeting their goal.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.



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Happy New Year Bobcats! Thank you to all parents and teachers who have joined PTA! If you have not joined, please consider joining. We have many events scheduled for our Bobcat Families for winter/spring 2019. We are particularly looking forward to the Spring Festival and Bazaar.

December was a successful month for the PTA! The Chipotle night fundraiser was a success and thank you to all the families that came out in support of the PTA. Art to Remember fundraiser orders were delivered to classrooms December 11th. We also held our Family Movie Night December 14th. We all enjoyed popcorn and Ice Age: Collision Course!

We will start the new year with a PTA meeting January 7th from 5:30 to 7pm and there will be teacher visitation.

Delmar Bobcats PTA Inc. is also starting the search for officers for the 2019-2020 school year! Although we can each serve two terms in the same position, we believe our PTA will be more successful if we have one or two new officers each year so that there are always fresh ideas and experienced officers serving. Please let us know if you are interested in serving as an officer, so we can talk with you about the roles and responsibilities. We also need a few volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. For more information, please message us with Facebook @delmarbobcatspta or email: delmarbobcatspta@gmail.com.

Thank you for assisting Delmar Elementary PTA in supporting our Bobcats!

Upcoming Events:

January 7: PTA meeting with teacher visitation, 5:30pm

February 15: Pastries with Parents, 6:30 to 7:30am

March 22: Grandparent Day

Sincerely,
Your PTA Officers

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