



Bobcat Bulletin

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Principal's Message

As we begin the last full month for the 2018-2019 school year at Delmar Elementary School, our thoughts begin to turn to summer break but please keep in mind that students must remain focused on instruction and not on summer break.

This month is a very important month for students in all grades but especially for students in grades 3 and 4 as they continue with the state-wide MCAP assessment. Students must come to school on-time and be mentally prepared for the assessment. We want students to do their best as the data received allows us to make important grouping decisions for next year.

As a reminder, students will be involved in testing on the following dates and times.

May 1, 2 MCAP Reading
May 7-10 MCAP Math

Final Day of 2018-2019 School Year

As a reminder, due to summer renovations beginning, Delmar Elementary School's last day of instruction for students is Tuesday, June 11th. This date only effects our school as all other Wicomico County Schools will end on June 14th.

End of Year Awards Programs

Mark your calendars for the following dates of times of our end of year awards programs.

June 7	Pre-Kindergarten	10:00 AM, 1:30 PM
	Kindergarten	1:30 PM
June 10	Grade 1	8:30 AM
	Grade 2	1:30 PM
	Grade 4	6:00 PM @ Delmar Middle School Auditorium
June 11	Grade 3	8:30 AM

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Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is designated across the country during the week of May 6-10. We have a great staff at Delmar Elementary School that goes above and beyond each day for our students and families. We hope that you take a few minutes to write, email, or text those that deserve recognition. Also feel free to send in a card or small token to show your appreciation. Our PTA and faith-based partners have a great week planned for our staff.

Bobcats of the Month—March

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Bobcats of the Month for March.

Bobcats of the Month, March 2019

Morton- am Charles Thompson

Morton- pm Sahara Dale

Pedri-am Jayne Williams

Pedri-pm Faith Burgos

Adams Kingston Harmon

Chew Nathan Martinson

Coleman Zyen Oliver

Hall Mariana Espinola

Hudson Benjamin Hartman

Minor Nico Taylor

Scott Emily Cortez

Beebe Tasi Mudge

Campbell Lucas Brasure

Cuffy Chance Bradford

Douglas Liam Reich

Hurst Brylan Bodner

Mason Gabriel Fisher

Thornton Ludianah Estimable

Barlow Sivona Hall

Clark Joshua Vernier

Littleton Madelyn Johnson

Mallory Carter Eroh

McCain Sarah Johnson

Trombetto C'Ahni Pitts

Wilkinson Ava Brown

Alexander Jacob Babcock

Hudson Craig Horsey

Malone Will Kuczenski

Melvin Jack Bauswell

Palmer James Faulkner

Short Trey Tucker

Stein William Springfield

Allen Rosdely Martinez-Urbieta

Bowden Kailee Lemp

Handley Natalie Hammond

Sandlin Autumn Miller

Shiles Marleigh Wells

Sowell Mackenzie Alton

Throm Nathan Young

Healthy Headlines



DID YOU KNOW???

- Anyone can sunburn! Both dark and light skin types can sunburn.
- Children receive 80% of their lifetime sun exposure by age 18...that is why using sunscreen on your children is so important!

Be kind to your skin!

- Use at least 15 SPF sunscreen.
- Cover up with hats and clothes.
- Minimize exposure to the sun between 10 am & 4 pm.

Please apply sunscreen to your children before school on sunny days!

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child received ANY medications at school, the remaining medicine and equipment must be picked up before noon on June 15. A parent/guardian may pick up and sign-out the medication. **Any unused medication that is not picked up by NOON on June 15 will be thrown away.**

ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS

TWO (2) MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and **TWO (2)** Varicella (chicken pox) vaccinations are required before entry into Kindergarten.



**Please make sure your phone number and contact info are up-to-date in the school office, so you can be contacted quickly in the event of an emergency or illness. Thank you!

Allergy Alert!

Warmer weather is here! The grass is green, and flowers are blooming, and *allergies are kicking in*. What measures can you take to shield your child of allergens while still enjoying the outdoors?

- Keep car and house windows closed and if possible, turn on the air-conditioning, making sure it has efficient filters.
- Control the timing/impact of outdoor exposure by planning trips when it's cooler and less windy. NOTE: Hot, dry, windy days seem to be peak allergy days! Also, pollen counts normally peak in the morning, so schedule activities for later in the day to keep sneezing at bay. Playing is often more fun after kids wake up from their naps.
- Restrict outdoor activities like camping and hiking.
- Keep children indoors when mowing the lawn.
- After coming in from outdoor activities, toss dirty clothes in the washer and take a quick shower, especially after gardening or raking leaves.
- Request that family members and visitors remove shoes before entering the house or at least wipe them well on a mat.
- Remember, any over-the-counter meds to be used at school must have a doctor's order.



Our Character Corner

Raising children presents many challenges to parents, and some of the most important values a parent wants to instill in a child are fairness and honesty. But teaching them what fairness and honesty is can be a challenge too. Your activities with your child can help to mold their behavior and turn them into the good-natured children you hope they will be. There are no guarantees, of course, but your actions early on can vastly improve the chances that your kids will always treat others with fairness and will be truthful with everyone in most cases.

Set an Example

Perhaps the most important activity you can do with your children to promote honesty and fairness is to tell them to do as you do. Kids love to copy their parents, and this is a good way to let them do it. The trick is, you must act appropriately on your own for it to work.

Post Rules

Make a rules poster with your child. Discuss the rules that you want your child to live by regarding fairness and honesty. You can use pictures that demonstrate these qualities or spell it out with cut-out letters and glue them on a poster that your child helps to decorate. Once your poster is finished, put it on the front of the refrigerator or on their bedroom wall and go over the rules every day or so to reinforce them. After being directly involved in making the rules, it will be difficult for your child to forget about what they are and are not supposed to do.

Role-playing

Role-playing is a good opportunity to teach kids about fairness and honesty. Parents can really drive the point home by working together to come up with a short skit and performing it for the child. They'll be entertained and will therefore pay close attention to the message. Similar skits can be done with puppets if both parents are not available.

By: Lee Morgan (http://www.ehow.com/list_7468331_activities-teach-fairness-honesty_kids.html)

Fairness:

Practicing justice, equity, and equality. Cooperating with one another.

SGA News

The SGA will be cleaning our playground for Earth Day soon. We know the importance of protecting our planet. The SGA/Honor Society had a great trip to DC. We learned so much about American history and Abe Lincoln.



Attendance Counts! March 2019

Grade Level	Average Daily Attendance 94 % Required
Pre-Kindergarten -AM	91.06% 🙋
Pre-Kindergarten - PM	94.38% 🙋
Kindergarten	93.82% 🙋
First Grade	94.84 % 🙋
Second Grade	94.49 % 🙋
Third Grade	94.01% 🙋
Fourth Grade	94.10% 🙋
Overall Attendance	94.11% 🙋

Special Dates

May 1-2	MCAP Reading Assessment (Gr. 3, 4)
May 6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	Kindergarten Field Trip—Ward Museum (Hall, Chew-AM, Adams, L. Hudson-PM)
May 7-10	MCAP Math Assessment (Gr. 3, 4)
May 9	Grade 2 Field Trip—Furnace Town (Barlow, Littleton, McCain, Wilkinson)
May 10	Grade 2 Field Trip—Furnace Town (Clark, Mallory, Schrlau) Pre-K Field Trip—Salisbury Zoo, 8:30 AM & 12:30 PM
May 13	Kindergarten Field Trip—Ward Museum (Coleman, Scott-AM, Minor-PM)
May 14	Kindergarten Field Trip—Assateague, (Hall, L. Hudson), 8:15 AM-2:00 PM Water Safety (Handley, Sandlin), 9:15 AM -12:30 PM
May 15	Water Safety (Allen, Shiles), 9:15 AM -12:30 PM
May 16	Kindergarten Field Trip—Assateague, (Coleman, Minor), 8:15 AM-2:00 PM Water Safety (Bowden), 9:15 AM -12:30 PM
May 17	Kindergarten Field Trip—Assateague, (Adams, Chew, Scott), 8:15 AM-2:00 PM 4 th Grade Move-up Day to Delmar Middle, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM (placement testing conducted)
May 20	Delmar High School Senior Walk @ DES
May 21	Grade 4 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Bowden, Handley, Sandlin, Sowell)
May 22	Water Safety (Sowell, Thom), 9:15 AM -12:30 PM Grade 1 Field Trip to Assateague (Beebe, Cuffy, Thornton), 8:45 AM-2:15 PM
May 23	Grade 4 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Allen, Shiles, Thom) Grade 1 Field Trip to Assateague (Campbell, Douglas, Hurst, Mason), 8:45 AM-2:15 PM
May 24	Field Day
May 27	Memorial Day—closed
May 30	Talent Show, 5:30 PM
May 31	Grade 3 Field Trip to Delmar Library Grade 4 Field Trip to Frontier Town

**May Casual
Days**

May 3, 10, 24



Grade Levels at A Glance

Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten students are hard at work with our new unit, "Growing our Garden". We will be having a field trip on May 10th and permission slips have gone home. In addition, we will continue to learn more sight words, letters of the alphabet, the sounds they make, how to write them correctly, and orally blending and segmenting individual phonemes in two-to-three phoneme words. We also will be re-telling stories that we have read and answering key details about the text.

For math, we will be working with 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to build addition facts and subtraction facts to 10, telling which number comes before or after a given number, and writing and representing numbers correctly.

Kindergarten

At the end of April, Kindergarten students were given the opportunity to visit the Salisbury Zoo. The Kindergarten team would like to thank all the families that helped to chaperone our trip and make it a success. We are looking forward to our trips this month to the Ward Museum and Assateague Island. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission slip if he or she plans to attend.

In reading, students will listen to stories that use patterns, explore nonfiction, and are written by Eric Carle. Many of our phonics lessons focus on blending and segmenting words. This is a great skill for children to understand in order to enhance their independent reading and writing. Please continue to help your child 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, we, and you as well as color and number words.

In math, students will continue to review and identify 2D and 3D shapes. Students are also practicing creating subtraction equations and should understand that subtraction is taking apart/away and they must start with the larger number first! We will also begin to focus on fact fluency within 5.

First Grade

We are so glad the weather is finally warming up and we've been able to get outside to enjoy the sunshine! In the classroom, we have still been busy bees reading and writing all about our earth and discovering what we can do to keep our planet clean and beautiful. At home, please encourage your child to get outside and find ways to help the environment, such as by planting a garden, picking up litter, or recycling.

In math, we are continuing our practice with solving addition and subtraction equations using the most efficient strategy, such as by making ten, using doubles, or relating subtraction to addition. You can reinforce this skill at home by giving your child an equation within 20 to solve using mental math and then having him/her explain the strategy used to solve.

We appreciate your help at home as we continue to encourage students to work hard throughout the rest of this school year.

Second Grade

Time is sure flying by! It is already May and this year is quickly coming to an end. The second-grade team would like to thank you for all the time and support you have given your child this year! We couldn't have done it without you. We have a very busy month ahead of us with lots of fun activities to look forward to. Our field trip to Furnace Town is just around the corner on May 9th and 10th.

This month in reading, we will continue reading anthology stories centered around the theme of family. We would like to thank you for helping your child complete their timeline project. Everyone did an awesome job! Our students have been working hard to develop their understanding of a text through oral and written responses. Written comprehension is very important to helping the students' progress in their reading levels. Our students have improved with using context clues and picture clues to help them determine the meaning of unknown words in a text. Our students have become amazing authors this year! We are wrapping up our poetry unit for Writing Workshop and starting our new Realistic Fiction unit.

This month in math, we will continue to solve one and two-step word problems, solve addition and subtraction equations using different strategies, and practice our fact fluency through engaging games. In our new unit, the students will be working with estimating costs, equivalent money amounts, and reviewing place value. Please continue to have your child practice their math facts at home to build their fluency.

Please continue to encourage your child to read each night and be sure to fill in the calendar at the beginning of your child's agenda with minutes read toward our monthly reading incentive! Also, please check to see if your child needs any new supplies (pencils, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers). As always, we appreciate your support at home.

Third Grade

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that our 3rd graders will soon be 4th graders ... 4th term is really flying by! The third-grade teachers would like to send out a quick, friendly reminder about PARCC testing. Students will be taking ELA MCAP during the week of April 30th and Math MCAP during the week of May 7th. Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a hearty breakfast to ensure they are focused and ready to put forth their best effort.

In reading, upon the conclusion of PARCC testing, students will finish out the remainder of the year reading fiction and non-fiction texts to learn about daring and courageous voyagers from past and present. Remember that our students earn awards at our honor day assemblies for completing their reading incentive calendar! The reading goal for May is 340 minutes, and the completed chart is due on Friday, June 3rd!

In math, students will be moving into Unit 9 where they will make sense of and solve problems involving multiplication, division, units of mass, geometry, and elapsed time. Students will also use mental math and area models to apply basic fact strategies to solve multiplication and division number stories with larger factors. Our end-of-year goal is for students to have automaticity with all multiplication facts. Please continue to practice multiplication facts at home.

In science, students will participate in this year's STEM challenge, Safe Racer. In this challenge, students will work in teams to design, build, and test a device to protect an egg in a moving vehicle. The winning team from each class will compete in a school-wide competition on Friday, May 17th. The school champion will move on to compete in the county-wide competition on Tuesday, May 21st at James M. Bennett High School.

Social Studies will be an opportunity for students to practice their map skills, reading map keys, scales and grids. Students will label the main countries of North America. Students will also learn about and be able to identify the remaining continents and oceans of the world. Students will also be learning about the branches of government and important American symbols.

Field Day is Friday May 24. To create a team atmosphere, 3rd grade will be wearing GREEN shirts this year. Please be on the lookout for upcoming permission slips. Friday May 31st, we will be taking a walking field trip to the Delmar Library. In the beginning of June, we will be visiting the Freeman Stage.

Fourth Grade

4th grade Bobcats...here they come! May 17th is another special day for our students! Teachers and students will be traveling to the Delmar Middle and High School for the MAPS testing. This is a very important test for students as this will place them in their classes for next year. We cannot stress enough the importance of this test for students. Students will also be served lunch and receive a tour of their new school! Thank you to Delmar Middle and High School staff for your support of our Future Wildcats! We have other trips scheduled so please check the calendar for your child's class. Return those signed permission as soon as you can, also.

As you already know, 4th graders will begin taking the Math and Reading PARCC the beginning of May. PLEASE make sure your child is going to bed on time, eating a plentiful breakfast and arriving to school on time. Doing those 3 simple things will make testing run so much more smoothly when your child arrives to school. Check the school calendar to see when your child will be taking the tests.

The math teachers want to remind all students to practice their math facts. These facts go hand in hand with all math skills throughout the year. We will continue learning about fractions, problem solving, measurement, and division with larger numbers.

In reading news, poetry will be the main focus for term 4. Students will be reading and writing poems. Please remember to complete your reading minutes this month!

As always, thank you for your support to help your child succeed. We really appreciate all you do! If there are ever any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



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Happy Spring Bobcat Families! PTA activities are starting to wind down for the year. We want to thank the 3CUSA and students from Delmar Middle and High School for volunteering during our Spring Festival and Bazaar March 30th! Thank you also to the participating vendors and families that came out to make the day a success. We also want to give a special thank you to Mr. Byrd and all the DES staff that have helped us throughout the year, particularly with event set up, break down and clean up. You are all rock stars!

April 8th, we had our final PTA General Membership Meeting of the 2018-2019 School Year. There was the option for class room visitation and we elected officers for the 2019-2020 School Year. The elected officers are:

President: Ashley Hearn, 2nd term
Vice Pres.: Christine Brumbley
2nd Vice Pres.: Kristina Hollaway
Treasurer: Olesya Taylor
Secretary: Betsy Jackson, 2nd term

May 7th is the due date to turn in the Spirit Wear order form for this school year. Deliveries will be made to the child's classroom before the close of the school year.

This month the PTA is sponsoring the staff appreciation luncheon May 8th. We will also be offering personal, pre-packaged, donated desserts to the staff on Tuesday, May 7th. If anyone wants to donate desserts, please email us or contact Mrs. Long at the school office.

Thank you for assisting Delmar Bobcats PTA!

Upcoming Events:

May 7 – Desserts for Staff Appreciation (Contact us to donate!)

Sincerely,

Your PTA Officers

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