



Bobcat Bulletin

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Principal's Message

As thoughts begin to turn to summer break, learning should not end on the last day of school but continue throughout the time students are off.

During the summer break, I urge you to find time with your child to take in many different learning experiences. Listed below are just a few suggestions:

- Become your child's reading partner—read together daily. Even if your child can read, find a book that you can take turns reading. Ask them what will happen next.
- Take walks or ride bikes together. A short walk or bike ride can be a great learning experience. Look for insects, plants, or a special focal point. Discuss what you see and share similarities and differences of places.
- Have a picnic together, even it's in your own backyard. Your child can help plan the menu and pack the picnic items. Talk about what your child is thinking and why they chose the foods.
- Of course, family trips or vacations are great opportunities to learn new things. Take a journal along and have your child write daily about what they did and experienced.
- Sign up at the public library for the summer reading program. Your child can set goals to read many books over the summer. There are even incentives for reading goals attained.
- There are many summer learning experiences for children. Different camps and courses are available for a fee. They often offer sports, hobbies, and field trips that encourage learning experiences. The Parks and Recreation Department and local colleges always have excellent activities for children. We will place brochures in the office for parents as they become available.

As we approach the last days of the school year I, along with the faculty and staff of Delmar Elementary School, would like to thank you and your family for the support shown to our school and students this year. As principal, it has been my pleasure to work with you and your family at Delmar Elementary School.

While the children and staff are relaxing over the summer, the administration, office staff, and custodial staff will be working diligently to prepare for next year. If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to contact the school. School offices will be open Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

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End of Year Awards Programs

June 7	Pre-Kindergarten	10:00 AM, 2:00 PM
	Kindergarten	8:30 AM
June 10	Grade 1	8:30 AM
	Grade 2	1:30 MM
	Grade 4	6:00 PM @ Delmar Middle/High School Gym <i>(Note: Tickets required)</i>
June 11	Grade 3	8:30 AM

Last Day Reminder

As a reminder, the final day of the 2018-2019 school year is Tuesday, June 11th. All final days are full days with no early dismissals.

Our Character Corner

Add Structure to Your Kids' Summer Schedule

Create a routine around their summer schedule with the following tips:

- 1. Set a Time For Learning-** Set aside a learning block of time each day. Kids can complete learning packets and/or workbooks. Tap into their natural curiosity and explore topics they find interesting.
- 2. Set a Time for Reading Every Day-** Set a reading time each day. If your kids are young, read a story out loud to them at this time. Older children can use this time to read on their own.
- 3. Limit Your Kids' Screen Time-**The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children ages two and older watch no more than two hours of total screen time per day.
- 4. Schedule Chores-** Make a list of age-appropriate chores for your kids to do each day during the summer.
- 5. Schedule Your Kids' Snacks-** Establish two different "Snack Times" in your home.
- 6. Schedule Some Regular, Fun Activities-** Sit down with your kids and make a list of all the places you'd like to go this summer and the things you'd like to do. Then make an effort to go through the list, choosing one or two activities per week.

http://singleparents.about.com/od/homelife/tp/summer_day_routines.htm

Nurse Notes

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child received **ANY MEDICATIONS** at school, the remaining medicine and equipment **must be picked up on June 11**. A parent/guardian may pick up and sign-out the medication. Any unused medication that is not picked up will be thrown away immediately after school.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Immunizations requirements for 2019-2020 school year require all students **entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade** to have two (2) doses of Varicella and MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella). Please drop off updated immunization records at the school office **before** the first day of school. Thank you!

Summer Safety!

- Wear sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated in the heat.
- Children need exercise outside, but always make sure an adult knows where they are.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- Eat healthy meals with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Use insect repellent to protect yourself from ticks, mosquitos, and other insects**
- Play safely on the playground! Make sure you don't have any loose clothing or strings that could get caught on the equipment.

Have fun in the sun, but also take time to relax and read a book in the shade!

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!

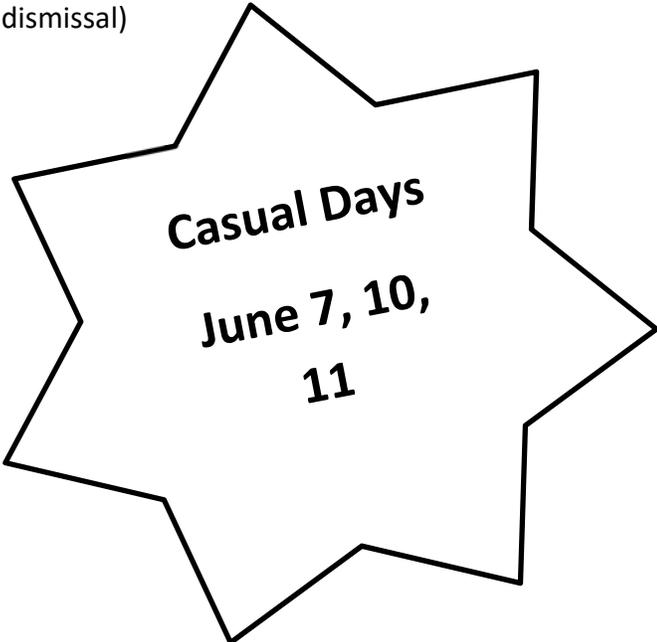
Be kind to your skin!

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



Special Dates

- June 3 Grade 1 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Campbell, Cuffy, Mason, Thornton—8:30)
- June 4 Grade 1 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Beebe, Douglas, Hurst—8:30)
- June 5 Grade 4 Field Trip—Freeman Stage, 8:30-11:30
Grade 2 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Clark, Mallory, McCain, Wilkinson—9:15)
Grade 2 Field Trip to Delmar Library (Barlow, Littleton, Schrlau—12:30)
- June 6 Grade 3 Field Trip—Freeman Stage, 8:30-11:30
Grade 2 Picnic—Gordy Park, 9:00-2:00
- June 7 Grade 4 Field Trip to Delmar Library, 9:15
- June 10 Grade 1 Picnic—Gordy Park, 9:00-2:00
Kindergarten Picnic—Small Playground, 8:30-2:00
- June 11 Last day of the 2018-2019 school year (regular dismissal)
- June 20 Report cards mailed home



Grade Levels at a Glance

Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten students are hard at work with our unit, "Growing our Garden" and are getting ready for Kindergarten. We will be having our final honor day on June 7th at 10:00 and 2:00. The honor day will take place behind our portables weather permitting. Over the Summer please continue to work on 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. For math, continue working with 2D and 3D shapes, building addition facts and subtraction facts to 10, telling which number comes before or after a given number, and writing and representing numbers correctly. We hope you have a wonderful and safe summer!

Kindergarten

There are many exciting activities planned for the month of June as we celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our Kindergarten students. Continue to check your child's folder regarding information about our final Honor Day and picnic.

In reading, students will explore stories that relate to summer. Students have worked hard to master letter and sound recognition. Continue to review blending short vowel words and sight words.

In math, students will continue to focus on fact fluency within 5, solving math problems using various strategies and identifying 2D and 3D shapes.

We are looking forward to seeing you help us celebrate all our hard work this year at our final Honor Day Celebration. Remember to continue reading and writing over the summer!

Grade 1

We have finally reached the end of the school year! Everyone has learned so much and has come so far since the beginning of the school year. We are proud of all the students and what they have accomplished. To help your child stay fresh and not have to play "catch up" at the beginning of next school year, here are some ideas for the summer:

- ☺ When cooking, have your child help you decide which measuring tools to use, and let him/her measure the ingredients.
- ☺ Review basic math facts, especially addition facts to 20 and subtraction facts from 20.
- ☺ Review parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives). Try to find these kinds of words in newspapers or magazines. Make a collage by cutting out and gluing words or pictures of nouns, verbs, and adjectives to a poster board. See how many you can get before school starts!
- ☺ Visit a public library with your child. There are many wonderful summer reading opportunities at the library - and it's FREE!
- ☺ Have your child read EVERYDAY both silently and out loud. Both skills are very important for your child's reading success, and it builds vocabulary development.

We've had a great year together. We hope everyone has a fantastic summer. Good luck next year!

Grade 2

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to an end! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support throughout the year! We still have a couple more weeks of fun and learning! We are excited about our upcoming field trip to the new Delmar Public Library, as well as our grade level picnic at Gordy Park. Please make sure you've signed and returned both permission slips to your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our final awards ceremony on June 10th at 1:30 pm. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. Please remember to have your child read and write over the summer!

Grade 3

Wow! Can you believe that we are in the home stretch and third grade is almost over?! This school year has really flown by! Our final field trip will be Thursday June 6th to the Freeman Stage. Please make sure your child has turned in their signed permission slip to be able to attend. Our End of the Year Picnic will be Monday June 10th and Our End of the Year Awards Assembly will be held on Tuesday, June 11th. Please be on the lookout as more information will be sent home with your child as we get closer to these dates.

Thank you so much for a wonderful year; we are so grateful for your continued support that helped your child succeed academically this year. We hope you have a fun-filled summer! Please continue to read and practice those multiplication facts to help build a strong foundation for 4th grade!

Grade 4

Parents, Guardians, and Friends! It is hard to believe that the end is here! It seems like yesterday your child entered our classrooms! The 4th graders are soon to be 5th graders! We believe that all students have really worked hard and are ready for middle school.

We will have a field trip to the Freeman Stage on June 5 to see "Charlotte's Web" Please make sure sunscreen is applied at home. We will be back in time for lunch. This will take place during the normal school day.

4th Grade Promotion Night is June 10 at Delmar Middle School. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for all you have done for us throughout the school year. We hope you have a safe and relaxing summer spending time with your family and friends.



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To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Thank you for helping the Delmar Bobcats PTA, Inc. have a successful 2018-2019 school year. This year we had 154 members. Membership supports the activities of our local PTA, as well as the activities of the State and National PTA. In addition to our quarterly meetings, activities for this year included

- Back to School Night
- Anti-bullying Assembly (students only)
- PTA Parent Appreciation Dinner
- Family Movie Night
- Pastries with Parents
- Grandparents' Day
- Spring Festival & Bazaar
- "Delmar Gift Card Bonanza" basket for the Delmar Education Gala
- Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop with Chick-fil-A dinners
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon and gifts (staff only)
- Assistance with the school Talent Show
- Provided volunteers for the reading incentive Sock Hop
- Treats and cupcakes for the 4th grade promotion

These events were funded in part by membership dues, donations from local businesses and community organizations, and by our fundraising efforts. PTA fundraisers this year included Delmar Mugs, Spirit Wear, Art to Remember, and Chipotle night.

A survey has been sent home with students to get parent feedback on the activities and fundraisers we have done this year. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it.

Have a safe and happy summer! We will see you next year!

Sincerely,

Your PTA Officers

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