

Bobcat Bulletin

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Mark Your Calendar!

President's Day

No School, Monday, February 20th



2023-2024 School Year
Preschool/Kindergarten Screenings

Thursday, March 2nd
and

Friday, March 3rd
8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Please call 573-729-4680
to schedule an appointment.

Must provide Proof of Birth,
Current Immunization Record and
Proof of Residency.

Preschool - Must be 4 years old
by July 31, 2023.

Kindergarten - Must be 5 years old
by July 31, 2023.



A big congratulations to Mr. Kirby for being selected as our Rockstar Support Staff Member for December. Kirby keeps our school looking good and up and running. He is a jack of all trades and can fix just about anything. He has a passion for students and is a good role model for our kiddos. When you see him please tell him CONGRATULATIONS! Thank you for everything that you do Kirby!

Extra-curricular Activites

By Mr. Denny Melvin, Principal

We have been very busy at Dent-Phelps R-III since returning from our Christmas break. All of our students have hit the ground running getting back into the routine of school. Our third through eighth grade students are in the process of completing the Missouri Assessment Practice Test in ELA and Math. This test allows us to identify learning standards that we still need to cover and also look at material that we need to review. Different faculty teams have been working to revise and improve how we work with the children at Dent-Phelps. Our

data teams have been analyzing data from recent iReady Diagnostic tests to better meet the needs of our learners.

We have several extra-curricular activities going on at this time. Archery season is upon us. Mrs. Hudson and Coach Lindsey have been doing an excellent job at preparing our archers for upcoming competitions. Volleyball practice is underway with games set to start in late February. Chess and Robotics are meeting one evening a week. At this time we are also working with the conservation department

to set up a time for another session of the Hunters Safety Course. This course will be during the school day and open to students ages 11 and up who have not already passed the course. When a date is finalized we will pass that information along.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's education feel free to reach out to your student's classroom teacher or myself. Have a wonderful winter season. It's a great day to be a BOBCAT!

January Character Award Winners MOTIVATION



Preschool Skills

By Mrs. Meagan Moravec, PK Teacher and PAT Coordinator



Preschool has been working really hard this year on many skills, as they prepare to be ready for Kindergarten! Some of these skills include shape, color, number, and letter recognition, as well as knowing the sounds that letters make. Children learn how to rote count, count objects using one-to-one correspondence (each object is equal to one), name how many in a set, match numeral with quantity, and combine/separate and name how many. Preschoolers also need to strengthen the small muscles in their hands, which are needed for everyday activities such as buttoning, zipping, opening snack items, as well as in schoolwork such as writing, cutting, and coloring. Social Skills are very important to learn at this age, as they learn how to problem solve, get along and share with others, take turns, communicate their feelings and needs, and follow school rules and routines. There are so many skills that we work on in Preschool, but these are some of the main learning areas. Here are some ideas and activities to continue working on these skills at home:

* Count out loud to 20 (or as high as they can go) to a pet, favorite stuffed animal, or various family members. Count while riding in the car, taking a

bath, waiting at a restaurant, or in line at the store.

*Make flash cards with construction paper or index cards. Write letters on the cards. Call out a letter name or letter sound. Have your child see how fast they can find and swat at the correct card with their hand or fly swatter. You can also do this activity with numbers or shapes! Make two of each card and play memory or a matching game!

*Write with chalk on the sidewalk. Call out a letter or number. Have your child find and squirt the letter or number with water and make it disappear! Or see how fast they can race to what you call out!

*Scissors: Start with snipping small pieces of paper. Index cards, construction paper, or paint sample cards from the store are great for beginning stages of cutting. Put a small sticker, or draw a star on your child's thumb fingernail. Encourage them to keep that picture facing toward the sky, where they can see it at all times. This trick helps them remember how to hold their scissors correctly. Instruct them to open and close their scissors like an alligator mouth, chomping the paper! Create a scissors tub with yarn, ribbon, straws, paper scraps, or Play-Doh to snip. Once they have snipping down,

move on to cutting lines, and simple shapes.

*Have children help prepare dinner! They can tear lettuce, break noodles, use plastic silverware to help cut strawberries or bananas. Have them count out how many scoops for each ingredient, and talk about which had more/less scoops.

*Give your child lots of opportunities to scribble, draw, color, write, and paint. Have available different sizes and colors of paper, various writing tools, paint brushes, and paints. Use an easel or cardboard box for opportunities to draw on a vertical surface.

*Write your child's name on a piece of paper with yellow marker. Have them trace the lines in different colors to make a rainbow. Cut their name apart, and have them put the letters back in order like a puzzle. They can name each letter as they put it back together.

*Spend time reading together! Talk about the story, the characters, and any words that they may not know.

*Make learning FUN! J Preschoolers learn best through hands on activities and play! Work in short intervals, their brains are not yet ready and developed to sit for long periods of time. If they aren't interested, move on and try another time!



Coaches Lindsey and Manthey accompanied Dent Phelps Bobcat 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys basketball players to a Salem Tigers high school basketball game recently.

The Dent Phelps players, along with middle school players from all of Dent county, were recognized at the game.



First Grade Students are Book Worms



By Mrs. Angel Hubbs, IB Teacher

Hello everyone. In first grade this year we are learning how to be book worms. It has been a great start to first grade this year and I am excited to see how much we can learn this year.

We wanted to share some of the activities we have been doing in first grade to make sure all our students are learning and becoming better readers. We thank all the parents and grandparents that have spent time to help read with their child, go over their spelling words or sight words for the week! It is super important. First graders pick up on things quickly but they need lots of practice to make it

easier. This is a list of things you can do at home to help your student.

Make sure your student is reading books on their reading level.

We are AR testing so, if you can read a book at home and they can test on it the next day at school.

Sign them up for AR night. This has been the first Monday of the month after school until 4:30.

Have students read their spelling words to you as well as write them. Pay attention to the spelling pattern for the week.

Such as, "short a" and "long a" words.

Read the weekly story with them on Thursday evenings. We send home books on Thursdays so they can read it before their quiz on Friday.

First grade has access to kids a-z.com. The students know their login and it can be accessible by computers, tablets or phones. Students can find books on the website to read and take a small quiz over.

kidsa-z.com

December Rock Star Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Back teaches second grade with an eagerness meant for a second grade teacher. She has created an amazing positive learning environment for her students and provides a safe space for them to learn everyday. When you see her, you can tell she loves her job, is deter-

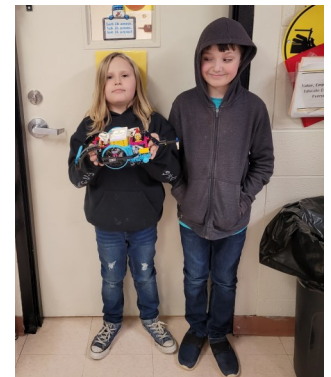
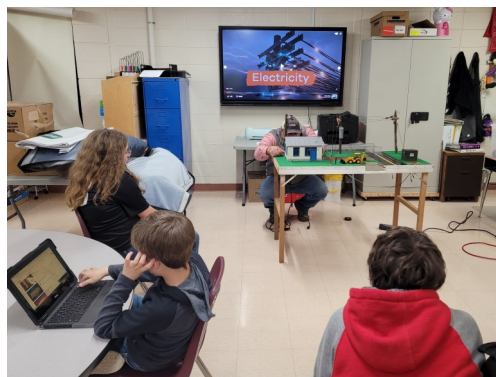
mined to be her best, and always puts her students first. Over the years, she has developed into a wonderful teacher and Dent-Phelps R-III is lucky to have her. When you see Mrs. Back, make sure to tell her congratulations, awesome job, and to continue to ROCK ON!



National Archery in the Schools Program

Middle School Archery Tournament
Monday, January 23rd
4:00 to 9:00 pm

Elementary Archery Tournament
Tuesday, January 24th
4:00 to 7:00 pm



Above: Robotics club members continue to work on plans and strategies.



INTERESTING FACTS FROM HISTORY

There are lots of interesting facts that happened throughout history but some are more interesting than others. Here's a short list of some interesting things you may not know about.



Did you know that toilet paper hasn't always existed? In fact, in 1857 a New Yorker named Joseph Gayetty invented the first patent toilet paper. So what did Americans use before then? Well... it may surprise you, but Americans used corn cobs! I know what you're thinking, there's no way they did that, but they truly did. So don't take your modern indoor toilet and quilted toilet paper for granted. Hee, Hee, Hee!



Ketchup is great for fries, chicken nuggies, and burgers, but it was once used as medicine. In 1830s America, it was believed that ketchup could cure ailments like diarrhea, indigestion, and jaundice. In fact, Dr. John Cook Bennett began to sell his recipe in pill form in 1834, he called it "tomato pills."



During the Middle Ages, The Black Death was the cause of death for one-third (approximately 75 million people) of the population of Europe. Where did this Black Death come from? Why none other than RATS!! Yes, I said RATS... rats carried a bacterial called Yersinia pestis, which they spread to the fleas, who then shared this nasty plague with humans with their bite. Gross, I know.



Who likes 3 Musketeers, the candy bar, not the soldier type. Did you know the candy bar got its name from the thee flavors it contained? When it was first made the 3 Musketeers Bar had the flavors of vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate all in one bar, but due to World War II and rationing the Mars company had to limit the bar to only one flavor. Thus, the delicious chocolate nougat bar you know today.



BY: MRS. WALKER
5-6 SOCIAL STUDIES

Around 37 A.D. Gaius Caesar Germanicus became emperor of Rome at the age of 24. One of his first acts as emperor was to make his horse, Incitatus, a Senator. Seems like the town in Alaska with a cat, Stubbs, for mayor was not the first with the idea of animals as government officials. Unfortunately, Gaius is remembered as one of Rome's worst rulers.



To quote the Notorious B.I.G., "If you don't know, now you know."

And if you're still curious, do some research, there's so many interesting facts to learn about. Good luck, and happy adventures.

PTO Christmas Shoppe a Success

By Mrs. Jenna Deason, PTO member

How is it 2023 already?! To recap December, the PTO had such a great time helping the children of the school pick out gifts for their family members in the Christmas Shoppe! Thank you so much to all for making this possible. We will definitely be bringing this back next year!

As we have started off the new year, LOVE IS IN THE AIR! Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and PTO will be ordering carnations again for the kids

to purchase and give to their friends. Keep a lookout for order forms in backpacks. We are excited as we always love seeing the kid's faces light up when giving. Love is always marketed around a significant other at this holiday, but love for your friends, family and teachers is what your kids hold at the most importance.

Thank you for your constant support! PTO loves to be able to pour back into

our school and without that support, it would not be possible.

"When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."-Paulo Coelho

"All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt"-Charles M. Schulz

December Canned Food Drive and Christmas Spirit Days



Above: Mrs. Hausner's KB students pictured with their "Can Tree..." This class collected the most cans.

Below: Mrs. Parson's 5A students contributed the most cans from the upper grade hallway.



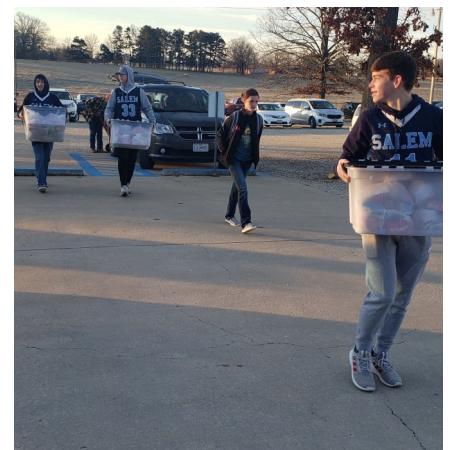
Above: Mrs. Crocker (3B), Ms. Wilmes (3A) and Miss Parks (4A) recreate "Home Alone."

Below: Elf (Nurse Alicia) gives Mrs. Farrar (2A) a Christmas hug.



Former Dent Phelps students, now Salem Tiger basketball players remembered their alma mater when they chose to come to Dent Phelps on a chilly morning in January to greet students and help where needed.

Thank you **Bryson May, Karsen Barred and Kaiden DuBois** for being a great example. Also, thank you Coach Jared Patterson for allowing them to come.





January Nurse's Nook



January brings cold, windy weather! Please remember to send your kiddos to school with coats and gloves. January also brings sickness like influenza, RSV, croup, strep throat and other ailments. It is so important to keep your children home if they are having symptoms of fever, persistent cough, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Please make sure they are symptom free **without** medication for 24 hours before they return to school. Thank you for your part in keeping students and staff healthy at school! If it gets too cold outside, exercise your brain for a healthy mind! Enjoy some things I have included on this page (and on the back) as an indoor activity.

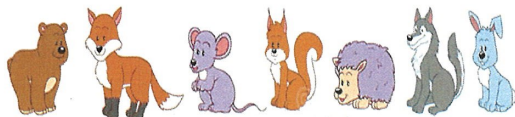
Love,

Nurse Alicia

You are in a cold house in the winter. It is dark. You have one match. There is a candle and there is a wood burning stove. Which do you light first?
(Answer on back)

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Find the correct shadow



Why was the snowman looking in the bag of carrots? (Answer on back)



Health Care Word Search

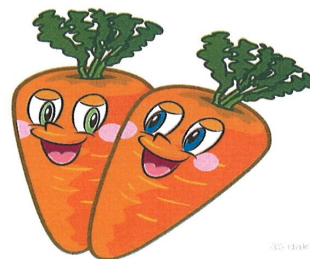
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| aid | medicine |
| ambulance | nurse |
| cure | patient |
| doctor | recovery |
| healthy | sick |
| hospital | treatment |



Joke Answer: He was picking his nose! HAHA

Riddle Answer: The match! ©



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