

Bobcat Bulletin

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**Dent Phelps Rotary Club
Teacher of the Year
Sara Heithold**



Dent Phelps Team receives Gold Recognition for PBIS implementation.



Congratulations to Mrs. Brown for being named our Rockstar Support Staff member of the month. Mrs. Brown wears many hats for us here at Dent-Phelps and is currently substituting in Special Education for us. She has a heart for kids, is very dependable, and we are very thankful for the job that she does here at DPR3. Thank you Mrs. Brown!

Tiefenthaler 2023-24 Principal

By Mrs. Victoria Brooker, Superintendent

Many of you may have heard already, but our principal, Mr. Melvin, will be leaving us at the end of this year.

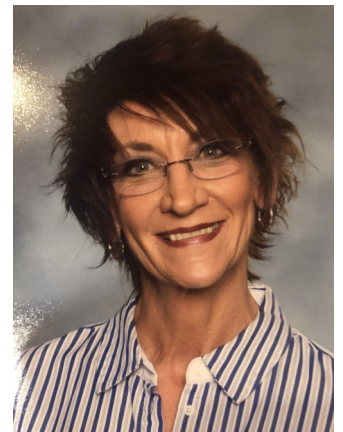
Mr. Melvin has taken an Elementary Principal position at the Norwood School District. Norwood is a K-12 district that is located much closer to Mr. Melvin's home in West Plains. While we are all upset that he is leaving us as he has been a great addition to our school, we are happy for him. He will be able to go home every night to his family. We wish him the best of luck in his new job and hope he comes

back to visit from time to time.

For the 2023-2024 school year the School Board has hired Dr. Karla Tiefenthaler. Dr. Tiefenthaler is a resident of Dent County, and has been in education for thirteen years. She has multiple educational degrees including a Specialist in Administration and a Doctorate in English. Karla is coming to us from Salem R80 where she is teaching Freshmen English. Prior to working at R80, she was at North Wood R4 performing multiple tasks, including teaching Communication

Arts, Special Education, JAG and Administration.

Let's welcome Dr. Tiefenthaler to the Bobcat Family in the Bobcat Way. It is always a Great Day to be a Bobcat!!!



April Character Award Winners - Self-Discipline

Rockstar Teacher of the Month

All of the kids love PE. Coach keeps them engaged by adding new games and exercises to his PE curriculum each year.

Kindergarteners ask everyday if they have Coach Lindsey for specials.

Also, as a peer teacher I know that I can always count on him for any help I might need.

He has always been willing to put in his time to improve the



school playgrounds. I am thankful that he is a Bobcat.

Keep on Rockin'
Coach Lindsey!



Bittersweet Time

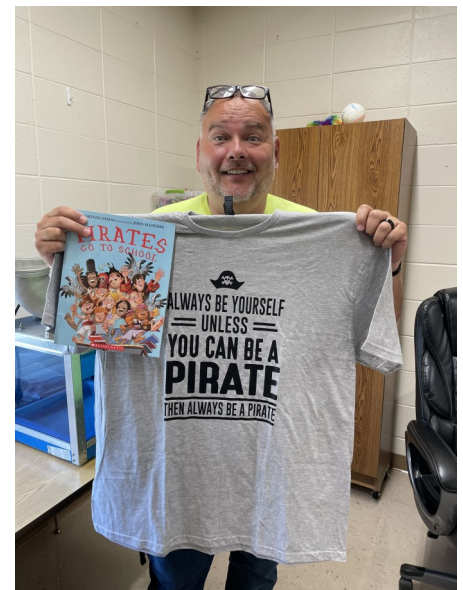
By Mr. Denny Melvin, Principal

Dear Bobcat Families,

In the blink of an eye, we find ourselves in May! It has been an incredible year of learning, growing, and supporting one another at Dent-Phelps R-III.

It is bittersweet that I inform you that I have accepted a principal position closer to my hometown of West Plains, which will allow me to be home every night with my family. This decision was difficult for me because I have grown to love our school, our students, our faculty and the Salem community. By serving here the last two years I have had the opportunity to become a better principal and a better man. In short, you all have been a bless-

ing to me and my family. I feel proud of the success of our school the last two years. I want to say thank you for the support that you have given me and our school during my tenure. I wish nothing but the absolute best for Dent-Phelps R-III!



As always, it's a great day to be a BOBCAT!

Memory Making Summertime

By Julia Fishbaugher, Dent Phelps PTO

Hey Bobcats!

Happy spring from the PTO!

This time of year is so very busy wrapping up the school year and gearing up for summer break. For our family, every summer goes by way too fast, so it's time to plan some memory-making activities as a family before kids file back into classrooms all too soon. Whether it's enjoying the Current River camping and floating, fishing at Montauk, hiking the trails around

Shawnee Mac Lakes or making a day trip to Johnson Shut-Ins or Elephant Rocks, this part of Missouri has so many beautiful places to experience as a family. Summer is a time for fun trips, but there is so much beauty to see right here in our back yard too!

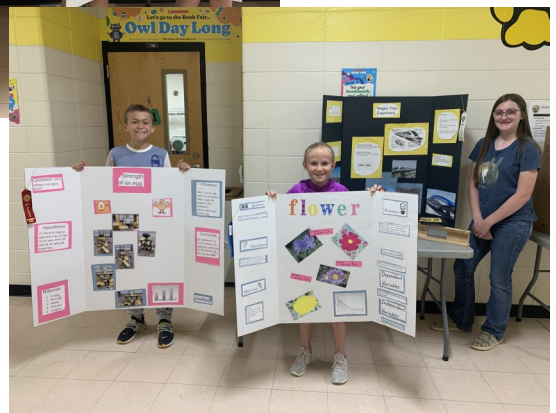
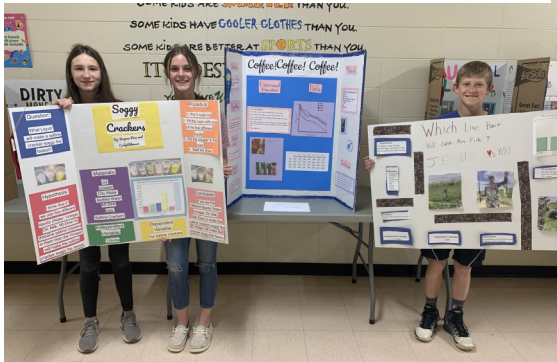


No matter what you find yourself doing this summer, just remember, we only get so many of these with our sweet kiddos. Let's make the time count!

The PTO would like to thank you for all of your support this year. We were able to raise enough money to provide shade sails on the lower playground and volleyball on the upper playground!

Have a happy and safe summer!

Science Fair Winners



Anyone **NEW** to the district.
August 15, 16 & 17
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tips to Stay Safe This Summer From Nurse Alicia

- **Stay Hydrated**
Drink plenty of fluids so you don't get dehydrated. Even being slightly dehydrated can make you feel sluggish. Keep a water bottle with you at all times and just keep sipping on it. Notice if you or anyone you are with begins to feel overheated at any time. Get to a cooler spot and sip on fluids. Heatstroke can come on quickly and is dangerous. If you'll be at an outdoor event, carry some frozen wet washcloths in your cooler. Instant cold packs (the kind for sports injuries) do well in a pinch, too.
- **Watch the Weather**
Keep your eye on the weather!! Summer brings some pretty wild weather and you want to be prepared.
- **Be Cautious Around Water**
It can't be said enough, be alert when you are around water. Don't swim alone, and if you're at the beach, pool, or lake with kids, designate someone to keep an eye on them at all times. You can't assume each parent is going to be watching and kids get into trouble quickly in the water.
- **Make Food Safety a Priority**
Summer barbeques are often the highlight of these warm months. But the heat can spoil food quickly and the resulting illness is pretty awful. If you're hosting a gathering, make sure all the food is cold. Keep anything that can spoil quickly (meats, anything mayonnaise based, dairy products) refrigerated until you need them. When you put food out, keep it out of direct sun –you can even put your bowls of potato salad on ice to keep things cooler. When you attend an event, pay attention to how the food is taken care of. Don't eat anything you suspect has been out too long.
- **Keep Insects at Bay**
Watch for all the critters that can cause you misery over the summer. Mosquitoes, ticks, ants, bees, —no matter what gets you, it can hurt and cause lasting ill-effects. Wear long pants and long sleeves when possible and when it's too hot for that, wear bug repellent and reapply it every couple of hours. Keep sugary drinks covered (bees have been known to sneak into soda cans) and scan picnic sites for ant holes or mounds.
- **Use Sunscreen**
You know the drill. Use sunscreen every day and reapply it often. If you use a sunscreen spray, spray enough on so you can rub it in to cover all the areas. This can't be said often enough, but lots of people just don't bother. In the long run, sunscreen can prevent skin cancer, but it also helps you avoid the immediate misery of a painful sunburn.

As a reminder, if there is medication in the nurse's office for this year for your child, please pick it up by the last day of school or it will be discarded. I will not send it home with the students. We will need all new prescriptions and medications for the beginning of next school year in August! If your student needs immunizations, please have them completed over the summer!



Here's to a safe and fun summer! Enjoy!

Love, Nurse Alicia

Dent-Phelps R-III | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

AUGUST '23						
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9-10 CPI & CPR
 14-17 PD Days/ Teacher WD
 17 Open House
 23 First Day of School

FEBRUARY '24						
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16 PD Day No School
 19 No School/Presidents Day

SEPTEMBER '23						
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4 No School/Labor Day
 25 PD Day No School

MARCH '24						
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8 3rd Quarter Ends
 25-Apr. 1 Spring Break

OCTOBER '23						
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13 1st Quarter Ends
 16-19 Parent/Teacher Conf.
 20 No School
 23 PD Day No School

APRIL '24						
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 15 PD Day No School

NOVEMBER '23						
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20-24 Thanksgiving Break No School

MAY '24						
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17 4th Quarter Ends (46 days),
 Last day of school Early dismissal 12:30
 20-24 Teacher Work Days, CPR, CPI.

DECEMBER '23						
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15 Early Dismissal 12:30
 15 2nd Quarter Ends
 18 - Jan.2 No School
 Christmas Break

160 Days 6.95 hours =1112
2 Day @ 4.08 = 8.16
Total = 1,120.16 hours

JANUARY '24						
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1 No School
 2 PD Day No School
 3 Students Return
 15 No School/MLK Day

Board Approved: February 16, 2023

Best Wishes to Our 8th Graders

By Mrs Sarah Parker, ELA Teacher and 8th Grade Sponsor

As the school year comes to an end, we've watched the eighth graders grow into amazing young humans. They have made this year more memorable than I could've imagined. They have laughed, cried, and learned with one another for so many years. The ending may be near, but the memories made here at Dent-Phelps will follow them forever. Although saying goodbye is bittersweet, they are ready to move on, and we wish them the very best as they pursue their high school career.





the best thing about
Memories
is making them



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