

Bobcat Bulletin

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Mark Your Calendar!

PTO Meeting

October 2nd 6:00 pm

1st/2nd Grade Field Trip

October 13th

1st Quarter Ends

October 13th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 16th - 19th

NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 20th

Monday, October 23rd

6th/7th/8th Basketball

October 24th

HOME - vs. Oak Hill

5:00 pm

Picture Retakes and Sports Pictures

Wednesday, October 25th

6th/7th/8th Basketball

October 26th

HOME - vs. Success

5:00 pm

6th/7th/8th Basketball

October 27th

AWAY- vs. Phelps County R3

5:00 pm

Library to Include 21st Century Skills for 6th -8th Grade

Like many schools across the country, Dent-Phelps R- III utilizes Google Suite (G-Suite) for many applications for both of- fice and classroom. Students in grades third-eighth use Google Classroom, an application within G- Suite, for learning. Students in mid- dle school use Google Docs and Google Slides to develop essays and visual presen- tations, both inde- pendently, and with other students. Using technology to collabo-

rate with others to produce a product, and being able to pre- sent that product to others using tech are examples of 21st cen- tury skills that are in demand in higher edu- cation and in the world of work.

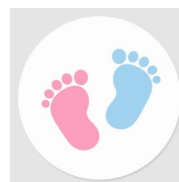
In an effort to help stu- dents in these grades become proficient in using Google Docs, Google Slides, and oth- er Google applications for the classroom, part of library/computer time each week is de- voted to instruction in

these areas. Students will have lessons and assignments they will complete as part of their library/computer grade. When students enter high school, they will utilize these appli- cations, as well as many others, to com- plete assignments. As our students master Google Docs and Google Slides, they will be better equipped to achieve as they move through school and into higher education and the workforce.



Welcome Baby Bobcats

Elaine Marie Gover



Bronnx Cannon Peters



Bobcats Go Back to School!

By Dr. Karla Tiefenthaler, Principal

The new school year is promising to be one packed with friendship, learning, and fun! Our Annual PBis Bobcat Boot Camp was a success! Students spent this time learning and practicing behavioral and academic expectations. I am very proud of how well they are putting them to practice in all areas of the school.

Middle school science classes have been working on assembling the containers for our community garden, which will serve as an outside classroom space for students to learn and grow in all content areas. This area is created and maintained by students through project based learning and the help of teachers, staff, and the community. Each grade level will tackle a specific task in

hopes to have a blooming garden by Earth Day! This will be a collaborative effort that aligns the garden experience with our state standards.

Fourth and Fifth grade basketball is underway! Coach Parsons and Coach Lopez are excited about the number of athletes participating this season. Games run through September 19th! Come out and support our young athletes as they compete and learn sportsmanship!

Amy Glenn, 4H Youth Program Associate, has been working with 4th and 5th grade students as part of the SNAC (Student Nutrition Advisory Council) Program. Together they learn about good nutrition and prepare healthy snacks! So, if your 4th or 5th grader has come

home with some after-school snack ideas, this is why!

Our Bobcat Brew Team has extended offerings this year! In fact, students tried their hands at pancakes, and they tasted amazing! I am strongly suggesting this become a weekly menu offering! I hope they are open to my suggestions!

We want to share our fun learning activities with families and community, so check us out: Dent-Phelps R-III School District!

Be sure to:



What is 3rd Grade?

By Amanda Crocker, 3rd Grade Teacher

What is 3rd grade? Is it laughing so hard at lunch that milk spews from your nose? Surely not. Could 3rd grade be a place where learning is fun and challenging? Nah, that's too obvious. I know, 3rd grade is a place of ruin and despair, ruled by an evil bear who smells of strawberries... No! That's Sunnyside, not 3rd grade. This grade is magical. Students work extremely hard

and play even harder. It is the third year after kindergarten, a transition year for many learners. This is the year that students grow their love for learning and stretch their minds. 3rd grade is a place full of independent thinkers and world changers. 3rd grade is exciting and scary. Students may enter 3rd grade timid, but they are leaving bold learners. I'm excited for my new group of students, and we

are ready to take on the year together.



Preschool - Developing Fine Motor Skills

By Megan Moravec, PK Teacher and PAT Coordinator

Preschool has been working hard this school year on strengthening their fine motor skills. Children use fine motor skills when using the small muscles in their hands, which are still developing at this age. These skills are needed for everyday life tasks such as zipping/buttoning clothing, using utensils to eat food, or opening up/closing containers. Fine motor skills are also important in school-work, such as using various tools to write, color, draw, or cut with scissors. With just a few minutes a day, you can help your young child strengthen and develop these muscles. Here are some examples of how you can promote fine motor development at home:

*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.

*Tub Play: Have children squeeze and play with sponges in the bathtub. On hot days, fill a tub outside for water play. Place funnels, turkey basters, ladles, measuring cups, and spoons inside.

*Play-Doh: Have them squeeze, pinch, smash, cut, and roll out Play-Doh to make their creations!

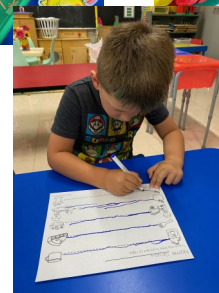
*Scissors: Start with snipping small pieces of paper. Index cards, construction paper, or paint sample cards from the store are great for beginning stages of cutting. Put a small sticker, or draw a star on your child's thumb fingernail. Encourage them to keep that picture facing toward the sky, where 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.

*Stringing: String beads or cereal on yarn or pipe cleaners!

*Use tongs or clothes pins to pick up items such as cotton balls, pom poms, or pieces of ribbon.

*Tracing: Draw simple shapes, lines, letters, numbers, or your child's name. Have your child pick out their favorite color and trace your lines. You can also grab some small stickers, and have your child stick and cover the lines!



Learning and Growing as a Team

By 4th/5th Co-Coach, Mrs. Gabby Lopez

Wow!! To say I'm impressed with this team is an understatement. This group of 4th and 5th graders are doing such a great job. I love to see their excitement for the game. However, my most enjoyable moment is when they have taken the time to learn a play and use it successfully in a game. Their faces just light up and it makes the practice worth it.

We have a talented group of players this season. So far, the girls are undefeated and the boys have only lost one game. These players work hard for Coach Parsons and myself. They

take practice seriously and soak up all they can.

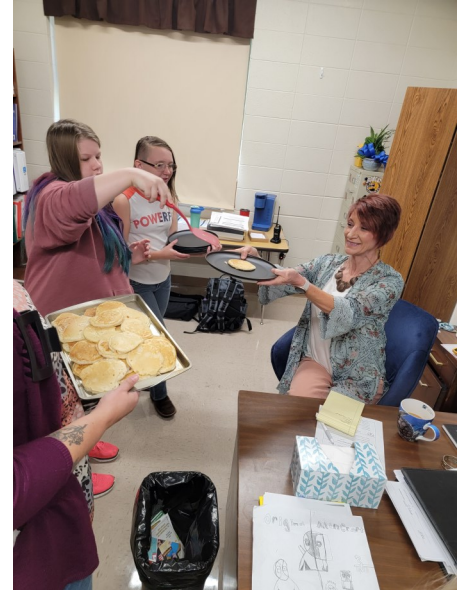
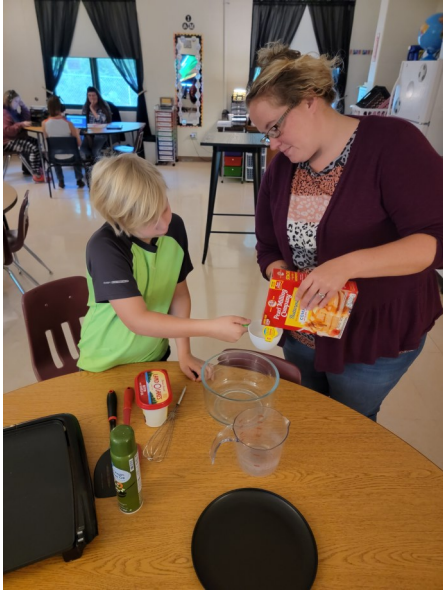
The boys team had a setback when one of their starters got taken out of the rest of the season. The boys were down, and felt defeated. It was such a hard thing to see Coach Parsons and the boys go through. Coach Parsons was so good at getting them encouraged and ready to play despite the low numbers she had on the boys' team. The boys had a game where yet another starter was gone and Coach Parsons took the boys aside and spent a few extra minutes

coaching them and encouraging them before the game. Needless to say, the boys brought home a victory that night! It was great to see the boys gain confidence in themselves!

Basketball is just a sport, some say. For me, it's so much more than that! These players are taking strides to grow individually and as a team! I have seen confidence grow, leaders raising up, and most importantly a group of kids learning to support others! I am extremely proud to have these players part of the team this season!



Learning Life Skills



A Great Start in 4A

By Mrs. Gabby Lopez, 4th Grade Teacher

Fourth grade has been a blast so far!! I have a great group of kiddos and really enjoy coming to school and seeing them each day!! So far we have mastered classroom and hallway expectations. 4A is knocking it out of the park when it comes to following the Matrix. The students know what is expected of them and are setting a great example for the younger kids in our hall.

We have started place value lessons in math. The students did a great job in that area where they compared numbers, ordered numbers, rounded and wrote numbers in all forms. Reading is off to a great start as we are learning key details, the students are really enjoying the stories. We are learning our writing book together this year, as it is new for all of us. So far we have started writing basic steps and are gearing up to move on.

4A is a class filled with eager learners and a great atmosphere. These students have already shown me they know how to work as a team and are willing to help each other. They are an encouraging group and I love to see them take the lead on supporting each other! I couldn't have asked for a better class! They teach me something new every day and I love it!

PTO - Come Join our Next Meeting

By Mrs. Julia Fishbaugher, PTO Member

Welcome back to school Bobcats! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break filled with fun and making of memories. Boy the summer flew by! Seems like just yesterday we were gearing up for break and now here we are, back at it again for another

er school year. Back to the business of classwork and homework, early mornings and sports practices. The beginning of a new school year brings fresh starts and new opportunities. The PTO is excited for all the fun we have planned this upcoming school year.

We just wrapped up our first fundraiser of the year and we hope to see you ladies sporting your Bobcat earrings! We welcome you to our next PTO meeting, October 2nd at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Hope to see you there!



Notes from the Nurse

Each fall, classrooms full of kids become smoldering hotpots of colds, flu, stomach viruses, and germs that fester and spread.

Did you know that studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sickness and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu?

Follow these five steps every time you wash your hands:

- 1. Wet your hands with clean, running water, turn off the tap, and apply soap.**
- 2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, palms of hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.**
- 3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.**
- 4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.**
- 5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.**

You should wash your hands before, during and after preparing food, before eating, after using the bathroom, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, and if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

If you're sick, you should stay home to prevent the spread of sickness. Please remember, students need to be fever and symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication to return to school after being sick. This will help cut down on absences throughout the building.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

DENT-PHELPS R-III

Mrs. Kim Pogue, counselor

THE BOBCAT WAY

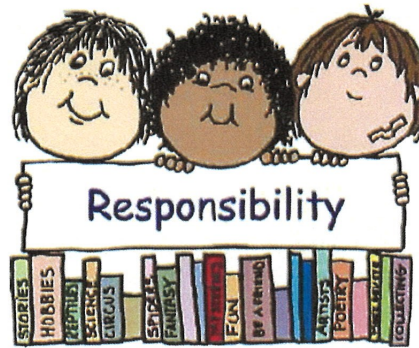
Students at Dent-Phelps will be:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- A learner

Dent-Phelps School Wide Rules:

- Follow directions
- KHFOOTY (keep hands feet and other objects to yourself)
- Use only KIND words
- Follow the Bobcat Matrix

Counseling lessons this month will focus on **RESPONSIBILITY**. We will review The Bobcat Way and discuss how responsibility will help us as learners and citizens.

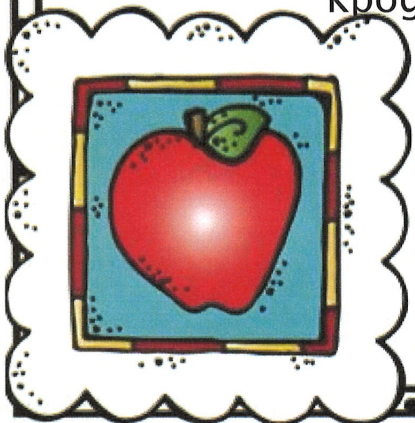


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We'd like to hear from you regarding our programs, schedules, yearly calendar, activities, etc. We value your opinion and want to make the best decisions possible in meeting the needs of our staff, students, and community.

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