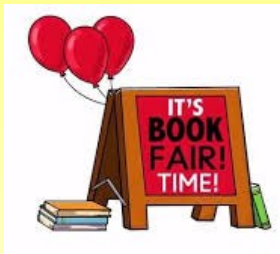


Bobcat Bulletin

Mark Your Calendar!



October 16th - 20th



REMINDER NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 20th-
Monday, October 23rd

BASKETBALL

October 24th

Home vs. Oak Hill @5:00 pm

October 26th

Home vs. Success @5:00 pm

October 27th

Away at Phelps County
Edgar Springs @5:00 pm

School Safety Grant Received

By Mrs. Victoria Brooker, Superintendent

On October 2, 2023, Governor Mike Parsons announced a total of 566 school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools have received grant funds from the second round of funding for the School Safety Grant Program.

From the additional \$50 million to expand the School Safety Reimbursement Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, Dent-Phelps R-III has been awarded \$47,000.00. The grant program aims to support school safety

with these funds. The district has been approved to accomplish three projects for the safety and security of our students.

1. New phone/intercom system for the building and classrooms to effectively notify staff of emergencies. This will replace the current system that only works part of the time.
2. Safety film or bullet proof glass for the front foyer to protect from unauthorized entry into the

classroom area of the building.

3. Interior doors to front foyer with a buzzer intercom system to control access to the school building.

These projects will begin soon, as we have a limited time to request reimbursement for the projects.

Student safety is one of our top priorities and we are very excited to be awarded funding for these additional safety measures.

Shark Tank 2023 is in the Books



With The Industrial Revolution as their product inspiration, 7th and 8th grade students recently participated in the Dent-Phelps version of Shark Tank.

Hosted by social studies teacher Mr. Stratton, “sharks” Kate Bennett, Charlee Sue Jadwin, Amy Glenn, Nick Gover, Tad Headrick, Braxton Parker, Ruth Ann Parker and Shala Shepherd were given the task of choosing winners. *(Continued on page 4)*

Pictured left: Judges with winners Alton May and Landon McGraw (8th Grade) and Ashton Edmondson and Carter Hayes (7th Grade).

Benefits of Quiz Bowl

By Ms. Jennifer Headrick, Math Teacher and Quiz Bowl Sponsor

Quiz Bowl? What is that? I'm glad you asked ... Quiz Bowl is an academic competition where teams of students compete against each other to show off their knowledge base. Aside from bragging rights if the team wins, there are plenty of other benefits from getting involved in Quiz Bowl.

1. Broadens Knowledge - To prepare for competitions, students are introduced to new information as well as taking a deeper look at what they already know. This practice helps students confidently express what they *do* know and not be discouraged by what they still have to learn.

2. Develops Critical Thinking & Problem Solving - Critical thinking and problem solving are key skills for future success. Quiz Bowl allows students to practice these by making split-second decisions and analyzing questions in order to answer them within the allotted time frame.

3. Encourages Teamwork & Collaboration - Team members must work together and communicate to maximize their success chances. By collaborating, students learn to utilize each team member's strength in hopes of winning the competition.

4. Builds Confidence - Each time students answer correctly and help their

team earn more points, the more confident they become. Contributing to the success of the team improves self-esteem and self-confidence that is likely to spill over into other areas of their lives.

Aside from the above reasons to participate, Quiz Bowl is a lot of fun! Will you join us?

We will send information out soon about our 2023-2024 Quiz Bowl teams and how to join.



Reaching for Higher Goals Every Day

By Mrs. Bonnie Hausner

Having a solid foundation in reading and math is so important for children's success in school. In kindergarten we work all day to build this foundation. We have seen such progress with our students. I want to thank all of our families for reading at home. It is amazing how many reading logs are completed already. Being a parent myself, I know how difficult it is to juggle all the daily responsibilities. Your dedication makes such a great difference in your child's reading success.



We are having a lot of fun with Math and Math Talks. One of the activities we do is Subitize Plates. The students only get a few seconds to look at the plate, then they have to recall and tell me what they saw. We start with plates that only have

up to ten dots, then work up to twenty dots. It is amazing how good they are. Jack Hartmann has a great subitize video on Youtube.



Happy Fall from the PTO!

By Julia Fishbaugher, PTO Member

First quarter is already over and we've finally hit a break from the heat. As sad as I am to see summer go, I'm looking forward to the coziness of fall. Now is the time of pumpkin patches, picking out Halloween costumes and trick or treating, and my favorite: soaking in the beauty of changing leaves. This cold snap we've been graced with brought on the classic crispness of fall mornings heading out the door to

school. The change of season is officially here.

Boo Grams forms will be going home soon so look out for those! Make sure to send your friends a special treat delivered Halloween day courtesy of your PTO!

Also the book fair is coming to the library, so parents remember to take full advantage of your kiddos excitement to pick

out a book to bring home. I remember fondly the magic of elementary school book fairs as a child, so now it's fun to experience that excitement with my own children.

We hope you all have a safe and fun October! Happy trick or treating!



Math Fact Fluency

By Ms. Jennifer Headrick, 7th/8th Grade Math Teacher

Is memorization of math facts really important? The answer is a loud and resounding **YES!!** You might say, "But my kid is in middle school (or high school), do they really need to have them memorized now?" Again, **YES!**

Some cognitive scientists think fact fluency is important because it frees up working memory for more complex mathematical processes, such as setting up and solving a multi-step word problem. It's much harder to do those things if a student is trying to just do basic arithmetic.

This is especially true of multiplication facts. There are fewer backup strategies to use if the facts aren't stored in the stu-

dent's long-term memory. If you don't know 7×8 and you are doing an algebra problem with multiplication, you have to repeatedly add 8 and 8 and 8 and 8 and 8 and 8 and 8. This is nearly impossible as you go on as the math gets more and more complicated. Fluency in these facts sets students up for success in higher grades, especially when operating with fractions - which generally tend to trip students up.

So PLEASE help your student work on memorizing their multiplication facts! It might take some time right now, but it will save time in the long run and set your student up for success going forward in mathematics!!

Spirit Week



Monday, 10/16
Pajamas Day!

Tuesday, 10/17
Dress As Your
Favorite Celebrity
Day!



Western Day!



Wednesday, 10/18
Western Day!

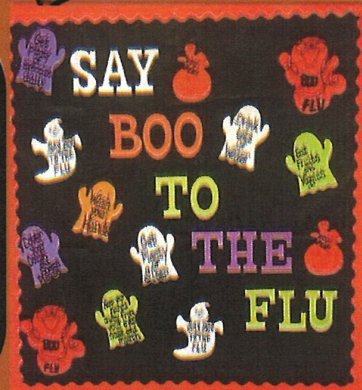
Thursday, 10/19
Gold and Black Day!





FROM
NURSE ALICIA

School
Nurses
Saving The
World One
Ice Pack
At A Time




Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating
- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

American Safety Council

How do you make a witch itch?
How do vampires get around on Halloween?
What is a skeletons favorite instrument?



Ask your child what the single most important thing that they can do to help prevent the spread of illness is! **WASH YOUR HANDS!!!!**

Smile Mobile will be here at the end of this month!!

Answers: Take away the W! Blood Vessels! A trombone!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

DENT-PHELPS R-III

Mrs. Kim Pogue, counselor

Counseling lessons this month will focus on living a healthy lifestyle and being trustworthy. Students will have the opportunity to participate in spirit days to support Red Ribbon Week. For more information about Red Ribbon Week, you can visit redribbon.org.



Red Ribbon Week October 24-27

"Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

Spirit Days

Tuesday—Wear Red (to support Red Ribbon Week)

Wednesday—Wear superhero gear (Being drug-free is my superpower!)

Thursday—Hat Day (Use your head—be drug free!)

Friday—Wear sports team apparel (Team up against drugs!)



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October Guidance Lessons:
TRUSTWORTHINESS

PBL Learning Experience - Shark Tank

By Dr. Karla Tiefenthaler, Principal

PBL refers to problem-based learning, also referred to as project-based learning, in which students work collaboratively to explore alternative solutions to life-applicable problems. The PBL approach is somewhat non-traditional, as "rather than teaching relevant material and subsequently having students apply the knowledge to solve problems, the problem is presented first" (Cornell). In many cases, the students actually determine the problem or guiding question.

This approach helps students construct knowledge rather than passively learn it, while engaging students with one another in a manner that improves knowledge retention and fosters collaboration skills.

PBL offers many opportunities for students to hone skills, such as researching, critical thinking, public speaking, technology use, and teamwork, all skills that transfer to higher education and the workplace.

The PBL approach offers teachers flexibility and lends itself to a team approach for teachers, as well as students. It offers teachers the opportunity to provide for differing learning styles and allows for authentic assessment, as students use various modalities throughout the learning process. Teachers have the opportunity to creatively utilize community resources to facilitate student knowledge discovery, and as a

result, foster positive community-school partnerships.

Shark Tank is an example of a PBL in which students worked in pairs to create inventions based in the technology of that era. They identified a problem, identified their resources, and created a prototype. They also had to create a marketing tool and a sales pitch. The hard part for each group was trying to convince the "sharks to invest in their product over other teams also presenting products for investment consideration.

Stay Tuned: More PBL Learning To Come!!!

Cheer 2023

By Mrs. Stephanie Parsons, Cheer Sponsor

Cheer season is off to a great start with our spirit squad consisting of Oliva Wallace, Ava Juneau, Anna Harris, Lindsey Crump, Abigail Wallace, Lily Chaplin, Shakota McGraw, and our very own Bobby the Bobcat (Cameron Pryor).

During the past few weeks these students have been working hard building on current and new cheers while incorporating our mascot. With great enthusiasm, they will also bring a new half-time show to you.

Come out and support our spirit squad and basketball players as they kick-off this season at our first home game on October 24th at 5:00 pm.



Creative Learning in 2A

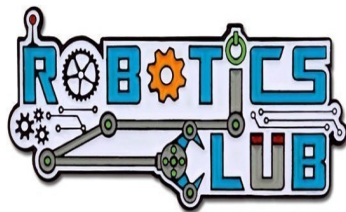
By Mrs. Sandra Arthur

We learned the types of clouds, how rain is formed and even made our own cloud in class. We took daily trips outside to look at the clouds and figure out what type was out that day.

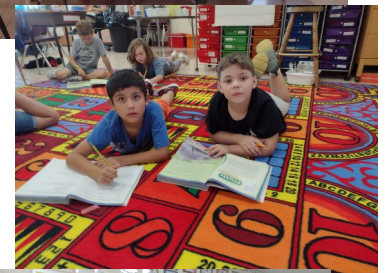


We researched watermelons, how they grow, float, and taste! Then we grew watermelons from the seeds... learning responsibility by watering everyday. Most of our seeds grew plants!!!!

Robotics Club Hard at Work



2B Classroom Time



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