

# Bobcat Bulletin

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## Mark Your Calendar!

**AR Night February 12th**

**3:45 to 4:45 pm**

**PD Day - No School**

**February 16th**

**Presidents Day - No School**

**February 19th**

**Spring Pictures**

**March 6th**

**MAP Testing**

**April 22 - May 10th**

## Social Studies Cornerstone - Geography

By Mrs. Jami Phillips, 5th/6th Grade

Geography is a cornerstone of social studies. It puts history in context. Physical geography, the natural features and processes of the planet, provides barriers and bridges for people as they migrate and subdue the land. A region's geography affects the way a culture develops and how its people are governed. Mrs. Phillips' fifth and sixth-grade classes began the year with an in-depth study of the geography of their respective curricula. Fifth graders focused on the United States, while sixth graders studied the world. In the age of more and more screen time in terms of digital learning and personal entertainment, students really enjoy a good, old-fashioned color,

cut, and glue activity. Students received an oversized black-and-white line map. They completed tasks finding and identifying political and natural features and indicating those on their maps. Students spent quite a bit of time learning how to use an atlas as well as exploring current information from an online almanac. The huge world map covering our classroom wall became more than a decoration and continues to be used extensively whenever we encounter a new place, especially in our study of current events. Fifth grade explored U.S. time zones, and sixth grade explored the changing of dates and seasons. We were recently able to revisit some of these concepts as

we examined New Year's traditions around the world. Social studies is meant to increase students' awareness of their world, locally and globally, and their place in it. Geography helps them understand that place!



## DID YOU KNOW?

✓ Did you know that your child can lose credit or be retained if they miss more than 10% of the days classes are offered?

Did you know that it is the student's responsibility to request missing assignments when absent? ✓

✓ Did you know that by 6th grade, chronic absences can indicate if a student will drop out of high school?

Did you know that arriving to school 5 minutes late each day adds up to 10 days missed per year? ✓

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## December Character Award Winners



# Chess Team Brings Home Second Place

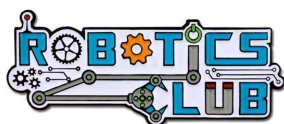
Members of the Bobcat Chess Team earned second place (ONLY a one point difference between first and second place) in the Willow Springs Chess Tournament. Dent Phelps competitors in the Middle School Division were Parker Long (tied for 3rd place individual), Dylan Good (7th place individual), and Otto Parker and Alexander Johnston (tied for 10th place individual). Dent Phelps Elementary competitor Rue Crocker earned a 4th place individual medal.

The Bobcat Chess team is gearing up for the Dent Phelps Chess Tournament that will be held February 10th for all Dent Phelps Chess team members.



# Celebrating Robotics Club

We celebrated our BOBCAT ROBOTICS TEAM! Way to represent Bobcat Country! We are so excited to see this program grow!!!



# Happy January and Welcome Back to School

By Mrs. Julia Fishbauger, PTO Member

We hope you all had a restful winter break, and that Santa was good to you this Christmas!

January marks the beginning of the second half of the school year! Whew! We're halfway done! Getting back to school after winter break brings a time of renewed energy and excitement as we begin a new year of learning and growth. The winter chill may be in the air, but warmth fills the hallways and

classrooms. One of my favorite childhood memories is the tingling heat on my cold cheeks as we all piled back into the school after racing around in the cold during winter recess.

Although we cherished the lazy mornings and the relaxation of Christmas break, there's a certain relief that comes with getting back into the swing of things. The routine and business that comes with school seems to

ease the ache of cabin fever that starts to weigh heavy after the holidays are over.

Remember that next month will bring Valentine's Day and the annual PTO Carnations! Watch for the forms coming home at the beginning of February so you can send a Valentine's Carnation to your favorite people at school.

## Title

By Mrs. Rana Hudson, Archery Club Co Sponsor

Dent-Phelps R-III implements a National Archery School Program, NASP, in the month of January during their P.E. time. We also offer an after-school Archery Club for 4th and 5th, and for 6th -8th grades during the month of January. Archery can be very beneficial for children. It is a sport of concentration that can improve hand-eye coordination, mental acuity, strength, and endurance. It can also encourage self-reflection and discipline plus give students a sense of accomplishment. The discipline derives from the need for consistency. They learn to understand that small changes when shooting an arrow can influence where the arrow lands on the target and problem solve what they are doing differently each time. For an archer to hit the bull's eye consistently he or she must have the same stance, draw, anchor, and aim. As a beginning archer this is something they must learn through practice with some trial and error, thus the problem solving. Practice builds upper body strength and increases hand flexibility, which builds the muscle memory they need to succeed, meaning archery takes commitment and time to learn, teaching them patience and how to focus.

The Mission of NASP is to teach the international-style target archery to students from 4th

-12th grades. All students use a Genesis Bow with an adjustable draw weight of 10-20 lbs. The Genesis compound bow is used in competition from fourth all the way through high school. If students achieve a high enough score, they can continue to state or national competitions. Dent-Phelps R-III had ten students last year who qualified for the State Competition in Branson, Missouri. It was a great experience for the archers, parents, and coaches. Here at Dent-Phelps R-III up to twenty students can shoot at a time. At the state level up to one hundred twenty students shoot on each flight. Over two thousand students around Missouri competed at the state level last year. Scholarships are awarded to the top competitors at the state and national level.





## January Nurse's Nook



January brings cold, windy weather! Please remember to send your kiddos to school with coats, hats 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)



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Career Word Search



Artist	Clerk	Engineer	Nurse
Banker	Cook	Farmer	Painter
Builder	Dentist	Lawyer	Pilot
Carpenter	Doctor	Manager	Secretary
Cashier	Driver	Mechanic	Teacher

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Joke Answer: He was picking his nose! HAHA

Riddle Answer: The match! 😊

# Returning DPR3 Students help in First Grade

By Mrs. Angel Hubbs

This year in first grade started fast and furious like normal. As a first grade teacher, I can always use a helping hand. I have been blessed greatly this year with lots of help in the classroom. First, Allison Merritt from Salem High School chose Dent-Phelps to come back to fulfill her A+ tutoring requirements. She has been in my room since August helping me complete many tasks and helping students everyday. Something super cool about Allison is she was in my first class when I started teaching first grade at Dent-Phelps and now she is graduating this year and going to go to Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. I am so proud of her and grateful for all her help this year. She has done everything from help students read books to make books for them to read in class. She also made sure to make treat bags for each of the students for their parties this year. The students truly love having a role model that helps them.

I have also had two student assistants from the RTI program this year. These students go to Salem High School. They have a program they go to at Rolla Technical Center for students that are thinking about going into teaching after high school. The

students that have rotated into my room are Kaylei Jackson a junior at Salem High School and Lily Akers also a junior. They have also shown a love for students. They have both helped with lots of activities in class. Kaylei pictured above brought Christmas treat bags to my students this year. She also has helped during lunch time making sure everyone has what they need. Kaylei has been awesome

with my class and now has moved on to help a second grade class. When she left, Lily was able to come into first grade and help. She too graduated from Dent-Phelps a few years ago. We are proud to have our students come back and help. She has been able to visit a few times in first grade so far. I can tell she will be a huge help to my class. I want to thank these hardworking students for coming out and helping our classes at Dent-Phelps.



*Above - Allison Merritt when she was in Mrs. Hubbs' first grade class.*



*Above right - Allison Merritt with Mrs. Hubbs current first grade class.*



*Right - Kaylei Jackson with Mrs. Hubbs current first grade class.*

## ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



### Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Dent-Phelps R-III

Mrs. Kim Pogue, school counselor

Our monthly character trait is  
**RESPECT!**

Counseling lessons will focus on respect as it relates to school, community, and individual success. We will also work on goal-setting for the remainder of the school year and look ahead at transitioning to the next grade level. The new year brings excitement of what is to come and what is needed to get there!

### ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:

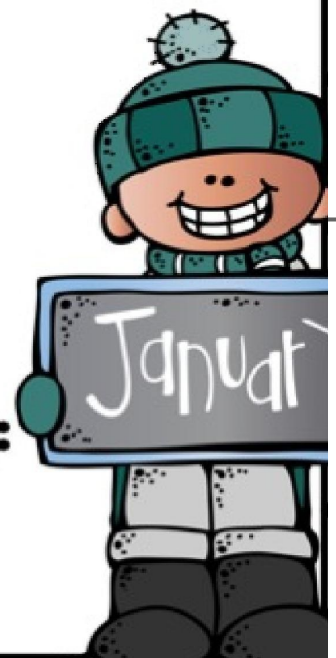
Students will begin the high school scheduling process soon! Please be watching for information to come regarding high school choice (Salem, Licking, or Rolla) and enrollment information. Several documents will need to be completed, signed, and returned.  
**THANKS!**

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**January Guidance Lessons:**

# RESPECT



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