

# Bobcat Bulletin

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## Mark Your Calendar!



April 22 through May 10, 2024

## 8th Grade Graduation



Tuesday,

May 14th 7:00 pm



Mon./Wed. May 7th

Tues./Thurs. May 8th



May 16th

Friday, May 17th at 12:30 pm



## Greatest Show on Earth!

Please join us for our Annual Kindergarten Circus, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This has been a Dent-Phelps tradition for over 30 years. Our kindergarten students work extremely hard all year long and the circus is their time to shine!

If you were a former student of Mrs. Hausner, please join us the day of the circus to help celebrate Mrs. Hausner's kindergarten legacy!



This year is Mrs. Hausner's last circus. She has been a part of the circus for 22 years. The kindergarten circus was already a big deal but she made it even bigger and better. Her talented mother made all the circus costumes.

Remember the Kindergarten Circus is the Greatest Show On Earth!



## Community Support Makes a Difference

A huge THANK YOU to the community for helping DPR3 exceed the goal for funds for Field Day.

Your donations will allow for an exciting, fun-filled day for students to conclude the school year.



# FREE Online Tutoring: Varsity Tutors

By Dr. Karla Tiefenthaler, Principal

Dent-Phelps R-III and Varsity Tutors are partnering to provide free tutoring for Dent-Phelps students! This partnership will make available to families 24/7 access to tutoring, the ability to chat with personal tutors, and the option to upload homework and essays for assistance. This free service is available to Dent-Phelps families through 2030.

Dent-Phelps R-III values the role of parents in students' academic success. The Varsity Tutors service helps the school to make available a tool to assist families in helping their students after school hours, as well as in the summer months when the potential

for learning loss is highest. Access to Varsity Tutors is available through the District Website ([www.dentphelps.org](http://www.dentphelps.org)) and requires use of student school email addresses. This point of access allows the school to assist in monitoring usage and provide additional support that a student may need. This unique tutoring approach carries the potential to further parent/school collaboration for student academic achievement, combat potential learning loss, and help ensure a stronger academic start of the next school year for participating students.

We encourage parents to review the informational letter that was sent home mid-April, and if interested, fill out the included form and return to the school. After the form is returned, parents will receive login information for their student. If parents would like additional information or need another form, they may call the school at (573) 729-4680.



## Summer Reading Makes a Difference

By Mrs. Rana Hudson, Interventions

I know reading is not on the top of anyone's to do list for the summer. Families are already planning swimming, hiking, camping, or vacations, but reading over the summer is important. From kindergarten through eighth grade, students are still practicing reading and like all sports, you need to continue practicing to keep those skills. If you do not practice, those skills become rusty. According to national statistics, some children can lose up a half of a year in reading growth if they do not read over the summer.

So what can you do to help your children keep their existing reading level, check out your local library. The Rolla and Salem Public libraries have summer reading programs every year. Children can listen to read alouds, do crafts, and earn prizes for reading challenges.



You can make reading fun by reading as a family or the whole family can take turns reading pages or books. Perhaps you could make a family reading challenge at home if you cannot make it to a library. Ask your child's teacher about online reading resources that are available.

Online Reading Resources:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.getepic.com/>

<https://www.readworks.org/>

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

Thank you for supporting student reading and have a great summer!

# Spring has Sprung

By Julia Fishbauger, PTO Member

Happy April Bobcats!

Spring has officially sprung! The lilacs, redbuds and dogwoods are blooming, and the April showers are sure to bring on May flowers! This month marks the last full month of the school year. Boy has the time flown. As we wind down the school calendar we look forward to planning fun springtime activities, and year end requirements. Keep geared up for MAP testing!

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated Earth Day! This celebration of environmental consciousness and preservation

started in 1970 when millions of Americans came together in protest of environmental degradation. A US Senator at that time, Gaylord Nelson was influential in establishing the movement and passing legislation protecting our earth's natural resources. This led to the establishment of the US Environmental Protection Agency and many laws that protect our planet to this day.

There are many ways to celebrate Earth Day that we can all participate in! When we think of Earth Day, we usually think of planting new trees in honor of the day, but the list goes on

and on. Supporting local businesses with environmentally friendly practices, recycling, reducing water usage, reducing the amount of plastic we use, and cleaning up litter are just a few ways we can do our part to support a healthy planet.

Make sure to spend some time outdoors to appreciate the beauty mother nature has on display this month! The vibrant lime green of new leaves mixed with the pink and purple of flowering trees, warm winds from the south, and the smell of fresh cut grass are all good for the soul!

## Bittersweet End

By Sarah Parker, 7th/8th Grade ELA Teacher

As the school year comes to an end, I've watched the eighth graders grow into amazing young humans. They have made this year more memorable than I could have 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 I wish them the very best as they pursue their high school career.

Come celebrate with these students as they graduate on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium.

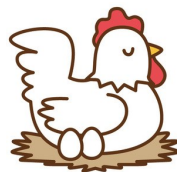


## They Hatched!!!!

By Mrs. Melissa Farrar and Mrs. Gabby Lopez

Dent Phelps third and fourth grade students were invited to hatch eggs this Spring. We had incubators in four classrooms. The students have been really engaged in the lessons and learning about the chicks. These lessons were provided by Julie Thrasher with MU extension office. Purina farms provided the eggs and food for this experi-

ence. Being able to hatch eggs was a great experience for the kids to get an



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## We Want Your Input...

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.

Please email your comments and/or suggestions to:

**[admin@dentphelps.k12.mo.us](mailto:admin@dentphelps.k12.mo.us)**

If you don't have access to a computer, feel free to drop us a note or give us a call.

If you would like to be placed on our newsletter mailing list, please call the office at 729-4680.

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