

Bobcat Bulletin

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Mark Your Calendar!

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. This event's Order Code is 87125SF.



NO SCHOOL Monday, September 2nd.



NO SCHOOL Monday, September 16th.



Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our families. The energy in the building is electric as our students fill the hallways with excitement, curiosity, and joy. We are thrilled to have your children back at school, and we're looking forward to an amazing year of learning, growth, and community.

This school year is special as we continue to build on the foundation of academic excellence, creativity, and inclusiveness that makes Dent-Phelps R-III such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Over the summer, our dedicated staff has been busy preparing the school, updating curriculum, and ensuring that our classrooms are places of engaging and safe learning for all.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming September events:

- **Winter Wonderland Fundraiser Begins (September 9th)**
- **School Pictures Day (Thursday, September 12th)**
- **Fourth Graders Attend Beef Days (Thursday, September 12th)**
They will leave school after their pictures are taken that morning
- **Book Blast Kickoff (September 23rd)**
- **PTO NERF Night (September 27th)**

We encourage all parents to get involved in our school community. Whether it's joining the PTO, volunteering in the classroom, or attending school events, your participation is vital to our success. Together, we can make this a year to remember!

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are committed to fostering a positive, nurturing environment where every student can thrive. Let's make this school year one filled with achievements, memories, and growth for every member of our Bobcat family. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our staff. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

It's Always a Great Day to be a Dent-Phelps Bobcat!
Dr. T.

	4th and 5th Basketball	
Sep 3, 2024	@ Oak Hill R1	5:00 p.m.
Sep 5, 2024	Vs. Phelps County R3	5:00 p.m.
Sep 9, 2024	@ Green Forest R2	5:00 p.m.
Sep 10, 2024	@ Success	6:00 p.m.
Sep 12, 2024	Vs. North Wood R4	5:00 p.m.
Sep 13, 2024	@ Green Forest Girls Tourney	4:00 p.m.
Sep 17, 2024	@ Green Forest Boys Tourney	5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Benowitz is Excited to Teach 2A

Hello! My name is Alexis Benowitz. I am a 27 year old Salem native, and my husband Alan and I have two sons, Graham and Theo. I am so excited to be teaching second grade at Dent-Phelps this year and joining this amazing team of educators. While this is not my first experience working in a public education setting, this is my first year as a classroom teacher. What I lack in experience, I make up for in my zeal to learn and my love

for students! I have always loved learning and I can't wait to share that love of learning with each and every child that walks

through my door. I am so excited to see what this school year brings! Go Bobcats!



Fine Arts Class Welcomes Mrs. Schafer

My name is Makayla Schafer. I'm VERY excited to be the new fine arts teacher at Dent-Phelps R3 this year. I was actually a student at Dent-Phelps 11 years ago. I attended Dent-Phelps from preschool to eighth grade, continued on to Salem High School, and graduated with a BA in Art Education at William Woods University. My first three years of teaching, I served as the high school art teacher at Salem High School. This will be my fourth year teaching and my first year at Dent-Phelps R3.

I've been married to my wonderful husband, Austin, for four years. My first memory of my husband is actually in the Preschool room at Dent-Phelps! We have 3 dogs (two crazy goldendoodles and one spoiled mini poodle) and are ex-

pecting our first baby this September. We are so excited for our growing little family and to welcome our son into the world so soon!

Art is a huge passion of mine and some of my other hobbies include: traveling, spending time with family, reading, and photography! Outside of teaching, I also own and run a photography business: Makayla Laine Photography.

There are a lot of big changes coming my way this year (a new job and motherhood) but I'm ready to tackle all the challenges and accept all the blessings that come from both. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and joining the Dent-Phelps community once again!



PUBLIC NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Dent-Phelps R-III school district assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Dent-Phelps R-III school district assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Dent-Phelps R-III school district assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Dent-Phelps R-III school district has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at 27820 Hwy C, Salem, Missouri from the hours of 8:00o A.M. to 3:00 P.M..

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

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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

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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