

Bobcat Bulletin

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September 2024

Mark Your Calendar!

PTO Nerf Night
September 27th
6:00 pm

October 7, 2024
NO SCHOOL
Teachers' PD Day

PTO Meeting
October 28th
6:00 pm

Smile Mobile
October 14-31



\$1.00

PICKLES FOR PBIS

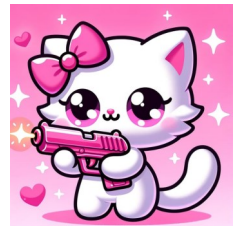
Every Tuesday beginning tomorrow September 10th

Purchase from Mrs. Gover in the Library before 8 a.m. Your pickle will be delivered to you at lunch.

All money raised will be used for student rewards

PTO Excitement Begins!!!

By Mrs. Julia Fishbaugher, PTO Member



Hey there Bobcats! Your PTO wants to wish you all a happy and healthy school year! Whoa, summer flew by fast! We hope you made the most of summer break! What a beautiful summer we had here in the Ozarks.

The new school year brings opportunity for growth and improvement, fun with friends, trying new things, and accomplishing new goals. We hope you have a great time learning all that our dedicated teachers and staff have prepared.

Don't forget about NERF NIGHT! It's coming up soon on September 27th at 6:00 pm!

Also parents, please feel welcome to join the monthly PTO meetings!

Our next meeting of the year will be held October 28th at 6:00 pm.



SUPERHERO NERF NIGHT

TICKETS: \$10
BRING YOUR OWN NERF GUN!

TICKETS INCLUDE 2 PICES OF PIZZA, A DRINK, AND 2 ROUNDS OF NERF!

BULLETS ARE PROVIDED
NO FOOD/DRINK TICKET OPTION IS \$5
BRING GOGGLES AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION

OF FOOD/GAME TICKETS
OF GAME TICKETS ONLY
DUE BACK 9/24/24

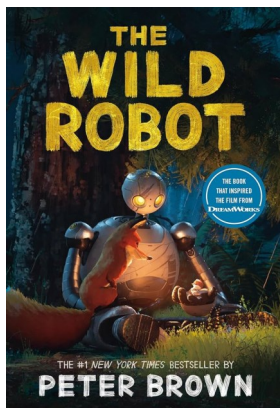


3rd Grade Students to Celebrate Missouri Day

By Mrs. Crocker, 3B Teacher

Hooray!! 3B is working hard learning Times Tales Characters. Times Tales employs a mnemonic-based approach that incorporates visual memory cues to make multiplication facts easy to remember. By turning abstract multiplication problems into simple, memorable stories, children can visualize and recall the answers effortlessly. This right-brain method ensures that multiplication facts are retained for a lifetime, making learning fun and effective. Students started Math with mixed multiplication facts, this week. We have almost finished our first read-aloud The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling.

Our next read-aloud will be The Wild Robot by Peter Brown and the movie to this book is set to release in theaters September 27. I'm excited to see which is better, the book or the movie.



Students enjoyed learning about Plant and Animal Cells in Science. They are most excited about their upcoming Social Studies project, making a Missouri Float out of a shoebox for Missouri Day. Missouri Day is a time for schools to honor the state and for the people of the state to celebrate the achievements of all Missourians. This day is every third Wednesday of October. 3rd graders will celebrate by putting on a parade for the school. I am excited to see how this class grows and changes throughout the year.



Off to a Great Start in 4A

By Gabby Lopez, 4A Teacher

4A has started the year out strong!

We are starting multiplication and division in Math. We just finished our lesson about understanding technical texts with sequencing and procedures. We followed the recipe from the book about how to make Smashamole. The students are excelling in spelling! We have started forming our drafts for our

first opinion writing of the year and are doing a great job at following the procedures and making our essay flow.

Our class just met our compliments goal and get to enjoy our reward coming soon!!



Celebrating with a popsicle break, these students' classes were winners of the weekly attendance competition.



Practice, Practice, Practice

By Mrs. Megan Moravec, Pre-K Teacher and PAT Instructor

Preschool has been hard at work over the past several weeks of school! Being their very first year in a school setting, they have been learning and working on rules and routines, as well as social-emotional skills. Preschoolers have also been working on strengthening the muscles in their hands and using fine motor skills. They have built creations with Play-Doh, used stickers to make their name, snipped strips of paper to make rainbow confetti, tore paper to craft an apple, and squeezed "just a dot" of glue. They also have been learning to recognize their own name, and soon will begin learning how to write it. Here are some activity ideas you can use at home to continue working on these skills.

Fine Motor Skills:

*Give your child lots of opportunities to scribble, draw, color, write, and paint.

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

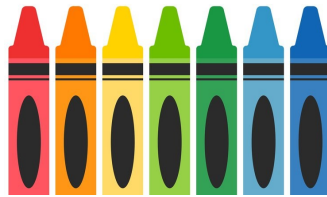
*Scissors: Start with snipping. Create a scissors tub with yarn,

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!



Name Practice:

*Label your child's belongings with their name. Play a simple game where you write their name and mix it up with other words. Ask them to find their own name.

*Practice spelling their name together. Spell it out loud together in the car, bathtub, waiting in line at the store, etc. Use tools to spell their name, like magnetic letters on the fridge. Write their name on index cards or scraps of paper, one letter per card, mix it up and have them put it back together correctly.

*Write your child's name. Have them pick their favorite color for tracing, or use multiple colors to make a rainbow. Write their name and have them copy the letters underneath. Encourage them to write their name often. Have them sign their artwork that they create.



Beef Days Coloring Contest

Dent County 4th Grade students recently attended Beef Days. Beef Days is hosted the Salem FFA Chapter at The Commons each year.

Bobcat winners for the 2024 coloring contest were Callie (third place), Erade (overall grand prize winner), Brooke, (first place), and Michael (second place).

Victorious 4th/5th Grade Basketball Season



The 2024 4th/5th grade basketball season was a blast! We worked hard and had a ton of fun! We had many students playing for the first time and they picked up the game quickly and did very well.

Both the girls and the boys had a very successful season! The girls record was 8-0. The boys record was 7-1.

We were very thankful to work with these players this year!

Right—Pictured are the Girls' and Boys' Tournament teams.



A Busy Start to an Exciting School Year

By Dr. Karla Tiefenthaler, Principal

WELCOME BACK!!!

I Ready Diagnostic Testing

Our students finished up their Initial I-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostic Assessments in early September. These tests are crucial for identifying each student's strengths and areas that need improvement in reading and math. The data we gather will help teachers tailor their instruction to meet the individual needs of our students. I-Ready Initial Diagnostic Results will be shared with parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 21-24). Students will take two more of these assessments during the year to help teachers gauge student growth. Please encourage your child to do their best on these assessments, as they play a significant role in guiding their learning journey for the year.

Basketball Seasons Underway

Coach Lopez and Coach Elliott are excited about a very successful fourth and fifth grade basketball

season! The Bobcat Girls Team ended the season undefeated and took first place in the Green Forest R-II Jamboree. The Bobcat Boys Team claimed a very successful season with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss. Basketball is a fantastic way for students to develop teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and physical fitness. We look forward to seeing our student-athletes excel both on and off the court. Sixth through eighth grade basketball practice begins Wednesday September 25th. Please come out and support our athletes as they represent the Dent-Phelps tradition of athletic excellence and quality sportsmanship!

Fundraising Initiatives Begin

This year, we have several exciting fundraising initiatives planned to support our school's programs and activities. The annual Winter Wonderland Fundraiser wrapped up on September 24th. This fundraiser will help fund student rewards and

field trips. In addition, we kicked off Books Are Fun's Book Blast on September 24th. Last year, each child in the school received a minimum of one age-appropriate book to help fill their home libraries. Your participation is vital to our success, whether you choose to directly contribute, help spread the word, or volunteer at events, we hope you will join us in supporting our students. Every little bit helps, and we deeply appreciate your continued support of school fundraising efforts.

Conclusion

As we settle into this new school year, I encourage everyone to stay engaged and connected. Whether through attending school events, joining PTO, communicating with teachers, or participating in our fundraising efforts, your involvement makes a world of difference. Let's work together to make this year one of growth, achievement, and community spirit!

"PAWSitive" Referrals





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

September 2024

MONTHLY FOCUS:

RESPONSIBILITY

This month we will focus on our PBIS review. We will discuss expectations for classroom, hallway, cafeteria, restroom, and other settings. We will also MEET THE COUNSELOR—ME! We will learn the role of the school counselor and how to contact the school counseling office, if needed.

HAPPY KIDS TIP:

Here are some after-school questions to spark conversation with your child:

- What was the best part of your day?
- What was the hardest part of your day?
- Who did you play with at recess?
- What made you laugh?

LET'S CONNECT! Mrs. Kim Pogue

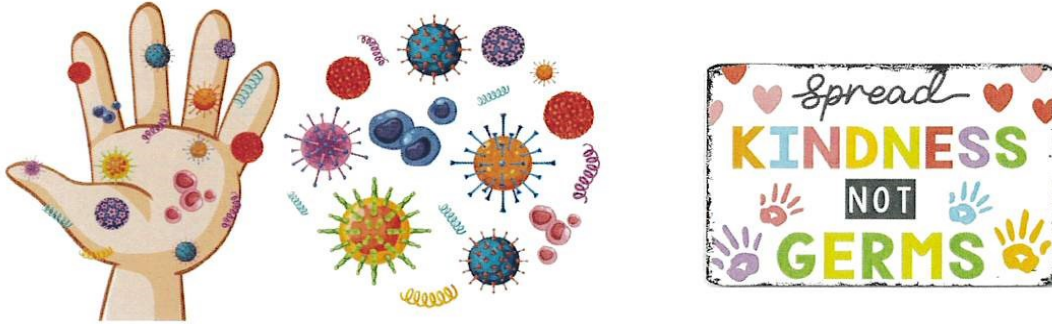


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Each fall, classrooms full of kids become smoldering hotpots of colds, flu, stomach viruses, and germs that fester and spread.

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 (the number 1 thing you can do to prevent sickness):

- 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. Don't forget your wrists!**
- 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.**



Happy Washing From Nurse Alicia

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