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We'd like to hear from you regarding our programs, schedules, year-ly calendar, activities, etc. We value your opinion and want to make the best decisions possible in meeting the needs of our staff, stu-dents, and community.

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

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The Administration

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# Bobcat News

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### Mark Your Calendar!

- 01-MAP Testing
- 02-MAP Testing
- 03-MAP Testing
- 04-MAP Testing
- PTO Meeting 4:00
- 05-MAP Testing
- Spring Jubilee & Carnival 5:30-7:30
- 08-MAP Make-up Testing
- Caps for Capabilities \$1
- Flag Football v Edgar Springs (A) 3:45
- 09-Map Make-up Testing & EOC
- Caps for Capabilities \$1
- 10-Map Make-up Testing & EOC
- Caps for Capabilities \$1
- 11-Map Make-up Testing
- Caps for Capabilities \$1
- 1st grade to Salem Park
- 8th grade Banquet 6:30
- 12-Caps for Capabilities \$1
- 5th grade to Montauk State Park
- 6th grade to Elephant Rock
- 7-8 Softball Tournament
- Kindergarten Circus 1:00
- 15-M-W PK Graduation 2:00
- Cheer Clinic 3:30-5:00
- Flag Football v Edgar Springs (H) 4:00
- 16-8th grade to Silver \$ City
- T-Th PK Graduation 2:00
- 5th grade Don't "Meth" with Me program 2:00
- Cheer Clinic 3:30-5:00
- 17-Reading reward trip to Kokomo Joe's
- Cheer Clinic 3:30-5:00
- 18-3rd grade Salem Historical Walking Tour
- School Board Meeting 6:00
- 8th grade Graduation 7:00
- 19-End of Quarter 4
- 4th grade to Meramec Springs
- Read & Feed 12:30
- 23-Field Day & BBQ
- 24-Last Day of School
- 5-8 Awards 8:30
- 1-4 Awards 9:30 (ish)
- Dismiss 12:45



## Getting the Most Out of Summer Break

By Mr. Kevin Creighton, Principal

It is almost here once again: summer break. This is a joyous time with family, vacations, and lazy mornings is something that all students look forward to anxiously. Summer is a time where children should enjoy a well deserved break from school, but did you know that students can lose a majority of what they learned during the year in this short span of time, and in fact, nearly half of all Dent-Phelps students lose almost a full grade level in reading over summer?

While summer is and should be a time for students to enjoy their vacation, there are some simple things that you can do to help your child come to school next year prepared, and it only takes around 30 minutes a day to do!

### Make Time for Learning

Having your child read for 15 to 30 minutes per day is all that it takes to ensure that they come back to school reading at the same level (or better) than they were when they left. If your child is reading below grade level, reading with your child is a fantastic way to help them develop this vital skill.

Not all learning has to occur inside a classroom either. Take some time

to help satisfy your child's curiosity by exploring the world around you. Local parks and national forests like Meramec Springs and Montauk State Parks are great places for children to play, learn, and explore, all while having valuable time with their family.

### Develop Math Skills

Another big area where students lose progress is math skills. Although is may not seem fun at the time, just three or four math problems a day during summer can prevent students' mathematical skills from declining. Most bookstores have math workbooks with problems for your child's grade level, but you can also find many great resources online. If you are not sure what math skills your child may need to practice, contact your child's teacher for more specifics.

### Encourage Creativity

To often children can spend most of their summer sitting in front of a screen. While there is no problem with this in moderation, in large doses it can often stifle creativity and imagination in students. Encourage your child to use their imagination and create something

new and unique. You can also have your child work on writing a story, which will help them not only work on their creativity but also help them practice their writing, spelling, and grammar skills as well.

### Focus on Specific Skills

If there is a specific area you know your child is struggling with, take some time to really focus on that specific skill. Talk to your child's teacher for more information on what skills your child may need to work on over the summer.

By taking less than an hour each day over summer break, you can help make a tremendous difference in your child's readiness for the next school year. You as a parent are better equipped than you might think to help your child continue to learn and grow, and we as a school would be more than happy to assist you in any way we can in this important matter.

I hope everyone had as great a school year as I did! Happy (almost) summer break and let the countdown officially begin!



## PTO Carnival & Spring Jubilee

By Mrs. Trina Straub, PTO President

The annual PTO Carnival and Spring Jubilee will be held on Friday, May 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event is open to the entire community, so please be sure to invite your friends and family.

As part of the Spring Jubilee, Science Fair exhibits and student art projects will be on

display in the gym. Weather permitting, all carnival games will be held outdoors along the front of the building.

Speaking of carnival games, one of our school board members, Mr. Ron Copeland, has been busy constructing all new games for this year's event. We think the students will

really enjoy his contributions!

The concession stand will also be open so you can grab dinner while you're here.

PTO is looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday, May 5!



# Graduation: Memorable Endings, New Beginnings

By Ms. Jeaney Cantrell, 8A

This has been a great year for both eighth grade students and faculty! The caps, gowns, and tassels have arrived, raising the anticipation level for the graduates. Graduation pictures were taken April 13.

Salem R-80 visited our school in January to pre-enroll eighth grade students for high school. Students were given an outline of available required and elective classes. This gave Dent-Phelps eighth graders the opportunity to become familiar with the Salem R-80 four-year plan that begins their freshman year. Eighth grade students visited Salem High School in March. This is always an

exciting part of the transition process for graduates.

The annual banquet for the Class of 2017, hosted by the seventh grade, will be Thursday, May 11 at 6:30. Honor students will be recognized at this time and academic and sports awards will also be distributed. The eighth grade class trip to Silver Dollar City in Branson is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. The graduation commencement service will take place on Thursday, May 18, at 7:00. Former school board president, Joe Case, father of graduate, Jonah, will be

the guest speaker. He will offer words of encouragement to students as they leave Dent-Phelps R-III to begin new, life-changing experiences. The parents of each student will be honored by their child in a heartfelt exchange of gratitude. Diplomas will be distributed. A celebration dance will follow graduation exercises.



The Class of 2017 will truly be missed. They will leave Dent-Phelps with memories that will last a lifetime.

God bless each graduate.

# BOGO Book Fair May 15-23

By Mrs. Rana Hudson, Librarian



It is hard to believe, but this school year is coming to a close and the time for my favorite Book Fair, the **Buy One Get One Free** Book Fair. The May BOGO Book Fair will begin on the morning of May 15 and run to Friday 19, 2017. We will have a Book Fair/

Movie Night May 19, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Movie selections will be announced closer to the event. The Book Fair will continue on May 22 and 23. This is a good time to stock up on books for your child/ren to read over the summer. Remember...the more they

read, the better readers they become! Grab bags will also be available during the book fair.

A schedule is posted below with all activities that have been announced for that week to make it easier for you to find time to visit our Fair.

	Monday May 15, 2017	Tuesday May 16, 2017	Wednesday May 17, 2017	Thursday May 18, 2017	Friday May 19, 2017	Monday May 22, 2017	Tuesday May 23, 2017
<b>Hours Open</b>	7:30am-4:00 pm	7:30am-6:00 pm	7:30am-6:00 pm	7:30am-6:00 pm	7:30am-6:00 pm	7:30am-6:00 pm	7:30am-5:00 pm
<b>School Activities</b>	Flag Football DPR vs Edgar Springs 4:00 Cheer Clinic 3:30-5:00 PK Graduation	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Silver Dollar City  PK Graduation		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Board Meeting 6:00	<b>Book Fair</b> <b>Movie Night</b> 6:00pm-8:00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip		Field Day BBQ

# What's Cookin'?

By Mrs. Leeanna Gibbs, Head Cook

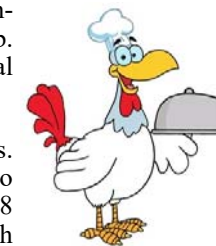
As we approach the end of another great year, the kitchen staff hopes that everyone enjoyed the changes that were made to the menu. Over half of our meals were homemade this year, and we plan to continue this again next year. We have been working hard to not only make the food we serve more wholesome and healthy, but tasty, too. We started out by having chef salad once a week. We are looking into ways to give more variety to the salad next year, possibly cutting down to just twice a month. All changes we make are to improve the quality and to make the food more appealing to the students. With that said, we look forward to serving you again next year and hope you have a fun and safe summer!

Please enjoy this "home version" of one of our most popular recipes—Chicken Tetrazzini.

1 lb. boneless chicken breasts (diced), 3 -10.5 oz. cans condensed cream of mushroom soup, 1 7 oz. can green chile's, 1 16 oz. bag shredded cheddar cheese, 1 C diced onion, 1 C chicken broth, 1 lb. rotini noodles, 1/2 stick real butter.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large pot, bring water to boil. Add rotini and cook 7-8 minutes (al dente). Rinse with cool water and set aside. Add butter to a large pot, add diced chicken and cook completely. Add onion and

cook until soft. Next, add green chiles, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, and 8 oz. cheddar cheese. Stir until well blended. Add noodles and gently stir until combined into a creamy, cheesy mixture. Spray a 9x13 glass baking dish with non-stick cooking spray and transfer chicken mixture to baking dish and spread evenly. Top with remaining 8 oz. cheese and bake for 15-20 minutes or until cheese is melted and browned. Enjoy!



# Bird Watching

By Mrs. Stephanie Dittman, 3A



Third Grade will be Bird Watching for the next two weeks! We will be outside with our binoculars watching and listening. We will be observing different kinds of birds native to Missouri, such as: the American Goldfinch, Eastern Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Mourning Dove, Bluejay, Car-

dinal, and any others we may spot along the way.

We will be observing the birds to see what kinds of foods they eat, the different sounds they make, and the types of habitats they live in. When we are not able to go outside, we will be using the Cornell Lab Bird Feed-

er Cams to watch and observe birds.

When you see a third grader, be sure to ask how our bird watching is going! Chirp! Chirp!

# Saying Farewell

By Mrs. Victoria Brooker, Superintendent

Mr. Joe Case served on the Dent-Phelps R-III School Board from April 2008 through April 2017 and held the position of Board President from 2012-2016. Joe made the decision not to run for re-election this past April as his youngest son will be graduating eighth grade this year. However, he will serve as keynote speaker at our graduation ceremony on May 18.

Board members oversee the district budget, set the tax levy, approve bills, hire teachers/staff, as well as many other duties. In appreciation of his time of service, Joe was awarded a plaque and given a fond farewell at last month's board meeting. We thank him for his dedication and service.

Pictured: (L) Mr. Justin Headrick, current School Board President, and (R) Mr. Joe Case.

