



## BILL ROBERTS K-8 Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!

12/5/25

### IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
12/8	Book Fair Begins	12/17	Holiday Outreach
12/10	Family Dance	12/19	Last Day of School Before Break
12/11	School Tour (PM)	1/6	Students Return

### LINKS!

[PTA DEI Committee Parent Resource Bank](#)

[2025-26 School Year Calendar](#)

[Purchase 2025/2026 Yearbook](#)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Snow Shenanigans** Finally, we are getting snow! The kids are loving being allowed to play outside and in the snow (and it's fun seeing them so happy). In order to be safe, please reiterate the following points with your child(ren):

- Do not eat snow or ice - this could have been treated with ice melt which is dangerous!
- No throwing snowballs ... at anything. This inevitably turns into throwing snowballs at each other and someone can get hurt.
- Be extra careful and aware of ice!

**Weather Delays** In the event that there is a weather delay, here are some points to keep in mind:

- Morning school buses will run on a 2-hour delayed schedule and begin pick-ups at bus stops two hours later than the normal pick-up time. (Example: If you normally leave home at 7:45 a.m. for school, you would now depart at 9:45 a.m. to arrive at school on time.)
- If you have a scheduled Late Start on a Weather Delay day, you will default to your normal schedule. (ie Late Start 10am, Normal Bell Time 8:20- you will start at 10:20)
- Field Trips will be considered on an individual basis and if the field trip is serviceable.
- Balarat will occur only if the road to Balarat is passable
- Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive at school.
- Afternoon school buses will run on a normal schedule



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**Shakespeare Festival** In Shakespeare Club your child will learn who Shakespeare was, about his literary work, and perform different scenes from his two iconic plays: A Midsummer's Night Dream and Hamlet. We will break down the different metaphors that are used to understand what Shakespeare meant in his writing. Kids will perform at the Shakespeare festival on: Friday, April 24, 2026.

- Sign Up Your Child: [Shakespeare Sign Up Form](#)
- Last Day to sign up is: 12/19/25
- Who can join: 3rd grade to 8th grade
- Club Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
- Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Where: Room 132 and Drama Room. (We will start in 132 on day 1)
- First Days: Monday, January 12th, 2026, and Wednesday, January 14th, 2026
- When is Shakespeare Day: Friday, April 24th, 2026
- Dates: 1/12/26-4/24/26 (Calendar will be sent out the first week back from break to parent emails)

Contact: [brittany\\_homberg@dpsk12.net](mailto:brittany_homberg@dpsk12.net) if you have any questions.

**Follow Up Kids and Screens Recap** Thank you to all who attended Wednesday night's Kids & Screen Town Hall! Thank you to Bill Roberts parents and Town Hall speakers, Nicole Levine, Ron-Li Liaw and Amy Ehmer. And thank you to Mr. Sanders for emceeing the whole thing! For more information, check out the [Resource Guide](#) (which includes slides from the event). Look for more programming to come on parenting in a screen-based culture from the Safety Committee in 2026. We'll kick off an ongoing parent discussion series on Thursday, January 22nd.

### Join Pledge to Delay Smartphones

Please join in taking a pledge to wait until high school to give our kids smartphones! Our goal is that by banding together to delay smartphones, our kids won't be able to argue that "everyone else has one" and it'll be easier for us parents to hold out. About half of BR 6th grade families have already signed the pledge through an organization called [Wait Until 8th](#), and there is an active pledge for 3rd grade as well. The more of us that sign it, the more powerful it is. Anyone can sign it and when at least 10 families in a certain grade have signed, the pledge becomes active for that grade. To sign now, please go to this link and follow the instructions: [Take the Pledge](#).



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If you aren't yet familiar with the research on the harm social media causes to young brains, please read/listen to this article: [End the Phone-Based Childhood Now](#) and/or read some of the research on the [Wait Until 8th](#) website. Feel free to reach out to Brooke at [gocardinal2002@hotmail.com](mailto:gocardinal2002@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**Update Winter Book Fair Runs December 8th-12th** Believe it or not, the Winter Book Fair is here!. Here are the times that are available for kids to shop before and after school:

### **Book Fair Dec 8-12. Families Welcome!**

Location: Library

Mon, 12/8: 3:50p - 4:45p

Tue, 12/9: 8:15a - 9a & 3:50p - 4:45p

Wed, 12/10: 8:15a - 9a & during Family Dance 6p-8p

Thu, 12/11: 8:15a - 9a & 3:50p - 4:45p

Fri, 12/12: 8:15a - 9a and **students only** (that cannot come before or after school) 9a-1:30p

Don't want to give your student cash? No problem! Sign-up for a secure, cash-free way to shop at the book fair. You can [create a free account](#) and out of town relatives can contribute, too.

**Reminder Late Start Monday Enrichments for Elementary Students** Our Collaborative School Committee (CSC) and School Leadership Team (SLT) have received clear feedback regarding challenges that families encounter on Late Start Mondays. While this is valuable time for our staff to engage in Professional Development and Planning, it is clear that more enrichment opportunities are needed.

*Our specials team has agreed to host Enrichments- free of cost- on Late Start Mondays starting second semester (exact date TBD).*

Our enrollment focus efforts will start with families for whom cost or transportation are mitigating factors on Monday mornings. Then, we will focus on filling enrichment spots with families who are generally interested in participating. Stay tuned for more details.

**Update Winter Outreach Gift/Toy Collection for K-12 Students** Each year we come together in December for a school-wide "Holiday Outreach" event. We are so happy to continue this tradition of uniting our community while giving to others.

[Adopt-a-Family](#)



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Part of the 2025 Holiday Outreach is to fulfill holiday wish lists of some of our own Bobcat families! If your family is interested in adopting a family, check out this [Sign Up Genius](#). Please contact [casmith05@gmail.com](mailto:casmith05@gmail.com) or [ocio\\_aguayo@dpsk12.org](mailto:ocio_aguayo@dpsk12.org) with any questions. Comitis Crisis Center

In addition, we are collaborating with Mile High Behavioral Health benefiting Comitis Crisis Center Holiday Store! Bill Roberts is collecting toys and gifts for K-12 students so every family can experience the magic of the holidays. At the Holiday Store, parents in need can pick out gifts for their kids without worrying about the cost. Please [sign up here](#) to donate an item.

Please drop off your new, unwrapped items to Bill Roberts by Monday, December 15th. Each Bill Roberts student will have the opportunity to help sort the items and/or make a personalized card or gift bag at the school event on Wednesday, December 17th.

If you do not have time to shop but still want to donate, you can do so via the [Bill Roberts Square Site](#).

Thank you for making the Winter Break bright for our entire Bill Roberts community!

**Reminder Family Dance December 10th from 6-8 pm** Tickets are on sale now for the Dancing in the Moonlight: the Bill Roberts Family Dance. Tickets are \$8 apiece and tickets with a meal included are \$14 apiece. Admission to the dance includes not only a chance to party with your family and friends, but also a photo booth, temporary tattoos and access to the Winter Book Fair! Treats will be available for purchase in support of our middle school fundraiser. While tickets will be sold at the door, advance purchase is necessary if you'd like pizza at the dance. [Click here to purchase](#). You are also very welcome to pack your dinner and bring it along! Don't wait - advance ticket sales close Thursday, December 4th.

**Reminder Check Out Procedure Change** Starting in January, we will join many other schools in limiting student checkouts immediately preceding our 3:50p dismissal. Going forward, our front office staff *will not check out students to parents after 3:30p*. The end of day is a very hectic time for our front office staff and classrooms- which is compounded by trying to contact teachers to retrieve students- right before the bell. Thank you for understanding and for supporting our front office staff.