



## **BILL ROBERTS K-8**

### **Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!**

**8/29/25**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
<b>9/1</b>	Labor Day (no school)	<b>9/10</b>	PTA Meeting
<b>9/2</b>	K-8 Assessment Day (no school)	<b>9/12</b>	K-2 Meet and Greet @ Urban Air
<b>9/4</b>	Picture Day	<b>9/17</b>	PTA DEI Committee Meeting
<b>9/4</b>	Middle School PAC Meeting	<b>9/26</b>	Book it Bobcats Celebration

#### **LINKS!**

[PTA DEI Committee Parent Resource Bank](#)

[2025-26 School Year Calendar](#)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Message From DPS Transportation** First and foremost, DPS Transportation is dedicated to enriching the academic lives of DPS students. Each new school year brings opportunities to fine-tune and strengthen our systems. This year, we have been experiencing a challenging start to the new school year due to a larger operational issue. You may have noticed severely late service last week -- along with some other issues at some schools.

This is not the level of service we strive to provide for our students, schools and community. We are doing a full analysis of the problems and engaging the team in quick, sustainable solutions. I want to acknowledge that our transportation phone line has been overwhelmed with calls from across the district. We are working to improve our phone response time and have assigned additional employees to help answer calls so that your transportation questions and concerns are addressed.

In closing, we are working diligently to ensure these complex problems are solved as soon as possible and appreciate your patience and understanding.

**4th/5th Grade Flag Football** Registration Starts Tomorrow! Flag Football is being offered to 4th and 5th grade boys and girls this fall. Practices will be held on Fridays from 4-5:30 pm starting on September 19th. Games will be held on Tuesdays at a regional location beginning



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September 30th, Check out this [Flag Football Flyer](#) for more information in English (side 1) and Spanish (side 2). If you have questions, please reach out to Coach Lundblad.

Registration closes on Monday, September 8th. To register, [visit here](#)

**You're Invited: Let Grow's Lenore Skenazy** As you may know, the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment's Maternal Child Health program is excited to host [Let Grow](#) co-founder Lenore Skenazy for a keynote talk at the [Tivoli Turnhalle](#) the evening of Tuesday, Sept 9.

Featured in the bestselling book '[The Anxious Generation](#),' Let Grow champions childhood, helping kids build confidence, resilience, and self-reliance through independent play and real life experiences, and is making it easy, normal, and legal to encourage independence in kids. Through free resources, tools, and programs like the [Let Grow Experience](#) and [Let Grow Play Clubs](#), Let Grow is helping families and schools empower our next generations. Lenore's [most recent TED Talk](#) also went live this week!

FREE tickets and more info can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-lenore-skenazy-tickets-1510977186439?aff=oddtcreator>

**Reminder PTA Composting News** We are still looking to get some dedicated, recurring volunteers to help us at lunch as we roll-out composting. Here is the [composting sign up](#) if you are interested. We are also including the PTA [volunteer sign up](#) as well if you are interested in helping on one of our other awesome committees! As always, thanks for your willingness to help make our school amazing!

**Reminder Handbook** As discussed at Back to School Night, [HERE](#) is a copy of our new and improved Parent/Family Handbook. There are still sections that are under construction as well as a list of items that need to be addressed. Please take a moment to review and sign the Acknowledgement Form that is linked on the main page of the Handbook.

**Reminder New Communication Tool** As discussed at Back to School Night, Thrillshare Rooms and The DPS App are Now Live. The Denver Public Schools (DPS) app and our new two-way communication platform, Thrillshare Rooms, are now live! The new DPS app offers live feed updates, district and school news, upcoming events and push notifications for important and urgent announcements. Staff and families are encouraged to download the app to be in the



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know about important things happening at individual schools and the district as a whole. This feature is meant to replace different parent-teacher communication tools used by schools in the past. By bringing classroom communication and messaging into our district app, we hope to create a simpler and ultimately better communication experience for staff and families.

#### **Key Features**

- With Rooms and the DPS app, teachers, staff and coaches can communicate, share classroom announcements and reminders about coursework all through the new DPS app.
- Automatic translation is built into the platform so each interaction is available in the parent or guardian's preferred language.
- Rooms allows teachers to control the flow of parent-teacher conversations. Instead of juggling conversations through multiple channels like Facebook, email, etc., Rooms funnels all parent-teacher communication into one place. In addition, thanks to our districtwide implementation, teachers will be able to use Rooms at any district-managed school and many charter schools authorized by DPS.
- Because Rooms is integrated with Infinite Campus, students will automatically appear within their appropriate class designation.

#### **Download the DPS App**

- Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

**Reminder Theatre Program for 5th Graders** The [Curious Theatre Company](#) (run by one of Bill Robert's daughters, Ms. Jada Dixon) will be hosting an after-school theater program for 5th grade students, "Curious in the Community." This program is open to 20-25 students in 5th grade and will run September 9th-October 16th from 4-5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. They will bring professional teaching artists to our theater classroom. Mrs. Lundblad will be there too, but only to help supervise students. Students will work to create an original work and then present that work to friends and family at the end of the camp. This program is free and is generously provided in collaboration with the Curious Theatre company. Check out this [Sign Up Genius](#) or click on the logo below to register.

**Reminder Book It Bobcats!** Great job reading this summer, Bobcats! Book It Bobcats is almost over for 2025, but there is still time to get some additional hours that will count toward prizes. The last day to count reading toward your Book It goal is September 12th! You can begin collecting [donations here](#), and don't forget to [report your reading](#) by September 19th! Our celebration for all participants will be in the afternoon on Friday, September 26th. Those that read more than 100 hours or raised more than \$200 will also be invited to join a donut breakfast with a special guest on the same day.



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**Reminder Girls on the Run** Registration for the fall season of Girls on the Run is open! To ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to join the team, if demand exceeds available spots on the team, Girls on the Run of the Rockies will enroll registrants on Friday, August 29, via lottery. Practices will run Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 4-5:30 pm, starting the week of September 9. The season ends with our celebratory 5K on Sunday, November 9th.

The cost of the program is \$195. [Register here](#). There are scholarships available. Download the scholarship form [here](#).

Girls on the Run is a program for students of all abilities in 3rd through 5th grade who identify as girls, nonbinary or gender non-confirming. The curriculum blends physical activity with social-emotional skill development that enables participants to manage whatever comes their way. For questions on the Bill Roberts team, email Site Coordinator Alex Foster at [aofoster@gmail.com](mailto:aofoster@gmail.com).

**Reminder Let Me Run** Boys in 3rd, 4th or 5th grades of all abilities are welcome to join Bill Roberts' Let Me Run season this fall! Practices will take place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:15 pm, starting September 9th. and the season runs through the week of October 20th. The cost is \$165 per student and includes entry in a local Halloween-themed 5k on Saturday, Oct 25th! [Register here](#).

Let Me Run is a wellness program that inspires boys to be themselves, be active and belong. With a comprehensive curriculum that applies the power of running, the program encourages boys to develop their psychological, emotional and social health, in addition to their physical health. Learn more at [LetMeRun.org](http://LetMeRun.org). Send questions about the Bill Roberts team to Greta at [gnholtz@gmail.com](mailto:gnholtz@gmail.com).