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# Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!

**10/30/26**

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| **11/4** | Group Picture Day/Retakes | **11/11** | Thanksgiving Luncheon |
| **11/7** | Fun Run! | **11/12** | School Tour |
| **11/10** | CSC Meeting | **11/13** | Food Truck Friday |

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**Healthy Snacks During Lunch** We have received several questions about Snack Sales in the cafeteria for most grade levels. Snack Sales occur intermittently at most grade levels and students who have funds in their accounts are allowed to purchase. All snacks that are sold are approved by the official Healthy Snacks initiative. If you would like to limit the amount of snacks that your student can purchase (or eliminate altogether), please contact Ms. Yvonne. All funds go toward the purchase of materials for our cafeteria.

**Prevent Spread of Infections** This is a reminder from our Health Office that we are headed into the flu/respiratory season. Currently in Colorado, we are already seeing a large increase in the flu and the norovirus. HERE are some reminders to help prevent the spread in the school this year.

**Enrichment Monday Registration**-Family registration form for the Monday Morning Enrichment Club. Please select the November sessions you would like your child to attend. Enrollment is first-come, first-served for K-5th grade students. Parents will **ONLY** be notified if their child is unable to attend due to high enrollment numbers. We will notify you via email by Friday. Questions?? Please email Ms. D at CANDICE DEGRAFINRIED

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**Multilingual Learner Family Meeting: Partnering for Student Success-**Join us for our upcoming Multilingual Learner Family Meeting! This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our school community, learn how to support your child's learning journey, and ensure their academic potential is fully realized.

**Meeting Details**

- **When:** Thursday, November 12 at 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Bill Roberts Library
- **Perks:** Food and refreshments will be provided!
- Invitation coming soon!

**What We Will Cover**

- **Get Involved:** Discover practical ways to connect with our school community and programs.
- **Track Student Growth:** Learn how to see how your child is doing academically in school.
- **Be an Advocate:** Gain tools and confidence to effectively advocate for your child's education.

**Panorama Student Survey** Since last school year, the district has been working toward building an intentional survey approach that produces meaningful, actionable feedback to strengthen how we measure and understand student, family and staff experiences. The DPS Panorama Family Survey will replace the "Your Voice/Tu Voz" Family Survey and the Sogolytics (formerly K12 Insights) platform. The DPS Panorama Family Survey window opens Nov. 9-Dec. 6.

With the new Panorama platform, every question is designed to respect guardians' time and help build a true partnership between families and schools. When families take the DPS Panorama Family Survey, their experience will feel very different from filling out our old district surveys. In the past, surveys often felt like a large list of questions. The Panorama survey will focus on four key topics:

- Does our school fit your child?
- How confident do you feel supporting your child?
- How does our school environment feel?
- Does your child feel safe at school?

After the survey closes, DPS will look at strengths to celebrate, opportunities to develop and identify a small number of focus areas. School leaders will receive training opportunities to learn how to use the Panorama platform to interpret their school results. Stay tuned for more information.

**Support the Fun Run!** More than 250 runners registered early for the Bill Roberts Fun Run, which is coming Saturday, November 7th! If you missed early registration, there's still time to sign up here! Registration is $25 per runner in advance until November 1st or $35 on race day and includes a T-shirt that students can wear as spirit wear. The shirts will be delivered a few weeks after the event. Breakfast burritos are also available for pre-order. The races are a 5K and a 1-mile. Please note that parents must also register if they plan on running along with their student.

The event will also include Playa Bowls, face painting by Neighborhood Art Studio, a photo station, and other booths by school sponsors. Students, families, friends, neighbors and more are welcome to join this annual event in support of our school. Not a runner? No problem! Sign up to volunteer:
Adult volunteer sign up
Student volunteer sign up

Register and get complete details on Fun Run Registration Page. Questions? Email brfunrun@gmail.com.

**Support Middle School Scholarships!** Wreaths, Snowman and Reindeer Now on Sale!

Bill Roberts Middle Schoolers are selling holiday wreaths and decorations again this year to help fund their 8th-grade class trip!

The wreaths are fresh Fraser Firs, locally made and adorned with pine cones and a festive red bow. The ring size is 14" and the total diameter is 20". Wreaths are $35.

Logwood Snowmen are 18" - 24" tall and come completely assembled, including face and buttons, and holes for their branch arms. Snowmen are $40.

Reindeer are 21-23" high and 11-13" long and come completely assembled, including face and holes for antlers and tail. Reindeer are $40.

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Orders are due by November 15th and will be delivered the week of November 30th and can be picked up at school that week. Find additional information and order here.

**Parenting Books** are now available in the Bill Roberts library with thanks to the BR PTA and Safety Committee. Parents are welcome to check them out old-school style. If you have parenting books you'd like to donate to this mini library, please reach out to Julia Bissell or Susan Mooney at juliabissell@gmail.com and sus.mooney@gmail.com.

***REMINDER* Food Drive Starts Next Week!** Please help replenish the Bill Roberts Food Pantry for our families who need food assistance. The PTA will be collecting non-perishable food items at the front entrance of school from October 28th through November 20th for our ongoing weekly boxes and special Thanksgiving baskets.

Suggested Donations by Grade
Kinder: Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Chocolate Packets, Marshmallows
1st Grade: Cereal, Boxed Oatmeal Packets
2nd Grade: Peanut Butter, Jelly
3rd Grade: Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Granola Bars, Corn Muffin Mix
4th Grade: Applesauce, Canned Corn/Green Beans/Peas/Yams
5th Grade: Dry Pasta (Spaghetti/Linguini/Rotini), Stuffing
6th Grade: Jars of Spaghetti Sauce & Alfredo Sauce
7th Grade: Cans of Soup (especially cream of mushroom!), Boxes of Crackers
8th Grade: Rice, Beans (cans or bags of pinto or black)

No time to shop? No problem! Monetary donations can be made to our Bill Roberts PTA Venmo @BillRobertsPTA. Please note "Food Drive" in the notes. Thank you!

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Tickets: Must be purchased in advance at the Front Office by Nov 9, 2026 (cash/check only). No tickets sold day-of. Click Here to Complete the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Form. See last week's edition for FAQs!

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| **10/29** | Elementary Tour | **11/4** | Group Picture Day/Retakes |
| **10/29** | Halloween Costume Parade @ 3p | **11/7** | Fun Run! |

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**The Platinum Gala Auction: It's a Wrap!** Thank You to everyone who attended, bid, donated, smiled, cried, raised those paddles, volunteered, and celebrated our 20th year as a school at last weekend's gala at Asterisk. It was truly a testament to the strength and support of this amazing community.

Last Chance Items are posted and open to all. Check them out here! The auction will close for good Sunday, October 25th at midnight.

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**Costumes!** Next Thursday, students are invited to dress up for our Halloween Celebrations. We ask that students avoid the following: inflatable costumes, masks, weapons and anything that could be considered PG13 or above (older students should keep in mind that we serve

younger grades). Teachers will plan to send students to the office for a change of clothes if their costumes are deemed inappropriate. Thank you for understanding!

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**FAQs**

1. Who Can Come? *Every student can bring up to 2 guests due to limited cafeteria space.*

2. RSVPs are Required for Everyone (Deadline: November 4th)

- *Everyone entering the cafeteria must RSVP online, even if you are just visiting and not eating a meal.*
- *Please complete the ONLINE Revised Thanksgiving Luncheon Form by November 4th so the cafeteria team can prepare enough food and seating!*

3. Meal Tickets & Payment Details

- *Visiting Only: Free! If you are just coming to sit with your child and aren't eating, you do not need to buy a ticket.*
- *Eating Lunch: A meal ticket is required for anyone eating a lunch.*

- *Payment Deadline: Meal tickets must be purchased in person at the school office by November 9th.*

4. Have Children in Multiple Grades?

- *No action needed in advance! Just show up for the lunch time that works best for you.*
- *When you arrive at the school, our staff will grab your other children from their classrooms so your family can eat together.*

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***REMINDER* Group Chats: More Harm Than Good?** Schools, including Bill Roberts, are often dealing with the negative ramifications of conversations that happen amongst students in Cell Phone Group Chats. Inevitably, the language/content/exclusion/etc that occurs will naturally spill over into student interactions at school. Please take time to read more about how you might approach Group Chats with your child(ren). As a community, we can make a significant difference in this space- which will ultimately allow students to thrive in both home and school environments.

***REMINDER* Early Check Out Procedure** Last year, we joined 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.

***REMINDER*** **Winter Enrichment Registration (not to be confused with Bill Roberts Enrichments … see below) Opens October 28th at 6 am** Registration for the Winter 2026/2027 Enrichment session opens on Wednesday, October 28th, at 6 am. Please review the key dates and details below to prepare. All registrations must be completed through the Community Portal in Arux. You can preview this season's offerings now in the Arux platform. Registration Closes on November 11th at 10 pm.

Reminders: you may only register for programs at your child's school. Please register for one program per day, per student. First-come, first-served. Many classes fill quickly and if a program is full, you may add your student to the waitlist. DPS will notify you if a spot becomes available. For inquiries, reach out to the DPS Extended Learning Team at enrichment_extendedlearning@dpsk12.org.

***UPDATE*** **Monday Morning Bill Roberts Enrichment Program – Registration Now Open!** We are excited to announce the launch of our new Monday Morning Enrichment Program for Kindergarten through 5th Grade students! **Starting Monday, October 19th**, students can participate in engaging, hands-on activities every Monday morning from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM prior to the start of the regular school day.  If you are interested in your child participating please use this link to sign-up weekly, no later than Thursday of every week. Questions???  Please reach out to Ms. D.  We look forward to an exciting semester of learning and fun!