



BILL ROBERTS K-8

Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!

7/26/24

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15th- All School Meet and Greet (w/ Food Trucks)

August 19th- First Day of School

August 22nd- All School Back to School Night

August 23rd- Assessment Day #1 (no classes for grades K, 1, 2)

August 30th- Assessment Day #2 (no classes for grades K, 1, 2)

September 2nd- Labor Day (no school)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Parents! We'd like to take a second and extend a warm welcome to all of our new Bill Roberts families! It is our sincere hope that you have found your new "home" in this school community for years to come! Also, this bulletin is just one of the ways that we try to maintain strong communication with our families. Be sure to check out our Facebook pages and our PTA-run Thursday Notes as well (sign up for Thursday Notes [HERE](#)!)

K-2 Assessment Days Childcare/Camps This year, we are introducing assessment days for grades K, 1st and 2nd (see above for dates). *Classes will not be held on those days (for K-2 only). Your teacher will reach out with more information for assessment sign ups.* Fortunately, we have partnered with Discovery Link and Toca to offer camps for students on those days. Stay tuned for more information on camps including times, locations and cost.

Updated Spirit Wear/School Dress Code Over the course of the 23/24 school year, we gathered feedback from all stakeholders about our school dress code in order to consider making updates. We even held a mini-symposium with parents and students! There were several trends that emerged:

- If you talk to 50 people about dress code, you will get 50 different responses on what it should be and why it should/shouldn't exist!
- Teachers, staff and parents highly value our dress code leaning on spirit wear and school colors as it reflects our close knit community and shows school pride.
- Our students want our dress code to be age appropriate, allow for a level of self-expression and for the "professional" aspect to reflect the attire that the professionals in our building wear on a daily basis.
- Teachers prefer to spend their time focused on teaching/learning and want a dress code that is realistic, simple and easily addressed.



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- All community members agree that a typical dress code places an unequal level of responsibility on one gender over another. Also, community members generally agree that there should be some differences between elementary and middle school expectations.

Below are the dress code guidelines that we will adopt for this school year. Also, as many of you have seen in Thursday Notes/Facebook, our new Spirit Wear Storefront is live and ready for orders! Avoid the back-to-school rush and save! **Use Coupon Code SUMMER10 to receive 10% off** if you order by August 4th. [Visit the online store here.](#)

- **Tops:** Spirit wear or solid school color t-shirts, polos, crew neck or hooded sweatshirts (navy blue, light blue, burgundy, gold, black and gray) must be worn. Small (fist-sized) logos allowed.
- **Bottoms:** Black, navy, gray, khaki pants, skirts or shorts must be worn (denim and *presentable* athletic pants/shorts/leggings ARE allowed). Tights, shorts, or leggings should be worn underneath skirts and dresses. No sweats, tears, holes, logos or pajama pants.
- **Footwear:** Boots, shoes or sandals (w/ straps) must be worn. No slippers, slides or flip flops.
- **Headwear:** Hats are not allowed unless specific permission granted or on theme/dress down/spirit days.
- **Cover Zone:** There WILL be a cover zone to address length and revealing-ness of clothing. No biker shorts, spandex shorts, short running/denim shorts, tank tops, sleeveless tees or visible undergarments.
- **MS Dress Down Days** We will be looking to expand Dress Down Days *for MS students only* with the following guidelines:
 - Cover Zone applies
 - Controversial items on clothing are not allowed and will be subject to staff judgment/enforcement (i.e., weapons, drugs/alcohol, etc).
 - No sweats, tears, holes or pajama pants
 - Hats allowed
 - No costumes, pajamas or onesies
- **Spirit Wear Days** Fridays will be Spirit Wear Days! Each Friday, it's time for everyone to show off their school pride (Bill Roberts hats allowed)!
- If you would like clarification or have questions regarding some of these changes, our PTA Spirit Wear guru, Alison Boyd, will be putting together an FAQ that we will communicate soon. In the meantime, you can email her at robertspiritwear@gmail.com

