

12/20/24

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

12/23-1/6 Winter Break 1/7 Back to School! 1/7-1/10 Vision & Hearing Screening 1/7 CSC Meeting 1/8 Bike Bus Day 1/8 PTA Meeting 1/9 MS PAC Meeting
1/10 Full Day Friday
1/13 Lockdown Drill
1/15 PTA DEI Committee Meeting
1/16 PTA Safety Committee Meeting
1/17 Early Release Friday

LINKS!

Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar! (archives)
PTA DEI Committee Parent Resource Bank

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resources During Break As we near Winter Break, we want to share some important local community resources supporting those in need this holiday season. The holidays are a busy time for us all but it is essential to take care of ourselves and our loved ones and support those in our community who are in need. Included below are resources spanning from food banks, counseling services, hotlines and energy assistance that will be available to our DPS community over break. Please review the resources below and share them widely with those who could use the extra support.

- DPS' Family and Community Engagement (FACE) team has compiled a <u>comprehensive</u> resource list of meals, housing, mental health winter activities/programming and other resources to share with students and families.
- Meals: In addition to the food banks mentioned in the FACE resources, the City and County's Office of Children Affairs is offering a free supper and/or snack at any Tasty Food site for youth (ages five-18) across Denver during the holiday break! No registration or ID is required. Access the <u>Tasty Food schedule flyer</u> (in English and Spanish) for more information. Details on holiday schedule changes and planned holiday closures will be available on the <u>Tasty Food website</u>.

Lost and Found The Lost & Found is overflowing again! Be sure to visit the cafeteria before Winter Break begins to collect missing coats, hats, mittens, sweatshirts, water bottles etc.



Meet Our New Nurse Please welcome Megan Smith to our Bobcat Community!



Hello Bill Roberts Family! I am a Denver, Colorado native. I have been a nurse for 8 years. My background in nursing is in acute care, cardiac, surgery, asthma, allergy and immunology. I was previously with DPS as a school nurse for a year in a half and missed school nursing so much; I am thrilled to be back. I will be splitting my time with Bill Roberts and another school in DPS. My parents worked in education and recreation so working with kids feels like home. Along with my nursing degree, I have a Bachelor's in Community Health Education. Guiding and supporting kids and the community in overall health and wellness is truly a passion of mine. When I am not working as a nurse, I am usually involved in sports in some capacity. I love coaching and am a high school boys and girls tennis coach. The rest of my time is spent with family, taking my dog on adventures, enjoying the outdoors and live music events. Looking forward to joining Bill Roberts for the rest of the school year!

UPDATE PTA Safety Committee Meeting Update PTA Safety Committee has selected a date to host a conversation about Social Media and Cell Phone Safety. *Mark your calendars for Wednesday February 26th!* Be on the lookout for more information!

REMINDER First Fridays Recap We held an abbreviated version of First Fridays w/ Mr. Sanders where we discussed Weather-Related Inside Day Policies and Bell Times for next year. You can view slides HERE. As promised, we are passing along the slide deck for our PTA DEI Committee Discussion Group: Intent vs Impact and Raising Allies and Upstanders: Why Do These Things Matter?