



BILL ROBERTS K-8

Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!

2/14/25

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

2/18 R1 School of Choice Closes @ 4:00 pm
2/19 PTA DEI Meeting
2/20 PTA Safety Meeting

2/21 MS Food Truck Friday
2/21 Early Release Friday (1:30 pm)
4/7- CMAS Begins (3rd-8th)

LINKS!

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[PTA DEI Committee Parent Resource Bank](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supporting Students and Families In the wake of the passing of our beloved colleague Ms. Carole Lohr, our teaching and mental health staff are prepared to support students who may be grieving her loss. Students who did not know Ms. Lohr can also be triggered if they have experienced similar loss. If you or your child(ren) have any questions and/or need support-please contact someone from our Mental Health Team and/or a School Administrator.

Further, School Administration and our Mental Health Team will be dedicating their time all-day tomorrow and throughout the week to support our students and staff during this difficult time.

Ms. Lohr's family has passed along an open invitation for anyone that wants to attend the Remembrance Ceremony for Carole. It will be fairly informal and there will be time for people to speak about Carole and the impact she has had on them and on our students. Here is the information:

When: Tuesday February 18th @ 6:30 pm

Where: Advantage Aurora Chase Mortuary

1095 Havana St. Aurora, CO 80010

Health Tech Job Posting Our amazing Health Tech, Kaity, is going on maternity leave in April! We have posted a 3 day a week position that will last through the end of the year. If you know someone who is interested, please have them apply AND reach out to Office Manager, Rocio Aguayo.

READ Act Feedback DPS would like to hear from parents about your child's experience with the Colorado READ Act and its observed impact.



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As you may know, the Colorado READ (Reading to Ensure Academic Development) Act provides funding and a framework for improving literacy outcomes for kindergartners through third graders, particularly those with “Significant Reading Deficiencies” (SRDs) who are at risk to not read at grade level by third grade. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has been working with WestEd and its partners to conduct a legislatively mandated evaluation of the READ Act since March 2020.

The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and all responses will be kept confidential.

- We are only asking you to complete the survey if your child has ever been identified as having a significant reading deficiency (SRD) and/or has ever been given a READ plan.
- If you have multiple children in kindergarten through grade 3 who have been identified as having a significant reading deficiency, please complete a separate survey for each child.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this parent survey. We greatly appreciate your time and willingness to share your experience.

Please click on the link below to participate in the survey:

[\[https://westedk12enterprise.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fOPS3CNxGFzDg2\]](https://westedk12enterprise.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fOPS3CNxGFzDg2)

Reminder 2025-26 School Year Calendars Now Available The school year calendars for the 2025-26 school year are now available.

- [2025-26 School Year Calendar](#)
- [2025-26 School Year Calendar \(editable version\)](#)
- [Key 2025-26 Dates \(accessible text version\)](#)

Please visit the [calendars webpage](#) for more information. The calendars will be available in additional languages in early February.

Reminder 2025-26 Bell Schedule As mentioned during [First Fridays with Mr. Sanders](#), we have solidified our bell schedule for next year. After the elimination of Early Release Fridays, we were able to secure a Late Start Monday (9:50a). Our full bell schedule will be:

- Mondays 9:50a-3:50p



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- Tuesdays thru Fridays 8:50a-3:50p

This time will be used for the high level staff collaboration, professional development and data analysis which Bill Roberts staff largely attribute our historical success to. While we understand that this is not an ideal situation for all families, please know that there are several supporting reasons for making this decision (as opposed to an early release on Mondays or Tuesdays):

- **Staff/Teacher Consensus-** This was the most widely supported option amongst school staff and was unanimously approved by our SLT
- **Alignment with Northfield-** Northfield currently has a 9:25a start time on Mondays which we would be in more alignment with
- **Impact on Families for Childcare-** Families who choose Discovery Link/Childcare will need only 1 extra hour of child care on Mondays as opposed to over 2 extra hours on Early Release Fridays
- **Impact on Instructional Time-** Teachers will only have 1 hr less instruction rather than over 2 hrs lost
- **PL Days and Holidays-** The majority of Professional Learning Days and Holidays fall on a Monday, mitigating impact on families who need to provide an extra hour of childcare on Late Start Mondays

Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Sanders if you have any questions.

Reminder Student Food Delivery For the safety (and sanity) of our front office staff, students are not allowed to receive food deliveries from any restaurant or food delivery service such as Uber Eats, GrubHub or DoorDash. Managing these deliveries creates significant disruptions to the school day, diverting our office staff from their essential duties. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminder Parent Discussion Group Hosted by the PTA Safety Committee You're invited to a conversation with fellow Bill Roberts families about technology safety on Wednesday, February 26th from 6 to 7:30 pm at the school. We will hear from Nicole Siegel Levine, who is an ambassador for Ok to Delay and a BR parent who will be sharing information about the organization and ways parents can stay informed about cell phone/ social media safety. The presentation will be followed by breakout groups for discussion.

This event is organized by the Bill Roberts Safety Committee. Learn more and [RSVP here](#).



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Prior to our session, please review some of the resources listed in the RSVP link. There are many options for learning about this topic prior; do what you have time for! If you have questions, please contact Julia at juliabissell@gmail.com.