



## BILL ROBERTS K-8 Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar!

2/21/25

### IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

2/26 Screenwise Committee Parent Discussion Group 2/28 Early Release Friday (1:30 PM) 2/28 Middle School Winter Dance 3/4 CSC Meeting	3/6 MS PAC Meeting 3/6 Continuation Photos for (K, 5th & 8th Gr.) 3/7 First Full Friday (3:50 PM) 4/7- CMAS Begins (3rd-8th)
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### LINKS!

[Bobcat Bulletin: The Weekly Roar! \(archives\)](#)  
[PTA DEI Committee Parent Resource Bank](#)  
[2025-26 School Year Calendar](#)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Remembering Ms. Carole Lohr** Our entire school community continues to grieve the loss of Ms. Lohr. We want to pass along our gratitude to all of the families that have reached out to offer support, a word of encouragement or simply the gift of kindness. A special thank you to the families that were able to attend Ms. Lohr's Remembrance Ceremony. Carole's brothers have appreciated all of the support that the Bill Roberts Community has been able to provide. Lastly, our students have created an amazing tribute to Ms. Lohr which will stay up through next week:



**Stories to Support Children with Grief and Loss** Families have been asking for story recommendations for helping students deal with concepts of grief and loss. Bill Roberts will be ordering a variety of books this week for us to share with teachers, but our Mental Health Team wanted to pass along some that have YouTube read-alouds in the meantime. At this time, these suggestions are geared towards younger kids. We encourage you to preview these prior to introducing them to your children in order to ensure that they are aligned with messaging that you would like to send.



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The Heart and the Bottle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2SMjC1hvZ8>

A short allegory about "bottling up" our feelings

Why Do I Feel So Sad? A Grief Book for Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJnSSsvXX9I>

Explores feelings of many different types of sadness or loss in a straightforward way and how those feelings might show up in people

The Invisible String

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auO15iesZTM>

Not so much about grief but a comforting read about the interconnectedness of everyone we love, even those who aren't here anymore.

When Dinosaurs Die

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM\\_WRhBmEdI&t=431s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM_WRhBmEdI&t=431s)

It's an excellent resource for younger children who don't have a prior touchstone for loss but does discuss death explicitly.

**Black History Month Spirit Week** To celebrate Black History Month, Bill Roberts' 5th grade Black History Month Club, Student Council and our Black Student Alliance have created a fun spirit week. This will be held next week, February 24th- 28th. See [this slideshow](#) for more information on the theme of each day. Please pay special attention to slide 9 in order to ensure that this is a respectful, safe and fun celebration for all!

**Last Call 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](#).

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](mailto:juliabissell@gmail.com).



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**New Bobcat Staff** Please welcome our new, part time Speech Language Pathologist Lia Pazuello!

<p>Lia Pazuello</p>		<p>My name is Lia Pazuello, and I am thrilled to join the Bill Roberts team as your new Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). I hold a PhD in Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences from the City University of New York, and I bring experience in supporting children in both early intervention and school settings. While I am new to DPS, I relocated here from New Jersey a few years ago. Outside of work, my family and I love hiking, skiing, and exploring new restaurants. I am passionate about helping students build confidence through communication to support their success both inside and outside the classroom. I look forward to working with you all!</p>
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**Reminder 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.

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

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.



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- 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)