



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

2/7/25

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

2/10 Deadline to order candy grams online 2/10 Interims Begin (3rd-8th) 2/11 CSC Meeting 2/12 Elementary School Tour @ 9:30 am 2/12 PTA Meeting 2/14 and 2/17 No School	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)
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LINKS!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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
- 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 choosing Late Start Monday (as opposed to an early release on Mondays or Tuesdays):



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- **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.

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](#).

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.

Reminder An Important Message from our PTA DEI Committee In the wake of many challenging news items, there is much uncertainty in our school, community, and world. This uncertainty can be overwhelming and isolating. The Bill Roberts Parent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is a safe place that welcomes all families, faculty, staff, and students. The



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parent-led committee is dedicated to building and cultivating a culturally sensitive, inclusive, and equitable environment for ALL students and families at Bill Roberts. The committee is open to all Bill Roberts families as a support and accountability partner with the BR administration in the spirit of upholding the values of equity at Bill Roberts. If you or your child are struggling, we invite families to reach out to the parent DEI committee (BRDEICOMMITTEE@GMAIL.com) for additional support.