

MARCH 18, 2022

# THE BOBCAT BRIEF

COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *Yearbook*

DEADLINE TO ORDER ONLINE: FRIDAY, 4/15

TO ORDER ONLINE:

Visit [strawbridge.net](http://strawbridge.net)  
Use online code YB100923

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **March 23:** Classroom Pictures
- **March 25:** College Colors Day
- **March 30:** Spring Individual Pictures
- **March 31:** Report Cards
- **April 1:** Deadline to Order Yearbook-  
Cash/Check
- **April 1:** Wear Purple to Support  
Military Families
- **April 11-15:** Spring Break
- **April 15:** Deadline to Order Yearbook-  
Online

### A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Things are starting to look a little more normal at CES. As COVID numbers have decreased drastically, we are beginning to invite more people into the building. Inside of the Bobcat Brief is a link to complete the volunteer application. This application is required to work with students and chaperone trips. This week, many classes started eating lunch in the cafeteria again. Some classes made the decision to continue to eat in their classroom.

**Our annual SIC survey will be sent home Monday and we ask you to return it as soon as possible. These surveys are anonymous so we ask that you be honest so we can effectively evaluate our practices.**

Melissa Pender, Principal  
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

# COOSA COMMUNICATION

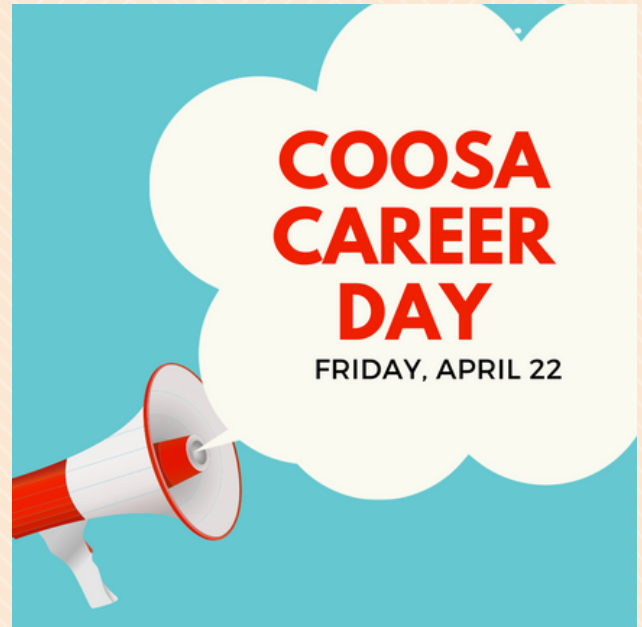
## COUNSELOR CORNER WITH MRS. BOSSAK

### **WE NEED VOLUTEERS for our 11th Annual Career Day!**

This year the event will be held on Friday, April 22nd from 8:00-10:30am. The event will take place in the cafeteria/gymnasium, (the kids are so excited that this event will be FACE to FACE for the first time in 2 years!) 😊

All grade levels will participate in this round robin style career showcase.

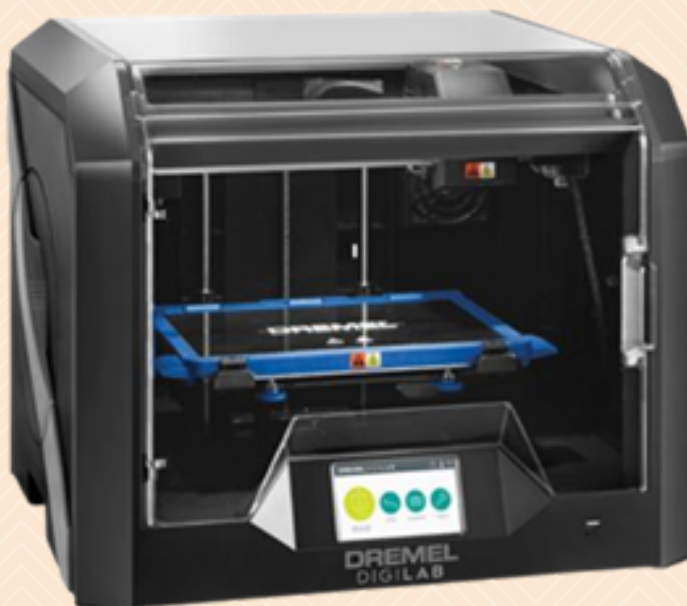
Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Mrs. Bossak – [Nicole.bossak@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:Nicole.bossak@beaufort.k12.sc.us) or 843-322-6123, if you are interested in showcasing your career. More detailed communication will be sent closer to the event date.



## PURCHASING CLASS PHOTOS

Strawbridge Classroom Group Photos will occur on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. If you are purchasing a photo, please remember to bring in your payment on or before Wednesday: cash, check made out to Strawbridge, or on-line. If you misplaced your payment envelope, we have extras in the Front Office.

## STEM LAB UPDATE



Ms. Kinsey and the students have been printing in the STEM Lab all week! They have been printing with our new 3D DREMEL Printer! Fifth graders were able to create their initials on a 3D keyring using a 3D software program. Then, Mrs. Kinsey printed them using our new printer. We can't wait to see what we create next!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Coosa library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Monday, April 25-Friday, April 29! We need volunteers from our school community who would like to volunteer at the the book fair with us.

If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, then please complete these steps:

1. Apply to be a volunteer through Sterling Volunteers. Visit this link: <https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>
2. Email Ms. Kabel at [ashley.kabel@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:ashley.kabel@beaufort.k12.sc.us) for more information

Thank you!



## COOSA 2021-2022 YEARBOOK

There are two ways to order:

**Option 1 (Preferred):** Order Online (DEADLINE, FRIDAY, 4/15)

Visit [strawbridge.net](http://strawbridge.net)

Use online code YB100923

**Option 2:** Cash or Check (DEADLINE: Friday, 4/1)

Use the form that was sent home to return cash or check  
(payable to Coosa Elementary School)

# SCHOOL CHOICE - MARCH 2022

March is School Choice Month! If you have received the postcard below then we ask that you share it with a family you know who might be interested in CES.

Applications can be found on the [Beaufort County School District website](https://www.beaufort.k12.sc.us).

Current Coosa Parents: If you have moved outside of the Coosa attendance zone and want your student(s) to continue attending CES next year, please fill out the School Choice Application by Thursday, March 31. If you have questions, please contact Nichelle Tyson at 843-322-6147 or [Nichelle.McEwen-Tyson@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:Nichelle.McEwen-Tyson@beaufort.k12.sc.us).

*A message from administration...*

We are looking to add new student leaders to our Bobcat Family. If you are interested in a tour of our school, please contact the front office at 843-322-6100. We would love to schedule a tour of the school and share all we have to offer our students. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Pender, Principal  
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

DO YOU KNOW A STUDENT NOT ATTENDING COOSA?

## Introduce us!

- Leader in Me School
- Lighthouse School Designation
- National Elementary Honor Society
- Literacy Focused
- STEM Integration
- Military Liason

- Robotics Club
- Afterschool Chorus
- Schoolwide Clubs
- Student Leadership
- School Garden
- Rigorous Curriculum
- Gifted and Talented Program

## COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**COOSA ELEMENTARY**  
45 MIDDLE RD, BEAUFORT, SC | (843) 322-6100

Coosa Elementary School (CES) promotes academic excellence through an innovative program that nurtures the potential of each student. At CES, students participate in hands-on activities that encourage exploration in and out of the classroom.

By integrating character development with a strong academic program, students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. CES offers individualized learning opportunities that allow students to build upon their unique strengths and reach their full potential.

The Learning Through Leadership program, more specifically known as Leader in Me, is infused in all aspects of the school. Through enrichment opportunities, students are taught essential leadership skills that promote responsibility and confidence. Students are given opportunities to demonstrate these skills throughout the school year.

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**FUN FACTS ABOUT CES**

- 1 Leader in Me Lighthouse School**  
The flagship Leader in Me school in Beaufort County. CES was also the first school in the District to be honored with Lighthouse status.
- 2 Junior Master Gardeners**  
Through a partnership with 4H Clemson Extension Center, 4th grade students take a year-long course to become Junior Master Gardeners.
- 3 STEM Integrated**  
Students are invited to participate in whole-school engineering and design challenges that encourage creativity and exploration.
- 4 Outdoor Learning Space**  
CES has a green house, an outdoor classroom, and a garden that students use to plant fruits and vegetables.
- 5 Military Liaison**  
One of two schools in BCSD with a Military Family Life Counselor on-site to offer counseling services to military families, students & staff.

**ACADEMIC OFFERINGS**

**Learning Through Leadership**  
A whole-school learning model that builds leadership and life skills in students, and empowers them to become leaders in their school and community.

Proud Home of the  
**BOBCATS**

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CONNECT WITH US

[www.ces.beaufortschools.net](http://www.ces.beaufortschools.net)

[@CoosaElementary](https://www.facebook.com/CoosaElementary)

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Chorus

Robotics Team

Gardening

National Elementary Honor Society

Student Lighthouse Team

Related Arts: STEM Lab, PE, Music & Art

Students Visit STEM Lab Weekly

Student Leadership Jobs

Book Vending Machine

20  
Garden Beds to Plant Fruits & Vegetables

**RIGOROUS**  
Gifted & Talented Curriculum

**PRE-K**  
Program Offered at CES

100%  
Club Participation by Offering Activities During the Day

**AWARD WINNING**  
Robotics Team

# SC READY INFORMATION

All students in grades 3-8 participating in the Spring 2022 SC Ready English Language Arts (ELA) assessment will participate in a field test except for those who qualify to take the Alternate Assessment i.e. students with significant cognitive disabilities. Other exceptions include suspended students, home school, homebound, and home-based students. Additionally, expelled students and students placed in residential treatment facilities do not have to participate in the field test.

The stand-alone field test form will include one text-dependent analysis (TDA) item with one question and will be administered online. The TDA field test must be administered prior to the beginning of the district's 20-day test window to provide students with the experience in using the online testing platform and keyboarding before being administered the ELA test session 1 that includes the operational TDA question. The standalone field testing may be administered as early as April 7, 2022. ***Students at Coosa will be participating in this field test on Thursday, April 7th.***

**Please try not to schedule appointments for students on the testing dates:**


**SC Ready ELA TDA Field Test – Thursday, April 7**

**SC PASS Science (4th Grade only) – Tuesday, May 3**

**SC Ready ELA (writing) (Grades 3-5) – Monday, May 9**

**SC Ready ELA (reading) (Grades 3-5) – Tuesday, May 10**

**SC Ready Math (Grades 3-5) – Thursday, May 12**

**SC READY Assessment: A Brochure for Parents and Students**

**Overview**

- The South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessment (SC READY) is a statewide assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.
- All students in grades 3–8, including students with disabilities and English learners (ELs), must be administered SC READY, except those students who qualify for the alternate test, as determined by their IEP team.
- The SC READY tests measure the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards taught in ELA and Math classes.

**Testing Window**

- The SC READY assessment **must be administered during the last twenty school days** as determined by each district's instructional calendar. Districts and schools will schedule specific testing dates.
- The SCDE recommends that districts schedule **grade three testing during the first week** of the testing window due to the need for test scores when making decisions required by the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act.

**Grade 3 and The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act**

- The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act states that a student must be retained in third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of third grade. The law specifies six good cause exemptions from mandatory retention; one of these exemptions is student attendance at a Summer Reading Camp.
- SC READY reading scores will be used to identify students who do not demonstrate proficiency in grade 3 reading** and are candidates to attend Summer Reading Camp (one of the six "good cause" exemptions). For more information on the Read to Succeed Act, parents should contact their school, or visit the SC READY webpage at <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/>.

**Test Administration**



- The SC READY tests are not timed. Estimated times for the average student are: 1 hour and 40 minutes for ELA Session 1; 1.5 hours for ELA Session 2; and 1.5 hours for Mathematics.
- The ELA test is administered over two days with one session each day.
- In grades 3–5, the math test is administered in one session in one day. In grades 6–8, the math test is divided into a "calculator" section and a "no calculator" section, both to be administered in one day.

**Test Format**

- SC READY assessments will be administered in a computer-based format only, with the following exceptions:
  - Students who cannot take online assessments due to their disabilities, as specified in their IEPs or 504 plans, may be tested in a paper-based format.
  - Districts receiving a waiver from the State Board of Education may test in a paper-based format.

**Translations/Accessibility**

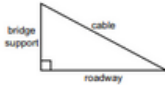
- Parent resources such as this brochure, sample score reports, and a Score Report User's Guide, can be provided in multiple languages and in an accessible format compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Contact your child's school or SCDE for assistance.



**Types of Test Items**

- ELA and mathematics tests have test questions with varying degrees of difficulty.
- The ELA test includes a variety of question types, such as selected-response, evidence-based selected response, multi-select, technology-enhanced items for online testers, as well as a Text-Dependent Analysis (TDA) question, which consists of a passage with a related writing task.
- The mathematics test includes a variety of questions, such as selected-response, multi-select, short answer, and technology-enhanced items for online testers. Technology-enhanced items may include drag and drop, graphing, constructed-response items (type in a number), and others.

**Sample Items**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS
<p>Read the draft of a student's essay.</p> <p>Zookeepers spend their days with animals. They learn what the animals like best and how to care for them. Many of the humans and animals form special relationships. The zookeepers are able to watch the animals grow and change over time. Sometimes, there is also an opportunity to feed and care for baby animals that are born in the zoo. What could be more fun and exciting than that?</p> <p>Which sentence would provide the <b>best</b> introduction for the paragraph?</p> <p>A. I hope to visit the zoo this summer with my family. B. Animals such as bears and monkeys can be seen in many zoos. C. I think that working at a zoo would be the best type of job. D. There are hundreds of zoos in cities around the world.</p> <p>Key = C</p>	<p>The figure shows a bridge support, a cable, and the roadway of a bridge.</p>  <p>The bridge support is 80 feet tall. The length of the cable is 170 feet. What is the distance, in feet, from the base of the bridge support to the point where the cable connects to the roadway?</p> <p>A. 90 B. 150 C. 190 D. 250 Key = B</p>

**Sample Questions, Tutorials, and Online Tools Training (OTT)**

- The SC READY webpage (<https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/>) provides practice, preparation, and reference resources including:
  - Samples of test questions from previous years.
  - Online Testing Video Tutorials, with step-by-step instructions on how to use the online testing system. Schools should review these tutorials with students in advance of testing.
  - Online Tools Training (OTT): this module simulates the testing environment and allows students to practice using the testing software and tools available during testing such as the highlighter, magnifier, and calculator.

**Test Results**

- Districts will receive electronic copies of student score reports by August 9. By August 17, districts will receive paper copies to distribute to parents.
- ELA and Math results include scale scores, performance levels, and performance by reporting category.
- The overall performance levels are: Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, Approaches Expectations, and Does Not Meet Expectations.

**Additional Information**

- More information about SC READY is available on the South Carolina Department of Education website at: <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/sc-ready/>.



# Community Resource Fair for



## Children and Adults with disAbilities



- Multiple agencies to share and discuss their services
- Outdoor event
- Tours of SC Vocational Rehabilitation available
- Prizes and refreshments



When: Thursday, March 31st, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Where: SC Vocational Rehabilitation—Beaufort  
747 Robert Smalls Parkway, Beaufort, SC

For more information, contact:

Rita: [rita.jaklitsch@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:rita.jaklitsch@beaufort.k12.sc.us) or 843-812-4674 or

Anne: [bcdisabilitiescoalition@gmail.com](mailto:bcdisabilitiescoalition@gmail.com)

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