

THE BOBCAT BRIEF

COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**Dates: Monday, April 25-
Friday, April 29**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 25-April 29:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **April 28:** Literacy and STEM Night
- **April 29:** College Colors Day
- **May 2-6:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 3:** SC PASS Science (4th Grade Only)
- **May 4:** Reading MAP (2nd Grade)
- **May 6:** 9:00 a.m. Junior Master Gardener Ceremony (4th grade only)
- **May 4-6:** Reading MAP (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
- **May 9:** SC Ready ELA Writing (Grades 3-5)
- **May 10:** SC Ready Reading (Grades 3-5)

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Teacher Appreciation Week: As a school, we recognize the hard work and dedication of not only our teachers, but all staff members (including our cafeteria, custodial, and bus drivers) during Teacher Appreciation Week. This year that is celebrated during the week of May 2-6. Coosa Elementary provides daily surprises for all staff members throughout this week. We invite our families to participate as well. Feel free to participate in one or more of the following activities:

Monday, May 2: Write a teacher a special note!

Tuesday, May 3: Bring a special snack for a teacher.

Wednesday, May 4: Send in a school-appropriate drink. :)

Thursday, May 5: Show your teacher how much you have grown - bring a flower for your teacher and see if they can make a bouquet.

Friday, May 6: You know your teacher best - be creative!

Melissa Pender, Principal
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

COOSA NEHS SERVICE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT



Coosa Elementary Honor Society

Outdoor Equipment Suggestions

- Basketballs
- Volleyballs
- Soccer Balls
- Hulu Hoops
- Jump Ropes

SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATION DRIVE

Please join us in collecting sports equipment for CAPA

APRIL 18TH - APRIL 29TH

Please bring all donations to the STEM Lab.

**Community Schools Service Project
(BHS, LIMS, LIES, CES, & SHES)**

For additional information please contact
april.bryant@beaufort.k12.sc.us
addison.hawthorne@beaufort.k12.sc.us
pamela.kinsey@beaufort.k12.sc.us

LEADING WITH LITERACY (+STEM) NIGHT

Next Thursday, we're so thrilled to open our doors and welcome our families and students.
Check out the details below.

Leading with Literacy (+STEM) Night AT COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Thursday, April 28 5:00-6:30PM

Café/Gym: Our 5th grade students can do literacy and STEM activities focused on the book *Rosie Revere, Engineer*.

Yellow Pod: Our pre-k and kindergarten students can do literacy and STEM activities focused on the book *Aaron Slater, Illustrator*.

Red Pod: Our 1st and 2nd grade students can do literacy and STEM activities focused on the book *Iggly Peck, Architect*.

Blue Pod: Our 3rd and 4th grade students can do literacy and STEM activities focused on the book *Ada Twist, Scientist*.

Library: The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for our families to shop throughout the evening!

Please plan to enter through the main entrance for this event.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dates: Monday, April 25-Friday, April 29



We're so excited for our Scholastic Book Fair next week! Please consider creating an eWallet for your child.

This is a safe and easy way for our young shoppers to purchase items from the book fair and it eliminates the need for cash/change in our school.

To set-up your child's eWallet, please visit [s-bf.com/ewallets](https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ewallets). Then, search for Coosa Elementary School.

Family members can shop with their children during our Leading with Literacy (+STEM) Night on Thursday, April 28 or by visiting the online store: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/coosaelementaryschool>.

COUNSELOR CORNER: ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Today students participated in Career Day 2022 where they had the opportunity to learn about 30+ careers from our parent and community volunteers. Thank you so much to all those who participated, and we hope your students come home with new ideas about future careers.



CELEBRATING MILITARY FAMILIES

This week we celebrated our military families at Coosa! On Tuesday students participated by creating cards for our service members. Wednesday we celebrated with Purple Up! by wearing purple. Thursday we wore red, white and blue. Today we wore red (remember everyone deployed). We also received books for each of our students through United Through Reading!



ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS

Fourth Graders will be receiving their Junior Master Gardener Certificates on May 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend. Please arrive early to ensure you have ample time to check-in at the front office with your identification.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

For more information visit this website:
<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/beaufort/4h/camps.html>



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences

Contact: Meghan Barkley
Beaufort 4-H Youth Development
(843) 473-6022
mebarkl@clemson.edu

Beaufort County 4-H Offering Summer Camps

(BEAUFORT, SC—April 2022). The Beaufort Clemson Extension Office will be offering 4-H camp programs throughout the Summer. Through 4-H Camp, youth take part in an Extension planned education experience and participate in fun, hands-on activities either as a day program or an overnight program.

Day camps will be hosted at the Beaufort Clemson Extension office. Cooking camp lets youth learn basic kitchen safety and food preparation while creating classic and unique recipes. 4-H20 is a hands-on science inquiry program that teaches youth about their local water resources. Campers will get to travel to local beaches and be out on the local waterways. Sewing camp will teach youth basic sewing machine and hand-stitching skills. The Sea Island Quilters will mentor youth sewers.

Residential camps will be offered around the state. Club camp offers swimming, canoeing, high adventure elements, nature hikes, nightly games and skits, a dance, and more. 4-H Congress, held at Clemson University, is for senior 4-H members to expand their leadership skills.

Youth do not have to be 4-H members to participate, but discounts are offered for members. For more information, please visit <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/beaufort/4h/camps.html> , or contact Meghan Barkley at (843) 473-6022 or mebarkl@clemson.edu.

BEAUFORT COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
18 John Galt Rd. | Beaufort, SC 29906
P (843) 473-6022 | <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/beaufort/>

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer.

END OF YEAR TESTING DATES

As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, so is end of the year testing for all grade levels. We can't wait to see how much students have learned and grown this year!

At home testing tips:

- Get a good night's sleep prior to the test.
- Have a good breakfast (at home or school).
- A hug and some words of encouragement go a long way!
- Please try not to schedule appointments for students on the testing dates - students test better in their normal classroom environment with the rest of their class.

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

Reading MAP Test (2nd Grade) - Wednesday, May 4

Reading MAP Test (Kindergarten - 1st Grades) - May 4-6

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

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

Math MAP Test (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) - Wednesday, May 11

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

iReady Reading (all grades) - Monday & Tuesday, May 16 - 17

iReady Math (all grades) - Wednesday & Thursday, May 18 - 19

SC Ready/SC PASS Student and Parent Resources Webpage

<https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/student-and-parent-resources/>

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.

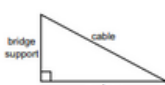


• ELA and mathematics tests have test questions with varying degrees of difficulty.

• 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 best 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/>.