

MAY 6, 2022

# THE BOBCAT BRIEF

COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 9-10 REMINDER...

SC READY ELA

3rd-5th GRADES



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 9:** SC Ready ELA Writing (Grades 3-5)
- **May 10:** SC Ready Reading (Grades 3-5)
- **May 12:** 4:30 SIC Meeting (in-person)
- **May 17:** Chorus Concert 6:00 p.m.
- **May 17:** Student of the Month Breakfast
- **May 20:** Field Day
- **May 26:** Fifth Grade Crossing Over Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m.
- **May 27:** Kindergarten Sing Along 9:00 a.m. **CORRECTION**

## A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



Melissa Pender, Principal  
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Lyles, and our Support Staff Member of the Year, Kim Fickes! Check out their reactions here:  
<https://youtu.be/BHQ80gCQlic>



## JUNIOR MASTER GARDENING - 4TH GRADE

Today our 4th grade students were recognized for the completion of their Junior Master Gardening course with Clemson Extension-4H! We would like to thank Meghan Barkley, Laura Lee Rose, Eileen McHenry, and Kathleen Linn for educating our students and devoting their time throughout the school year!





# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week we celebrated our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Monday morning, Tidal Creek Fellowship provided Chick-fil-A breakfast for our teachers and staff members. Plus, the teachers and staff members were showered throughout the week with goodies from the school and our spectacular families!



## i-READY UPDATE

We are excited to announce that Coosa Elementary has earned the iReady Reading banner again - for the third month in a row for the highest percentage of lessons passed! A special thank you to our hardworking students and teachers for making this possible.



## 5th GRADE NEWS

Congratulations to these eight terrific 5th grade artists who their classmates nominated as design finalists for our upcoming Crossing Over ceremony. Two of these students will have their art displayed in our evening program and invitation to symbolize their Coosa pride. Excellent work, Bobcats!





## SCHOOL GARDEN & STEM LAB UPDATE

Coosa's 4th graders created vegetable garden signs using our new 3D printer in the STEM Lab and our second graders created the sign holders using LEGOs. These students synergized to place the sign and holders in our garden!



## RIVER OF WORDS RECOGNITION

Each year BCSD publishes The River of Words - a book including artwork and poetry submitted from students across our school district. This week the students who will be published in the forthcoming book were recognized at a SURPRISE Artist and Poet's Breakfast held in our library. We are so proud of the 20 students who will be published.





# 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 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.

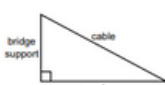


• ELA and mathematics tests have test questions with varying degrees of difficulty.

• 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 <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 ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE - SUMMER PROGRAM

As some of you may be aware, BCSD has partnered with local churches and non-profit organizations to provide extended learning opportunities for students in Beaufort County. The Community Engagement Initiative is approaching the next phase of the initiative with a Summer Enrichment Program, north and south of the board. The District is partnering with the churches and non-profit organizations below. **The program will start on June 6th-July 28th, Monday-Thursday, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.** Transportation will be provided for the students during the month of June but parents will have to transport their students during the month on July. However, Grace Chapel AME will provide transportation for their students during the month of July. School devices will be reissued to the students participating in the program so that they will have access to programs like Reading Plus, i-Ready and IXL in an effort to reinforce the District's educational agenda. The summer programs are expected to focus on reading and math with some recreational time and field trips.

## **June only locations:**

De Gullah Way Tutorial-St. Helena Island  
Meadowbrook Baptist Church-Lady's Island  
Scott Community Center-St. Helena Island

## **June and July locations:**

New Life Deliverance Temple-St. Helena Island  
Grace Chapel AME-Lady's Island  
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church-Seabrook  
St. Paul Baptist Church-Beaufort  
Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen-Bluffton

If you are interested, please complete the interest survey:

<https://forms.gle/yJNtjEG28m9QJBuS8>


As indicated on the survey, any third grade student who may be retained, must attend the summer reading program at their school.

## **Please use the below contact information, if you have additional questions:**

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# FAMILY CODE NIGHT ON MAY 10



Two Dates to Choose From:  
**May 3 or May 10**  
6 p.m.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**FAMILY**  
**CODE**  
**NIGHT**

Families with K-5 grade students are encouraged to join us for SC Family Code Night. Hosted by the SC Department of Education and CSisElementary.org, the one-hour, live online event includes:

- Two nights to choose from (May 3 or May 10)
- Live computer science activities and puzzles for children
- Mobile app design lessons
- Interactive apps
- Great prizes, including programmable robot

Register by visiting the link below or by scanning the QR Code!

[www.bit.ly/SCFCN22](https://www.bit.ly/SCFCN22)

The poster features two cartoon characters: a large orange one on the left and a smaller teal one on the right sitting at a laptop. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

For more information visit this website:

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/beaufort/4h/camps.html>



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### **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 [mebark1@clemson.edu](mailto:mebark1@clemson.edu).

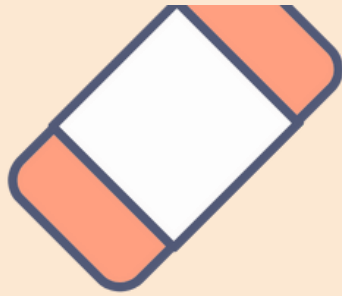
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# 2022-23 AFTER SCHOOL CARE UPDATE



**2022-2023  
SCHOOL YEAR**



**YMCA  
AFTER SCHOOL  
IS BACK!**



**DETAILS TO COME IN MAY:  
SIGN UP INFORMATION  
TUITION RATES**



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