

MAY 13, 2022

THE BOBCAT BRIEF

COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

iREADY TEST REMINDER...

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

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



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 16-19:** iReady Testing (all grades)
- **May 17:** Chorus Concert 6:00 p.m. (students arrive at 5:30)
- **May 17:** Student of the Month Breakfast
- **May 20:** Field Day
- **May 26:** Fifth Grade Crossing Over Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m.
- **May 27:** College Colors Day
- **May 27:** Kindergarten Sing Along 9:00 a.m. **CORRECTION**
- **May 27:** Last day for students-dismissal at 11:45p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Bobcat Families,

Yesterday, all families were emailed information concerning the Parent Climate Survey given by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). The survey takes approximately 5-10 minute to complete. The results will be reflected on our SC School Report Card and will be used to inform decision-making on the school, district, and state levels. Students in grades 3-5 completed a similar survey in the past 2 weeks to gather their thoughts and opinions. Parents can take the survey until May 27th in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Additional information pertaining to accessing the survey was outlined in the paper directions sent home with students and the email sent to all families on May 12th.

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to provide your thoughts and opinions. :)

Sincerely,

Melissa Pender, Principal
Renee Roberts, Assistant Principal

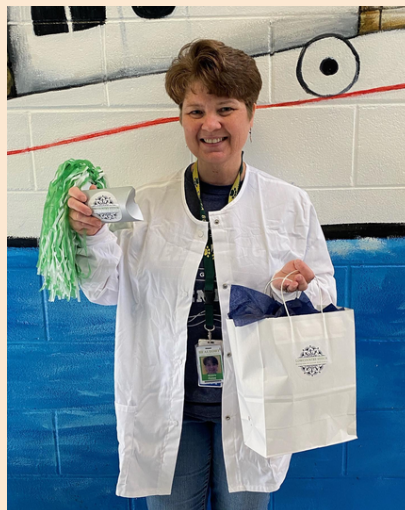
THE ROBOTS ARE HERE!

On Friday, the Lady's Island Middle School and Beaufort High School Robotics teams visited our school! We had a blast learning from these middle and high school students. They even brought their robots to share with our school community! What fun!



NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY

National School Nurse Day was this week, and we got to celebrate our beloved School Nurse, Nurse Fickes, with a new lab coat and gift card for embroidery from Lowcountry Stitch! Thank you for all you do for our school community!



BEAUFORT COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMARK CONTEST

We're so excited to share that one of our 2nd grade students won the Beaufort County Library System's 2022 Bookmark Contest for her age group! We are so proud of you, Sonora! You can learn more about the Beaufort County Library's summer reading program here:

<https://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/summer>



2022-23 AFTER SCHOOL CARE UPDATE



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 mebarkl@clemson.edu.

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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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