

# BOBCAT NEWS

## LA CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 2016

Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family enjoying all the beautiful spring weather. The following shares just a little about what has been happening:

### Family Fun Feast Coming Soon

You may remember that our Family Fun Feast is coming soon. To be more specific, it is Wednesday, June 1, during our regular lunch times. You may also remember that Riley Bingham and Jillian Pratt, both fifth graders, have worked with our staff to create our Family Fun Feast. Riley and Jillian had envisioned a La Center Elementary event where family members could join our students and staff at school to support our students and enjoy a bit of what our school has to offer. Family members are invited to join us for a school picnic and barbecue. Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Kidd will serve as “chefs”, barbecuing hotdogs (1,200 to be more specific) to go along with other barbecue-type fair, such as potato chips, Oreos, and apple juice. Lunch will be provided free of charge to those who choose to join us (students and adults) and will include eating together with students’ classes in the cafeteria, on the field, or other nearby places as the weather allows. You may want to consider parking at the park due to the limited number of parking spaces available on our campus. We hope you choose to join us for the food and fun.

### Smarter Balanced Assessment

Last school year, our school used the pencil-and-paper version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). This school year, we learned from our experiences and prepared for the electronic version of the SBA. Our third graders were the first in the elementary to take the electronic version of the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the SBA. As with any new endeavor, especially in the technology realm, there are lessons to be learned. One was that the SBA system can have glitches that tell students that they may have lost their previous answers and they need to start over. We have learned to be patient with this potentially alarming message and seek help from the teacher. We have also learned that the teacher needs to refresh their computer page periodically when assessing or students may be timed out of the test. As a whole, the experience seemed to go quite well. It went well enough that the third grade teachers decided not to take a day off from testing to go from the computer adaptive test (CAT) portion to the performance task portion.

Last week our fifth graders participated in the science MSP

assessment. This week has our fourth graders taking the ELA portion of the SBA. Next week, our fifth graders will take the ELA SBA and our fourth graders will take the math SBA. The following week, we will finish the scheduled testing with fifth and third taking the math SBA. I am proud of our students for all of their hard work.

### Community Member(s) of Mystery

**Our May Community Member of Mystery** has worked at the elementary school for 17 years. She grew up in Juneau, Alaska. Later she met Jack and they have been married for 25 years. They have lived in La Center for 17 years, the same amount of time she has worked at our school. They have four children, two boys and two girls, who are all grown up. They also have five grandchildren. Our April Community Member of Mystery likes to get a good coffee each morning and can often be spotted in town picking it up before reporting for work. She enjoys baking and decorating cakes and traveling to places like the beach and Disneyland. Who do you think our May Community Member of Mystery is?

### Our April Community

**Member of Mystery** is in her second year at our school, though her first official year as an employee of the La Center School District. She was born and raised in Yacolt, gained her Master of Education degree from Portland State University, and now lives in Orchards with her husband of 15 years. Her husband owns and operates All County Towing. They have two children, a tenth grader who attends Prairie High school and an eighth grader who attends Laurin Middle School. She enjoys spending time outside hiking, finding waterfalls, tent camping, and riding quads on dunes. Who do think our April Community Member of Mystery was?



If you guessed Teresa Warnke, preschool teacher, you are correct. As always, please feel free to share any ideas or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Scott Lincoln, *Principal*

### 2016/17 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is not too late to register for next year's kindergarten classes. Children that turn five on or before August 31, 2016 may register for kindergarten. Parents are encouraged to register between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to avoid congestion in the parking lot before and after school. Please bring your child's state-issued birth certificate and immunization record as well as 2 proof of residency documents. Once we have a completed registration, we will sign your child up for an assessment. Assessments will be held on June 2 and 3.

### BOX TOPS CONTEST

Thank you to all of the students and staff that have been collecting Box Tops For Education all year. We will be collecting Box Tops until May 20 to finish this year's contest. The class that turns in the most Box Tops will receive an ice cream sundae party.

### PTO NEWS

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the PTO board as president or vice president next year, please email Stefani Amstutz at [bobcatsptok5@gmail.com](mailto:bobcatsptok5@gmail.com). Our last PTO meeting this year will be held Monday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria.

### THE ART CORNER

**Hello Bobcats!** I can't believe that we are in our last full month before summer. Time is sure flying by. With all of the great, hot weather we have had, I wanted to spread a little spring cheer throughout the school in the form of art. Kindergarten, second, third and fifth grades all created beautiful projects that represent the spring theme. You will also see evidence of the new art element we are focusing on, texture. Third and fifth grade worked on landscapes. The fifth grade focused on drawing texture in their landscape while third grade used a variety of everyday textured supplies to make their landscapes come to life. You can find their wonderful projects on the bulletin boards in the cafeteria.



Kindergarten and second grade worked on sunshine and butterfly projects. The kindergarteners learned about symmetry and saw some very amazing examples of symmetry in nature by looking at different examples of butterflies and the symmetry that each one shows. The second graders were introduced to the art of drawing expressions. Students were encouraged to draw different facial expressions on suns. They then used watercolor crayons to color the suns in warm colors and the background in cool colors. The results were awesome. You can see both the kindergarten and second grade art in the primary grades' hallway.

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### FCRC NEWS

Hello Bobcats! It is time for the **Jumpstart School Supply Drive**. This year, all 3 campuses are collecting donations of school supplies. Last year, the supply drive helped over 200 La Center students from kindergarten through high school get a jumpstart back to school! This year, we are hoping to help even more students. The classrooms at the elementary school will compete to earn an ice cream party. The Jumpstart School Supply Drive will be May 16 - 27. A flyer will be coming home with more information.

**Safety Fact:** Did you know that your child needs a booster seat until he or she is 8 years old or 4 feet nine inches tall? In fact, it is important for a child's safety to have them sit in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old. This is because regular car safety belts and airbags are designed for adults. In Washington, there is even a traffic fine for children passengers that are not safely restrained in a moving vehicle. For more information about child safety in vehicles, go to [www.boosterseat.org](http://www.boosterseat.org).

**1-2-3 Grow & Learn:** Every Wednesday, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., the FCRC has 1-2-3 Grow & Learn! In partnership with ESD 112, we offer this early education experience free of charge to La Center families. Julia McGillis, our facilitator, leads parent-child time, child socializing, and school readiness activities for families with children birth - 5 years old. The numbers for the month of April are 2, 3 and 4!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 16-27	Jumpstart School Supply Drive
May 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concert, 7:00 PM, MS Gym
May 30	No School, Memorial Day
June 1	Family Fun Feast (during regular lunch times)
June 2 and 3	Kindergarten Assessments, ES Gym (by appointment)
June 6	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
June 7	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. + Hall 4/5 Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 PM, MS Gym
June 13	Field Day (Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes.)
June 16	Last day of school, Early release 11:25 a.m.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

For Community Education classes, visit our website at [www.lacenterschools.org](http://www.lacenterschools.org) or call 360-263-2015. If your child attends a Community Education class directly after school, please send a note with your child sharing that there is a change in their after school plans.

