

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

Bobcat Bulletin

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Mark Your Calendars:

11/1 Yearbooks Sales:
this week! Cost \$30 &
book with name \$37

11/7 Daylight Savings
Time Ends

11/8 Basketball Game -
BMS @ TES 5:30 & Jr
Bobcat Cheer Clinic @
3:15

11/9 CRA Pilot Test
Grades 3rd & 7th

11/10 Health Screening
Pre K, K, 2nd, 4th, 6th,
& 8th

11/11 Basketball Game
TES @ HES 5:30

11/15 Basketball @
Middleton 5:30

11/16 PTO meeting @
6:00

11/17 Progress Reports

11/18 Basketball @
Whiteville 5:30

11/22-11/23 Beta Con-
vention

11/24-11/25 Thanksgiv-
ing Break

11/29 Basketball - HES
@ TES 5:30

We Are Thankful For All We're Learning!

Pre K: We have had a busy month. All the Pre K students should be able to write our name independently, recite our birthday, identify a square, circle, triangle, and rectangle, count to 10, and identify some letters. Our themes for November are: houses and homes, fruits and vegetables, and Thanksgiving.

Kindergarten: The students really enjoy working in their reading and math workstations each day. We are learning how to sound out short a words and word families in reading. They have also been working on syllables, rhyming, blending, deleting sounds, reading sight words. In math, we will begin working on probability and graphing. Before Thanksgiving break, we will learn about the First Thanksgiving. We hope all of our Kindergarten families enjoy their holiday.

1st Grade: First graders have been adding and subtracting and are very good at both. We have been learning about the weather. We even had a visitor come tell us about the weather. This month we will learn about the Pilgrims and the Indians. We are looking forward to having a Thanksgiving Feast like they did. We are also taking AR tests on our library books. Keep Reading!

2nd Grade: The second graders are working on nouns in English. Greater than, less than, and equal to is the focus in Math.

3rd Grade: Third grade had a fantastic time at the Pumpkin Patch! We also want to thank each student's family for their help with each part of the Harvest Festival. We have also begun to study our multiplication facts. Please remember to sign your child's planner each night. Parents need to be aware of what's taking place in the classroom. Thanks again for all your help and support! We are having a GREAT year so far! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

4th Grade: November will be very busy for our fourth graders. We will start a new theme in reading Make Yourself at Home. In Math, we will begin long division. In

Science, we will learn about the phases of the moon and in Social Studies we will learn about the three branches of government. Our first home basketball game is November 8th. We will have a pep rally and get our faces painted that day. Bring a quarter and support our Bobcats!

5th Grade: Fifth graders will work on writing skills this month. Parents, your student will take the TCAP writing test in February. We will continue to learn about fractions in Math and heredity in Science. Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Bumell are thankful for their great students!

Mrs. Armstrong's Math: The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have been utilizing the mobile laptop center. The sixth graders will be translating between verbal and algebraic expressions and equations as well as modeling algebraic expressions using algebra tiles. The seventh graders will study slope and determine whether information in a table, graph, or formula suggests a directly proportional, linear, or inversely proportional relationship. The 8th graders are finding solutions to systems of equations and will solve the linear equation $f(x)=g(x)$.

Mrs. Campbell's Language Arts: The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are finishing up with prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. The 6th graders will begin diagramming the parts of sentences, punctuation, and the writing process. The 7th and 8th graders will identify clauses, punctuation, and the writing process.

Mr. Crowley's History: We are now in a new nine week grading period, and that means a fresh start for grades and conduct for all the middle school students. I hope all will take advantage of this period. All middle school history classes will continue to follow the pacing guide for their respective class. Parents, please encourage your child to read their history books as much as possible at home. I only have a limited time at school for each grade. If a little extra time is spent reading, it could make a big difference.

Mrs. Doyle's Science: The 6th graders have started a unit on space. We will be studying the different components that make up our solar system. The 7th graders are completing a chapter on vertebrate and invertebrate animals. In the next unit, we will be discussing heredity and reproduction. Eighth grade students are learning about the different states of matter.

Mrs. Shaw's Reading: We are enthusiastically moving forward into the second nine weeks of the school year. Please remind your child that the first half of the school year will be over sooner than the first due to Thanksgiving break and winter break. In our reading classes, seventh and eighth graders will turn their attention to units dealing with short stories, types of nonfiction, and drama. The sixth grade will focus on personification, imagery, symbolism, sequence, context clues, analogies, inferences, drawing conclusions, main idea, fact and opinion, predicting, and purpose for writing. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Library News: I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those students who have participated in our AR program for the first nine weeks. At this point, our top three point earners are Amber Pickwell with 146.4 points, Tierra Tomlin with 138.4 points and Brian Stanfield with 67.9 points. Great job and keep reading!

The Harvest Festival on October 1st was a HUGE success! Thank you, parents and students, for your contributions and participation. Also, the staff of TES worked very hard on making the festival the best one yet! The money raised will be used for the instructional program at TES.

Harvest Festival Contest Winners:
Mascot
1st Place - Moss & Gibson
2nd Place - Doyle & Piefer
Donation Points: Piefer
Theme Basket: Moss
Cake Donations: Crouch