

MAY 20, 2022

THE BOBCAT BRIEF

COOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 26:** Fifth Grade Crossing Over Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. ***Doors open at 5:30 p.m.**
- May 27: College Colors Day
- **May 27:** Kindergarten Performance 9:00 a.m. ***Doors open at 8 am. Please arrive early with your ID to check in.**
- **May 27:** Last day for students-dismissal at 11:45a.m.

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Bobcat Families,
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 few 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

DEVICE COLLECTION INFORMATION

On Monday, 5/23 and Tuesday, 5/24 we will be collecting devices at Coosa. Below you will find reminders for your child's grade level.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Make sure your child has the following items:

- __ iPad
- __ iPad OtterBox case/cover (\$45)
- __ iPad USB-C Charging Adapter (\$19)
- __ iPad USB-C to Lightning Cable (\$19)

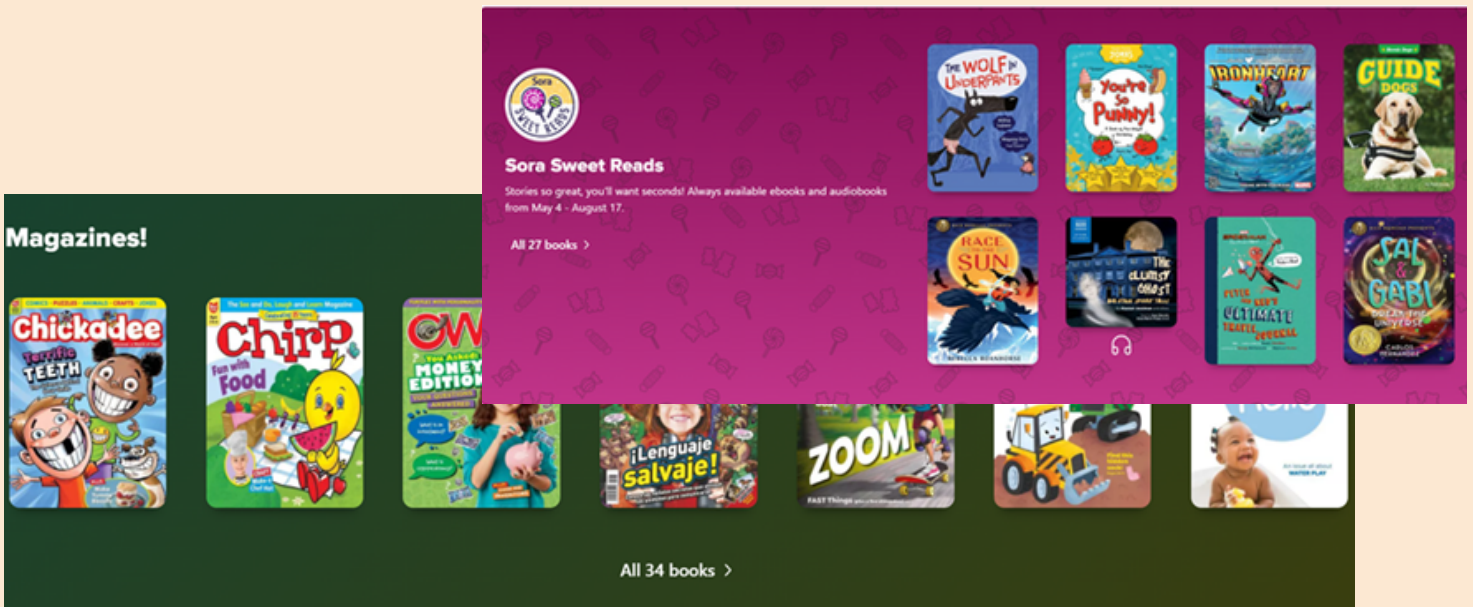
2nd-5th Grade

Make sure your child has the following items:

- HP Device
- Charging Adapter (\$50)
- Carrying Bag (\$20)

SORA - BCSD'S DIGITAL LIBRARY

Did you know your student has access to a digital library called Sora? You and your student can access this resource during the summer months on your personal devices. Simply install the Sora app then login with student's ClassLink credentials. There are directions on the Family/Student Tech Support webpage (under the "Tutorial" tab): <https://bit.ly/FamilyTechBCSD>. There are eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines available to enjoy!



BEAUFORT COUNTY LIBRARY SUMMER READING

Beaufort County Library's Summer Reading challenge will be June 1-July 30! We are encouraging all our students to participate this year! The BCSD school with the most student participation will win a cash prize from BCSD! **Of course, we want Coosa to win!** To find out more information, please see the library's website: <https://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/summer>. Also, the library is again providing free lunch for children! Lunch is provided Monday-Friday.

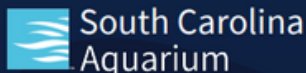
What's more fun than free lunch and checking out books?

SUMMER READING IS ALMOST HERE!

JUNE 1 - JULY 30

2022 LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

DIVE DEEP WITH THE SC AQUARIUM



Join the SC Aquarium as we uncover the mysteries of the deep! Learn about the unique adaptations of deep sea animals and the technology scientists use to study them. Then "dive" in with us as you meet and touch marine animals! Kick off summer reading with this free, educational, and family-friendly event!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4
10:00 AM
HENRY C. CHAMBERS
WATERFRONT PARK**

Co-sponsored by the City of Beaufort

Catch this event at the following branches:

St. Helena Branch Library
Saturday, June 4 at 2:00pm

Hilton Head Branch Library
Friday, June 10 at 11:00am

Bluffton Branch Library
Friday, June 10 at 2:00pm



FREE LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

for every child & teen under 18 years old

**MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
JUNE 6 - JULY 29, 2022**

11:00am - 12:00pm	St. Helena Branch
10:00am - 11:30am	Hilton Head Branch
11:00am - 12:30pm	Bluffton Branch
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Beaufort Branch
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lobeco Branch

NO NEED TO REGISTER OR SIGN UP. JUST COME ON BY!
LUNCH NOT AVAILABLE MONDAY, JULY 4



These programs were made possible thanks to a Library Services Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the South Carolina State Library.



www.beaufortcountylibrary.org

STUDENT OF THE MONTH CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

On Thursday, we celebrated our Students of the Month for the months of February - May. The students were celebrated with a donut breakfast!



GULLAH FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION'S MURAL

With the help of Coosa's Art teacher, Mrs. Sams, Mrs. Bryant's fifth grade students used their knowledge as gardeners to draw, then paint, this beautiful mural that will be displayed on the front of the Gullah Farmers Cooperative Association's new building. The Cooperative Association is a group of ten farmers of Gullah descent who work together to market their crops. The mural depicts eighteen different kinds of produce grown in Beaufort, SC. The association's new building is located at 41 Ball Park Road on St. Helena Island.



COOSA'S FIELD DAY

A big thank you to Coach Adkins who planned and executed a fun and exciting field day for our students! Check out some of our youngest field day attendees from Ms. Kelleher's pre-kindergarten class!



AFTERSCHOOL AT COOSA

Next school year the YMCA is back at Coosa to spearhead our afterschool program! Find more information below or call 843-522-9622.



Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday

2:45—5:30 PM

Program Start Date: Monday, August 15

Early Dismissal Days: NO Afterschool Program

YMCA Afterschool Philosophy:

Y Afterschool programs foster cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development through opportunities and experiences focused on developing achievement, relationships, and belonging:

We deliver activities in a physically and emotionally safe space.

We encourage children to develop at their own unique rate.

We encourage skill development.

We offer youth leadership opportunities.

At the Y, we consider ourselves allies of families in the development of youth, committed to providing opportunities to strengthen the family unit and learn, grow, and thrive together.

Afterschool Activities:

Homework Help · Physical Fitness · Math and Literacy Activities · Arts STEM Activities · Service Learning · Healthy Snacks / Dinner

Payment Calendar:

Families are charged for the days the afterschool program is scheduled- \$9/day.
Monthly and semi-monthly payments accepted.

Please contact the YMCA with any questions at 843-522-9622.

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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