



# Bobcat News

## Back to School for the Bobcats

Unsure of what the Fall semester of the 2020 school year had in store, many Bobcats returned to school on August 24. Smiles were hidden behind the masks of students this year, but one could still see the excitement in their eyes as they entered the school building for the first time since they left for Spring Break in March of 2020. With many safety protocols in place, the Damon ISD teachers and staff welcomed

students into their classroom ready to challenge their minds and fill their hearts with love.

Covid-19 has wreaked havoc in this country, but Damon ISD students and staff were ready for school to begin. Many safety protocols were put into place including social distancing in the classroom, required masks, temperature checks, limited visitation

and lots of hand washing!! Bobcat parents did a great job practicing with their children and teaching them the importance of wearing their mask to protect themselves and their classmates.

The Damon Bobcats are ready to make the 2020-2021 school year the best ever!



## A Different Classroom

Due to a worldwide pandemic, many changes have occurred. Covid-19 and social distancing has changed the set up of today's classrooms. At the recommendation of the CDC, student desks are now 6 feet apart, at a mini-

mum. On buses, in the hallways and in the classrooms, six feet of distance is required to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Here's a sneak peak into one of

Damon ISD's classrooms!



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### Special points of interest:

- Check your child's report card closely. If they have an "I," they have missing work that they need to complete.
- Students working from home must check in daily with their teachers for attendance credit! Truancy rules still apply!

## First Day of School

Despite all the changes and with all the safety precautions in place, the first day of school was a huge success. Students and staff were excited to see each other once again, and even though it was different, a sense of normalcy was returned. The days look a little different with students remaining in one classroom for the majority of the day. Breakfast and lunch are delivered to the classrooms each morning and lunch period. There's lots of talk about hand washing, mask wearing, and proper sanitization. Damon ISD has done an excellent job of putting safety protocols in place so that students feel safe in the classroom

with their teacher. Air hugs and air high fives are the new way to give that extra boost and appreciation. Who knows how long this will last, but one thing is for sure—the Damon Bobcat students and staff are doing a great job of keeping themselves and each other safe!



## Mask Maskmaticians

Wearing a mask can take its toll on the wearer. Often times, they are hot and uncomfortable. The Damon Bobcats know how important it is to wear their mask at all times for their safety and the safety of others.



Each week, teachers nominate students from their classroom that have done an excellent

job wearing their mask. Their names go in a drawing where five lucky winners receive a grab bag and their name is put on a special bulletin board. Check with your child to see if they have won yet!



## Soaring through the Solar System

When you hear the word solar system, what comes to your mind? Does it take you back to the solar system song to learn the planets or some mnemonic device you used to help you remember the stars or constellations? Mrs. VanDyke's class has been hard at work learning about

the solar system including the planets. Another learning topic for them has been life cycles. Students have been excitedly learning the stages from egg to adult.



*Mrs. Van Dyke's class can tell you lots of facts about the planets!*



*Students with their life cycle sequencing posters.*

## Welcome New Teachers and Staff

Damon ISD added several amazing staff members to its fantastic team for the 2020-2021 school year. Please welcome Mrs. Haeffner (All Level PE), Mrs. Black (6th-8th Math and Science), Mrs. Ayers (Special Education), Miss Allen (paraprofessional), and Ms. Scott (paraprofessional). Each of these wonderful people are a great addition to the Bobcat Family. We are excited that

they joined the Damon ISD team. They are already making a huge, positive impact on our students.



Mrs. Haeffner



Mrs. Black



Mrs. Ayers



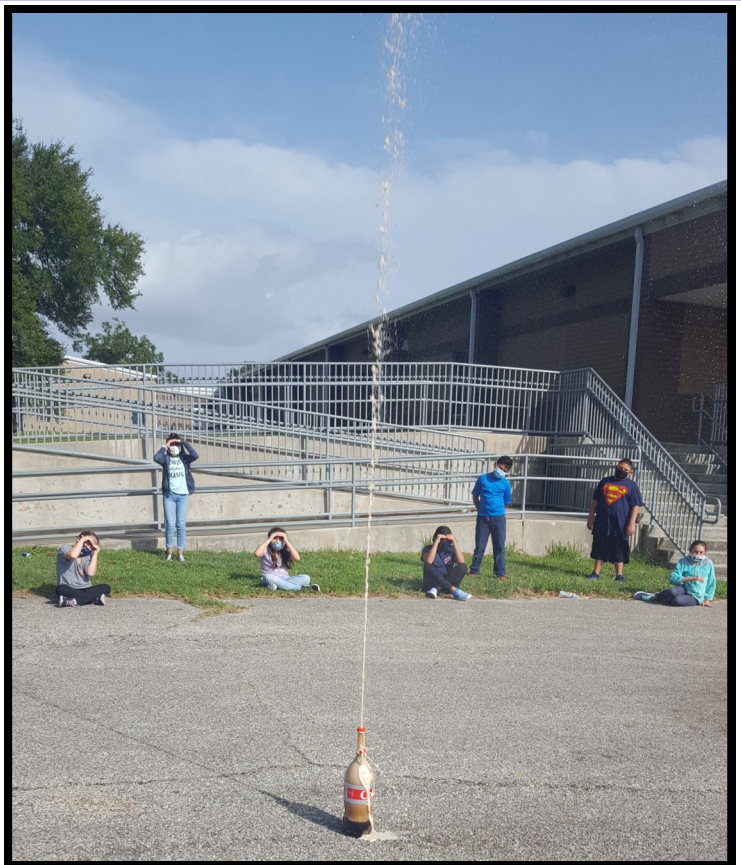
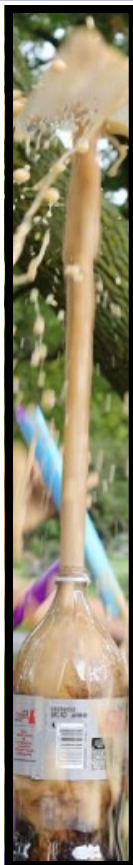
Miss Allen



Ms. Scott

## Science Fun and Learning with Ms. Dudley

WOW! Would you look at that! How COOL! But what can you learn from an exploding diet Coke bottle? Just ask Ms. Dudley's 5th grade science class! To learn about chemical reactions, students mixed two delicious ingredients, diet Coke and Mentos, to create a geyser of carbon dioxide bubbles. Scientists aren't sure exactly why the Mentos cause such an explosive reaction, but they think that the sweetener and other chemicals in the Mentos react with the diet Coke to cause lots of carbon dioxide bubbles to form on the surface of the mints very quickly. This causes pressure to build in the bottle and send a spectacular jet of bubbles shooting into the air.



# Proper Hand Washing

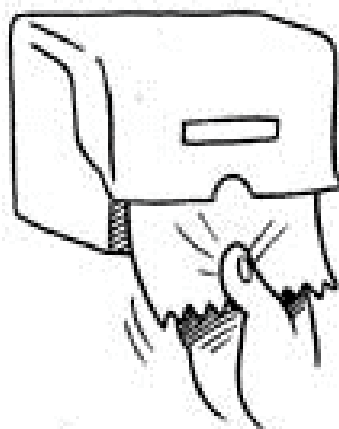
**START** →



1. Wet hands



6. Turn off  
taps with  
towel



5. Towel dry

## HAND WASHING STEPS



2. Soap  
(20 seconds)



3. Scrub backs  
of hands, wrists,  
between fingers,  
under fingernails.



4. Rinse