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### SOARING

Students and staff at Dutch Ridge have taken flight and are soaring into the 23-24 school year. There were some inside and outside facelifts over the summer.

Dutch Ridge Elementary had safety wraps installed on the outer windows this summer. Our BOBCAT SPIRIT is evident!



### NEW SPACES

Our new Bobcat Zen Den will be utilized as a calming place to hit the reset button. Students will be able to relax as well as work on mindfulness strategies and other research-based coping techniques.

In addition, student can work in small groups in the Den and even utilize the space for a quiet testing area. Teachers are also encouraged to "zen" in the space during their prep periods.



We didn't stop at the Zen Den, we also created a LEGO room. In a partnership program with CMU, we are able to offer LEGO play learning experiences for students.

In addition to therapeutic and creative Brick by Brick club sessions, classes will have opportunities to explore their inner builder and sorter through our six-day rotation experiences.



### NEW FACES



Mr. Chris Frye has joined our specialist team as the new physical education teacher. Chris joins BASD from Canon McMillan and Duquesne City School Districts.

Mr. Frye attended the University of Pittsburgh for his Master's degree. We are so excited to have him in our bobcat family.

### DR STUDENT PROGRAMS

- 4th grade:
  - Academic Games
  - Band and/or Orchestra
- 5th grade:
  - eSports Program
  - Mini Master Gardeners Program
  - Academic Games
  - Chorus
  - Band and/or Orchestra
- 6th grade:
  - eSports Program
  - Gardening Program
  - Social Studies Program
  - Student Council Program
  - Yearbook Program
  - Academic Games
  - Chorus
  - Band and/or Orchestra

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCTOBER**  
 DR MUSICAL MEETING 10/2  
 NO SCHOOL 10/9  
 PUMPKIN DROPOFF 10/16 & 10/17  
 ZRONI PICKUP 10/17  
 PICTURE DAY 10/19  
 PUMPKIN PICKUP 10/20  
 MONSTER MASH 10/27 (EVENING)  
 NO SCHOOL 10/30  
 WEAR YOUR COSTUME 10/31
- NOVEMBER**  
 FALL FEST 11/21  
 BOOK FAIR 11/20 & 11/21  
 STUDENT SHOWCASE 11/21 (EVENING)
- DECEMBER**  
 WINTER CONCERT (GRADES 5/6) 12/14  
 BAND/ORCH (GRADE 4) 12/18  
 HOLIDAY SHOP 12/19 & 12/20  
 BOBCAT GAMES 12/22

### WHO'S WHO?

**3rd Grade**  
 Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Porter- Math  
 Ms. Gillette & Ms. Moore- ELA  
 Mrs. Porada- Science  
 Mrs. Hogan- Social Studies  
 Ms. Cejer- Learning Support  
 Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Sanchez- Instructional Assistants

**4th Grade**  
 Mrs. Camp & Mrs. Frantz- Math  
 Ms. Hartwick & Mrs. Yaria- ELA  
 Mrs. Naugler- Science  
 Mrs. DeBacco- Social Studies  
 Mrs. Urso- Learning Support  
 Ms. Hill, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Swigart- Instructional Assistants

**5th Grade**  
 Mr. Mammone & Mr. Vojtko- Math  
 Mrs. Mamone & Mrs. Phillips- ELA  
 Mrs. Pitaro- Science  
 Mrs. Oles- Social Studies  
 Mrs. Mann- Learning Support  
 Mrs. Matsko, Mrs. Rahe & Mrs. Roberts- Instructional Assistants

**6th Grade**  
 Mrs. Pratt & Mr. Stover- Math  
 Mrs. Lang & Mrs. O'Leary- ELA  
 Ms. Smith- Science  
 Mrs. Learn- Social Studies  
 Ms. Guy- Learning Support

**Life Skills**  
 Jackie Smithhammer  
 Mrs. Tady & Mrs. Thornton- Instructional Assistants

**Specialists**  
 Jennifer Larson- Reading/Title I  
 Mr. Bechdel- STEAM  
 Mr. Cypher- Music, Chorus  
 Mr. Frye- Gym  
 Ms. Poeggel- Orchestra  
 Mr. Householder- Technology  
 Mrs. Neeley- Art  
 Mr. Scanga- Band  
 Mrs. McNeil- Library, Gifted  
 Mrs. Holt- Library Asst.  
 Mrs. Morgan- Speech  
 Ms. DiTullio- Counselor grades 3/5  
 Mr. Selepec- Counselor grades 4/6  
 Ms. Thompson- Mental Health Therapist

**School Resource Officer**  
 Mr. Don Yates

**Front Office/Building Coordinators**  
 Mrs. Krusselbrink & Mrs. Maris

