



# BOBCAT BULLETIN



## SPELLBOUND RESULTS!

Sonora Elementary students represented our school well at the 50th Annual Dr. McOmber Junior High Spelling Bee on February 26th, held at Curtis Creek School. This event brings top student spellers across Tuolumne County for a very competitive event.



Sonora El's Ben Van Arsdel, a top 10 finisher, works with a competition judge.

In the development of our spelling bee team, all of our 7th and 8th grade students had to show the academic proficiency to be a part of this prestigious group. Ms. Lauren Read, our Spelling Bee Coordinator, through student performance, chose 6 students to represent Sonora Elementary in the County competition. Congratulations to **Lizzy Rosefield, Aubrey Greenway, Jillian Van Arsdel, Abby Greenway, Veer Patel and Ben Van Arsdel** for making the team and doing well in the County competition. In addition, we are also very proud of Ben Van Arsdel and Veer Patel for their **top 10 performance**, in battling with over 60 competitors in the County.



## STATE ACADEMIC TESTING

Next month, our 3rd through 8th grade students will be participating in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This will assess English-Language Arts, mathematics, and science (5th/8th). Our first official day of testing will be **Monday, April 14th**, with our 6th graders. A detailed schedule for all grades will be distributed soon. The school and grade level results is one of many important data points to review how our school is doing. We also use this data to compare ourselves with the schools in our County (we don't like losing to any of them) and at the State level. Our teachers are working hard to prepare our students to show grade level proficiency. Getting exposure to the functionality and working through a practice test is invaluable and can be done at school and at home:

<https://tinyurl.com/2c9eedpw>

In addition, students can continue to build their academic skills at home with i-Ready MyPath.

First, visit the SES Clever website, <https://clever.com/in/sonora-bobcats>. Students will can log in to Clever with their Google account. Once in Clever, click the i-Ready app to open i-Ready app and go to MyPath. Using the 2nd Diagnostic results from January, your student will navigate through MyPath, meeting them where they are academically and building their skills.

## "SWEET" CREATIVITY

The American Library of Poetry is putting on the 29th Annual National Student Poetry Contest and here is a wonderful submission by **Aubrey Harris**, 4th Grade.

### SWEET TREATS

*Every time I eat a sweet,  
It's so delicious! What a treat!  
Chocolate, ice cream, gummy bears,  
And guess what? I never share*

*I don't want your dinner meat  
Or your vegetables that taste like feet.  
All I want is for you to bake  
Me a giant chocolate cake.*

*Sugary, flour, chocolate chips,  
Mix it up, what do you get?  
A batch of cookies, warm and fine,  
Baked so perfect every time.*

*Walking through the donut shop,  
Will these cravings ever stop?  
Hope they have my favorite, caramel cream,  
It's the one that fills my dreams.*

*Sweet treats and yummy snacks  
Are the best, and that's a fact.  
But you must take a break,  
Or you may get a tummy ache.*

## IT'S TIME FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



## IMPORTANT DATES

3/10	4th Grade to Long Barn Ice Skating, 9:00 am
3/11	SES Spring Pictures
	6th Grade to SF Exploratorium, 7:00 am
3/12	7th Grade Science Fair Expo, 3:30 pm
	School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
3/14	Girls Volleyball Pictures (6th-8th), 2:35 pm
3/17 - 3/21	Coach Classic 7th/8th Volleyball Tournament
3/17	6th Grade to Long Barn Ice Skating, 9:30 am
3/18	American Heart Association Assembly, K-8
	4th - 6th G.A.T.E to Yankee Hill Cooking, 10:30 am
3/19	Minimum Day
3/20	5th Grade Wax Museum, 8:30 am