

**May 2023**



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**From The Principal**

Dear Bethke families,

What a wonderful year we have had of honoring all learners. It's exciting to see how much our bobcats have grown in so many ways! We thank you for your partnership this year. We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks for coming out to celebrate 15 years at Bethke! Such a fun night seeing our community come together.

May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in celebrating the most amazing staff ever! Truly the dedication and passion this staff shows is unmatched. This is a warm, welcoming, positive home for all learners because of them. They love your children and pour their hearts and souls into them each and every day. Take some time this week to send them a note of appreciation or have your children write/draw something for them. They cherish those. Thank you to our PTO Staff Appreciation Committee for taking care of them this week and always.

This month is full of celebrations. We hope to see you here! May 17 is a special day as our school comes together to celebrate the Fossil Ridge High School graduates who used to be bobcats. You're welcome to come to the parade at 1:30 p.m. on School House Drive. We are proud of our former bobcats as they take on the world!

We have hired several new staff members for the 23-24 school year. Keep an eye on social media for pictures and bios of our newest staff members!

Let's make it a fun month as we wind down the year!

Ann Alfonso

Principal



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Questions? See [Transportation FAQs](#) or email [busrequest@psdschools.org](mailto:busrequest@psdschools.org)

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Hello Bobcat Families!

It is hard to believe it is May! Where has this school year gone? Hopefully you are looking forward to longer, slower summer days!

Summer is a great time for our kids to experience unstructured play time. Oftentimes during the school year, our families are busy with schedules and activities and our kids don't have a lot of unstructured play time.

Research tells us that unstructured play– play that is not directed by adults– is imperative for kids to thrive socially, emotionally and mentally. Unstructured play with other kids is important for growth and development, and so is play as a family. According to Lauren McNamara, Ph.D., “Engaging in unstructured play with the kids can be an important time for families to stay connected and feel emotionally secure together.” Unstructured play increases creativity, problem solving skills, critical thinking skills, social skills, resiliency, emotional development and builds fine motor skills.

Hopefully you can build in some time this summer for your family to have some unstructured play time! We are wishing you a very joyful summer full of memory-making experiences. Enjoy!

As always, if we can help with any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



**If we can be of assistance to your child, please get in touch!**

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## A Message from the Health Office

Please stop by the health office to pick up medication(s) that have been stored here during the school year. Medications **cannot** be sent home with your student. This policy is important to safeguard all students against improper or accidental ingestion of medication.

**All medications & health office supplies need to be picked up before 11:00 am on Friday May 26th** This is the last day of school and it is a half day. Due to the volume of medications in the health office and the process to sign meds out, please come any time before May 26<sup>th</sup> to pick up medications. If medications are picked up before the last day of school, the needed number of pills can be counted out and kept in the original container at school.

**The school nurse will follow state health department procedures and medications will be properly disposed of. This includes ALL medications (Rx, epinephrine injectors, inhalers, diabetic supplies, etc.) not picked up before 11:00 am on the last day of school.** Medications cannot be saved in the health office over summer break. Thank you for understanding.

If medications are needed for the **2023-2024** school year, you may obtain new forms from the PSD website over the summer. New forms are needed every school year and do not carry over. You can click here for new forms: <https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/student-health>

You may also visit [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) - click on Parents, click on Student Health (right side) and then scroll down to find your desired forms (section 6 & 8). Please fill out the appropriate Health Care Action Plan form with the Authorization to Administer Medication.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer,

Jessica Cody

Health Tech



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## May Newsletter 2023—Music

\*The **Bethke Show Choir** will perform their show, “Totally Awesome 80’s”, on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Come enjoy the best decade of music (Mrs. Adams’ opinion!) presented by an amazing group of singers! We know it will be a *totally rad* evening!

\***Kindergarten Celebration**.....This special show will take place on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 a.m.** Doors open at **9:00 a.m.** Our kindergarten bobcats are so excited to perform their music program for their families.

The music curriculum for PSD is Quaver Music. This is a very creative and fun digital curriculum that is also available to students for free at home. I create and use lessons in Quaver frequently in my classroom. There are many wonderful songs, movement opportunities, music-creating opportunities, and games in this program. Quaver also includes many great resources for learning music theory and history. All PSD elementary students are automatically provided with a private, free student account in Quaver. Please note that, if your child was in our district last year, he/she will automatically be placed in the next grade level and in his/her new teacher’s classroom. Students will need to know their PSD email and email password to log in to Quaver through our tinyurl link (given below). I’ve posted very specific directions for accessing student Quaver accounts on my Learning Page. I’ve also posted a link to that page below. Go check out Quaver and let me know if you have any trouble getting logged into your account.

Here is the link to my Learning Page:

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/bet-learning-music-adams/home>

Here is the login site for Quaver Music:

[www.tinyurl.com/2022Quaver](http://www.tinyurl.com/2022Quaver)

Please feel free to reach out to me at [aadams@psdschools.org](mailto:aadams@psdschools.org) with any concerns or questions you may have.

Musically Yours,

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Music Teacher



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### Portfolios

As summer approaches, students are preparing to take their portfolios home. They will reflect on their favorite projects, challenges, and accomplishments. Take some time to talk to your child about their work. Listen to their stories and ideas. Your child has worked hard this year; be sure to encourage and value their artistic effort! Portfolios and artwork can stay at home (students will receive new portfolios next year).

### Foothills Designs and Images Art Show

Foothills is hosting a spring art show for Poudre School District this year. Stop by the mall between April 6 through May 9 to see the amazing art.

Please join me in celebrating the following fifth grade students for being part of this special show: Rylee Kiphorn, Alex Wilson, Colin Ross, Molly Blantin, Miriam Lamkin, Maggie Tyler, Miliani Harris, Nolan Ahrens, Trevor Ayme, Brenna Geisert, Brynn Murphy, Ella Kuethe, Jackson George, and Alston Dowling.

### Summer Art Activities

Looking for a summer art class? Here are some sites that offer a variety of art classes:

AEI Studio in Windsor: <https://www.aeistudioandgifts.com/create>

VanCo School of Art in Fort Collins: <https://www.vancoschool.com/contact-us.html>

Fort Collins Recreator: <https://www.fcgov.com/recreator/>

Sanderosa Art Gallery in LaPorte: <https://www.sanderosaartgallery.com/classes>

Windsor Parks, Recreation, and Culture: <https://www.recreationliveshere.com/160/Activity-Guide>

Thank you for supporting the arts at Bethke and making this year a great one! Have a great summer!

-Lydia Richardson, Art Teacher

An advertisement featuring a young boy with curly hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, smiling. The background is a blurred indoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, there are two logos: "The Youth Clinic" and "Pediatric Urgent Care of Northern Colorado".

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**The library will be closing book checkout on May 5th!**

Please scour your homes for books belonging to our Bethke library and return all books by the second week of May. Late returns will be marked lost and students will receive letters in Friday folders detailing replacement fees as early as May 12th.

We appreciate your partnership in gathering our library books to ensure we start the fall with a full and diverse library for returning students!

We do hope, however, that students continue reading and utilizing their technology skills over summer break. The Symbaloo pages will be available throughout the summer for easy access to a variety of applications!

[Kindergarten, First & Second Grade Symbaloo](#)

[Third, Fourth, & Fifth Grade Symbaloo](#)

### Technology Applications by Grade Level:

<b>Kindergarten:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach Your Monster to Read (reading and math learning)</li> <li>• Bubble Game (dexterity using a trackpad)</li> <li>• Google Drive</li> <li>• Bee Bot Coding</li> <li>• Code.org</li> <li>• Scratch Jr.</li> <li>• Storyline Online</li> </ul>	<b>First Grade:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seesaw</li> <li>• Epic!</li> <li>• Teach Your Monster to Read</li> <li>• Google Drive</li> <li>• Bee Bot Coding</li> <li>• Code.org</li> <li>• Scratch Jr.</li> </ul>
<b>Second Grade:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keyboard Zoo</li> <li>• Typing Club</li> <li>• Google Drive</li> <li>• epic!</li> <li>• Bee Bot Coding</li> <li>• Code.org</li> <li>• Scratch.com</li> <li>• Adobe Express</li> </ul>	<b>Third Grade:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pixton</li> <li>• Nitro Type</li> <li>• Fast Fingers</li> <li>• Typing Club</li> <li>• Google Drive</li> <li>• Code.org</li> <li>• Adobe Express</li> </ul>
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## Field Day

This year has flown by and field day is approaching. As the end of the school year concludes students will get a day full of fun, laughter, and hopefully sunshine on May 19th. Families are encouraged to join their children during the all school lunch from 12:15-12:45, but we ask for only the scheduled volunteers to stay throughout the activities due to crowding purposes. Since field day will be outside please make sure students are prepared with proper clothing, water, and if you would like sunscreen. All of the students will be put into color groups to help volunteers and staff keep groups organized as they rotate throughout the activities. If you are interested in volunteering for events please sign up for a time slot of the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAC2DA0F5C34-field1> All volunteers will be outside the entire time and please make sure that you have registered through the district volunteer page before coming to Bethke where you will check in at the front office. I appreciate all of the community's help in creating a memorable end of the school year experience for the students.

## Summer Fun

It is hard to believe that another school year has gone by. Throughout the summer I encourage students to continue to stay active and try as many new activities and adventures as possible. Yard games like cornhole, ladder ball, spike ball, and can jam are a fun way to spend a BBQ and stay active. Summer is also a great time to help students learn more about outdoor sports skills such as hiking, camping, water sports, and more. I look forward to hearing all of the kids' fun stories about activities they experienced throughout the entire summer.



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1 Chess Club, 2:40-3:40 pm Show Choir, 2:40-3:15 pm Karate, 2:38-3:38 pm	2 Kindness Day- wear neon/bright colors Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm	3 Bike to School Day! 	4 Show Choir, 2:40-3:15 pm Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm Show Choir Concert, 6:30 pm	5 Show Choir Assembly, 8:30 am Science Matters, 2:40-3:40 pm Karate, 2:38-3:38 pm
8 Teacher Appreciation Week Chess Club, 2:40-3:40 pm Karate, 2:38-3:38 pm	9 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coffee Talk, 8:00 am Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm	10	11 Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm	12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Mother's Day Tea Science Matters, 2:40-3:40 pm Karate, 2:38-3:38 pm
15 No School- Staff Work-day	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Eco Experience Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm	17 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Sylvan Dale Ranch FRHS Senior Car Parade, 1:30 pm	18 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Eco Experience Girls on the Run, 2:40-3:40 pm	19 Field Day All school lunch, 12:15-12:45 pm Color Spirit Day Karate, 2:38-3:38 pm
22 Move-Up Day	23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Timnath Park, 10:30 am	24 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade End of School Party at Timnath Park, 10:30 am	25 Kinder Celebration, 9:30 am	26 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 9:00 am Last day of school, dismissal at 11:08 am
29 School Building Closed for Memorial Day	30 New Kindergartner Open House, 9-11 am	31 Front Office Closes for the summer.		

Save your family time and money with free summer meals for your kids this summer! No application or registration needed, just stop by and enjoy. To find meal sites near you, visit [lunchlab.org](https://lunchlab.org) or text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304. You can also call The Lunch Lab at 970-493-4477 for more information.



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**To:** Parents/guardians of students enrolled in Colorado schools  
**From:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Immunization Branch  
**Re:** Tdap vaccine required for sixth-grade entry

Dear Parent/Guardian, *(health care providers, please see reverse side).*

Colorado law [requires](#) students who are entering sixth grade to receive a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before their first day of school.

The Tdap vaccine can prevent tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds and cannot be spread from person to person. Diphtheria and pertussis spread from person to person.

- **Tetanus** causes painful stiffening of the muscles. Tetanus can lead to serious health problems, including the inability to open your mouth, difficulty swallowing and breathing, and death.
- **Diphtheria** can lead to difficulty breathing, heart failure, paralysis, and death.
- **Pertussis**, also known as “whooping cough,” can cause uncontrollable, violent coughing that makes it hard to breathe, eat, or drink. Pertussis can be extremely serious, especially in infants and young children, and can cause pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, or death. In teens and adults, it can cause weight loss, loss of bladder control, passing out, and rib fractures from severe coughing.

While the Tdap vaccine is typically given at age 11 for students who are entering sixth grade, it may also be given as early as 10 years of age. When it is given at age 10, it will: 1) Count as a valid adolescent Tdap dose, and 2) meet Colorado’s sixth grade Tdap school vaccine requirement.

Is your sixth-grader missing their Tdap vaccine? Click [here](#) to find an immunization provider near you.

If your child does not receive Tdap vaccine at sixth-grade entry, regardless of their age, a certificate of [medical](#) or [nonmedical](#) exemption must be submitted to the school. This will ensure your student is compliant with Colorado school immunization law and able to attend school.

For clinical questions about vaccines or more information, email [cdphe\\_vacs@cdphe.co.us](mailto:cdphe_vacs@cdphe.co.us).

**To:** Health care providers  
**From:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Immunization Branch  
**Re:** Tdap vaccine required for sixth-grade entry

Dear health care provider, (parents and guardians, please see reverse side).

Colorado law [requires](#) students who are 10 or 11 years of age and entering sixth grade to receive a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine before the start of the school year.

The [Colorado Board of Health Rule](#) aligns with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [immunization schedule](#). While Tdap vaccine is typically given at age 11 for students entering sixth grade, it may also be given at 10 years of age. This is [allowed by CDC](#). A Tdap dose given at age 10 will count as a valid adolescent Tdap dose and meet Colorado's sixth grade Tdap school vaccine requirement.

Per Colorado law, prior to school entry, the student's parent/guardian is responsible for submitting a student's school-required vaccine records. If these are not submitted to the school, the student's parent/guardian is responsible for submitting a Certificate of [Medical](#) or [Nonmedical](#) Exemption in order for their student to attend school. *Refer to this [CDC web page](#) for definitions of medical contraindications to vaccines.*

Immunizations are the best protection against vaccine-preventable diseases. Access the following resources to support children and adolescents in staying current or catching up with their routine vaccines, including Tdap and DTaP.

Routinely timed vaccines:

- [Child and adolescent immunization schedule](#) (CDC)

Catch up guidance:

- [Children and adolescents 10 through 18 years of age](#) (PDF)
- [Children and adolescents who start late or are >1 month behind](#) (CDC)

The Colorado Immunization Branch provides access to a nurse consultant who can address vaccine-related questions. Please call CDPHE at 303-692-2700, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and ask for the School and Child Care Nurse Consultant who can address your school-required vaccines questions or email [cdphe\\_vacs@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_vacs@state.co.us).