Bethke Elementary School

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The Bethke Connection

OCTOBER 2026



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Bethke Website



From the Principal

Happy October!

We are welcoming the cooler weather that traditionally signals the school year is in full swing.

Parent/Teacher Conferences We are looking forward to meeting with you during parent-teacher conferences!

- **Dates:** October 5th, 6th, and 8th
- **Sign-Up:** Your child's teacher(s) sent out a sign-up link. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so—and let us know if you need any assistance.

Strong partnerships between parents and teachers directly drive student success, and we appreciate your active participation!

Celebrating Academic Excellence
Speaking of success, we have much to celebrate! Every year, the Colorado Department of Education assigns a performance rating to each school called the **School Performance Framework (SPF)**—think of it as a report card for our school.

Bethke's SPF rating was exceptionally strong this year, improving on last year's scores and **exceeding expectations** in both student achievement and growth. You can view our full SPF report **here**.

This success is the direct result of the hard work and dedication of our incredible students, talented educators, and supportive families. Thank you for doing your part to keep Bethke an amazing place to learn and grow!

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From the Principal, continued…

Bobcat Dash PTO Fundraiser & Gaga Ball Pit
Another huge success was the Bobcat Dash! Our PTO did an outstanding job organizing, and our parent community showed up in full force.

Mr. Furlet and I made a few challenges with the students on how much money they could raise. Happily, the kids won every single challenge—and as you can see in the photos below, we paid up!

Thanks to your generosity, the PTO is purchasing a **Gaga Ball pit/kit** for our school playground! We are currently ordering the equipment and look forward to having it installed later this school year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Deon Davis, Principal

PS: We are having quite a bit of difficulty transitioning the Facebook page to new ownership, and I have been advised that we will need to make a new one. We are in the process of doing that and will get the information to you ASAP

Fun Times at Bethke

Mr. Davis turned into an ice cream sundae!



Mr. Furlet took six pies to the face!

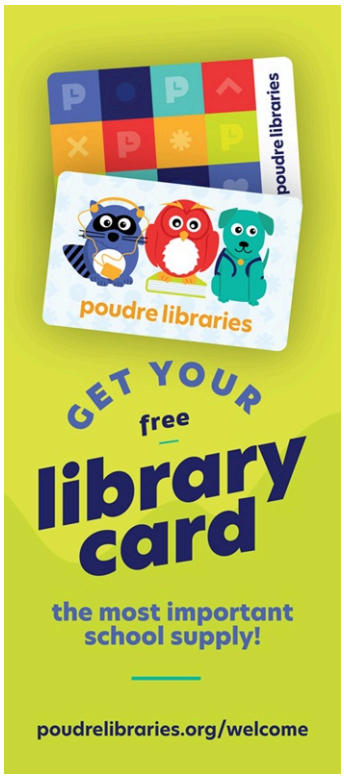


Mr. Davis slept on the roof!









"Nuts & Bolts" Updates from the Office

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Thank you for using the front (west) area for student drop-off and pick-up. Please note that the back parking lot, near the buses, is staff parking only and should not be used for drop-off/ pick-up. Also, when you park and walk your student to the school/playground, please use the crosswalk directly in front of the school. Instead of crossing the "kiss-and-go" lane. The kiss-and-go crosswalk is staffed before and after school. Crossing elsewhere is unsafe and sets a bad practice for the students. Thank you for helping to keep all of our students safe!

Smart Watches and Phones

Students who use/bring these communication devices must either turn them off and put them away or turn off communication and game features during the school day. These items can be very distracting to students during school. We recognize that parents or students may want to communicate during the day, in which case it is appropriate to do so with facilitation by the adults in the school; those in the classroom or office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Absence Reporting

Families can report absences in Parent Vue (see directions below) or call the attendance line (available 24 hours) at 970-488-4301 if your child is going to be absent or tardy for any reason.

To report absences in ParentVUE:

1. Log in to ParentVUE
2. Click on the blue Report Absence tile for the student you want to report
3. Select a Reason for attendance mark of Excused or Excused Illness (choose either if your student will be tardy)
4. Fill in the required Note field of details for the absence
5. Click Save

Volunteering at Bethke

If you will be volunteering at Bethke (or any PSD site) this school year, please sign up through the PSD website **https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers**

Please remember to bring your photo ID with you the first time you come in to volunteer. We appreciate your time and energy spent with our Bobcats!

District News

PSD schools are cash-free. You can pay for fees, activities, and other charges online at any time using a debit card, credit card, or bank account, with no additional fee. Cash and check payments are accepted at the cashier at the Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Avenue, Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If getting there is not possible, call (970) 490-3648 or email finance@psdschools.org and staff will arrange another option.

Colorado provides free school meals to all students, so families often skip the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application. Please complete it anyway. To receive fee waivers, a student must be approved for free or reduced-price meals and have a Permission to Share form on file. Please visit the Student Fees and Charges page on the PSD website to learn more.

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"Nuts & Bolts" Updates from the Office, continued…

Health Office Updates

Vision and Hearing

Vision and Hearing Screening is taking place on October 20th. We are in need of volunteers, please use the following link to sign up.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8A929AAF9C34-65931141-vision

Clothing Donations Needed

Do you have clothing items that could be used for students? The Health Office is in need of boys shorts/pants (specifically sizes 4-8) and Girls shorts/pants (specifically sizes 8-12).
BETHKE HEALTH OFFICE WEBPAGE-CLICK HERE

- **MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL: Have your provider fill out the Medication Authorization form if any OVER THE COUNTER or PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION will be needed at school.**
- **Have your provider fill out a Healthcare Action Plan if needed (see site for more information)**

📢 **Important Reminder for Parents from the Health Office: Immunizations & Exemptions**

As we enter the 2026-2027 school year, please make sure your child's immunization records are up to date. Colorado law requires all students attending school to have either:

✅ **Proof of required immunizations or** 📄 **A valid exemption (medical or non-medical)** on file

This helps keep our schools safe and healthy for everyone!

🗓️ **Deadline:** Please submit documentation by the first week of November.

📍 **Where to submit**: Check with your school's front office or health office staff.

For exemption forms and immunization schedules, visit:
https://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization

Thank you for helping us protect our community!

Kim Williamson, Nurse

Katie Nixon, Health Tech

Immunization - Department of Public Health & Environment

Routine childhood vaccines for school-aged children have decreased by three percent in compliance since the 2019/2020 school year according to the State of Colorado Immunization Data. Let's get Colorado back on track and keep all of Colorado safe and healthy for generations to come.

cdphe.colorado.gov

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school!

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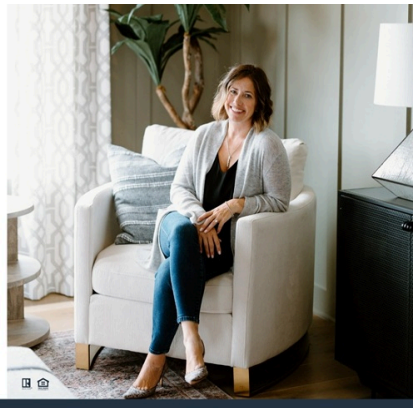

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Attendance

Your Attendance Matters for October Count

When you login to **ParentVUE or StudentVUE**, it is easy to see your attendance summary. Schedule a time every month to check this attendance summary. Be informed and set your goals for attendance.

Learners need help to stay engaged. Monitor your student's academic progress and seek support from teachers and other school staff. Make sure teachers know how to contact you directly to partner in supporting your learner.





Counselor's Corner

At Bethke we use PurposeFull People from Character Strong to support a schoolwide focus on being the best bobcats we can be. Each month we focus on one character trait to build awareness and skills. In October we are celebrating RESPONSIBILITY!

One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

PurposeFull Pursuits

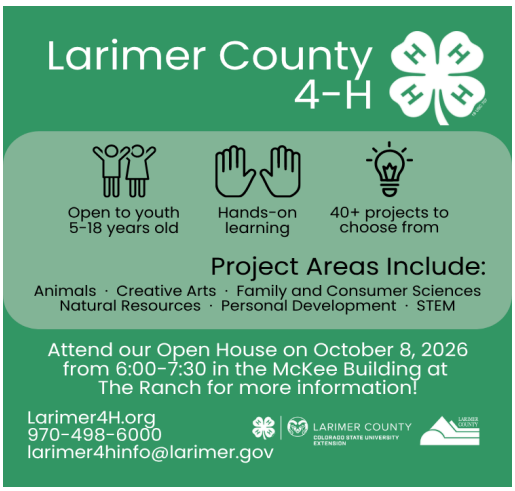
Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing **Responsibility**. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together.

Pursuit #1: As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with one of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?

Pursuit #2: Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

The Bethke Counseling program offers one-on-one emotional support, small groups on various topics, whole class instruction for character education, parent consultation, and coordination of 504 plans. If I can be of assistance to your child or family this year, please get in touch!

Christie McPhail (970) 488-4319 cmcphail@psdschools.org





Arty Facts

In the Art Room

We just finished our Original Works projects and are now busy learning about new artists and creating awesome works of art!

Kindergarten: In Kindergarten we are learning about the elements of art: line, shape, color, texture, and form.
1st Grade: First Grade students are learning about art from long ago: cave art and ancient Egyptian art.
2nd Grade: In second grade, we are creating leaf sculptures and making geometric paintings inspired by Paul Klee.
3rd Grade: In third grade we are learning about Romare Bearden's collage art.
4th Grade: Fourth grade students are making artwork inspired by Mexico's Day of the Dead celebration.
5th Grade: Fifth grade students are making pop art prints inspired by Andy Warhol.

Original Works –

Original Works is a fundraising program where families can buy copies of their student's artwork professionally printed on products like mugs, mouse pads, t-shirts, magnets, and more.

Important Dates:

October 23 – Online Ordering Begins! CHECK FRIDAY FOLDERS for important ordering instructions.

November 5 – Deadline to submit online orders. All orders placed before this deadline will arrive before winter break.

November 30 – Deadline for LATE orders. Late orders will arrive after winter break.

December 4 – Products will be delivered to students to take home.

Email your child's classroom teacher if you need to make special arrangements to pick up products.

Thank you for supporting the arts at Bethke!

-Lydia Richardson, Art Teacher
Mrs. Richardson's Learning Page





Media  Technology

Technology: Digital Citizenship

All grades, kindergarten through fifth grade, will focus their technology learning on digital citizenship throughout October. Utilizing the district approved non-profit *Common Sense Media*, students will access age-appropriate lessons centered around online safety and responsibility. These lessons range from seeking adult permission, limiting time on devices, to understanding "digital footprints" that we leave behind on our devices and accounts.

The goal of this unit is to empower students by creating lifelong habits and skills to ensure our Bobcats thrive as learners, leaders and citizens in the digital age. As always, continuing these conversations at home will cement student learning and as a family you can create firm boundaries regarding appropriate access and use of technology.

Common Sense Media also provides fabulous parent resources and support; as students have more and more contact with the outside world through technology, phones, and social media, this is a great starting point for important family discussions. Check it out at **https://www.commonsensemedia.org/**

Bethke Fall Bookfair

The annual fall bookfair will take place October 5th-9th! All students will view the bookfair (and have time to make purchases) during their Media Technology specials that week. Families are welcome to stop by and make purchases during our family hours, which take place Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00-6:30pm. All proceeds from the book fair go directly to classroom libraries and to replace "well-loved" books in the Bethke library.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Stacy Gunstream

stacyg@psdschools.org



Join us for Bethke's Frightfully Awesome Fall BOOOOOOOK Fair!

Oct. 5th–Oct. 9th

The kids will be visiting & shopping during their Technology classes

Family Shopping hours:

Mon. 10/5, Tues. 10/6, Thurs. 10/8

3:03–6:30pm



Stop in and vote for your favorite classroom scarecrow!

Set up your child's eWallet today!

www.scholastic.com/bf/bethkeelementaryschool



Physical Education News

Second, third, fourth, and fifth graders are currently participating in Safe Routes to School for 2 PE classes. In the first class, students are in the gym learning about bike safety, etiquette, as well as laws. During the second class, we encourage students to **bring their own bike** (no electric) and helmet to school. Students will get a free bike inspection and participate in a driving challenge course. If students are unable to bring their bike or helmet, the Town of Timnath has extra bikes for students to use. We ask that bikes are parked by the basketball courts, so students can access them during class. If your child is still learning to ride a bike, or has hesitations, the instructors help provide lessons and the proper gear that is needed for them to be successful, including a variety of sized strider bikes. Please read the dates below to see when your child participates in Bethke's Safe Routes to School challenge course.

SafeRoutes
Colorado Safe Routes to School

If you are available to help assist providing instructions for the course, please review the sign up link for class times: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAC2DA0F5C34-65886364-safe. All volunteers must be registered with Poudre School District. If you have not registered to be a volunteer, please click on the link https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NjA0Mzplbi1VUw==. Please be prepared to show a photo ID when checking in at the front office.

Day 1 -September 30th – Indoor
Day 2 - October 1st - Indoor
Day 3 - October 2nd - Indoor
Day 4 - October 5th - Indoor
Day 1 - October 6th – Outdoor Skills
Day 2 - October 7th – Outdoor Skills
Day 3 - October 8th - Outdoor Skills
Day 4 - October 9th – Outdoor Skills

- Day 1 PE - Tarr, Bohm/Cawley, McClure, Beaven
- Day 2 PE - Wilson, Wedemeyer, Owens, Berger
- Day 3 PE - Samples and Fennimore
- Day 4 PE - Mocke, Berg, Drage, Voelker

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Lang
Bethke Elementary Physical Education
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https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/bet-learning-pe-lang/home
"Honoring All Learners"

October Newsletter 2026---Music



Bethke Show Choir
Choir rehearsals are underway with a wonderful group of 63 singers. We will continue to meet every Tuesday morning at 7:45 throughout first semester.

Fifth Grade Music Program
We are so excited to have our first music program of the year on **Thursday, October 22nd!** Our 5th graders will perform their show, **"Celebrate America," at 6:30 p.m.**

They will perform the show again for Bethke students and staff on **Friday, October 23rd.**

Fourth Grade Music Program
Bethke 4th graders will perform their music program celebrating **Thanksgiving and Veterans Day** on **Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.**

They will perform again for students and staff on **Friday, November 20th.**

We are always happy to honor the veterans and active-duty military members who are part of our Bethke family at this special performance.

Save the Dates — Music Programs
For your planning purposes, please mark your calendars for the following grade-level music programs:

- **3rd Grade:** Thursday, February 25th
- **2nd Grade:** Thursday, March 25th
- **1st Grade:** Thursday, April 22nd
- **Kindergarten Celebration:** Thursday, May 27th — morning, time TBA

Bethke Talent Showcase
The annual **Bethke Talent Showcase** will take place on **Thursday, January 28th, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.** This is always one of the favorite events of the school year!

Students in grades 3–5 will have the opportunity to audition to perform in the show. Talent Show applications will be available in the front office and music room beginning October 12th. I will also email a digital copy to all 3rd–5th grade families.

Important dates:

- **Applications available:** October 12th
- **Applications due:** November 20th
- **Auditions: Week of December 14th** — exact day TBD
- **Talent Showcase:** January 28th, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.

If your child would like to audition, please keep these dates in mind!

Quaver Music
The music curriculum for PSD is **Quaver Music**, a creative and engaging digital curriculum that is also available to students for free at home.

I use Quaver frequently in my classroom. It offers a wonderful variety of songs, movement activities, music-creation opportunities, games, and resources for learning music theory and music history.

All PSD elementary students are automatically provided with a private, free student account in Quaver. If your child was enrolled in our district last year, their account will automatically be moved to the next grade level and their new teacher's classroom.

Students will need to know their **PSD email address and email password** to log in to Quaver through the TinyURL link below. I have also posted detailed directions for accessing student Quaver accounts on my Learning Page.

Here is the link to my Learning Page:
https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/bet-learning-music-adams/home

Here is the Quaver Music login site:
www.tinyurl.com/2022Quaver

I encourage you to check out Quaver at home with your child! Please feel free to reach out if you have any trouble getting logged into your account. Please contact me at **aadams@psdschools.org** with any questions you may have.

Musically Yours,

Allison Adams
Music Teacher



At **Bethke** we will...

Be
Our
Best, &
Choose
Actions
That
Show...

RESPECT	-Listen to the speaker -Use our manners
RESPONSIBILITY	-Keep hands & bodies safe -Follow staff directions
INTEGRITY	-Speak truthfully -Own our choices
KINDNESS	-Think before we speak -Take care of each other



PTO News



Dear Bethke Families,

As the air starts to cool down, and as we move into fall, the PTO is excited for the upcoming Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, and supporting our staff at Bethke. Please read on to learn more about what the PTO has been up to.

Fundraising Update from the Fun Run:
Thank you again for all your hard work and generous donations to the Fun Run. We will provide updates throughout the year as we spend the money on your children and Bethke this school year. Since the students met the various fundraising goals, we had fun celebrating by smashing Mr. Furlet's face with whipped cream, a school-wide marshmallow fight, a night for Mr. Davis on the roof of the school, and a "Principal Davis sundae".



Fall Book Fair: The Fall Book Fair will be held from October 5–9 this year. Students will be able to visit the Book Fair during school hours, and families are invited to come and shop on Monday 10/5, Tuesday 10/6 and Thursday 10/8 from 3:03-6:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help at the Book Fair. Please click this **link** to sign up for a time to volunteer!



Trunk or Treat: Mark your calendars for some Halloween fun! Join us at Bethke for our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 30 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Would your family or your business like to decorate a car for this event? Click on this **link** to sign up for a trunk spot. Can you help with candy, allergy friendly treats or small toys? If so, click on this **link** to donate! Thank you for helping make this wonderful community event something that our Bethke students and families look forward to every year.

Staff Cares: The school year is off and running, and that means that our Staff Cares team has been hard at work showing our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated by the Bethke community. On September 16, the Staff Cares team put on a "Treat Yo Self" bar with donuts, muffins, fruit and coffee. We are so thankful for the Dabney team from the Bank of Colorado for their contribution in addition to parent donations and Fun Run funds. Also, thank you very much to Salz Home Solutions for donating Starbucks gift cards for our PTO Staff Cares gifts for staff members with summer birthdays. We are so thankful for their incredible support! We are looking forward to supporting our teachers in October during conferences with some tasty food.

Next PTO Meeting: Please join us in the library at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday November 3rd for our next PTO meeting. You can drop your Bethke students off to be supervised at the playground as you come in.

Warmly,

The Bethke Elementary PTO

Bethke Elementary

Trunk-or-Treat



October 30, 2026
6:00pm - 7:15pm

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Running Club, 7:45 SLC, 7:50 2nd Grade Field Trip, Centennial Village 9-2 Girls on the Run, 3:05-4:05 Arts & Crafts, 3:05-4:05	2 Young Rembrandts, 3:05-4:05
5 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:20-7 Book Fair, 3-6:30pm	6 Show Choir, 7:45 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:20-7 Book Fair 3-6:30pm	7 Kindergarten Field Trip, Miller Farms 9-2 Lego Club, 3:05-4:05 Spanish, 3:05-4 Sticky Fingers, 3:05-4:05	8 Running Club, 7:45 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:20-7 Book Fair 3-6:30pm	9 Young Rembrandts, 3:05-4:05
12 Acting Club, 305-4:05 Chess Club, 3:05-4	13 Show Choir, 7:45 Girls on the Run, 3:05-4:05 Martial Arts, 3:05-4	14 Lego Club, 3:05-4:05 Spanish, 3:05-4 Sticky Fingers, 3:05-4:05	15 No School Teacher Conference Exchange Day	16 No School Teacher Conference Exchange Day
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Upcoming Dates:

November 3 PTO Meeting, Library 8:05

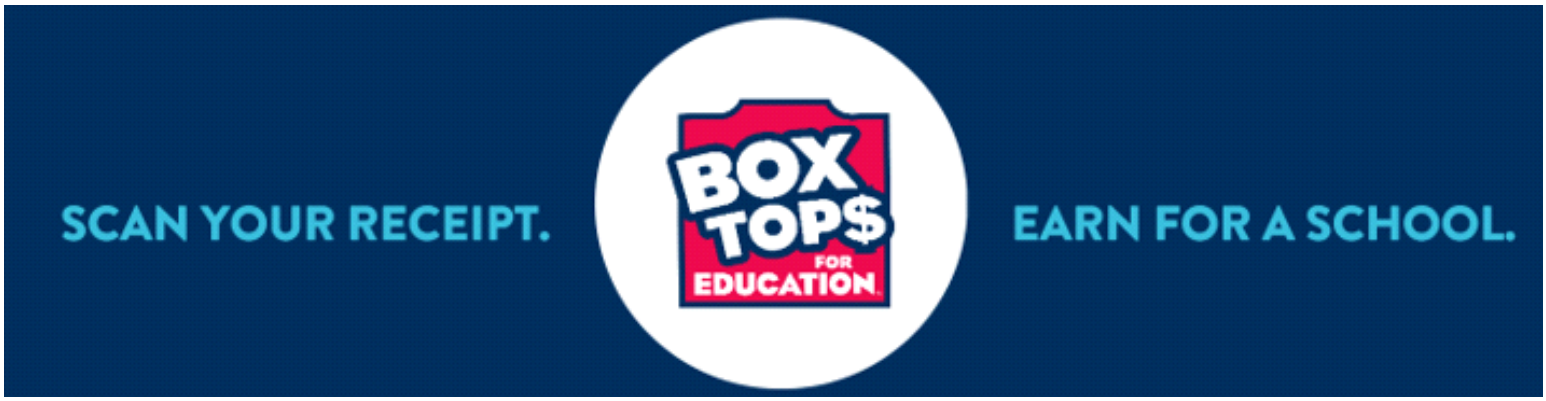
November 10 Class and Picture Retakes

November 11 TMHS Presentation at Bethke for 5th grade, 6-7

November 18 TMHS Incoming 6th Family Night at TMHS, 6-8

November 19 4th Grade Music Program, 6:30

November 23-27 Fall Break





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Link for information: https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Q. What is Community Rewards?

A. Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do everyday. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop our store and swipe your Shopper's Card!

A digital account is needed to participate in Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, you will need to ensure you have a Plus Card linked to your account. Then, go here to select an organization.

Please note, a Shopper's Card is required for the Community Rewards program so that your transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

Q. How do I select an organization to support?

A. Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Go here to search for your organization
3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization that you wish to support.
4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save."

Your selected organization will now display in the Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always find these details under your Account details.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program. It takes approximately 10 days for the Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.

Link for information: https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards