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Happy November!

In this month of giving thanks, we as a staff want to express our deepest thanks to our families and community for supporting Bethke. We appreciate the endless hours of volunteering, doing homework with your kids, reading together, and attending school events. Together we make Bethke as wonderful as it is so thank you!

We look forward to a fourth grade musical this month celebrating giving thanks as well as honoring our veterans. We have a wide variety of clubs underway and more starting this month! It's fun to see our kids engaged in meaningful, exciting enrichment opportunities! Good luck to our Lego Robotics teams competing this month!

We highly encourage you to attend our Book Fair the week of the 16th. Dollars raised through this fair support our library with new books for our shelves for all our bobcats to check out! There will be evening hours the night of the PTO meeting and the night of the fourth grade musical. Look for details in the PTO article on the following page for hours the fair will be open that week.

The end of the first trimester will be November 13. Report cards will come home the 20th in your child's Friday folder.

It's going to be a great month at Bethke!

Ann Alfonso  
Principal

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## PTO News

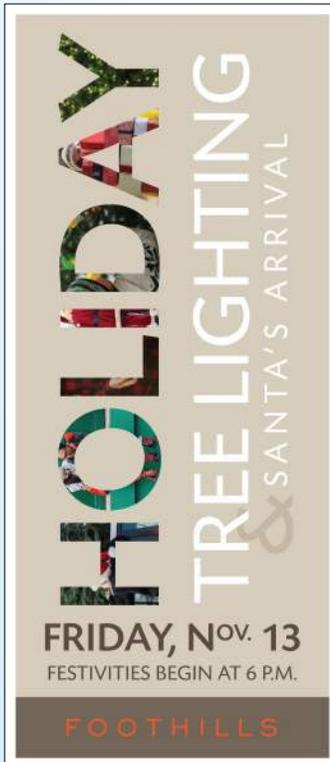
Can you believe November is here? It's the perfect time to give thanks for all the wonderful things that our Bethke families do. Whether you've helped in our classrooms, participated on a committee, or donated to the Pledge, we appreciate it. You make Bethke great!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the fall social at Jack Lantern's Corn Maze on October 9th. The weather was fantastic and the kids had a fun time! It was a great time to catch up with familiar faces and meet new friends. Thanks to Becca Davis, Mandy Nagl, and the social committee for all of their hard work.

Did you get a King Soopers card at the fall social? If you haven't had a chance, there is still time. Stop by the Bethke front office to pick up your FREE reloadable King Soopers card. Be sure to use yours as you head to the store with your Thanksgiving list. Every time you make a purchase using your card, Bethke earns 5% back. You can conveniently reload the card using cash, check or credit card with any cashier before completing your purchase.

If your kids are like mine, they are outgrowing clothes left and right. Are you looking to donate those items, but haven't had the time? Bethke is partnering with Schoola from Monday, November 2nd through Friday, November 6th. Bring in your gently used children and women's clothing – handbags and shoes are also welcome. No sleepwear, undies, socks or damaged/stained/altered items. Simply fill a bag or box with your items and drop them off where you see the sign near the Bethke front office. Schoola will sort, spiff and sell the items on their website. Bethke gets 40% of the profits of all sales! Once our items have been sent in, you can follow the progress of our fundraiser on their website: [www.schoola.com/schools/bethke-elementary-school-timnath-co](http://www.schoola.com/schools/bethke-elementary-school-timnath-co). Thanks to Lisa Miller for all her help organizing!

The book fair is right around the corner. The theme this year is Monster Book Fair: Reading is so much fun you'll get Goosebumps! The book fair is Monday, November 16th through Friday, November 20th and will be open from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. This year the book fair will also be open the evenings of the PTO meeting on Tuesday, November 17th and the 4th Grade Concert on Thursday, November



# PTO News continued..

19th. This is a great way to get some of your holiday shopping done and support Bethke at the same time!

Bethke will be participating in the All for Books program through our Scholastic Book Fair again this year. We are partnering with a local charity to get books into the hands of children. The week of Monday, November 9th through Thursday, November 12th we will be collecting money to purchase books at our book fair for our charity. This program helps teach our students about giving back to our community. We are doing a class competition to see who can "Feed Their Monster" the most. Every participating student in the top giving class will receive a free homework pass. The teachers for the top giving class from each grade will also participate in a Monster Dance-Off contest during an assembly. More information will be sent home in Friday Folders.

We can't say thank you enough! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Pledge. We are only \$3,045 away from our goal of \$20,000. If you haven't already donated, please do so. All of our students are already enjoying the benefits from the dollars we have raised. Kindergarten made their annual trip to Miller Farms last month. Second grade is going to Old Town Fort Collins this month. Other grades are in the process of scheduling their field trips. None of our field trips would be possible without your Pledge dollars. Please show your support by making your pledge today!

The staff appreciation committee has been busy! They hosted a Spooky Soups and Stew luncheon and dinner for the staff during October conferences. The committee also celebrated National Classified Staff Week during the week of October 19th. Thanks to the committee (and your Pledge dollars) we were able to provide each classified staff member with a small gift. It was a great way to say thank you for all they do to support our bobcats!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethke cafeteria. Our speaker will be Mr. Mac who will discuss internet safety and our kids. Be sure to stop by the book fair before the meeting! See you there.

Dawn Lang  
PTO Secretary



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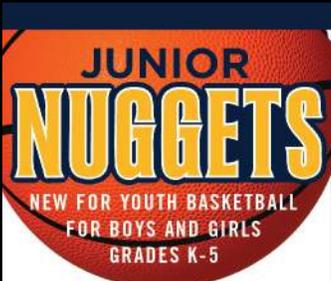
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## Counselor's Corner

In my last classroom lesson for October in kindergarten through 3rd grade we read the interactive storybook "Big Deals and Little Deals and What To Do When They Happen To You". We learned about telling the difference between a Big Deal and a Little Deal and choosing the right strategy to handle each.

Little Deals are things like bothering and hurt feelings. Lots of Little Deals happen every day. Examples of Little Deals are when someone...

- Whistles loudly in your ear
- Sits in your spot
- Says something unkind
- Won't share
- Won't take turns
- Is making a mean face
- Is not following directions

Strategies for handling Little Deals include...

- Use a gentle voice to ask the person to stop
- Ignore the person
- Scoot or walk away
- Let it go and say, "Oh well!"
- Remind yourself, "I'm in charge of me."
- Be sure to not do the behavior back

Big Deals are different. They don't happen very often. Big Deals are things that...

- Hurt your body
- Are dangerous
- Make you feel worried or afraid

Big Deals need to be reported to a grown-up right away.

We also learned the Little Deal 1...2...3...4 Rule: If you have tried a strategy to handle a Little Deal 3 times with another person and it doesn't work, then the Little Deal becomes a Big Deal and needs to be reported to an adult. Also, if you are not sure if something is a Big Deal or a Little Deal, it's a good idea to ask a grown-up.

Ask your child to tell you the difference between Little Deals and Big Deals!

Christie McPhail  
Bethke Counselor



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# Arty Facts

## In the Art Room

As always, we are having a blast creating beautiful works in the art room! Throughout November kindergarten classes will be learning all about color: primary, secondary, warm, and cool. First grade students are working on fine motor skills by cutting pieces of fabric to make a memory quilt inspired by Faith Ringgold. In second grade we are learning about aboriginal art from Australia. Third grade students are painting and sewing bags inspired by American Indian parfleche traveling bags. Both fourth and fifth grade classes are making 3-D art; fourth grade is making pinch pots and fifth grade is making coil pots. It is such a privilege to be working with our Bethke artists. No matter the project, they always amaze me with the beautiful work they produce!

## Original Works

Thank you for placing your orders for Original Works! We had a great response from families in support of the program. Your orders are currently being processed and you should receive your products the first or second week of December. A special thanks goes to our amazing Original Works volunteer coordinator, Dena Redmond, as well as parent volunteers Wendy Rice and Julie Crane. Without their hard work Original Works would not be possible! We still could also use several more volunteers to help sort and deliver products in December. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dena Redmond at: [denared@hotmail.com](mailto:denared@hotmail.com).

Thank you for supporting the arts at Bethke!

Lydia Richardson  
Bethke Art Teacher

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## Music Notes

### 4th Graders Celebrate Veterans & Thanksgiving on November 19th

The fourth graders will be performing songs to celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. They will perform again on Friday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m. Come and enjoy an evening of fun songs with a special tribute to Veterans from our 4th grade families.

### 2nd Graders Perform in December

The second graders will be performing their musical, "Jingle Bell Jukebox," on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Bethke gym. An encore performance will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. We know you'll enjoy this holiday treat! Parents and families are welcome to attend both performances.

### Bethke Choir Holiday Concert

The Bethke Choir will perform their holiday concert on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethke gym. An encore performance will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 9:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend both performances.

\*Please note that the 2nd graders and Bethke Choir perform on the same dates. 2nd graders will perform first followed by the choir. At the evening concert, there will be time in between performances for 2nd grade families to leave and choir families to find a place to sit. 2nd graders do not need to stay for both performances (unless they have siblings in choir, of course). We hope that blocking out time between shows will also allow for easier parking!




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### Bethke Talent Show

Applications for the Bethke Talent Show are due on or before Friday, November 20th. Auditions for the Bethke Talent Show will take place during the week of December 14th during morning specials time (date T.B.A.). Students should plan to audition in front of their entire grade level. Please be sure that your child comes to school ready to audition on the morning of auditions. We will announce those chosen for the show prior to winter break. All students will be notified via a letter we will send home with them.

The talent show will take place on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethke gym. This will be followed by an encore performance on Friday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. We are looking forward to some amazing acts from our Bobcats!

### Musical Show-and-Tell

I welcome any student to share their musical talents during their weekly music classes. This is a great way for kids to have low-stress performance opportunities. Please email me so that I can schedule time if your child would like to play for us. I have a piano available in the room. If your child plays a different instrument, he or she will need to bring it from home. Parents are welcome to attend, and I'm happy to work with your schedule. I always have the kids play during the very beginning of the class. It's a great way for kids to share their talents with others.

You can contact me at [aadams@psdschools.org](mailto:aadams@psdschools.org).

Allison Adams  
Bethke Music Teacher



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## Fitness News

Lettuce be Healthy begins on November 2nd and will wrap up on November 6th. This successful program has proven to get students excited about eating their vegetables and it has resulted in increased consumption of vegetables throughout the year. A study by the CDC showed that 93% of children in 2007-2010 did not eat the recommended amounts of vegetables. In the article, “Surprising Health Benefits of Vegetables”, Dr. Mercola states, “Eating more fresh vegetables is one of the simplest choices you can make to improve your overall health. A vegetable-rich diet can help protect you from arthritis, heart disease, stroke, dementia, cancer, and can even help slow down your body's aging process. A recent study found that people who consume seven or more portions of vegetables and fruit a day have a 42 percent lower risk of dying from any cause, compared to those who eat less than one portion—and vegetables have the greatest impact.”

For Lettuce Be Healthy, students who eat 3 different vegetables will earn a raffle ticket. At the end of each day we will draw raffle tickets and students will earn prizes. If your child purchases hot lunch they simply need to choose and eat 3 different vegetables. If your child brings a cold lunch please help them pack 3 different kinds of vegetables so they can eat healthy and earn a raffle ticket.

The energy at the Bethke 2K was evident from the start until the final runners passed the finish line. An amazing 160 students along with many staff and parents participated in the fun event. The runners enjoyed the cool air as they ran the 1.2 mile course with smiles on their faces and a quick pace to their steps. The fun will continue on Thursday November 5th with the Bethke 3K. Come out and join the fun!

Terri Keyworth  
Bethke P.E. Teacher



## StuCo News

Thanks so much for donating cans and non-perishable food items for Cans Around Bethke. Bethke Student Council collected over 1,600 cans and non-perishable foods that will be used to support the Larimer County Food Bank. Some student council members also had the opportunity to participate in a new event, called CANstruction. They decided to use the bobcat mascot as inspiration and ended up winning 3rd place! It was a great experience for them to learn about leadership and cooperation while focusing on the cause of supporting others in need. The other half of our student council planned to attend the ceremonial lining of the Oval, but due to rain, that portion of the event was cancelled. Our next objective will be to designate service projects to be completed on a weekly basis around our amazing school. These committees will be in charge of trash pickup, sweeping woodchips back in to the playground, and a watering crew for our new floral landscaping. Thanks again for your support!

Candice Mozer  
StuCo Sponsor



## Kids Care Club

Wow, what a fun trip to Residence at Oakridge. All of the residents loved seeing the kids costumes and playing games together. Thank you for spreading the Halloween spirit!

During our next meeting we will be making the ornaments that will go on Bethke's giving tree. All of the items on the giving tree will be going to families in need here in Larimer County. It is such an incredible feeling to be able to give to people in need, especially right here in our own community! The giving tree will be set up in front of the school by November 18th so please feel free to come in and grab an ornament. All donations can be returned to the boxes at the front of the school, next to the giving tree. Donations need to be returned by December 17th so we can distribute all of the gifts.

Where: Mrs. Haselby's classroom #133

Why: Creating the decorations for Bethke's giving tree

When: Wednesday, November 18th - 3:15-4:15pm

Jenna Simpson

Michelle Haselby

Kids Care Club Sponsors

## Health Office News

Hello Bethke Bobcat families!

We recently screened almost the entire school for vision and hearing! If you received a referral please follow up by taking your son or daughter to the eye doctor and please let us know the results! Not every student will need glasses, but many will and it is always best to catch that need as early as possible!

We are running low on clothes in the health office. If you have any clothes sitting around that your children have outgrown that you would like to donate, we would be most grateful! We are mostly in need of smaller sizes of pants for both boys and girls (sizes 5/6/7). Also, if your child is needing a change of clothing at school more than the rare occasion please consider sending a clean change of clothes in their backpack.

Thank you.

Erin Camper  
Bethke School Nurse

Chrissy Comeau  
Health Tech

## Reporting Absences

We want to make sure that your child is safe and sound. That's why it's important for you to notify us as soon as possible if your child will be absent from school for any reason. This includes absences due to illness, appointments, family travel, and unforeseen family issues. Unreported absences will be investigated to assure that each student is safe and accounted for. **To report an absence, call our attendance line at 488-4301.** You may leave a message anytime, night or day. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

## Safe Pick-Up

### **NO DISTRACTED DRIVING**

Remember when driving through the drop off/pick up lane to stay off of your cell phone! We want to keep everyone safe! We appreciate your help in making the pick-up zone cellphone free.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Safe Busing Practices

For the safety of our students, we are asking for all parents to stay out of the busing area when students are being picked up at the end of the day. If you have a need to get a message to your child or retrieve them from the bus, please deliver the message through our front office. We have a system in place. Should you show up in the loading area, our staff will kindly direct you back to the front office. Beyond Bethke, our drivers have routes they need to attend to in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

# November 2015

MON	TUE	WED	TH	FRI
2 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am	3 3-5 Spanish 7:45am	4 Chess Club 7:40am 3-5 Spanish 7:45am	5 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am Science Matters 3:15pm 3K Fun Run 3:15pm	6 Art Club 7:45am
9 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am	10 3-5 Spanish 7:45am	11 Chess Club 7:40am 3-5 Spanish 7:45am PSD Boundary Forum 6:00pm Media Center	12 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am Young Authors Club 7:45am Science Matters 3:15pm	13 School Closed Teacher Work Day
16 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am Book Fair 8am-4pm 2nd Grade to Old Town Ft. Collins 9am-1:30pm Board of Education Meeting 7pm Cafeteria	17 3-5 Spanish 7:45am Book Fair 8am-7pm PTO Meeting 6:30pm Cafeteria	18 Chess Club 7:40am 3-5 Spanish 7:45am Book Fair 8am-4pm Kids Care Club 3:15pm	19 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am Young Authors Club 7:45am Book Fair 8am-7pm Science Matters 3:15pm 4th Grade Music Performance 6:30pm Gym	20 Art Club 7:45am Book Fair 8am-4pm 4th Grade Music Performance 9am Gym Report Cards Go Home
23 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am	24 3-5 Spanish 7:45am	25 School Closed Thanksgiving Break	26 School Closed Thanksgiving Break	27 School Closed Thanksgiving Break
30 Chorus 7:45am K-2 Spanish 7:45am K-2 Guest Author Visit Michael Meyers 9am Cafeteria				

## Important Upcoming Dates

12/8 - 2nd Grade Music Program - 5:30pm - Gym  
 12/8 - Chorus Music Program Gym - 7pm - Gym  
 12/4 - 3rd-5th Guest Author Visit - Adam Sidwell - 9am - Cafeteria  
 12/9 - 2nd Grade & Chorus Music Programs - 9:00am & 9:30am Gym  
 12/21-1/1 - School Closed / Winter Break  
 12/11 - SAC Meeting - 7:30am - Conference Rm

1/4 - Return from Winter Break