

# The Bethke Journal



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## Cans Around Bethke: Students Gather Nearly 2,000 Cans for Families in Need

By: Ethan Sorg

For two weeks, September 29 through October 6, our school focused on collecting non-perishable items to be donated to the Food Bank of Larimer County during Cans Around Bethke. Bethke families donated the food, and then the food was collected from each classroom by Student Council representatives. The food will all be delivered to Colorado State University by some members of our Student Council. They help unload and organize the cans in a larger effort called Cans Around The Oval.

Cans Around The Oval is a tradition that began 31 years

ago when one student wanted to make a difference. It has grown to be our county's largest one-day food drive. Over 345,000 pounds of food has been collected in previous years to help end hunger within our community. An estimated 1 in 5 children don't get enough food to meet their nutritional daily requirements.

Bethke is a terrific partner of the program and our students and their families have helped make a positive change. Our school goal was to collect 2017 non-perishable items. We collected a total of 1,683 food items. Fourth graders collected the most food, so they will get an extra recess with Mrs. Alfonso and Mr. Gallagher.

### WAY TO GO, BOBCATS!

Thanks for your donations, and remember that it's up to all of us to make changes for good!



Bethke students are so generous and love helping our community.

Photos: Bethke File

## Halloween at Bethke is Scary Fun!

By: Eliza Rose

Halloween at Bethke is always a super fun event for everyone. Students are encouraged to come to school in costumes on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, but keep in mind that you cannot have weapons, violence or blood in the costume. At 8:45, there will be a whole-school parade with music. It's so fun to see everyone's costumes!



Parents, teachers and students love seeing all of the kids and teachers in their outfits.

After that, most grade levels have Halloween parties in their classrooms. Usually the parties involve fun games and food. Then everyone will take off their costumes and then everyone should finish out their normal day and go home and go trick or treating! Halloween will be a fun-filled day, so get excited!

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## Save Your Money! Bethke Book Fair Coming in November

By: Maddie Whitlock

Hello, Bobcats! This is your news reporter Maddie, and today I am going to tell you about the Bethke Book Fair! The Bethke Book Fair will happen in the library from November 6-10, 2017, so clear your schedules to go to the fair! The fair is open on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

during the music program at night until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

The Bethke Book Fair will sell items in every part of the library and it will be grouped by age and grade order. The Bethke Book Fair gets the books from Scholastic, which is in Missouri. There will be lots of other things for sale besides books, like pencils, posters, diaries, erasers,

and lots of other cool things. If you can't come to the fair you can still shop online. But the website will be available only when the fair is nearby.

Bethke benefits a lot from the book fair, so shop there to help our school. Every year, our school gets to buy lots of new things because of money raised from the book fair. Go to the Bethke Book Fair and support our school! Be kind,

## Remember to be Thankful This Season

By: Chloe Wilson

Thanksgiving is a special time of year to reflect back on the happy moments of life. The season Thanksgiving is in Autumn. On Thanksgiving, the smell of apple pie and roasted turkey brightens the day!

What I love most about Thanksgiving is the big turkey dinner. My family always makes crafts. For instance, we make little decorations to make the day extra fun. Thanksgiving makes me feel joy!

Thanksgiving is a time to love your family. You might go to

your grandparent's house, your aunt's house, or just stay at your own house to celebrate the holiday. I love Thanksgiving most because my whole family is there and I can have a delicious dinner with them. What I am most thankful about is that I have a loving and caring family. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Food Review: Bethke Café's Chicken with Rice

By: Emma Valcho

One day, I had Bethke school hot lunch, and it was the best school lunch I had ever tasted in my life!

The meal of the day was rice, chicken, milk/water, fruits, veggies, and chips. When I ate it for the first time, my eyes lit up with JOY!!

The food hugged my taste buds, tighter than if you were holding on for your life, and that was when I had tasted just the plain rice!

When I tasted the rice with chicken, I said to myself, "Oh, my, WOW!" The way the rice & chicken settled onto my tongue was more delightful than sleeping all day or cuddling with a newborn puppy!!

The warmth of the food warmed the back of my throat as if you were sitting in front of a fireplace on a snowy, winter's night. I recommend the chicken with rice at the Bethke cafeteria because it was delicious!

## Bethke Fall Social was a Fun-Filled Evening

By: Sadie McManus

I hope you had a chance to go to the Bethke Fall Social on October 6, 2017. So much fun went on there that you probably wish that it happened more than once a year. The first thing that you had to do before going was get a red wristband from your teacher and then you got in free! When I got to the social and checked in, I went into the fun bouncy houses and spent some time hanging out with my friends in there. When I got out of there, I felt some sort of urge to go in the fun corn maze. Sometimes I hit a dead end or had slight difficulty finding my way back out. But the scenery was beautiful and worth it!

When my buddies and I were finally out of the corn maze we were free to spend some time at the park before any other special events or options, such as scavenger hunts and hay rides. At the park, there was a large sand hill with a jungle gym and monkey bars with some swings that are flat and made of wood unlike any swings you will find at your school playground. These features were perfect for hanging around with your friends. As soon as we were done with the park something else caught our eye.

We saw the pedal carts in the corner and we were ready to try them out. A slight line of people awaited, but when their time was up we raced around the bumpy track until we got dizzy and hopped off to go and pick a pumpkin

and some gourds. I found one that was absolutely perfect, and then I began to feel rather sleepy. I said goodbye to my friends and walked to my car with my family knowing that when I went to sleep at night I would dream dreams of the fun fall social. I hope you enjoyed the Bethke Fall Social as much as I did.



Bethke students had a blast!  
Photo: Chloe Wilson

## Bethke Brag: Fifth Grade State Projects

By: Lizzie Elias

It's the time of year where fifth graders work on their first major project. It is the amazing State Fair Project! The State Fair is where students research a particular state. Teachers place every state in a bag and students close their eyes and pull out the state they need to research. This project was created by Mrs. Rossi several years ago. Mrs. Rossi liked the idea of blending research, writing, creativity, and social studies.

Students began collecting research on their state. Next, they had to write about the state's history and culture. Then, students gathered pictures, and listed famous landmarks, and interesting facts. Last, students placed all their research and pictures on their posters.

This is Bethke's tenth year completing the State Fair Project. It has changed over the years. When the State Fair Project started ten years ago, Bethke was small and there were not enough students to assign all 50 states.

Since our school is growing, they are enough students to cover all 50 states. Most of the students look forward to setting up their poster when doing the State Fair. Way to go, fifth graders!



Bethke fifth graders worked so hard on state projects.  
Photo: Lauren Henderson



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### Calendar of Events

10/26:	Respect Assembly, 8:45 a.m.
10/26:	Fifth Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
10/27:	Fifth Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.
10/31:	Halloween Parade/Parties, 8:45 a.m.
11/6:	Second grade coffee talk
11/6-11/10:	Book Fair
11/7:	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11/9:	Fourth Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
11/10:	Fourth Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.
11/17:	End of Trimester—No school
11/21:	Report cards sent home
11/22-11/24:	No School, Thanksgiving Break

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“Honoring All Learners”

## Spotlight: Mrs. Samples

By: Colton Pawlak

I recently interviewed fourth grade teacher Mrs. Samples, and from what I can tell, she is a very interesting person. Mrs. Samples is from Chicago, Illinois. She has been a teacher for a long time and her first day of teaching began in the year 1993 at Lowell Elementary School.

In the beginning of her career, she taught fourth grade, third grade and Kindergarten at Lowell Elementary. After she taught for eight years at Lowell, Mrs. Samples then switched to Hawthorne Elementary, where she taught fourth grade for four years. She seems to be a fourth grade expert.

Mrs. Samples and her family moved to Colorado in August 2016. Last year she taught at Bethke in second grade in Mrs. Berg's room while Mrs. Berg was home with her new baby. After Mrs. Samples taught second grade here, she went to Bacon Elementary to teach fourth grade as a sub while a teacher was out with her new baby.

Out of the 14 years she has taught so far, her favorite grade to teach is third grade and her favorite school she has taught at is Bethke. Her favorite subjects to teach are math and social studies because she feels like those are the easiest subjects to turn boringness into excitingness. We're lucky to have Mrs. Samples at Bethke.



Mrs. Samples is loved by her class!

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