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Get Ready for the Bethke Spelling Bee

By: Maddie Whitlock

Hello, Bobcats! Today I am going to talk about a very special event: the Bethke Spelling Bee! The spelling bee will take place on January 19 in the Media Center at Bethke. Only fourth and fifth graders are allowed to be in the spelling bee.

Getting into the spelling bee wasn't easy. First, all the teachers who teach those grades gave their students a spelling test. This test does not affect any of their grades, but the students with the highest score got to go to the next level.

In December, Mrs. Samples gave an oral spelling bee to the remaining students who got 100 percent on the first spelling test. This was called the mock bee. During the mock bee, the students stood up and spelled words. If the words are spelled incorrectly, the students are eliminated. The last students standing moved on to the Bethke Spelling Bee!

The Bethke Spelling Bee will work just like the mock bee, where students stand up and are eliminated for misspelling a word. The very last student who can spell the words correctly is the winner.

The winner of the Bethke Spelling Bee will move on to the district spelling bee. Then, whoever wins the district bee will go on to the state bee. What a transition! Maybe a Bethke Bobcat will win them all. Good luck to all the spelling bees out there!



Bethke fourth and fifth graders compete in round one of the spelling bee.

Photo: Colton Pawlak

Bethke Talent Show Coming Soon!

By: Miriah Ogimachi

This year we are having a wonderful group of kids participating in the Talent Show of 2018. These kids spend their days off of school to practice their acts. The talent show auditions were on December 20, 2017 and there were so many talented students, including people singing, dancing and playing instruments.

These kids practice to put on a show for the entire school of Bethke and I can't wait to see it.

The students had already worked so hard over the month before tryouts and many of the auditioning students made it into the talent show. Imagine how good their acts will be when it comes time for the real Talent Show.

The Bethke Talent Show is on January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for all participants' parents and friends. The Talent Show happens again on January 26, 2018 for the whole school of Bethke to enjoy and watch. If you enjoy showing or watching talents, you should join next year's Bethke Talent Show.

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Bethke Fourth Graders Dress as Historical Figures During Colorado Wax Museum

By: Lizzie Elias

One of fourth grade's favorite projects is the Bethke Wax Museum! The Wax Museum goes on every year at Bethke Elementary.

It is a time when you learn about famous people who lived in the state of Colorado. The Wax Museum is a big and fun project to help the fourth graders learn about Colorado history. The fourth graders have to do a lot of research on the person that they chose to research.

They present their projects to the whole school. Students from all grades get to tour the Wax Museum.

The way the fourth graders pick their person is that they

look on a list full of people that made a difference in history.

Students choose the person that they are interested in. The fourth graders have to dress up as the person they are studying.

When other kids come to the exhibit, the fourth graders have to tell them about their person. For an example, students share the day they were born or what they are famous for.

Adults are also welcome to come see the students' exhibits. The teachers enjoy seeing the students' happiness and excitement when they are presenting their Wax Museum projects

to the school. I hope you enjoyed the amazing fourth grade Wax Museum at Bethke Elementary!



Fourth Graders love the Colorado Wax Museum.

Photo: Lauren Henderson

Food Review: Bethke's Chocolate Muffins

By: Gershona Lamkin

Have you heard of Bethke's breakfast chocolate muffins? It's a real shame if you haven't tried one because they're really good. I make it a tradition to get one at breakfast every time I can. When I sit down, I peel the papery wrapping off. Then, I take a bit of whatever is being served for breakfast and

sit down, I peel the papery wrapping off. Then, I take a bit of whatever is being served for breakfast and look at the muffin.

It gleams back at me, with a hill-like top, and a bumpy, cupcake-shaped bottom. The muffin is dark brown and artificially flavored, but that doesn't stop me. I reach in and take a big bite...

This muffin is amazing! If I could live again to taste one food it would be this. My taste buds pop and explode from rich flavor. Although you get gas pains from rich food, I want to eat those for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! I think it should be my job to eat those muffins because, well, they are Bethke's top menu item.

Inspiration for the New Year

By: Emma Valcho

A lot of people wish for new things in this new year, 2018. Some people want a new puppy, and some people want a new bike. But do you know what everybody wishes?

A new start at everything, because everybody makes mistakes and nobody is perfect. Everybody's different, so we should not judge what other people think and want.

According to Bethke students, some people want different things, like a new scooter or a new toy, but I hope everybody wants a

bunch of new friends and/or a new group to hang out with. My biggest wish for this year is that I make more friends and meet new people.

Some people want to be more happy and some people want to stand up for themselves more. Even if you aren't quite happy enough yet, happiness is all around us.

Sometimes we just have to dig a little deeper to find it. If you feel like you're not being treated the way you would like or getting what you want, no one is going to do it for you.

So you have to build up enough courage to help you find it and stand up for yourself. What do you want in this new year, 2018?.



The Meaning of Love

By: Sadie McManus

How much love have you given this Valentine season? How much more can you give? These are questions that we should begin to ask ourselves this special type of year. Whether you are celebrating Valentine's day or another holiday, both celebrations are the time to start loving more than you usually would. So how can you do this? Well, let's find out.

The thing for the Valentine's Day that should be at the top of your list for this time of year is presents for everyone to show how much you love and appreciate your family. Now, you can, but you don't have to buy a present from the store.

If you are a child it will be a lot more difficult to do so. There is a solution to this. Parents (I can assure you) will not want the latest Barbie Doll castle for their Valentine's Day. You can simply make them a homemade present or card. Or, if you truly want to, you can also help pitch in to another parent's present to the other and say that it was also from you.

The next thing that you need to have on your list is your presence. You do not want to spend Valentine's Day alone! And other people don't want to spend them without you. If you really want to know the key to Valentine's Day happiness, then here it is: spend Valentine's Day with the people that you care about.

Could you think of a more gloomy Valentine's Day than a lonely one? You could have all the presents in the world and it still would not compare to the joy that you would feel if you spent time with the friends, family and anyone else that you care about.

So, whether these are the first or tenth things that you put on your Valentine's Day list, put them on there so that when the "most lovely time of the year" rolls around you will know the true meaning of not only Valentine's Day, but daily and beautiful love by itself. Happy Valentine's Day, (or whatever holiday that you celebrate this time of year), to one and all!



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Calendar of Events

- 1/18: Kindergarten Information Night
- 1/19: Bethke Spelling Bee
- 1/25: Bethke Talent Show, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/26: Bethke Talent Show, 9 a.m.
- 2/2: Author visit, Grades 3-5
- 2/6: PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/6: 100th Day of School
- 2/19: No School/Collaboration Day
- 2/22: Third Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/23: Third Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.

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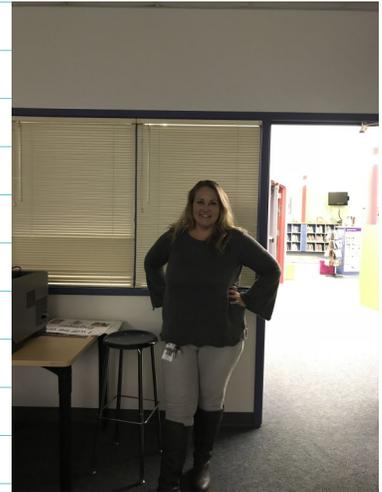
Since she is new, I bet you were wondering about our tech teacher, Mrs. Newman! I recently interviewed her and learned a ton. The person that influenced her the most was her sister. Mrs. Newman was most inspired by her teacher named Mrs. Martin as a kid. Mrs. Newman said that she always believed in her and told her to try her hardest.

The hero of Mrs. Newman is Lucille Ball. Barack Obama is the person Mrs. Newman said she would most like to meet. Her favorite movie is “The Princess Bride.” Her favorite book is “Lulu and the Brontosaurus.”

Mrs. Newman's favorite T.V. show is “Stranger Things.” She loves writing and gardening, and her career choice is a tech teacher. Her biggest pet peeve is bad grammar.

The happiest time in her life was when she had her children. The saddest moment of her life was when her dad died. Mrs. Newman's birthday is June 21 and she is 38 years old. She grew up in California. Her dream vacation would be a trip to Catalina Island.

She would describe herself as silly and a neat freak. If you want to learn about more of your teachers, read the next issue or the newspaper!



Mrs. Newman's students are so glad to have her as their tech teacher!

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