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Bethke's 10th Anniversary Spring Showcase: Fun for the Whole Family

By: Miriah Ogimachi

Are you coming to the Bethke Spring Showcase? If not, you should because it will be amazingly fun! The Spring Showcase will be on April 27, 2018 and it will be extra special this year because it's Bethke's 10th Anniversary! Can you believe that?

This year we are celebrating the hard work Bethke had put in for each kid at Bethke for 10 years! It is going to be fantastic. You are welcome to come to Bethke any time between 5 and 7 p.m. We are going to have so much fun with all of the different activities that are planned.

Mrs. Keyworth is going to have people dance and have people show us a unicycle demonstration. Families are welcome to watch each demonstration and each dance that the kids perform.

Mrs. Adams is going to have the Kindergarteners perform and some the Bethke chorus will sing a preview of the Broadway Celebration performance. Also, she is going to have the third graders play songs on their recorders.

Mrs. Richardson is putting up one piece of artwork from every student at Bethke, chosen by themselves as their favorite.

Mrs. Newman is going to set up many different tech demonstrations for all

There will also be many different fun things to see and food trucks, such as Kona Ice, hot dogs and more. We all hope you come join us at the 10th Annual Spring Showcase at Bethke! You won't regret it!



Students enjoy last year's Spring Showcase.

Photo: Bethke File

Fifth Grade Ethan Klabunde Wins the Spelling Bee

By: Gershona Lamkin

Did you hear about the Bethke Spelling Bee? It was cool! I should know because I was there. But enough about me! Time to talk about the winner: the famous Ethan Klabunde! This kid may not be a movie star, but he's one of the most famous Bobcats there is! I interviewed Ethan to find out more about his big spelling bee win and to learn a little more about him.

Gershona: How did you feel when you won?

Ethan: Well, I felt pretty excited, 'cause it's a big honor. You even get a plaque in front of the office!

Gershona: What does your trophy look like?

Ethan: It's a blue column with a white marble base, and a plaque that says 2017-2018 SPELLING BEE CHAMPION.

Gershona: Are you now suddenly famous?

Ethan: Some people recognize me, but I wouldn't call myself famous. Everybody knows my name and image.

Gershona: Did your class harass you when you went back?

Ethan: No. My teacher started playing the song, "We Are the Champions," and everyone said congratulations. I put my trophy on my desk.

Gershona: How did your family feel?

Ethan: Pretty excited. My siblings weren't jealous, but congratulatory. And, for our last question...

Gershona: What did you do to celebrate?

Ethan: We (family and I) went to TCBY, Old Chicago restaurant, and I also got a pack of Tic Tacs.

Well, that's Ethan for you. How he can deal with being suddenly famous I don't know, but that's a tale for another day! Congratulations on your spelling bee win, Ethan!



Spelling Bee winner Ethan Klabunde

Photo: Jamie Clegg

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Spring Break Travel Feature: Florida and the Bahamas

By: Sadie McManus

sleep.

almost instantly to the annoying call of a psychotic and crazy seagull. I got dressed, excitedly packed my things, and put them in the car. That day, was one of my favorite parts of the entire trip!

Have you ever wanted an escape from school and reality? Well, a vacation is the perfect way to do so. Let me tell you about my getaway. I began my fun journey on, as most people do, an aircraft. Once we touched ground, we drove to a place in Florida called Fort Lauderdale. We spent the night there and swam in the pool.

I awoke to the sound of the ocean waves rushing beneath me. We were on an island that I had been to before: Nassau. It was very chilly that day, so we went in a small mini carriage with a horse pulling us across the island while our tour guide told us the history of each and every building or statue that we passed.

We hit the road and drove to Clearwater Aquarium. That is where the most famous dolphins in the WORLD were held: Hope and Winter! Winter is a 12 year-old dolphin that lost her tail at a young age and now has a prosthetic one.

My family woke up early the next morning to head down to Miami (another place in Florida), so that we could make it to our beautiful cruise ship! It was called the Norwegian Sky. After a long, two-hour wait, we boarded the ship and went to the main deck. There, I swam in the pool, ate from the buffet, and met some new friends from New York, Minnesota, Tennessee, and other places around the globe. After going to a fun and eventful kids club, we headed to bed.

By the time that the ride was over, we were so cold we could jump on the sun and still be an ice cube. So, we went back on

Hope is a 7 year-old that lost her mother and can not catch her own food. In the movie about this, and in real life, these two amazing creatures met, and spontaneously became great friends. I got to meet both incredible, loving, and beyond words strong fighters.



A personal favorite dolphin of mine is Nicholas. This poor creature was left to die on the beach after his mother passed and got a terrible sunburn. He splashed me twice which made me cold for our trip on a boat seeing different species of fish and wild dolphins. We went to the Bait House with the most amazing sea food I had ever eaten

Overnight, the ship moved to a new island off the coast of Florida and in the Bahamas. The island was known as Great Stirrup Cay. We spent the entire day building sand castles and swimming in the ocean there. By the time it was time for us to depart the island and continue our journey on the ship, we were already making plans for dinner. We ended up, that night, not going to the kids club. Instead, we ate at a delicious restaurant. They had the best cheesecake that had ever touched my tongue. We watched Daddy's Home Two as the boat gently rocked us to

the ship and spent the rest of the day there. At 8:00 my sister and I spent our last night in the kids club.

Once again, we got an early start in the morning. We rented a car and spent an extremely long amount of time in the car. We took a four-hour drive down to Clearwater, Florida. We went to bed much later that night owing to the fact that we were able to sleep in.

"Eeeeeeee Aaaaaaa!" I awoke

We made one final stop to stay the night at a hotel and flew home the next day. I hope you enjoyed hearing about my escape from reality with my family. Now, what was your remarkable journey?

Kaley's Kupcakes Now Available at King Soopers

By: Guest Journalist, Kaley McGill

My name is Kaley McGill and I am a fourth grader at Bethke Elementary in Timnath, Colo. I have been a patient of Children's Hospital Colorado my entire life. I have had many surgeries there. I have spent the last year representing Children's Hospital Colorado as a patient ambassador. One thing that you might not know about me is that I want to open a bakery when I am older.

Last year, I was asked to be an emcee at the 40th annual Children's Gala. During the event, I gave cupcakes to a family that supports my hospital. The president of King Soopers was at

the gala and noticed my love for baking. King Soopers asked me if I wanted to team up with them to raise money for Children's Hospital Colorado. Of course, I said yes!

King Soopers invited me to their bakery in Denver. They gave me a tour and showed me where all of their cupcakes and doughnuts are made. It was awesome! I even got to decorate cupcakes during my trip!

During the first week of every month, all of the King Soopers and City Markets in Colorado are going to sell "Kaley's Kupcakes." All of the proceeds will be donated to Children's Hospital Colorado. Look for the boxes with the

It would mean a lot to me if you would help support my hospital and kids like me. Don't forget to buy your Kaley's Kupcakes next month! Thank you!



Fourth grader Kaley McGill is proud of her work with Children's Hospital. Photo: Colton Pawlak

Bethke Brag: Fifth Grade Poetry Café

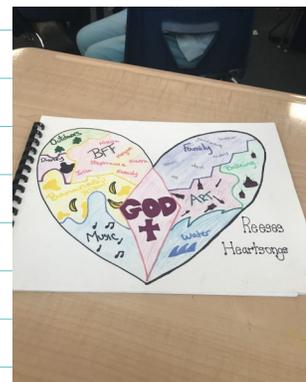
By: Lizzie Elias

The most fantastic day of the new year of 2018 happened on Valentine's Day in fifth grade! The amazing Poetry Cafe is one of the most exciting parties that everyone looks forward to in fifth grade. This year was the eighth year of the Poetry Cafe, which happens to take place each year on Valentine's Day. Fifth grade students had been reading works from famous poets before the second semester, which helped them develop their creative writing. This was a great way to prepare for the Poetry Café.

The fifth grade teachers came up with this idea because they wanted their students to share their poems and to showcase their own creativity. Every year, all the fifth grade teachers look forward to seeing and hearing the creativity their students bring in their poetry.

On Valentine's day, the fifth graders had an array of food and drinks. They ate doughnuts, fruit, and much more. For drinks, they had hot chocolate, milk, and water! Other than eat and drink, the fifth graders looked at their Valentines and ate some sweets from their Valentines. When each student shared their poems, they came up to the front of the room with a microphone.

Each student chose one poem that was their favorite. Each and every poem was well written and full of creativity which deserved to be shared.



Fifth grade poetry café is such a rewarding experience. Photo: Maddie Whitlock



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Calendar of Events

- 3/29: Second Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/30: Second Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.
- 4/6: Fourth Grade Heart Dissection, Third Grade Roman Days
- 4/10: PTO Meeting
- 4/13: No School/Work Day
- 4/19: First Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/20: First Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.
- 4/20: Deadline to Order School Kit
- 4/23: Picture Day
- 4/27: Bethke 10th Anniversary Spring Showcase, 5-7 p.m.

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Spotlight: Ms. Fennimore

By: Eliza Rose

I recently interviewed Bethke's newest third grade teacher, Ms. Fennimore, to learn more about her. Ms. Fennimore is 27 years old and only just moved to Colorado last year.

She has not always been a third grade teacher, before she moved to Colorado she was a fifth grade teacher. When she moved to Colorado, she was a long-term sub for Mrs. Bruhn in fifth grade at Bethke.

Something that is cool about her is that she used to be a basketball coach, and basketball is her favorite sport. Her favorite color is turquoise, and the subjects that she likes to teach most are math and writing. Her favorite food is tacos. Some of her hobbies are skiing/snowboarding, exercising, backpacking, fishing, camping, reading and drinking coffee.

Ms. Fennimore's students love being in her class and think she's the best third grade teacher ever. I hope you enjoyed learning all about Ms. Fennimore. If you haven't been in third grade yet, maybe you'll get her!



Ms. Fennimore's third graders love learning!

Photo: Chloe Wilson