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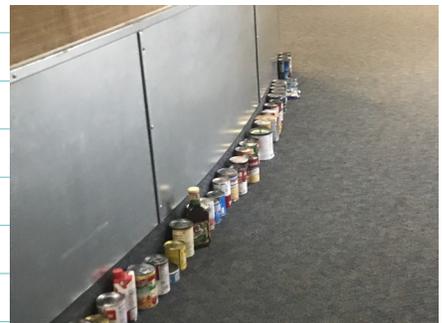
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## Cans Around Bethke: Students Gather Nearly 2,000 Cans for Local Families in Need

By: Paige Barlow

Hello Bobcats, you have done a great job on collecting cans for people in need again this year. Bethke students collected a grand total of 1,981 cans! I'd like to give a big thank you to the Bethke Student Council for putting their hard work into boxing and collecting cans from classrooms. We have helped so many people in many ways. Congratulations to Mrs. Eucker's class for collecting the most cans! Mrs. Eucker's class collected 179 cans for Bethke.

Why do we do Cans Around Bethke? We do it because we like to help people in our community who need food. Bethke works with Colorado State University on a bigger project called Cans Around the Oval. All of the cans collected go to the Larimer County Food Bank. This food will help people with little money and little food, which is especially important during the holidays. Bethke Student Council members participated in CSU's Construction and won first place! Nice job! I can't wait until Bethke does Cans Around Bethke again next year! Way to go, Bobcats!



Thank you, Bethke families, for your generosity!

Photos: Hailey King

## Like Helping Others? Come to Kids Care Club

By: Chloe Wilson

Hi Bobcats! Are you all excited about the holidays? I sure am! But what I like most is helping everyone around me who needs help. At our very own Bethke Elementary, we have a club called Kids Care Club. Kids Care Club is a club where the members help people in need, kind of like Student Council does with Cans Around Bethke (make sure to read the article by Paige Barlow in this month's issue).

Kids care club has two teachers in charge: Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Haselby.

Over the years Kids Care Club has worked with many businesses, humane societies, and even the Fort Collins Cafe! Kids Care Club meets about once a month to help out anyone in need. Last month, Kids Care Club members made beautiful scarves for the Fort Collins Cafe, which is a restaurant that serves food to people who pay as much as they can afford for a meal. Sometimes, people can't afford a meal, so they get one for free. These people can also pick up a scarf made by Bethke students if they need one. Thanks, Bobcats, for helping people in our community!

My favorite part about Kids Care Club is that anyone in the school is welcome to join the club! You don't have to go to every single meeting if you don't want to. All of the crafts are made at Bethke.

If you love to craft and help people out, then you should join Kids Care Club! If you would like to join the next meeting, it will be on December 12 after school where students will be making care packages for Harmony House.

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## Bethke Book Fair Helps Our School! Start Saving for Spring Book Fair Now

By: Avery Foose

Recently it was raining books in the Bethke media center! Some people bought so many books, they will have a lifetime supply of them! Books weren't the only thing you could buy at the book fair. There were also some "mini gadgets" such as balls, erasers, and other toys you can fidget around with. Some really cool posters could be bought for just about 5 dollars. All you needed was money, yourself, and the Bethke book fair!

Teachers and parents were around to help students find books, count money, and help ring up your purchases. If you didn't get everything you wanted and still want to order anything later from Scholastic, your

teachers might be handing out order forms. Just choose your items, go to the Scholastic website and order them. Hopefully, your items will arrive in a couple of days or weeks. Your librarian Mrs. Gasser, is always willing to be of assistance. Most of the items are very inexpensive.

So many books, so little time -- buy them all, we just made a rhyme! Only buy what you think you will read. These books are very valuable and are made especially for you. If you didn't know, none of these are returnable, so keep that in mind. From rhyme books, poems, novels, and picture books, Scholastic sells all the books you've dreamed of. All the books are very interesting. If you don't

have any money because you spent it all at the fall Bethke book fair, you can write down which ones you want to buy at the spring book fair or order online. You are one step away from owning more books!

The Bethke book fair was a huge success this year. We raised almost \$8,000, and all of the money helps our school. Ten years of successful book fairs is an enormous accomplishment for Bethke. Thanks to you, you have helped us be helpful to you. Not only are we excited to help, we are just excited to be help future Bethke students like you. Look for more information about the spring Bethke book fair.

## Check Out School Store for the Coolest Items

By: April Ottley

Hi Bethke students! Did you know that every Friday during lunch there is something called Bethke School Store?

Well, if you didn't know now you do! It's a great way to buy things you like for not much money and help our school.

All kinds of fun items are for sale at the Bethke School Store, including cool toys, stuffed animals and putty. The store even has special holiday treats, such as Halloween treats! Some special

seasonal items for fall included pumpkin stress balls, Halloween stickers, scratch lanterns and lots more! All of the items are affordable and are only \$2 or less.

Some of your fellow students (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the School Store and signed up to help work there. If you are a third or fourth grader this year and want to be part of School Store next year, you can fill out an application in the beginning of the year to join. Not everybody who applies gets in, but either way you can still go and buy toys!

So on Fridays bring money and during lunch look out for the best ever school store! I hope you have fun!



Be sure to bring money on Fridays!

Photos: Emma Baker

## Halloween at Bethke is Frighteningly Fun!

By: Sadie McManus

Halloween at Bethke is one of the most fun and exciting events of the year! There are multiple fun activities that we do to make this spooky and special day better than it ever has been before! Allow me to tell you about this remarkable and incomparable day.

This year Halloween was rather chilly. But rain or shine, Bethke made this day a fun experience for all learners. To begin, we started with the traditional Halloween parade. Parents from all around Bethke gathered around the sidewalk surrounding the school. Kindergarten was the first to go out on the sidewalk and show off their eye-catching costumes to all the parents, friends, and families of Bethke students. Following the Kindergarteners was first grade, followed by second, third, fourth, and fifth grade. This event is truly an outstanding occurrence on Halloween.

As soon as we made the lap around the school, we went inside for parties and fun. Most of the grades stayed in classrooms and had beverages and refreshments. There were snacks, candy and so many other sweets!

Following that, you had some friendly competition heading your way! We played some spontaneous and entertaining Halloween games to get the Halloween spirit into your system! For the fifth graders however, the schedule is quite different. Fifth graders had the option of going to any room in fifth grade. Each room had a different activity. Mrs. Rossi's room had a huge dance party! The variety of songs and dances got us pumped up for a day of fun! Mrs. Rayls' room had arts and crafts. It was packed in Mr. Tarr's fifth grade room.

There was candy of practically all kinds that will give you a great start to the day! There were waffles, candy corn, popcorn, marshmallows, M&Ms and other tasty treats. Finally, if you were looking for some classic Halloween hang-out, then you could go over to Mrs. Moore's room for a fun Halloween movie!

Fourth grade and below got to play un games and eat their tasty treats! Regardless of what grade you're in, this was a lively experience for all the students at Bethke! The rest of the day was reasonably normal.

And of course, as the melodramatic day came to rest, and the final bell of the day rang it was time to go home and raised your spirits to find the electrifying excitement of trick-or-treating awaiting you.

Halloween is by far one of the most hair-raising, and spine-chilling events of the year at home, or at Bethke!



Bethke Halloween is a blast!  
Photo: Gershona Lamkin

## Bethke Brag: Fifth Grade State Projects

By: Peyton Ells

Attention all students: we have something to share with you called the Bethke Brag! Now, ladies and gentlemen, put your hands together for the fifth grade state fair projects! Our fifth grade stars have put together posters that give you proper information about any one of our 50 states.

Glitter, sparkle, and shine are added to these fabulous posters that proudly hung in our halls.

Some of the information that these students were graded on

was a state map. This map had to be labeled with the capital, major cities, and other facts about the chosen state. There must be important historical information, yet recent facts had a big benefit on the grading. Some state facts had to be included, like the state bird, the state flower, the state flag, and the state tree.

While looking at one of these posters you might notice a state region, major cities, the population and some famous landmarks. Climate, culture, and interesting facts topped these posters off in the end. Creativity, coloring, and organization finalized the grading rubric.

Our fifth graders were so proud to find their posters hanging in the halls after they finished. I don't know about you, but I would say that I am pretty proud of those projects as well.



Fifth graders created very impressive state projects.  
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### Calendar of Events

- 11/8: Second grade field trip
- 11/12: No School
- 11/15: Fourth Grade Music Program, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.
- 11/16: Report cards go home
- 11/16: CSU Chemistry Club Visit, 4th grade
- 11/21-11/23: No School—Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28: First grade field trip
- 11/30: Colonial Days, third grade

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## Spotlight: Mr. Tarr

By: Stella Flynn

We have learned about a lot of teachers at Bethke, but we haven't learned much about our newest fifth grade teacher, Mr. Tarr yet, so how about we learn more about him?

Who has inspired Mr. Tarr throughout his life? Some of the people who inspired him were his parents who gave him a strong work ethic. During the time he has been at Bethke, all the fifth grade teachers have inspired him to work hard. Finally, the last person who inspired him the most was Bob Dylan who is a singer and a songwriter.

Mr. Tarr is 38 years old and has two children and a wife. He lives in Fort Collins now, but he has also lived in Iowa and Nevada. He loves to ski and snowboard. If he was not a teacher, he would be a life-guard.

Wait! Don't stop reading yet! I have a few more things to tell you about Mr. Tarr. Mr. Tarr is kind, smart and funny. He has a kind heart and always asks you in a calm voice to stop if you're off task. For example, I was bouncing on a chair and he asked me to stop in a kind way.

I hope you enjoyed learning about Mr. Tarr!



Mr. Tarr's students love being part of his class!

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