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Bethke Spring Showcase: All the Fun You Could Ever Want

By: Charlotte Nagl

The Bethke Spring Showcase was very, very fun and it looked like a lot of people agreed. There were smiles and laughter all around. The Spring Showcase was on Friday, April 26. It was well attended, and all the events were scheduled so that people could see a little bit of everything.

There were so many fun things to do and see at the Spring Showcase. I was lucky enough to be in the P.E. dance with my friends and in the chorus performance. When we were performing for chorus, it was very windy and a tiny little dust storm appeared. I saw some parents swaying to our music, which was funny. There was also a kindergarten performance outside,

which was entertaining.

I also saw the Lego Robotics demonstration, and wow, did that take the spotlight! A huge crowd of people were watching little robots do their thing and they seemed to enjoy it a lot. Another thing my family and I noticed was that the artwork from Mrs. Samples' class was very abstract, which I enjoyed very much. I love imagination!

There were many food trucks outside, which is great, but also a bummer because it was really windy, and everyone knows that eating outside with food trucks is not possible in a wind storm. Unfortunately, I didn't get anything from the food trucks, but I heard the lobster tails were a big hit!

The Bethke Spring Showcase was a blast! Everyone that I saw was either smiling or laughing out loud, especially at the choir performance when all the girls' hair was blowing in the wind with the beat! The Spring Showcase was a great time at Bethke Elementary, and all the students, families, staff, and teachers made it even better!



The wild weather didn't stop us from having fun.

Photos: Mrs. Alfonso

The Bethke Book Fair is Fun and Helps Our School

By: Stella Flynn

Did you buy a book at this year's Bethke Book Fair? If you did, you helped raise money for our school. The Bethke Book Fair was open from April 22 to April 26.

There were so many terrific books and other items for sale and the prices were reasonable. You could get a book that cost anywhere between \$3 and \$40. There were all sorts of books you could buy, including the new Wings

of Fire books and science books.

Some popular book recommendations this year were "Cat Wad," "Pig the Stinker," "Baby Sitters Club," and "Thank you Mr. Panda."

The Bethke Book Fair was such a fun store. You could also buy fun little gadgets and posters! I hope you enjoyed shopping at the Bethke Book Fair as much as I did!



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The Bethke Book Fair was full of great items!

Photos: Paige Barlow

Bethke Fifth Graders Prepare for Eco Week

By: Avery Foose

Hi Bobcats! Are you wondering about the amazing experience of Eco Week? Well, fifth graders will be traveling to the Estes Park YMCA of the Rockies from May 22-24, 2019.

All the fifth graders will be having all sorts of fun! Don't be jealous, you'll do it in no time when you're in fifth grade! The fifth graders will first stop at Bear Lake and hike 7 miles all the way to Estes Park. This may seem like a lot of walking, but later they will be walking 25 miles in 3 days. I know there'll be some fun along the way!

For two days the fifth graders will be taking part in three different classes in nature: one for

outdoor living skills (this means trying to survive if you were stranded or lost outdoors), another for night exploration (which is where you explore things like plants and animals at night), and one for team building (skills like setting up tents, and building structures with tools).

At Eco Week, the fifth graders will be taking part in rec time, where they are able to go swimming, roller skating, play gaga ball, and so much more. Rec time is kind of like free time, but better!

I think you should be excited to go to Eco Week in fifth grade now that you have heard how fun it will be. With three days of experiencing all of these fun activities in nature, it's no wonder it's called Eco Week!



Fifth graders dissect owl pellets to learn more about our ecosystem.

Photo: Paige Cloudman

Bethke Brag: First Grade Space Projects

By: Zoe Rummel

Hello Bobcats! Do you want to learn about something cool the first graders are doing?

The first graders have been learning about space and what astronauts do up in space, and have made impressive projects to show off what they learned. They started by watching space videos like Space School.

After that, they created a planet book. The first graders made different planets and used all kinds of art supplies like pastels, crayons, paint and more! They also used pieces of yellow paper and threw them on the desks.

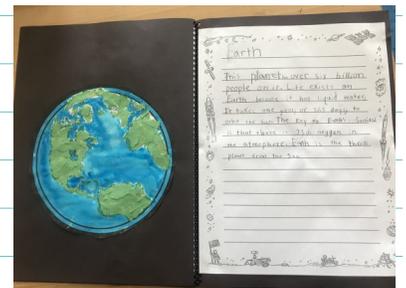
Then they tried to make a new constellation and made a name for it.

After creating the books, the first graders watched more videos to find out how astronauts live in the space ship. They wrote a paragraph called "If I was an Astronaut," and described what they do in space, how they would eat, what they would eat, how they work out and how they would clean themselves.

A lot of students in Mrs. Hause's class thought it was really funny that when hair dries in space, it sticks straight up! In space there are a lot of cool things to do. Have you ever eaten something astronauts eat up in space?

I have tried astronaut ice cream and peaches, and it was pretty interesting.

I hope you enjoyed hearing about something the first graders are learning!



The first graders did an amazing job on their projects.

Photo: Peyton Ells

Bethke's Odyssey of the Mind Team Takes Third at State Competition

By: Sadie McManus

Odyssey of the Mind is a club that takes place at Bethke. The club allows students to think outside of the box in situations that go beyond what they learn in school.

For multiple weeks, the Odyssey of the Mind members practice a skit that is rather bizarre, but remarkably creative. The O.M. (Odyssey of the Mind), members work on props and scripts with the supervision and guidance of their coaches. They continue to work as a team until they must travel outside of our school to compete with other O.M. teams in a competition that is not only exciting and competitive, but fun and friendly.

This year's team chose problem #5. It is called Opposites Distract. The team created and presented a humorous performance about a sneaky character that distracts others while trying to take control of anything the team wishes. Nicole P. in 5th grade was Witch Victoria that tried to easily steal the Cup of Knowledge, the Golden Plunger, the math symbols, and the Big Book of Proper Plumbing. The other members of the team came from

the Archaic Mathematics Kingdom and Bathroom Kingdom and had a dance competition to see who would win the precious items. Judges and audience members at the competition were laughing throughout the entire performance, and the team was happily performing and telling jokes throughout the skit.

The Bethke team prepared a skit that has so many creative elements and has taken them far in competitions. The team has competed against hundreds of schools and performed as one the top three teams. Historically, Bethke's team does well at the Odyssey of the Mind competitions, and after winning first place at Regionals, they packed up their bags, props, and scripts to attend the state competition in Castle Rock, Colo. They earned third place and brought home the trophy to display in the case near the office. Congratulations to Elinor Bickley, Jayden Busselman, Rhys Musgrove, Colin Parker, Jayden Pauly, Nicole Prati, and Kellan Willey.

Every team that enters the competition is desperate to win and has spent much time on their performances. In the end, the judges of O.M. rate and vote for the teams based

on creativity, memorization of lines, props, and overall performance. The team that has the best scores in these categories wins the competition! The Bethke students were clearly successful in these ways.

Odyssey of the Mind is a truly enjoyable and action-packed club at Bethke and is one of the highlights of the year or students, coaches, and judges! Think about joining next year!



Bethke's OM team is proud of taking third place in the state competition and for their creative problem solving skills.
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Calendar of Events

By: Bethke Journal Staff

- 5/16: Field Day
- 5/17: No school: teacher work day
- 5/20: Kindness Assembly
- 5/22-5/24: Fifth Grade Eco Week
- 5/29: Kindergarten Celebration, 10 a.m.
- 5/30: Fifth Grade Graduation, 9 a.m.
- Last day of school, 11:43 dismissal

"Honoring All Learners"

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Spotlight: Mrs. Dickey

By: Hailey King

Hey Bobcats! Do you know Mrs. Dickey, the GT teacher? Well if you don't, I'd like to tell you more about her. I interviewed her to find out all about her.

The person who has inspired her most is her mom. Her favorite teacher when she was younger was her high school chemistry teacher, so I'm guessing she liked chemistry. Rosa Parks is her hero. If Mrs. Dickey could meet anyone, she would like to meet picture book author Adam Rubin.

Mrs. Dickey's favorite movie is "Ferdinand." "The Tiger Rising" by Kate DiCamillo is Mrs. Dickey's favorite book. If Mrs. Dickey decided to sit on the couch and watch a show, she would probably watch anything on Food Network because that is her favorite channel.

Her hobby is cooking, which probably explains why she watches Food Network. Another hobby of hers is basketball, but she told me that she's not that good at it. Mrs. Dickey's top career choice is to be a teacher, so I think she likes her job as a teacher. If Mrs. Dickey could choose to do anything in school, she would read because her favorite subject in school is reading. Her pet peeve is loud chewing.

Mrs. Dickey was the happiest when she became a mom. She was saddest when she lost her grandma. Mrs. Dickey's birthday is July 27 and she is 42 years old. She grew up in Iowa.

Mrs. Dickey would describe herself as creative, energetic and thoughtful. Mrs. Dickey would spend her ideal day on the beach with her family. She will want to be remembered as someone who inspired creativity and kindness. Mrs. Dickey is so fun to learn about! We'll miss her next year!



Mrs. Dickey's students love how she helps them push their thinking.

Photo: April Ottley