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What is Student Council and Why Do We Do Cans Around Bethke?

By: Charlotte Nagl

You, as a Bethke student, may always wonder, what is student council? Why do we do Cans Around Bethke? Why is student council so important to our school? I asked a student council member, Isla Manning, in fifth grade, all these burning questions.

What does student council do? I learned that student council members put together our winter and Valentine's Day grams, and our spirit days. They pick up trash around our school, they put away our chairs after assemblies, and organize the CMAS committee, which is a test third, fourth, and fifth graders take in April.

Bethke Student Council is responsible for Heavenly Hats, which is an organization that donates hats to kids who have lost their hair, and Cans Around Bethke, a food drive that collects food for the Fort Collins Food Bank. This year we collected over 2,000 cans!

I asked about how we, as Bethke students, can help and support student council. I found out that we can donate money for grams and give cans to our student council team. Isla shared that we do Cans Around Bethke because of two different reasons. First, we collect cans because people who aren't as fortunate need food to eat. The second reason is that the student council team gets to meet a lot of different students while they collect all

the cans. It's a fun event that also helps people.

Fourth and fifth graders can join student council, so if it sounds like fun to you, pick up an application next year!



Thank you, Bethke families, for your generosity!

Photos: Charlotte Nagl

Fourth Grade's Awesome Field Trip

By: Kaitlyn Venable

My first fourth grade field trip was amazing! Our class went to the Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center. It was very fun. My group and I were at the start of the trail when this lady walked up in front of all the classes, chaperones, and most of the teachers. There were five different leaders that were there, and I was so interested to know which one I was going to get.

Suddenly they called the number four. I got up and walked toward the leader I read her name tag and it said "Carmen". Yes, I thought Carmen was a nice name. She introduced herself and then made everyone else introduce themselves.

We started walking on the Poudre Trail when we saw this very rickety bridge. We got on it, and everyone was so amazed at how it moved and

swayed back and forth. As we continued walking through the trees and trails, we saw this little orange flag. There was this Home Depot bucket, and it had these very gross bones inside the bucket. (article continued on page 2)

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Adaptive P.E. Gives All Students the Opportunity to Participate in Physical Activities

By: Jayden Pauly

Have you ever wondered what in the world is going on in the gym when you try to talk to Mrs. Keyworth during 12:05? I know I have, and I'm here to tell you. What is going on in that gym every day at 12:05 is Adaptive P.E.

Adaptive P.E. is a place where students meet daily for about 25 minutes each day. It is for students who need a more controlled environment than others and need more time to complete activities than in traditional P.E. Students in Adaptive P.E. do a wide variety of activities ranging from rolling hula hoops on their

sides to activities that students in traditional P.E. would do, like football or lacrosse.

Other times, students in Adaptive P.E. work on activities that people in traditional P.E. normally don't do. For example, sometimes the students in Adaptive P.E. work on balance or strength, and basically practice gaining more motor skills. One thing that's similar, though, is that the students in Adaptive P.E. warm up every day, and they do their best. Another example is walking up the stairs without tripping.

The students play lots of games in Adaptive P.E. including tag. Sometimes, students may even

hitch a ride on the Mr. Joey Express! Really all it boils down to is that everyone is different, and because of that, we all need a place where we can all succeed!



Adaptive P.E. is a blast!
Photos: Jayden Pauly

Field Trip (Continued from Page 1)

We took each of the bones and inspected them. She told us we were holding a deer arm. It was so awesome. She took another bone out of the bucket, and it was really big. "Can anyone guess what bone this is?" asked Carmen. We thought, and thought, and thought. No one could figure it out so then she said that it was a bison bone that was part of the arm. It was so amazing! I can't believe that this was just one station out of five that we were going to explore. Our group kept going and moved on the second flag.

There was this mysterious thing hanging up in a tree. Carmen told us that it was tree sweat. That's when I thought

what tree sweat was. Tree sweat was water evaporated from the air into the plant so that it could soak up water. My eyes got so big.

We had one more station to go. It was animal skulls. The skulls were big and gross, but Carmen told us that they were all cleaned and sanitary. The first skull was a beaver skull; it was very stinky and looked disfigured. We all held it and rubbed the skull and looked at its teeth. The second skull was a deer skull. It was small because deer skulls are usually very small, and that surprised me.

Our "hike" came to an end as we crossed over the rickety bridge again and went back to the start. We all sat on the set of bleachers that were there. Every group leader would talk about

what other kind of experiences they had. One group leader said that she put on a pair of gloves and broke open a piece of rabbit poop. Disgusting right?! That's what my first fourth grade field trip at Bethke was, and I can't wait to see what other adventures await for my classmates and me.



Field trip fun!
Photos: Bethke Staff

Halloween at Bethke is Frighteningly Fun!

By: Max Kolczak

I'm pretty sure we can all agree on one thing, and that is that Halloween parties are the best! You may not know much about what we do here at Bethke for Halloween, so I will give you some information about that special day and if you already know, you'll want to read this anyway for more details for this fun day.

On Halloween at Bethke, everybody is encouraged to wear a costume. There are some rules about what costume you can wear to school. For an example, you can't wear anything with blood or anything gory. The costumes here are unique and fun every year. I have only seen a

couple of people wearing the same costume once in the whole five years I have gone here. One time, I even saw people wearing an inflatable dinosaur suit and an inflatable sumo wrestler suit! I usually dress up in a costume as scary as I can but has no blood.

To show off our costumes, we will have our famous Halloween parade around the school yard. It is amazing to see so many awesome costumes around the school. It can get exhausting walking around in a hot costume though. You can almost always see me walking back like a human sweat bomb. Even the teachers and Mrs. Alfonso are wearing costumes. There is even a picture in my classroom that shows all the fifth grade teachers in costumes!

My favorite part of Halloween: the Halloween party. In most grade levels, there are many stations that you go to, and each station has a different activity. My personal favorite is the snack station. I remember last year we got Halloween doughnuts. Some of the stations include making crafts, like your own trick or treat bag.

I hope you enjoyed my article about what we do on Halloween. What's your favorite part about our Halloween celebration?

Goodbye KBOB, Hello Bobcat Business!

By: April Ottley

This year, a lot of change has been happening here at Bethke. One change is that KBOB doesn't air each morning. Instead, we have a new program called Bobcat Business.

Bobcat Business is a show that we watch, and it tells us about things going on around the school. One episode of Bobcat Business was about our school's history. Another episode told us all about Fitness Friday.

I interviewed some of the crew members of Bobcat Business and I learned that they are brainstorming ideas for new episodes. Ramona, one of the members, said that she wanted to do an episode on a teacher's life outside of school. Lily, another member, said that she would like to do an episode on good books and recommendations. Some upcoming episodes will be about Cans Around Bethke and Halloween.

"I think students should do Bobcat Business next year if they can because it is even more fun than KBOB. We get to be more creative," said Ramona, the editor and a fifth grader at Bethke.

"My favorite part of Bobcat Business is when we practice. It is so funny we sometimes have to reshoot because we make mistakes or laugh," said Lily.

Keep watching Bobcat Business for more fun episode and useful information.





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Calendar of Events

- 11/4: PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11/11: No School/Teacher Work Day
- 11/21: Fourth grade music program 6:30 p.m.
- 11/22: Fourth grade music program, 9 a.m.
- 11/27-11/29: No School/Thanksgiving Break

“Honoring All Learners”

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Spotlight: Mrs. Kruger

By: Dominick Brennan

I first met the new first grade teacher, Mrs. Kruger, when I interviewed her for this article. I wanted to write an article on Mrs. Kruger because I'm new to Bethke Elementary just like her, so we can relate. Mrs. Kruger is very nice and kind so I think she will be a great teacher.

Mrs. Kruger was born on August 9, 1976, which means she is currently 43 years old. She grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado. She told me that she chose to be a first grade teacher because her two daughters inspired her, and she also enjoyed being a parent volunteer in the past.

Mrs. Kruger said she would spend her ideal day on the beach because it is quiet, peaceful and she likes swimming. She wants to be remembered as a great and kind mother and teacher. She said some of her happiest moments are right now (when she's teaching), when she had her daughters and when she got married.

If she could meet anyone, Mrs. Kruger would most like to meet Jesus or God. Her hero is her grandmother and her grandfather because they do so much for her. Her favorite movie of all time is "The Goonies."

Mrs. Kruger loves teaching Bethke and is excited to teach first graders. Welcome to Bethke Elementary, Mrs. Kruger!



Mrs. Kruger is so happy to teach at Bethke!
Photo: Dominick Brennan