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## Get Ready to See Some Amazing Performers at the Bethke Talent Show

By: Charlotte Nagl

The talent show is just one of Bethke's very fun events, and believe me, I've been in it before! The talent show is a time where you get to show the school and your parents your talent. This year's talent show will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 9 a.m., in the gym. On the night before, the parents will watch at 6:30 p.m.

Whether it's piano playing, or a gymnastics routine, the talent show allows you to be you. This very awesome show is for third, fourth, and fifth grade participants, but

the whole school gets to watch. To get in, you must fill out an application, audition, and then perform. Now, only some people who try out get in. When you audition, the special teachers judge on creativity, performance, and appropriateness.

The talent show is an amazing time to just be yourself and have fun! Even if you are a shy person, you can let your inner self out on the stage in the gym. Personally, I really enjoy the talent show, because I get to be who I am, and everyone gets to hear some pretty great music and see some pretty great talents! There are usually around seven to eight groups, and

sometimes multiple people in one group. For example, this year there is a group with three people in it, doing three different acts. I think that is inspiring! This year, I am doing a gymnastics and dance routine. I am very excited to perform one last time in the Bethke Elementary talent show!



## Jayden Pauly Wins the Bethke Spelling Bee

By: April Ottley

This year's Bethke Spelling Bee took place on December 13, 2019, and the winner was fifth grader Jayden Pauly of Mrs. Rossi's class. Incredibly, he won for the second year in a row! The runner up was fifth grader Nolan Smith, who is in Mr. Tarr's class. Both competitors were amazing spellers, and it was

a close competition, but Jayden won first place in the end and will compete in the district spelling bee. Congratulations to Jayden and Nolan! Also, congratulations to everyone who competed in the spelling bee. It's not easy to get into the spelling bee, and it takes courage to compete in front of the school.

Each year, Bethke holds a spelling bee that is open to fourth and fifth graders. The first round of the spelling bee is a written test. (article continued on page 2)

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# Winter Party Fun at Bethke

By: Max Kolczak

A few months ago, I wrote an article that explained what we do at Bethke on Halloween. Now I'm here to tell you about the amazing party we had right before winter break. I'm in Mrs. Rossi's class, also known as Rossiwood, this year and we had a great party.

December 20 started off with a party in fifth grade and I also noticed that nearly everyone in the school was wearing pajamas. Our whole class came in that morning looking at candy on the middle black table, frosting on the table in front of the Smart board, graham crackers and waffle cones on the floor, and a milk carton on each desk. We were wondering what kind of fun activity we were going to be doing.

The teacher told us that we were making a gingerbread house, but then I thought it was a little strange because we had to use an empty milk carton from the cafeteria. I found out that there was a competition for the most unique and funniest gingerbread houses. That's when I knew I needed to take this seriously. I made something really special. It was Santa driving a robot unicorn with elves and teddy bears.

The next activity we did was to make custom elves and say what their jobs are. My elf's job was to eat all of the candy canes and get a stomachache. The final activity we did was watch a movie called "Tom and Huck." We watched this because we just read the book "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. I

hope you enjoyed hearing about our class party. It was a blast!



Bethke's winter parties are terrific!  
Photos: Max Kolczak

# Spelling Bee (Continued from Page 1)

For this round, students get a list of 20 words and the students with the top scores on this test move to the next round. The next round is an oral spelling test. The top students move onto the school spelling bee. The last round is the school spelling bee that the whole school can watch.

I interviewed the winner Jayden, and he had this to say about his first place win, "It felt amazing. I think it was a good occasion to

to have a chance to do extra activities. It was very hard to learn all the words, and plus we had to study for a long time! I felt like I was going to lose during the entire spelling bee. Yes, oh yes, I was scared."

Do you want to do the spelling bee next year? If so, you must be in fourth or fifth grade to try out. You could have the chance to win the Bethke Spelling Bee and go on to compete in the district spelling bee. If you are younger than fourth grade, you have something to look forward to.



Jayden won the spelling bee two years in a row!  
Photo: Mrs. Alfonso

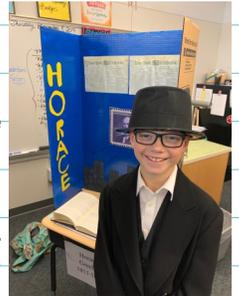
## Fourth Grade Wax Museum

By: Dominick Brennan

Have you ever wondered what fourth grade Colorado Wax Museum is? Well, I'm a fourth grader and I'm going to tell you what it is. The Bethke Colorado Wax Museum is a fun assignment where fourth graders pick a famous person from Colorado to study. First, the students need to do research about their chosen person. Then, the fourth graders write a research essay about their character. After that, the students write a speech and make a background for the Wax Museum.

characters and give the speeches so that visitors can learn about them. Finally, the fourth graders wait for someone to come up and then they say their speeches in character. Everyone that stops by learns all about the famous people in Colorado's history. I'm just saying that I worked hard on this assignment, and I know other people in my class did too. If you're in fourth or fifth grade, you know what I mean. If you're not in fourth grade yet, I would recommend picking someone you find a lot of information about in books or online or else you might not have enough information to write five paragraphs about them.

There were some people who wore top hats. Some people did awesome 3D backdrops or just basic poster board backdrops. But in my opinion, all of the backdrops were awesome. The Wax Museum is fun and also tiring because you say your speech at least 50 times to different people. I think you should be excited for Wax Museum if you're in third grade. I loved it!



On the day of the Wax Museum, which was on December 14, the students get dressed as their

During the Wax museum, I saw some people who wore suits (like me) and even beards and/or mustaches.

## Travel Feature: Cancun, Mexico

By: Gabe Doll

During the holiday break, I went to a hotel in Cancun, Mexico called the Moon Palace and it was an awesome place! It's an amazing all-inclusive resort and I learned that there are five Moon Palace hotels. I have been to one in Jamaica and one in Mexico.

There is also a tour called The Jungle where you snorkel, and ride Sea-Doos! For parents, there is an area called The Wired Lounge where you can drop off kids. They get to have fun and you get a have a nice massage or a mani-pedi.

The presentation of almost all the food was gorgeous and there are a ton of restaurants there!

If you ever get to go to Cancun, I recommend the Moon Palace Resort!

The Moon Palace in Cancun is a great place for family and friends to have fun at on vacation. You can take lots of fun tours and do activities when you're there. For example, there is something called the Aqua Twister, which is an awesome boat ride!

At Moon Palace, you can also have a fun day at the pool. The pools are huge and always the perfect temperature. On top of that, you can also have an awesome day at the beach right at the Moon Palace. It is a huge beautiful beach with amazing blue water and giant waves for boogie boarding.



Of course, I can't forget to tell you about the food. It is all to die for!



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### Calendar of Events

- 1/23: Talent Show, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/24: Talent Show, 9 a.m.
- 2/3: 100th Day of School
- 2/7: GO RED DAY (American Heart Assoc) - wear red!
- 2/10: PTO Meeting, 8:50 a.m.
- 2/14: Valentine's Day parties
- 2/17: No School/Teacher Work Day
- 2/20: Third Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/21: Third Grade Music Program, 9 a.m.
- 2/28: Third Grade Coffee Talk
- 3/2: No School/Teacher Work Day

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## Spotlight: Mr. Stele

By Kaitlyn Venable

Mr. Stele, our school custodian, is very appreciated by kids and staff at Bethke. Mr. Stele always keeps our school clean and safe. Today I'm going to share with you some fun facts and some information that he might not have told you before.

Mr. Stele was born in Anaheim, California on March 11, 1967 and he is currently 52 years old. He has 2 sons, one is 14 and one is 17. His mom has always influenced Mr. Stele the most and he has always looked up to his mom. He has always thought that his dad was his hero. As you can see, he loves his family so much.

Did you know that Mr. Stele's favorite subject in school was history? Mr. Stele's pet peeve is

when his kids' rooms are dirty because he expects his boys to be nice and tidy. Mr. Stele enjoys going to church on Sundays and reading his Bible. The Bible is actually Mr. Stele's favorite book.

Mr. Stele has loved watching Bethke grow to be a wonderful school, and he says that he has no favorite teachers and that "they are all unique and special in their own little ways."

Mr. Stele has gone on many vacations, and his favorite trip of all was his vacation to Hawaii. I bet he loved that hot sun! Mr. Stele's favorite movie is the original "Star Wars." He loves watching the action and explosions!

Mr. Stele would like to be remembered by one of his favorite sayings: "love one another." Now you know a lot of cool things and fun facts about Mr. Stele and his amazing life.



Mr. Stele keeps our school sparkling clean.

Photo: Kaitlyn Venable